



SWIM MANITOBA

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Swim Natation Manitoba Provincial Scratch Rule

This scratch rule will be in effect at all Swim Manitoba sanctioned meets, in accordance with Swimming Canada rule CSW 3.6.

It is superseded by:

- Swimming Canada (SNC) rule **SNC 3 (3.1 to 3.4)** at SNC designated meets held in Manitoba.
- The scratch rule for ManSask Championships, when they are held in Manitoba.

SCRATCHES:

1. Time Final Events

- a. There is no scratch deadline for time final events. Coaches are encouraged to report scratches to the clerk of course as soon as possible.
- b. **Penalties:** Scratches and all step-downs, no-shows, and unexcused incomplete swims (as determined by the referee) will result in loss of entry fee.

2. Prelims/Final Events

- a. Scratches from **preliminary heats:**
 - i. May be made at any time.
 - ii. Scratches, no-shows, and unexcused incomplete swims simply create empty lanes, as there shall be no re-seeding.
 - iii. Scratches and all step-downs, no-shows, and unexcused incomplete swims (as determined by the referee) will result in loss of entry fee
- b. Scratches from **finals:**
 - i. Must be made within 30 minutes after the end of the preliminary session.
 - ii. **Penalties:** Scratches after the scratch deadline and all step-downs, no-shows, and unexcused incomplete swims (as determined by the referee) will result in the offending swimmer being scratched from all remaining events, including relays, scheduled for that day. No monetary penalty fee is to be assessed.
 - iii. **ALTERNATE SWIMMERS:** Alternates **MUST** report to the Clerk of Course at least 10 minutes prior to the event and be ready to swim if necessary.
 - iv. If a swimmer has not reported to the blocks when the race is called, the Referee shall replace the contestant with an alternate who has reported to the Clerk of Course and is present and ready to swim. The alternate shall become one of the finalists.

3. Relay Events

- a. For time final events scratch rules for **Time Final Events** apply.
- b. For prelims/final events scratch rules for **Prelims/Final Events** apply.
- c. Relay names can be changed up to 30 minutes prior to start of relay event.