

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2019 SEASON

TOPICAL SUMMARY

- 1. EXPLICITLY SPECIFY THAT DOUBLE JUMPING OR DOUBLE BOUNDING ON THE END OF THE BOARD ON DIVES BEFORE TAKE OFF IS A FAILED DIVE PER CURRENT FINA RULES**
- 2. ADOPT FINA WORDING ON AN EXISTING RULE**
- 3. ALLOW JUDGES TO DEDUCT POINTS ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN OPINION FOR DIVES PARTIALLY OUT OF POSITION PER CURRENT FINA RULES**

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- 1. MAKE CLEAR THAT DOUBLE JUMPING OR DOUBLE BOUNDING ON THE END OF THE BOARD BEFORE TAKE OFF IS A FAILED DIVE**

Add Rule 4.f.(1). and renumber subsequent subparagraphs as 4.f.(2) and 4.f.(3). The diver must not double jump (bound) on the end of the springboard before the take-off. When the referee considers that the diver has double jumped (bounded) in a dive, the referee shall declare the dive failed. Judges may award zero points, notwithstanding that the Referee has not declared it to be a failed dive.

NOTE: Double jump (bound) on the springboard: Feet leave the springboard twice, two arm swings and/or two distinct knee bends take place before the take-off.

Rationale: It is the policy of NVSL Diving to standardize its rules, where possible, with FINA rules as they pertain to dive performance and scoring standards. The applicable FINA rule has been invoked in NVSL Diving by applying Rule 9, i.e. for rules not covered herein, refer to the FINA dive rules. The recommended adoption of this FINA rule gives referees and judges a direct way to apply the FINA rule without having to possibly delay a meet by having look it up on the FINA website.

- 2. ADOPT AS A CLARIFICATION THE FINA WORDING ON AWARDED 4 ½ POINTS ON HANDS ABOVE THE HEAD ON A FEET FIRST DIVE AND HANDS BELOW A HEAD FIRST ENTRY**

Addition to Rule 4.m. m. All head first entries shall be executed with the arms stretched; all feet first entries with the arms close to the body and not bending at the elbows. For jumps, the arms must be at the side or overhead, as long as the diver demonstrates balance and control. Except for jumps, when one or both arms are held above the head in a feet-first entry, or below the head in a head-first entry, the referee shall declare the maximum award to be 4 ½ points. Judges may award a maximum of 4 ½ points, notwithstanding that the referee has not made a prior declaration. Other

than the cases of arm positions described above, if the arms are not in the correct position on entry into the water, judges shall deduct from ½ to 2 points from their awards.

Rationale: It is the policy of NVSL Diving to standardize its rules, where possible, with FINA rules as they pertain to dive performance and scoring standards. In this case, the FINA wording is recommended for adoption as a clarification to a rule for an existing scoring standard.

3. ALLOW JUDGES TO DEDUCT POINTS ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN OPINION FOR DIVES PARTIALLY OUT OF POSITION vs. A MAXIMUM OF 4 ½ POINTS:

Rule 4.o. If a dive is performed clearly in a position other than that announced or if a front or back entry (001 or 002) is performed when a front or back dive (101 or 201) is announced, it shall be awarded not more than two points from each judge. The referee may make the declaration preemptively for the judges. If the diver does not execute the dive announced (i.e. 101, 203, 403, 5111), it shall be considered a failed dive. Additionally, if the dive is partially performed in the position announced, i.e. broken in position, judges shall deduct points on the dive according to their own individual opinion. ~~award no more than 4 1/2 points for the dive~~

Rationale: It is the policy of NVSL Diving to standardize its rules, where possible, with FINA rules as they pertain to dive performance and scoring standards. In this case, the FINA wording relaxes the existing scoring standard that now requires a judges to award a maximum of 4 ½ points to judges deducting points according to their own opinions. The new FINA scoring standard is recommended for adoption.