

ALL PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THE LEAGUE'S PROGRAM SHOULD REMEMBER THE PURPOSE OF THIS LEAGUE:

"...to develop in the children participating in this program--a love for the sport, advanced aquatic skills, teamwork, and the principles of good sportsmanship."

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SWIMMING LEAGUE RULES FOR DIVING COMPETITION

1. GENERAL

- a.** All league member pools with diving teams will be seeded into designated divisions of about equal strength for diving competition. All divers shall conform to the competitor eligibility By-laws (Articles III and IV) restated in **section 2.a** of the NVSL Rules for Swimming Competition. Issues and questions concerning the eligibility By-laws shall be brought to the attention of the Chair of the Diving Rules Committee for resolution.
- b.** Except for the three-meter meet, all competitions will be conducted on boards, one meter above water level with variations not exceeding plus or minus 5%. For the three-meter meet, competitions will be conducted on boards three meters above water level with variations not exceeding plus or minus 2%. All dive stands and boards must have an adjustable fulcrum, and be set up and maintained according to recommended factory specifications. In addition to the above requirements, the dive facilities at pools used for all competitions and practices shall be approved for use by the applicable municipal authority.
- c.** The NVSL Diving Executive will oversee the selection of Division Coordinators for each division and reserve the right to approve, disapprove, or replace them. The Division Coordinator's duties include keeping divisional dual meet records, managing the Division Individual Championship Meet, and mediating schedule conflicts and disputes. (See section regarding protests.)
- d.** The team representatives or his/her appointed designate shall be at every team related meet and be readily available to the referee during the course of the meet. Team coaches cannot act as the appointed designate. If a situation requires resolution, the team representatives or designate, not the coach, shall consult with the referee.
- e.** The host pool is responsible for ensuring that meets are conducted under conditions that reasonably minimize noise and distraction to the divers. The team representatives are encouraged to discuss host pool conditions prior to each meet to avoid misunderstandings
- f.** The meet manager, the referee, or the division coordinator (only if on-scene at the meet) has the authority to resolve disruptive or unsportsmanlike activity, which may include requesting the relocation or removal from the pool venue, any spectator, coach, official, athlete, or support personnel who is disruptive or detrimental to the conduct of the dive meet.
- g.** All persons involved with the League - athletes, coaches, League board members, team representatives, officials, parents, and spectators – shall adhere to the Standards of Conduct as published in the NVSL Handbook.
- h.** It is not the purpose of these rules to set standards of care for the safety of divers. Safety considerations should be addressed by the divers and the pool organizations (including coaches) where the meets are held.

i. Dual Meets: The NVSL Diving Executive Committee will publish a dual meet schedule based on six-team diving divisions. These meets will be conducted on Tuesday evenings, starting no later than 6:00 PM, or at another time as mutually agreed. Failure to meet the agreed upon schedule may result in a forfeiture of the meet. In any case, all dual meets will be completed prior to the Division Individual Championship Meet. The winning team in each dual meet receives five points. The losing team receives three. In case of a tie, each team will receive four points. No points will be credited to a team which forfeits a meet, while the other team will receive five points. If neither team can meet on Tuesday within the agreed upon period or reach agreement on another day and time, both will score zero. A trophy will be awarded to each Division Champion based upon the total of points earned (5 for win/3 for loss/4 for tie/0 for forfeit) accumulated for each dual meet during the season. More than one trophy per division shall be awarded in the event of ties.

j. Dives and procedures for the Cracker Jack Meet Invitational will be determined by the NVSL Diving Executive Committee (EXCOM). The Cracker Jack Meet is intended only for divers with basic developing skills. The Meet is not a one-for-one replacement meet for Divisionals. Potential meet entrants are subject to screening, based on the current season's meet scores and meet finishes, which are to be provided by team representatives with the meet entry form. Only divers whose dual/tri meet scores for all current season dual/tri meets up to the time of the Cracker Jack meet are all below the qualifier score determined by the EXCOM may dive in the Cracker Jack meet. The meet manager shall decide the acceptance of potential meet entrants for participation in the Cracker Jack Meet.

k. Division Individual Championship Meet: Each division will have a separate meet for qualification of entrants in the All-Star meet. Entries will be on an individual basis from pools in the division. No team scores will be kept. The meet manager must prepare and preserve an official copy of the meet results to document meet participants and corresponding scores. To qualify as an entrant in this meet, each diver must have participated in at least two league scheduled dual/tri meets in the current season. Divers may not have competed in the Cracker Jack Invitational Meet for that season. See **Rules 10.b.(11) and (12)** for qualifications for the All-Star Meet.

l. All-Star Meet: The top qualifiers of each division in each event and any additional divers selected under **Rules 10.b.(11) and (12)** will compete in the All-Star Meet. For divers to compete in the All-Star Meet, they must compete in and finish their team's divisional meet without disqualification (DQ). The first six places in each event will receive awards, e.g. medals or trophies.

m. Wally Martin Invitational Meet: Dives and procedures for the Wally Martin Invitational Meet will be determined by the NVSL Diving Executive Committee (EXCOM). All League pool members, conforming to Article IV of the League Bylaws, are eligible to compete in this meet which is traditionally a three-meter competition. The meet manager shall decide the acceptance of potential meet entrants for participation in the Wally Martin Meet. In the 2016 Dive season, 1-meter synchronized diving events were officially added to the meet. Eligibility and procedures for the synchro competition shall be determined by the NVSL Dive Executive Committee (EXCOM).

2. EVENTS

- a. The events will be the same for Dual Meets, Division Individual Championship Meets, Three-Meter Meet, and All-Star Meet.

There will be four classes of competition for both boys and girls:

- Freshmen 10 and under
- Juniors 11 and 12
- Intermediates 13 and 14
- Seniors 15, 16, 17, and 18

- b. Team reps may agree to combine or restore (uncombine) events subject to the approval of the referee.

c. Competitor Eligibility

(1) Each competitor shall be a bona fide member of the pool he or she represents as defined in Articles III and IV of the League Bylaws.

(2) The eligibility of a competitor to compete in a particular age group shall be determined by his or her age on the first day of June of the current year. The uppermost age group shall consist of persons 15, 16, 17, and 18 years of age.

(3) Each team representative must maintain an up-to-date list of its divers with applicable birth dates, for ready reference in case of eligibility disputes.

(4) In dual meets, divers may compete in their own or in the next higher age group. In individual meets (Division Individual Championship, All-Star and Wally Martin Meets) competitors may dive only in their age group. Unofficial/exhibition divers are not permitted in dual/tri or individual meets.

3. DIVES

- a. All dives will be performed on the low board (one-meter) except for dives in the Wally Martin Invitational Meet if it includes a three-meter competition. Note that there are two separate degree of difficulty tables corresponding to one and three meter dives.

- b. Dives for Dual, Divisional, and All-Star Meets shall be in the order specified as follows:

(1) Freshmen -- 2 required (101 and 201) and 1 optional. Front or back jump may be used as an optional. 001 may be substituted for the 101 as the required dive. 002 may be substituted for 201 as the required dive. 001 and 002 cannot be used as optional dives, and if either is used as substitute required dive, the 101 and 201 cannot be used as optional dives. There is no position specified for dives 001 and 002. A total of 3 dives.

(2) Juniors -- 2 required (101 and 201) and 2 optionals, each from a different group of dives (2 optionals from 5 groups). A total of 4 dives.

(3) Intermediates -- 2 required (101 and 201) and 3 optionals, each from a different group of dives (3 optionals from 5 groups). A total of 5 dives.

(4) Seniors -- 3 required (101, 201 and 401) and 3 optional, each from a different group of dives (3 optionals from 5 groups). A total of 6 dives.

c. For all meets required dives will be listed on the dive entry sheet in the order specified in this handbook. Optional dives may be listed in any order at the election of the competitor. At meet start and thereafter, divers shall perform the dives in the order listed on the meet entry form unless rules specify otherwise. All dives on the meet entry form at meet start shall be listed by dive number, dive description, and dive position. Dives not listed with all three of these attributes shall be failed by the referee. The acceptable position abbreviations are: S or A for Straight; P or B for Pike; T or C for Tuck; F or D for Free; or left blank if there is no position specified (applicable to dives 001 or 002 only). It is also acceptable to write out the position.

d. For all meets, a diver may eliminate one, but only one, optional dive and take zero on the dive without prejudice and remain in the contest if otherwise eligible. A diver may not eliminate a required dive and remain in the contest. (Note: because of requirements of **Rules 3.b.(4), 3.c and 3.d**, if a senior diver does not have 401 as his/her third dive, he/she is disqualified). If a diver makes a legitimate attempt to perform a required dive and fails, he/she may remain in the contest if otherwise eligible. A diver who, in the referee's opinion, willingly fails, eliminates, or purposely chooses not to perform a required dive, shall be disqualified from the contest. A diver failing two dives, without regard to the dives being required or optional, may complete his/her event, but cannot register placement points for the team.

e. No dive may be repeated in a meet, even though performed in another position.

4. MANNER OF EXECUTING DIVES

Dives should be executed and judged on the following principles:

a. The approach to the starting position shall not be taken into consideration. The starting position shall be free and unaffected. If the diver has not assumed the starting position on the diving board and falls into the water, a failed dive shall not be declared.

b. The starting position in standing dives shall be assumed when the competitor stands steady on the front end of the board. The body shall be straight, head erect with the arms straight and in a position of the diver's choice. The press constitutes the start of the dive. The diver has the option of moving the arms to various preparatory positions so long as there is no obvious attempt to start the press. All dives from the back and inward groups must be performed as standing dives.

c. The starting position of a forward approach shall be assumed when the competitor is ready to take the first step. The first step constitutes the start of the dive.

d. The forward approach shall be smooth, aesthetically pleasing, and in a forward direction toward the end of the springboard and shall comprise as many or as few steps as desired by the diver before the hurdle unless performing a standing dive. When the approach is not smooth, aesthetically pleasing, and in a forward direction toward the end of the springboard, judges shall deduct according to their individual opinions.

e. The hurdle is described as the jump to the end of the board following the approach. The hurdle shall be from one foot only. Both feet shall contact the end of the board simultaneously following the hurdle. A hurdle from both feet shall constitute a violation of the forward approach, and the referee shall instruct the announcer to reduce each judge's award by **two** points.

f. The take-off shall be bold, high and confident, and shall be from the end of the springboard. When the take-off is not bold, high and confident, and not from the end of the springboard, judges shall deduct according to their individual opinions.

(1) 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: For the forward approach, after a clearly defined hurdle off of one foot, a double jump (bound) on the springboard is defined as feet leaving the springboard twice, two arm swings and/or two distinct knee bends taking place before the take-off. For the back approach, a double jump (bound) on the springboard is defined as feet leaving the springboard twice with two distinct knee bends and/or two arm swings, indicating two distinct take-offs.

(2) In dives performed with a forward or back approach, the take-off from the springboard must be from both feet simultaneously, immediately following the hurdle, press, or leaving the board. If the take-off is not from both feet simultaneously, the referee shall declare a failed dive.

(3) A diver is entitled to his or her own method of arm swing on back take-offs. When executing a backward or standing front dive, the diver must not bounce (crow-hop) on the board or rock the board excessively before the take-off. For a violation of the above, the judges, not the referee, shall deduct from ½ to 2 points from their awards according to their individual opinions.

g. If in any dive the diver touches the end of the board, dives to the side of the direct line of flight or dives too far out from the board, this indicates, no matter how well the dive may have been executed, that he or she was too close to the board or not in control of the dive for execution, and each judge must exercise his or her own opinion regarding the deduction to be made.

h. During the passage through the air the body can be carried in a straight (lay-out), pike or tuck position. For the front and back entry (001 and 002), there is no prior declaration of the position of the dive by the diver.

(1) Straight Position (Lay-out): in the first case of straight position (lay-out), the body shall not be bent either at the knees or hips. The feet shall be together and toes pointed. The position of the arms is at the option of the diver.

(2) Pike Position: in the second case (pike), the body shall be bent at the hips, but the legs must be kept straight at the knees, the feet must be together, and toes pointed. The position of the arms is at the option of the diver. The pike should be as compact as possible.

(3) Tuck Position: in the third case (tuck), the body should be compact, bent at the knees and hips with the knees and feet together. The hands shall be on the lower legs and the toes pointed. When viewed from the side, the tuck shall be compact, that is, the front of the thighs close to the chest and the backs of the lower legs close to the backs of the thighs.

(4) Free Position: the free position may incorporate any or all of the straight (lay-out), pike, and tuck positions within the performance of a single dive. In the free position, the body position is optional, but the legs shall be together and toes pointed. In dives with twists, the twisting shall not manifestly be done from the board or the judges may deduct according to their opinions (see paragraph 4.j. below). In the pike or tuck dives with twists, the pike or tuck position must be clearly shown. Should the respective position(s) not be shown, judges shall deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 points, according to their individual opinions. In somersault twisting dives, the twist may be performed at any time during the dive.

(5) The straight, pike, tuck, and free positions shall be performed as described in (1), (2), (3), and (4) above, and at all times shall be aesthetically pleasing. When a dive is not performed in the straight (A), pike (B), tuck (C), or free (D) position as described, judges shall deduct from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 points, according to their individual opinions.

i. In head first dives, the head or hands must contact the water first; otherwise, the referee shall declare the dive failed. In feet first dives, the feet must contact the water first; otherwise, the referee shall declare the dive failed.

j. In dives with twists, the twisting must not manifestly be done directly from the board. When the twist is performed in this manner, the dive lacks a clearly defined jump or press from the board before the twisting action is executed. Judges shall reward twisting dives thus observed a score in the unsatisfactory range.

k. All twists must be within 90 degrees of the completion from the time of the first contact with the water, and at all times during the entry. Deviations of $\frac{1}{4}$ twist under or $\frac{1}{4}$ over the desired amount will constitute a failed dive.

l. The entry into the water in all cases must be vertical or nearly so and not twisted, with the body straight, toes pointed. When the entry is short or over, twisted or the body not straight, the feet not together, and the toes not pointed, judges shall deduct according to their own individual opinions. Additionally, a dive is unsatisfactory if, in the referee's opinion, the diver does not attempt to come out from the tuck or pike position or come out of the twist.

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 $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Judges may award a maximum of $4\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 points from their awards.

n. All springboard dives with forward take-off may be performed either standing or running at the option of the diver. A prior declaration of the manner of take-off is not required. The judge shall award points for a standing dive, bearing in mind the height and standards of execution which might be expected from a running dive.

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.

p. If a diver makes an obvious attempt to start the approach or press and stops, the diving referee shall declare a balk and, upon completion of the second attempt, shall instruct the announcer to reduce each judge's awards by two points. If the second attempt to start the dive is unsuccessful, the referee shall declare the dive failed.

q. For standing dives, if the diver assumes the starting position, recovers from a momentary loss of balance, and otherwise makes no attempt to start the dive, no balk shall be declared.

r. The referee shall declare a failed dive if in the opinion of the referee the diver received assistance during the execution of the dive. Assistance includes calling a diver out of a dive, touching a diver, or touching the diving apparatus. Execution begins when the diver assumes the starting position for the dive.

s. It is the responsibility of the diver to immediately correct the announcer if the dive or position is announced incorrectly. If a wrong dive is performed, it shall be considered a failed dive. If a dive is executed other than that which was announced, and is properly listed on the diving entry form, it will be judged as a correct dive and considered an announcer error. If a diver executes a dive as announced and it is determined that the announcer was in error, then the diver will be allowed to immediately perform the correct dive. Divers may correct discrepancies between the dive number and name noted at the time the dive is announced. The diver must choose either the numbered or named dive prior to the performance of the dive. The diver may not choose to change to another dive (even if it might otherwise be allowed by **Rule 10.a.(9)**.) After the start of the meet, if the referee discovers a blank entry for optional dives specific to an age group, the referee shall declare a failed dive for this omission.

t. Prior to the execution of a dive, if the position of a dive listed on the dive sheet is not permitted in the current NVSL or FINA DD tables, the diver may choose an allowable position for that specific dive number/description. The dive sheet shall be changed to reflect an allowable position with its associated DD. However, if a dive, which is not permitted in the Table of Dives, is announced and executed, the referee shall declare it a failed dive.

u. The referee is authorized to have a spoiled dive repeated, when in his/her opinion the execution of the dive was influenced by exceptional circumstances. The request for such repetition must be made by the diver, not the coach, immediately after the execution of the spoiled dive. NOTE: exceptional circumstances include only the most unusual happenings.

5. JUDGING

When judging a dive, the following shall be considered:

- The starting position and approach
- The take-off
- The technique and grace in the air
- The entry into the water

When judging a dive, the judge must not be influenced by any factor other than the technique and execution of the dive. The dive must be considered without regard to the approach to the starting position, the difficulty of the dive, or any movement beneath the surface of the water.

6. POINTS

Points shall be awarded each dive according to the following table:

Completely failed	0
Unsatisfactory	1/2 - 2
Deficient	2 1/2 - 4 1/2
Satisfactory	5 - 6 1/2
Good	7 - 8
Very good	8 1/2 - 9 1/2
Excellent	10

7. SCORING

a. The table at the end of these rules shall be used to assign the degree of difficulty to dives. The table of dives provided in the League Handbook shall govern in League meets. For dives not shown in the League Handbook, the degree of difficulty table published by FINA shall govern. Only dives with prelisted DDs in the current NVSL or FINA tables are permissible in NVSL competition, except for flying somersault dives (dive numbers 11X, 21X, 31X, and 41X as given in the FINA DD table) which are not allowed to be performed in NVSL.

b. For dual meets, individual first, second and third places in each age group; (boy and girl) shall be determined by the diver's aggregate score.

c. A minimum of three judges shall be used with five judges strongly recommended. When five judges are used, the highest and lowest scores for each dive shall be eliminated, and the remaining three scores will be added and the resultant sum will be multiplied by the degree of difficulty to arrive at the total point scores for the dive. This judging system shall be used in all regularly scheduled dual and tri meets and also the Cracker Jack Meet. For all other meets, either a five-judge or a seven-judge format may be used. When seven judges are used, the two highest and two lowest scores shall be eliminated. For all meets, the remaining three scores will be summed and the resultant sum will be multiplied by the degree of difficulty to arrive at the total points score for the dive. Judges may be substituted during the course of the meet, but should be done only at the end of a given round of dives.

8. OFFICIALS

- a. The following officials are recommended for each meet:

SECRETARY -- to list competitors and dives prior to the beginning of the meet and to record the scores, total them, apply the degree of difficulty and determine the points to be awarded for each diver and his or her team. The secretary will inspect all diving forms for correctness prior to the meet. Discrepancies shall be called to the attention of the competitor for resolution. However, any errors not detected are the responsibility of the coach and the diver.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY -- three to expedite listing, computation, etc.

ANNOUNCER -- to announce each diver, the dive and the degree of difficulty involved, and to call the scores shown by the judges.

JUDGES -- five, to score each dive. If there is a shortage of officials, the number of judges may be reduced to three. This is not recommended and should be required only in an emergency. Judges shall be placed in appropriate positions on one or both sides of the diving area within the closest field of view perpendicular to the flight of the dives, starting from the front edge of the diving board(s) outward.

REFEREE -- to signal the judges and make decisions relative to balks, etc. Referees are highly encouraged, but not required, to serve as judges on the judging panels, given advanced instruction they receive as part of their NVSL-required certification. The referee shall be positioned on the pool deck during the meet among the group of judges to maintain a uniform visual perspective of the dives. In being grouped with the judges, the referee should be positioned to have a direct line of sight with the announcer. If a shortage of officials occurs, the referee may function as the announcer, but shall remain positioned among the group of judges.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVES -- to act as the official spokesman for his or her team in matters regarding meet arrangements and conduct. The Team Representative shall be present during the competitive events; if he or she is unable to do so, an alternate, who shall be a responsible adult, and who cannot be the team's diving coach, shall be designated to serve in the Team Representative's stead. For dual/tri meets, the host Team Representative is the Meet Manager.

- b. The host team shall be responsible for arranging for the secretary, two judges, announcer, referee, and one assistant secretary. The visiting team shall be responsible for arranging three judges and two assistant secretaries. If an NVSL-certified referee is unavailable to officiate the meet, the meet shall be postponed. The meet shall be rescheduled per the mutual agreement of the team reps to a time and date when an NVSL-certified referee is available.

- c. The host team shall be responsible for the provision of entry blanks, judge's flash cards, final score form, announcer, equipment, and point conversion chart.

- d. No individual concurrently employed as a diving coach for an NVSL team is eligible to act as a referee and/or judge in that given season.

- e. All referees must have been certified by NVSL Diving within the last two years. Individual participation in the NVSL Diving Referee's Clinic constitutes certification. Individuals must have served

as a judge within the NVSL for at least one season to be eligible to attend the referee's clinic and receive certification.

f. All meet officials, except meet secretaries and announcers, must be at least 19 years of age or older. Secretaries and announcers may be younger than 19 years of age and serve in these positions only upon mutual agreement of each team representative.

g. Rule changes shall be submitted to the rules committee chairperson no later than the due date published in the NVSL Handbook. Rule changes shall include a discussion of the rationale and merits for the change.

9. FOR RULES OR PROCEDURES NOT COVERED HEREIN:

Refer to **FINA** Dive Rules.

10. CONDUCT OF THE MEETS

a. Dual Meets

(1) The meets will be held according to the schedule approved by the NVSL Diving Executive Committee, at the time specified in **Rule 1.i** with events as listed in **Rule 2.a** and officials as given in **Rule 8**.

(2) The host Team Representative will contact the visiting Team Representative one week in advance of the meet, set time of meet and ensure an understanding of the number and source of officials.

(3) Each dual meet shall be limited to 32 divers per team (21 for a tri meet) without regard to the number of divers in any age group. The top three scoring divers from each event are eligible for awards and count for team scoring. Teams are cautioned, however, to start the meet as early as possible to ensure the entire meet is completed before dark. Once the meet has started, the referee has the discretion to limit between event practices for divers to one practice approach, with or without a water entry, to ensure the meet, especially one with 50 or more divers, finishes before dark.

(4) The pool manager, licensed by the local jurisdiction, decides whether the pool is open for the diving venue to be conducted. Although the pool may be open, the referee has the final authority for deciding the discontinuance of the dive meet, if in his/her opinion, adverse circumstances, such as inadequate lighting, continuing cycles of bad weather, or other safety factors are of concern. If the pool is open and the referee declares that the meet is being conducted, the teams shall participate. If the pool manager closes the pool, the meet cannot be conducted unless the pool is reopened.

(5) The host pool is to be placed in final readiness at least 15 minutes before meet time. This includes clearing the diving area of all but meet competitors. The diving board will be made available to visiting divers for at least 30 minutes practice prior to meet time, or as mutually agreed upon by the Team Representatives.

(6) The meet shall begin promptly at the agreed meet time, or as close thereto as practicable. The meet referee has the discretion to select available judges from any team (or the meet manager to select an available certified referee) to ensure the timely start of the meet if it is determined

the meet will not finish before dark. The meet referee also has the discretion for deciding the substitution/replacement of judges after the meet starts. Neither the start of the meet, nor the start of any event shall be delayed simply to await the arrival of a late competitor. If a diver is not present to perform the dive when announced and it is ascertained that the diver is not in the pool area, the diver will be immediately scratched from the meet. The execution of the first dive constitutes the start of the meet.

(7) Diving entry forms will be filled out, signed by the divers for correctness and turned in to the meet secretary 30 minutes before the meet begins. The NVSL diving meet participants form with names and events entered shall be completed as soon as practical after receipt of the entry forms. The responsibility for the timely turn-in and accuracy of the diving entry form rests with the coach and the diver. The diver's coach will review the diving entry form for accuracy, completeness, and compliance with Section 3 of the Handbook's diving rules. An unsigned entry form shall not disqualify the diver from the meet or alter the status of any dives performed. If any meet official discovers an unsigned entry form, the diver should be notified as soon as possible to sign the form in acknowledgment of the dive list. Corrections to the entry form (dives only; age group status as submitted) are permissible up to the start time of the meet.

(8) Change of Position Only: Entry forms may not be changed after the start of the meet except that a diver may change the position in which a dive is performed up to the time of its execution, so long as this change is clearly announced to the judges and the scoring table prior to the execution of the dive. ***The degree of difficulty on the score sheet shall be changed to reflect the position selected for the dive, (i.e., for a POSITION change [not a dive change], the DD may go up or down).***

(9) Change of Dive Only: A diver cannot change a required dive under any circumstances except for position. For example, a back dive cannot be changed to a back entry. However, a diver may change one and only one optional dive, provided that the new dive is of equal or lesser degree of difficulty, does not repeat a dive group of other optional dives already listed on the entry form, (***See Rules 3.b, c, and d***) and is announced by the diver to the referee and meet secretary before performance of the dive. The diver is not permitted to change the position of the originally listed optional dive and then change to a new optional dive. The referee and meet secretary will coordinate entry list corrections. The degree of difficulty on the score sheet shall be changed to reflect the new optional dive. It is not permissible to change to a more difficult dive while retaining the original dive's degree of difficulty.

(10) If a meet is stopped for any reason and continued at a later date or at another venue, all official entries will remain unchanged with the exception that a diver may be scratched from the competition. In that case, the meet will continue from the beginning of the last incomplete round. In the case of a temporary meet interruption and the meet is resumed on the same day, the meet will continue from the point of the last dive performed. In order to be considered valid, all events in a meet must be completed. If a given meet is incomplete for any reason, incomplete events must be made up or rescheduled or the meet will be considered a forfeit for both teams. (***See Rule 1.i***) Team Representatives are to do all in their power to arrange a mutually agreeable make-up date and time before the next scheduled meet. The make-up meet at a time later than specified above shall be scheduled with concurrence of the Division Coordinator and consultation with the VP (Diving) or his/her designee if the Division Coordinator is so inclined. If the Division Coordinator is a Team Representative of a team involved with the meet rescheduling, concurrence by the VP (Diving) or his/her designee shall be required. The mandatory provision to complete meets may

only be waived by mutual agreement of the Team Representatives with the approval of the VP (Diving) or his/her designee.

(11) The meet secretary will compile the list of divers, assigning order of divers in the events as follows:

(a) Freshman girls, freshman boys, junior girls, junior boys, intermediate girls, intermediate boys, senior girls, senior boys.

(b) Within events, host and visiting divers will alternate with host divers diving the odd numbered positions.

(12) Individual scores will be listed and team scores compiled on the diving forms provided by the home team. The winner of each event will receive 5 points, second 3 and third 1 point. In case of divers receiving the same individual score, the total number of points involved will be equally divided and given to each diver. The team score will then be added to decide the meet winner; the meet secretary and the visiting team secretary shall sign the completed form. Should a mistake be discovered in the computation of individual or team scores, it must be called to the attention of the Division Coordinator and the Team Representatives by the end of the day following the completion of the meet for appropriate correction. If the Team Representatives and Division Coordinator are unavailable, a member of the Rules Committee must be notified of the mistake within the requisite time period. Meet results will be considered final at the end of the day following completion of the meet unless a timely notification of mistake is given as provided herein.

(13) The meet secretary will prepare three copies of results which affect team scores. These results must also include the names and scores for the top three divers participating in the meet. Before the start of the meet, the meet secretary must also record the name and team affiliation of every diver participating in the meet on the league-supplied form and request that the team representatives of both teams review the form to ensure that the names correspond with those on all of the submitted meet participants and diving entry forms. The meet secretary shall also record the scores for the divers after the completion of their meet event. If the meet is not completed and is resumed on another day, each team representative shall be given a copy of that form (legible, digital image, cell phone picture acceptable) before departing the meet site. After the meet, one copy of all meet forms is to be provided to the visiting Team Representative and two copies to the host Team Representative. One of the two host Team Representative's copies is for team use and the other copy is to be forwarded to the Division Coordinator not later than the day following the official dual meet. Additionally, after each meet, team results shall be handled according to NVSL Diving-issued procedures governing publicity.

b. Divisional, Wally Martin, and All-Star Meets

(1) Each division will conduct its own Division Individual Championship Meet under the direction of their Division Coordinator designated for that division.

(2) The events, dives scoring and rules will be the same as stated in other sections.

(3) Any pool in the division is eligible to enter sixteen divers in the Division Individual Championship Meet regardless of age group. Divers participating in the Cracker Jack Meet shall not be eligible to dive in the Division Meet occurring in the same season.

(4) The pool manager, licensed by the local jurisdiction, decides whether the pool is open for the

diving venue to be conducted. Although the pool may be open, the meet manager has the final authority for deciding the discontinuance of the dive meet, if in his/her opinion, adverse circumstances, such as inadequate lighting, continuing cycles of bad weather, or other safety factors are of concern. If the pool is open and the meet manager declares that the meet is being conducted, the teams shall participate. If the pool manager closes the pool, the meet cannot be conducted unless the pool is reopened. This rule also applies to the Crackerjack Meet.

(5) Diving registrations (divemeets) or dive entry forms (paper meets) for Divisionals, Wally Martin, and All-Stars meets will shall be submitted or be filled out, signed by the diver, and turned in no later than 2 days before the meet, i.e. by Friday if the meet is conducted on Sunday, ~~to the meet managers~~ as instructed in written guidance provided by meet managers to team reps. ~~An entry form may be turned in and accepted after this time with the payment of a \$20 non-waivable late fee. The fee is assessed on a per sheet basis. Meet managers have the discretion to reject a meet sheet with late fee if turned in within 20 minutes before the start of the event if it potentially results in meet delay.~~ Meet managers have the discretion to decide whether or not to accept late submissions of registrations or entry forms as detailed in the written guidance. The responsibility for the timely turn-in and accuracy of the diving entry form rests with the coach and diver. In addition, the diver's coach will review the diving entry form for accuracy, completeness, and compliance with Section 3 of the Handbook's Diving Rules. An unsigned entry form shall not disqualify the diver from the meet or alter the status of any dives performed. If any meet official discovers an unsigned entry form, the diver should be notified as soon as possible to sign the form in acknowledgment of the dive list. Corrections to turned-in entry forms are permissible up to the time of the event.

(6) Change of Position Only: Entry forms may not be changed after the start of the diver's event except that a diver may change the position in which a dive is performed up to the time of its execution so long as this change is clearly announced to the judges and the scoring table prior to the execution of the dive. ***The degree of difficulty on the score sheet shall be changed to reflect the position selected for the dive, (i.e., for a POSITION change [not a dive change], the DD may go up or down).***

(7) Change of Dive Only: A diver cannot change a required dive under any circumstances except for position. For example, a back dive cannot be changed to a back entry. However, a diver may change one and only one optional dive, provided that the new dive is of equal or lesser degree of difficulty, does not repeat a dive group of other optional dives already listed on the entry form, ***(See Rule 3.b, c, and d)*** and is announced by the diver to the referee and meet secretary before performance of the dive. The diver is not permitted to change the position of the originally listed optional dive and then change to a new optional dive. The referee and meet secretary will coordinate entry list corrections. The degree of difficulty on the score sheet shall be changed to reflect the new optional dive. It is not permissible to change to a more difficult dive while retaining the original dive's degree of difficulty.

(8) If a meet is stopped for any reason and continued at a later date or at another venue, all official entries will remain unchanged with the exception that a diver may be scratched from the competition. In that case, the meet will continue from the beginning of the last incomplete round. In the case of a temporary meet interruption and the meet is resumed on the same day, the meet will continue from the point of the last dive performed.

(9) The meet shall begin promptly at the agreed meet time, or as close thereto as practicable.

Neither the start of the meet, nor the start of any event, shall be delayed simply to await the arrival of a late competitor. If a diver is not present to perform the dive when announced and it is ascertained that the diver is not in the pool area, the diver will be immediately scratched from the meet. The execution of the first dive constitutes the start of the meet.

(10) Dives will be in accordance with **Rule 3.c.**

(11) For Divisions 1 and 2, the highest three scores in each event are eligible for the All-Star Meet; for all other divisions, the two highest scores are eligible. For Divisions 1 and 2, the next three finishers, and for the remaining divisions, the next two finishers, in each event will be assigned as All-Star alternates for their divisions. Alternates are eligible to dive at All-Stars only if a place qualifier will not compete. Additionally, divers who finish no lower than fourth for Divisions 1 and 2, or third for Divisions 3 through 8 ~~first alternate~~ in the Division Individual Championship Meet and who placed in the top eight in the All-Star meet the previous year, qualify for the All-Star Meet.

(12) In addition to **Rule 10.b.(11)**, a diver who attains a divisional score equal to or greater than the running average of the fifth place All-Stars Meet scores from the previous seasons shall also qualify for the All-Star Meet. The running averages will be compiled for each event from All-Star Meet results dating back to 2010 reflecting changes to the point award system for dives.

c. The Wally Martin and All-Star Meet: It will be conducted by the NVSL Diving Executive Committee in accordance with the FINA Dive Rules, as modified by the NVSL Handbook.

d. Meet Line-ups: For each event in Divisional, Wally Martin, and All-Star meets, the meet secretary shall arrange the competitors' entry forms in random order to avoid the possibility of ranking by competitor proficiency.

e. Results: Results of the Division Individual Championship, All-Star and Wally Martin Meets are final thirty minutes after results are announced.

11. PROTESTS

Protests will be presented by the team representative to the Division Coordinator no later than 48 hours after the end of the meet. Should the Division Coordinator be unavailable at the time, or be unable to resolve the protest, the dispute may be referred to the Diving Rules Committee for resolution. Decisions rendered by the Diving Rules Committee shall be final and binding upon all parties involved.

*[The NVSL Diving Rules **end** after the above paragraph.]*
