



## BASA POLICY ON THE USE OF THE BERAG CATEGORY

### 1. Preamble

FINA-sanctioned events in which athletes represent countries are governed by FINA rule 2.5 in which athletes must be nationals or naturalized citizens of the country they are representing. The Caribbean region has permitted the use of "AG" attached to a country code (in Bermuda's case "BER" for Bermudians and "BERAG" for non-Bermudians) for age group meets such as Carifta and CCCAN. Each athlete is required to submit their passport showing their Nationality. The existence of the BERAG category is not formally permitted by FINA rules, but CCCAN permits it in order to allow for development opportunities for non-national resident age-group swimmers in those countries, including Bermuda.

Given the intention for "AG" to be for development opportunities, BASA has determined that athletes who are at the level at which they have represented another nation will be prohibited from coming to or returning to Bermuda as a BERAG swimmers; this would potentially displace developing age-group swimmers.

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines around the use of the BERAG category for Carifta and CCCAN meets, should BASA continue to use that category in selection processes.

### 3. Use of BERAG

After representing another nation, athletes are prohibited from coming to or returning to Bermuda in the BERAG category. If athletes come to or return to Bermuda after representing another nation, it must be as a BER swimmer (i.e. as a national) and must follow the FINA rules for change in sports nationality.

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