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### Swim England statement on swimming hats

1 July 2021

We fully understand how swimming hats designed for Afro hair can reduce barriers to the sport for under-represented groups, including Black people.

We would therefore like to reassure all our members and the wider swimming community that we embrace their use for participation, training and racing.

These hats are permitted at all Swim England clubs and competitions under our auspices.

Our chief executive, Jane Nickerson, will raise our concerns regarding the reported international situation, through the appropriate channels.

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