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BACKSTROKE	FINA RULE
Toes of both feet not in contact with wall or touchpad when Backstroke start ledge used. Bending toes over the touchpad is prohibited	SW 6.1
Swimmer left position on the back other than to execute a turn	SW 6.2
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Swimmer totally submerged (except in first 15m after start & turn)	SW 6.3
Swimmer did not start executing the turn immediately after turning onto the breast	SW 6.4
Non-simultaneous double arm pull was used to initiate the turn after turning onto the breast	SW 6.4
Swimmer did not touch the wall at the turn	SW 6.4
Swimmer did not leave the wall on their back after the turn	SW 6.4
Swimmer did not finish race while on the back	SW 6.5
BREASTSTROKE	FINA RULE
Butterfly kick not before first breaststroke kick	SW 7.1
Head did not break the surface before arms reached widest point in second stroke after start or turn	SW 7.1
Body not on the breast (except when executing a turn)	SW 7.2
Stroke cycle not 1 arm stroke to 1 leg kick	SW 7.2
Arm movements not simultaneous	SW 7.2
Arm movements not in the same horizontal plane	SW 7.2
Hands not pushed together from the breast	SW 7.3
Hands brought back beyond the hip line (after the 1 st stroke following the start and turn)	SW 7.3
Elbows over the water except for last stroke before turn, during the turn or the final stroke at the finish	SW 7.3
Leg movements not simultaneous (or alternating movement)	SW 7.4
Leg movements not on the same horizontal plane	SW 7.4
Feet not turned out in the propulsive part of the kick	SW 7.5
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