

Diving Competition Management



A. Pre-Event Preparation

1. Introduce yourself to the diving coaches and inform the coaches and divers of the voluntary dive for the week. Indicate to them the time and location for completed diving sheets to be received.
2. Determine diving positions for visiting team and then home team. The divers from the visiting team have the choice of odd or even diving positions. If there are only one or two visiting divers, the divers have the choice of any visitor's position in the diving order. If there are only one or two divers from the home team, they also have the choice of any home team positions in the diving order.
3. Check sheets for the following: diving order, signatures (coach and diver), school name, voluntary dive (circled and 1.8 dd or less), plus 5 optional dives from 4 of the five different categories excluding the listed voluntary dive, dive numbers, position (tuck, pike, straight, free), and degree of difficulty. If there are mistakes, return to diver/coach for correction. Accurate sheets should be initialed by the official who checked the sheet.
4. Changes can be made on the diving sheets until after the announcement of the results of the 50-yard freestyle. Make sure the referee is aware of any changes that are made after the dive sheets have been checked.
5. Inform the announcer regarding how you would like to have the dives announced. Scores should be announced in the same order after all dives. The announcer shall read the scores immediately after each dive is completed.
6. Review diving rules/expectations with judges.
7. Conduct a pre-dive conference with the divers.
 - a. Introduce yourself and other officials and have the divers introduce themselves to each other, if necessary.
 - b. Check for jewelry and proper uniform.
 - c. Instruct the divers to be ready and standing behind the board to hear the announcement of his/her dive when the previous diver has completed his/her dive and has come to the surface and is preparing to leave the pool.
 - d. Divers should listen carefully to the description of their dive as it is announced. If the description is not accurate, the diver shall immediately bring it to the attention of the referee.
 - e. Allow divers one entry or approach prior to the competition.
 - f. Explain that a diver must immediately come to the referee, after the completion of a dive to request that dive be repeated because of influence by an exceptional circumstance

B. During Diving Event

1. Request quiet from spectators and swimmers and have announcer announce the order of divers and then the first dive.
2. After each score is displayed, if using manual scorecards, have judges keep their finger at the score they displayed, in case they are asked to show their scores again.
3. Informs judges:
 - a. of balks and a violation in the forward approach
 - b. of the mandatory deduction before the dive is scored.
 - c. Display scores immediately.
 - d. Do not look at other judges' scores prior to displaying your score.
 - e. Limit conversation with other judges.
4. The referee shall keep track of any disqualifications, in order to know when a diver has failed two dives and is disqualified. If there is a disqualification, notify the diver and the coach and give reason.
5. Resolve problems prior to the next dive.
6. Determine and announce failed dives, including declared false starts, as per the NFHS Rule 3-2-3.
7. Allow divers to withdraw from competition and treat this the same as a 'declared false start' taken by swimmers.
8. Deduct 2 points from each judge's award for a violation of the forward approach or a balk as per the NFHS rules.

9. Declare an unsatisfactory dive when:
 - a. the dive is clearly done in a position other than what is written on the scoresheet;
 - b. the diver hits the board;
 - c. the diver does not attempt to come out of a tuck or pike position, or;
 - d. the diver does not attempt to come out of a twist.
10. Not invoke a penalty unless he/she is absolutely certain it is warranted. The diving referee may confer with another judge only regarding the determination of a failed dive.

C. After Diving Event

1. Announce the ten minute swim warm-up and start watch.
2. Collect diving sheets, check math, resolve problems.
3. The referee shall sign and date the dive sheets. After this is done, give the diving scores (places) to the officials keeping score and the scorekeepers and have the announcer announce the results.