

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the 2020 NVSL Season

What has the NVSL decided about the 2020 season?

The Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL), in consultation with representatives of the member teams, decided to cancel the 2020 competitive swim and dive season. With more than 17,000 swimmers and divers across 102 teams in the Northern Virginia area, the Board took this action to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 disease across the community especially those in the local swimming/diving community.

How do I make sure my team continues to get league information through the year or if I'm not returning as team rep next year?

Please continue to check your email often! Please contact the following people if a new person is taking your place, and provide their contact information at that time:

Lynn Clark, VP-Diving: clarkmail@verizon.net
Mike Schaeffer, Handbook Coordinator: mikejudy@cox.net
Thomas Joyce, Information Officer: tjoyce72@hotmail.com

Can teams host swim/dive competitions with neighboring pools even though the NVSL has canceled its competitive season?

The NVSL has no authority to direct the actions of member pools outside of the conduct of league competitive swim and dive competitions. Teams that choose to host live or virtual meets with other teams do so outside of the NVSL.

Given the cancellation of the NVSL season, are teams still covered by the NVSL's accident insurance policies?

No, the NVSL's policies are not in force for the summer of 2020. Each team/pool should look at their own insurance needs and determine what coverage is best for them. It is recommended that dive reps collaborate with their pool's swim rep on this. There are three main companies that provide swim/dive team insurance: Sadler (USFI), Philadelphia, and K&K.

Can 2020 seniors participate in the NVSL for the 2021 season?

The league is committed to including and honoring the 2020 graduating class during the 2021 season, and discussions are underway to determine the best way to do this. More information should be available by the end of summer. As the rules committees is already considering this issue, rules change submissions are not necessary.

When will the Scholarship information be posted?

Information for the NVSL Scholarships is being emailed to team reps today. It will also be posted soon on both the Dive and Swim sides of the league website.

Completed scholarship Applications must be received by the Scholarship Chair by 6pm, Friday June 26, 2020.

What can you tell us about training and recertification for dive officials?

Referee certifications that were current for the 2020 season will be extended through the 2021 season. Referees whose certifications expired at the end of the 2019 season will need to recertify by attending a referee clinic in 2021. Please consult the referee certification list if you are unsure of certification status. Judges are not required to be certified, but are encouraged to attend a judging clinic. If you have further questions on certification, please contact Mike Schaeffer, NVSL Diving Clinics Coordinator, at mikejudy@cox.net.

How will seeding be done for 2021?

Since dive seeding is performance based, the seeding will remain the same for 2021. If there are significant changes in pool participation (i.e. new pools joining or current pools dropping), we will adjust as needed. Team reps should provide any 2021 schedule inputs to the Jim Sweeder, Seeding Committee Chair (jsweeder@verizon.net) for consideration in the 2021 NVSL Dive Schedule.

What will happen with Team Dues for 2020?

All dues collected for 2020 will be applied to 2021. If your team has not paid 2020 dues, you may wait until the 2021 due date. If you have questions, please contact Bob McKinney, Treasurer at bobjenmac@cox.net.