

SCRATCH RULES FOR SWIM MEETS

Preliminary rounds (heats)

There is no penalty for missing events in prelims unless specified in the meet package.

Finals

Apply to all swimmers who appear on the results list in a finals position or as first or second alternate. (Top 10 with one final, Top 18 with two finals). This includes any revisions to results posted within 30 minutes after the initial posting. Other swimmers, from farther down the results may be included in the final program if there are numerous scratches.

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Scratch Procedure</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
30 minutes after the completion of preliminary events <i>(This may not be at the end of the session if timed final events have been scheduled to follow the heats of events that will have finals.)</i>	Complete scratch form and deposit with clerk of course (or their designated representative)	None
15 minutes prior to start of final session	Coach to find alternate and determine that the appropriate alternate will swim in final. Notify clerk of course and referee about the change. <i>(Clerk of course will also notify recorder/scorer)</i>	None
Referee calls swimmers to the block or marshals assemble swimmers for finals <i>(Meet information may specify a time limit prior to actual start of the event that swimmers must check-in for finals.)</i>	Late scratch / No show / Step-down / Incomplete swim (as adjudicated by the referee)	\$20 to be paid by team's representative on deck before any other member of the team swims AND swimmer is disqualified from participating in finals for the rest of the evening INCLUDING RELAYS

Rule: SNC 3.3 SNC 3.4 Technical Guide 2002 p. 21

NOTE: The team's representative on deck is the coach for the swimmer who fails to scratch properly for their event. The money is to be paid to the meet manager (or the clerk of course if so designated by the meet manager.) "Billing" later is not an acceptable payment of penalty fee.