



**Excerpt from CAS Board Agenda – August 25, 2020
For PTSO Members**

TASK 3: Consider the following Rule Suspension for the 2020-2021 season related to the work of the Opportunities Task Force:

- Eliminate Highlight routine competitions from 2021 Qualifier, 2021 Canadians and 2021 Canadian Masters (CAS Rules 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, which define the events held at each competition)

Rationale:

1. No province will likely be able to train highlights until January, in the best-case scenario. Not knowing if we will progress to be allowed contact (and highlights), training this routine now is not a good return on investment (time spent vs. certainty of being able to train it and compete it)
2. It's possible that highlights may not be allowed all year. Team events like team and combo can still be performed without highlights, but Highlight Routines cannot. With more limited training time in pools around the country, much better to train highlights as part of another event if they are possible at all rather than taking the chance of building a routine that may never be performed.
3. The Highlight Team is high-risk and needs enough quality training time to ensure the safety of all participants.

Therefore, although we are aware that Highlight Team is the future of the sport, there is so much uncertainty about the ability to train highlights in the coming months that for safety and training volume reasons it is recommended to remove it for one year and let clubs concentrate on primary routine events for the year.

This rule modification has been suggested by the PTSOs and has been proposed by the Opportunities Task Force. The Rules Committee was consulted and unanimously approved the proposed rule suspension. It should be noted that both Junior and Senior National Teams are still planning on fielding Highlight Routines in 2021, if possible.

MOTION: THAT the Highlight Routine events be temporarily removed from the competition program for the 2021 National Qualifier, 2021 Canadian Championships and 2021 Canadian Masters Championships (CAS Rules 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3).

Moved by: F. Klein

Seconded by: L. Duncan

Carried unanimously

TASK 4: Consider the following Rule Suspension for the 2020-2021 season related to the work of the Opportunities Task Force:

- Eliminate the rule that imposes that athletes have to enter a Junior or Senior Technical Solo in order to be able to enter a Free Solo at 2021 Qualifier and 2021 Canadians (Rules 3.1.7.b (Qualifier) and 3.1.7.c (Canadians))

Rationale:

With more limited training time in pools across the country in 2020/2021, this gives clubs and athletes more flexibility in establishing training schedules while lower the potential cost for families by requiring on less routines.

The Opportunities Task Force originally proposed eliminating the requirement to enter a technical routine in all events (solo, duet and team), but the CAS technical leadership took the position that it was still important to emphasize the technical components for the duet and team events, which remain our strongest priorities in terms of athlete development.

The rule change was endorsed unanimously by the Rules Committee.

MOTION: THAT Rules 3.1.7.b and 3.1.7.c be temporarily modified for 2021-2021 in order to allow athletes to enter the Free Solo events without having to enter a Technical Solo event at 2021 Qualifier and 2021 Canadians. In addition, athletes who qualify their Free Solo for Qualifier or Canadians but not their Technical Solo will not be required to perform their Technical Solo at the competition.

Moved by: M. Schuett

Seconded by: S. Higgins

Carried unanimously