**COPS Race Suit Policy**

In order to ensure our swimmers develop with best intentions and ethical qualities COPS has set out a policy on race suits for its members.

COPS believe our swimmers need to learn to race for education and fun in the early stages of development and should therefore not look to chase expensive external kit for finer margins in racing.

COPS would like our age-group swimmers prior to the age of eligibility to compete at English ASA National Championships to wear training suits/briefs for all competitions. That means, until a swimmer is eligible to be 13 in that year (13 by the 31st December in that year), COPS will only allow that swimmer to wear training garments for competition, not **FINA certified** race suits.

COPS have no issue with members wearing knee length costume/jammers as long as they are not **FINA** **certified** race suits. COPS would prefer 12yrs & under boys to wear briefs, and where possible for members to wear “endurance” brands to extend the life time of the garment. However, we are aware that they may not suit all members, so leave the choice of costume to the swimmer and parent.

**Policy Valid to January 2020**