

**NVSL DIVING  
REFEREES CLINIC  
JUNE 10 and 19, 2014**

1. Fill out index card for attendance and remain at the clinic until its completion
2. Brief review of 2014 rule changes
3. Preparing for the meet:
  - Read and understand 2014 handbook; review before officiating each meet (para. 1-11)
  - Develop pre-meet instructions in advance
  - Take a handbook with you to the meet, including 2012/3/4 FINA DD table
  - Arrive early and identify yourself to the team reps, officials, and coaches
  - Be accessible to answer questions before the meet starts
  - Work with meet manager to see that equipment, materials, and facility are ready to go
  - Check dive sheets or ensure the meet secretary checks them
  - Know accuracy/timeliness of sheets is responsibility of coaches/divers (para.10.a.(7)/b.(5))
  - Work with meet manager to ensure the meet starts on time (para. 1.i.)
  - Understand who can stop and start meet and related circumstances (para.10.a.(4)/b.(4))
  - Remain after meet to resolve questions, if any
4. Instructing your judges:
  - Must **give** pre-meet instructions **at every meet**
  - Explain dive standards, score application, and deductible ranges (para 4&6/Judges Handout)
  - Judge dive on overall impression and be able to explain what you saw (para. 4. and 5.)
    - approach and hurdle (forward) or press (standing) (para. 4.a.through e. and 4.p. and q.)
    - take off (para. 4.f. and 4.n.)
    - grace and technique on flight through the air (para. 4.h. and o.)
    - entry into water, including distance from the board (para. 4.g., 4.i., 4.k., 4.l. and 4.m.)
  - Judge from dive start till body completely submerged; no underwater actions judged (para 5)
  - Judge dive execution, not difficulty (DD); avoid tendency to reward survival (para. 5)
  - Explain the jump and **front and back** entry performed by Freshmen divers (para. 4.o.)
  - Twisters must meet **two** conditions to be legal: (para. 4.k.)
    - be within +/-90 degrees of completion from the time of the first contact with the water
    - be within +/-90 degrees at all times during the entry
  - Know ranges of scores by attribute and be consistent in scoring (para. 6)
  - Use entire range of score card to the extent divers show a range in performance
  - Reward excellence equitably to all age groups
  - Give benefit of doubt to divers if you are not sure what you saw
  - Explain to the judges scoring deductions rendered by judges vs. referee calls (see below)
  - Stop meet only at the end of a round if reinstruction or judge substitutions are necessary
5. Review of actual diving situations and application of proper judgments

## **REFEREE REMINDERS**

- Unofficial/exhibition divers not allowed in meets
- Only prelisted dives with preassigned DDs in FINA or NVSL tables allowed
- After sheet turn-in prior to meet start, only dives can be changed; no age group changes
- One and only one optional dive change allowed
  - does not apply to required dives
  - does not apply after a position change to optional dive
  - changed dive must have equal or lower DD than original
  - cannot perform higher DD dive for original DD

## **REFEREE'S CALLS**

### Failed Dives (zero points awarded)

- Dive announced not executed
- Entries on dives twisted over or under 90 degrees
- Head or hands not contacting water first on head first dive
- Feet not contacting water first on feet first dive
- Forward approach take-off from one foot
- Diver is assisted by another person
- Diver executes two balks
- Diver executes dive not listed or allowed in FINA or NVSL DD tables

### No more than 2 points to be rewarded by judges:

- Dive clearly performed in the wrong position
- Fall-in performed when a front/back dive is announced

### No more than 4 ½ points to be rewarded by judges:

- One or both arms above head on feet first entry
- One or both arms below the head on head first entry

### Balks: (2 point deduction from each judge score)

- Motion of approach or press or dive stopped
- Hurdle from two feet

## **JUDGE'S CALLS**

### Zero score: failed dive if referee does not call

### No more than 2 points awarded:

- Dive manifestly twisted from board
- Dive clearly out of position if referee does not call
- Fall-in performed when a front/back dive is announced, if referee does not call

### No more than 4 ½ points awarded:

- Dive partially performed (broken) in wrong position
- One or both arms above head on feet first entry if referee does not call
- One or both arms below the head on head first entry if referee does not call

### Point deduction (1/2 to 2 points):

- Crow hop on standing dive (front or back)
- Excessive rocking
- Unaesthetic performance of straight, pike, tuck, or free position on dive
- Arms not in correct position on entry of dive

### Point deduction (judge's opinion):

- Fwd approach not smooth, aesthetically pleasing, or moving to end of board
- Take off not bold, high, and confident or from end of board
- Hits board or entry too close to, too far from, or off to one side of the board
- Entry twisted, short, long, or body position not straight

*Note: Should there be any discrepancies between this handout and the NVSL Diving Rules, the Rules take precedence.*