

4. Conference Meet Director must make available for one week following the conference final, all heat sheets, results and other records associated with the conduct of the conference meet.

## 10. DUAL MEETS (DIVING)

- A. All weekday dual meets will be scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. and all Saturday meets at 8:00 a.m., unless specifically agreed to in advance by both teams. The visiting team shall be allowed 30 minutes warm-up time immediately preceding the start of the competition. The home team shall be allowed 30 minutes warm-up one hour until 30 minutes immediately preceding the start of the competition. All dives should be conducted on a one meter diving board.
- B. U.S. Diving Novice Division rules will govern except as contradicted in the following rules. Diving meets will be conducted in the following age groups:
  - 8 & Under Boys, 8 & Under Girls
  - 9-10 Boys, 9-10 Girls
  - 11-12 Boys, 11-12 Girls
  - 13-14 Boys, 13-14 Girls
  - 15-18 Boys, 15-18 Girls
- C. Each team may enter a maximum of three male and three female contestants per age group. In addition, each team may enter a total of four exhibition divers for the entire meet. Exhibition divers will not be eligible for awards or to score points, but will have that meet counted toward eligibility for Conference.
- D. Divers may dive in a higher age group, but not in a lower age group. Divers may dive in only one age group per meet.
- E. Divers may use a forward approach of any number of steps and will not be penalized for an approach of less than three steps.
- F. Required Dives
  1. Eight & Under - Two dives of different numbers.
  2. 9-10 Group – Three dives of different numbers, two from different series.
  3. 11-12 Age Group – Four dives of different numbers, three from different series.
  4. 13-14 Age Group - . Four dives of different numbers, three from different series
  5. 15-18 Age Group - Five dives of different numbers, four from different series.Please note that a forward jump (100) and back jump (200) are part of those series. A forward line-up (001) and back line-up (002) are a separate series for purposes of meeting dive requirements.
- G. Each contestant shall submit a complete list of the series numbered dives no less than ten (10) minutes before the meet is scheduled to begin. The list of dives must be submitted on an official diving entry form, and shall include a written description of the dives, the positions, the degree of difficulty, and the order in which the dives are to be performed. Each coach and/or diver is responsible for the correctness of these items, except that an error in the degree of difficulty will not be the basis of a failed dive. In a case where the written description does not match the marked dive, the written description will be considered to be the correct dive. The coach may elect either, but must keep the lower degree of difficulty.
- H. No diving sheets can be changed once submitted, except to correct degree of difficulty.
- I. Each diver must execute the dive as written with the exception of position. A dive performed as written, except clearly in the wrong position, can be scored no higher than a two (2). U.S. Diving judging guidelines will apply. In addition, recommended deduction for too close to the board, twisting manifestly from the board, or entering to the side of the board is ½ to 2 points. Recommended award for absolutely no attempt to come out of the tuck position is max 2.

- J. Only those line-ups, jumps or dives listed in the Diving Tables shall be listed on the diving entry form.
- K. The visiting team will dive first in each age group. The female divers in each age group will complete their dives prior to the males in their age group beginning their dives. Both sexes in an age group may be allowed to dive together at the discretion of the host team. If both sexes dive together, they will continue to be scored as separate divisions. The same may take place between age groups if there are three or fewer divers in any one category.
- L. All dives must be performed by the divers themselves, without the assistance of any other person, except for the purpose of water agitation. A violation of this or any other rule must result in the diving referee declaring a failed dive.
- M. Officials
  - 1. In dual meet competition there will three or five diving judges two or three provided by the host team and one or two provided by the visiting team. In the event of an uneven number of judges, the unaffiliated paid diving referee may judge. The diving referee will have authority in declaring deficient (max 2), failed or incomplete dives and other rules interpretations. No judge may be a diving participant in that meet.
  - 2. The visiting team will supply a recorder, who will record the scores of the judges on the score sheets and a ribbon writer.
  - 3. The host team will supply a calculator operator, who will be responsible for calculating the scores for each dive and recording them on the score sheet, and a ribbon writer. The host team will also provide an announcer, who will call out each dive for the participants, and announce the judges' results for each dive.
- N. Scoring of Dives
  - 1. With three judges, the three scores will be added to determine the dive score. When five judges are used, the high and the low score will be thrown out, with the three middle added to determine the dive score.
  - 2. The total award for each dive is computed by adding all three (3) scores for the judges scoring the dive and multiplying the total by the degree of difficulty.
  - 3. The order of finish shall be determined by the cumulative scores after the performance of the required number of dives. If two (2) or more Divers have equal scores, they will be considered tied and the points for the two places shall be split.
  - 4. Awards will be made in accordance with guidelines determined by the Awards Committee.
- O. Awards - Dual Meet
  - 1. Each diver finishing in the top three positions while demonstrating a legal dive will be awarded a place ribbon either 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> based on points scored.
  - 2. Any diver, ages 10 and younger, including exhibition divers will be awarded a participation ribbon.
  - 3. Any diver in the 10 and under age group, disqualified for any reason, will also receive a participation ribbon.
  - 4. First place will receive five (5) points; second three (3); third one (1). No team may sweep a division. The third place points, in the event the opposing team has a diver, shall go to the other team. If there is no diver, the sweeping team will receive first and second points only, but the other team will receive no points.
  - 5. Each team will provide the ribbons for their own participants, both home and away.

## **11. CHAMPIONSHIP MEET (DIVING)**

- A. An unlimited number of divers will be allowed per team, per event, in preliminaries, as long as they have met qualifying standards. The total number of divers that will qualify for the final round will be equal to the number of participating teams times two. One alternate diver will qualify to participate if any of the qualifiers are unable to compete in the final round due to injury, illness, or other reason.

- B. Divers may dive in a higher age group, but not a lower age group. A diver will be limited to participation in one age group during the entire meet.
- C. A Championship Meet Director will be appointed by the host team. This person will be responsible for the conduct of the Championship Meet.
- D. A list of entries for the championship meet, must be submitted by the deadline established by the Meet Director. The entry deadline may not be more than one week, and no less than three days, prior to the start of the preliminary round of the Conference Meet. Entries not received by the Meet Director by the established deadline will not be accepted. Entries will consist of name, sex and age group for each participant at minimum, along with their list of anticipated dives in compliance with rules, and shall be made on the standard diving scoresheet. Changes to listed preliminary dives must be submitted to the Meet Director no more than five minutes following that team's designated warm-up time. Finals dives can be changed immediately following finals warm-ups. In no event may the dives be changed after the age group preliminary or finals rounds has begun.
- E. No exhibition Divers will be allowed.
- F. Diving order by group will be consistent with procedures established for dual meets. Individual diving order within the group will be determined by the Meet Director by blind draw Divers will perform in reverse order of prelim finish for the finals. (e.g. 8<sup>th</sup> place, 7<sup>th</sup> place, etc. until 1<sup>st</sup> place prelim finisher dives last)
- G. The host team must make available to all participating teams, one hour of practice time for each team at the facility to be used, during the week preceding the beginning of the Championship Meet. The team's diving coach or other team official must accompany the team during this practice time. The assignment of these practice times will be done by the host team, in consultation with the visiting teams. Assignment of practice times must be made at least one week in advance of the actual time assigned to the using teams.
- H. Two teams will be paired to share a scheduled 30-minute warm-up time on all boards, during the day of and immediately preceding the start of the preliminary round. In the event of an uneven number of teams, the team with the largest number of entries will have their own warm-up time slot. Order of diving for the teams for the warm-up periods will be determined by a blind draw by the Meet Director, with this order reversed for the second day, if conducted in two days. Aside from that, the conduct of the conference meet will be determined by the Meet Director and distributed to all teams at least two weeks prior to the Conference meet.
- I. Judging - In Championship competition, the judging panel will consist of one judge from each team. In addition the Meet Director will hire a Diving Referee who will declare incomplete or failed dives, and rule on any other questions relating to the rules. Ideally, the referee will not score dives.
  - 1. If five or more judges are judging, and in the event of an odd number of judges, the lowest and highest score(s) for each dive will be thrown out in equal numbers until only three scores remain. These three scores will be utilized in computing the score for the dive by adding their total and multiplying by the degree of difficulty. If there are an even number of judges, either 1) judges will not judge dives for members of their own team, or 2) the Meet Referee will judge each dive, with scores thrown out as described in procedures for an odd number of referees. Option #2 will be the preferred choice. Criteria for judging dives will remain the same as for dual meets. The combined scores of both the preliminary and final rounds will be used to determine final standing for individual Divers.
  - 2. If at the end of the final round, individual Divers have the same score, each will be awarded the place award. The points for the place, plus the next lower place will be added together, and the total split evenly between the two teams the Divers represent.
  - 3. Each team will provide at least one table official, with duties being assigned by the Meet Director. Duties include announcer, recorder, calculator, operator and two

ribbon writers. If less than six teams are participating, the host team will provide any additional personnel required.

J. List of Dives for Championship Meet

1. Entries must be submitted as outlined previously in Section D. Those qualifying for the final round will have 10 minutes after their warm-up begins to make additional changes to their individual entries. No changes may be made to dive numbers once the preliminary meet has begun. Position may be changed, however, the lower degree of difficulty will be used. Coaches may make changes to finals dive up to the start of finals.
2. The Conference Meet will be divided into preliminary and final rounds. Between the two rounds the following requirements must be met:
  - 8 & under, three different numbered.
  - 9-10, four different numbered dives from at least two different series.
  - 11-12, five different number dives from at least three different series.
  - 13-14, five different numbered dives from at least three different series.
  - 15-18, six different numbered dives from four different series
3. The following guidelines must be met for Divers participating in the preliminary rounds:
  - 8 & under, two different numbered.
  - 9-10, two different numbered dives from two different series.
  - 11-12, three different numbered dives from at least two different series.
  - 13-14, three different numbered dives from at least three different series.
  - 15-18, four different numbered dives from four different series.
4. The following guidelines must be met by Divers participating in the final round:
  - 8 & under, one dive not performed in preliminaries and in accordance with overall conference dive requirements.
  - 9-10, two different numbered dives not performed in preliminaries and in accordance with overall conference dive requirements.
  - 11-12, two different numbered dives not performed in preliminaries and in accordance with overall conference dive requirements.
  - 13-14, two different numbered dives not performed in preliminaries and in accordance with overall conference dive requirements.
  - 15-18, two different numbered dives not performed in preliminaries and in accordance with overall conference dive requirements.

## 12. PROTESTS

- A. A Protest Committee, consisting of one representative from each team's sponsoring agencies' professional staff, will be established to handle all protests not resolved by league representatives during the meet.
- B. All protests must be made by the league representatives of the protesting club; and no protest of appeal made by any other person will be entertained, considered or acted upon at any time, place or level.
- C. No coaches or parents may speak to any official concerning place picking, rule infractions or other disputes. Such matters should be brought to the league representatives for resolution. This will be rigidly enforced.
- D. Protests at dual meets shall be made by the league representatives of one of the clubs involved, to a league representative of the other club - and if they cannot agree, the meet shall proceed and the scores will be recorded and the awards presented as if the protest had been overruled, and the score recorded shall be final score unless; the league representatives of one of the clubs involved in the initial protest, sends such protest in writing to the league Secretary delivered or placed in the mail, to the attention of the Protest Committee, within four (4) days after the meet in question took place. The Protest Committee shall rule on the protest as soon

as practical. A majority decision of the committee shall decide the issue. In event of a tie vote in regards to the protest, the protest will be denied.

- E. No protest to the Protest Committee shall question any ruling of judgment by the starter, stroke judge, diving judge, timer, place picker or other meet official.
- F. If the Protest Committee decides that the protest does not indicate any ground for changing the score of the meet, they may overrule the protest and so advise the protesting club league representative. If the Protest Committee decides there may be some grounds for changing the score, they shall contact the league representatives of the other club involved, and after being advised by the league representatives of both clubs and conducting such investigation, if any, as they may deem proper, shall decide the matter and notify the league representative of both clubs of their decisions. The Protest Committee may order the official score be changed and the new awards presented. If the Protest Committee makes no decision before the start of the conference meet, the protest will be deemed to have been overruled.
- G. Protest at the Conference Meet
  - 1. The starter assigned to the conference meet will be considered the referee for that meet. All protests made during the course of the conference must first be brought to the referee for resolution. Protests may be made in either verbal or written form. Protests regarding questions of judgment will not be subject to review.
  - 2. Protests regarding activities occurring during any preliminary round must be presented to the referee within 15 minutes of the conclusion of said preliminary round. The referee shall have any additional 15 minutes from that time to rule on the protest. Any protest not acted on within that 15 minute time period will be deemed to have been rejected. If the protest is rejected, the protesting party may then request that the protest be considered by the Protest Committee.
  - 3. All available members of the Protest Committee shall convene upon the conclusion of any preliminary round to consider any protests. Protests will be considered and acted on as outlined in section 7F.
  - 4. Protests regarding activities occurring during a final round of conference championships shall be brought to the attention of the referee within 15 minutes of the conclusion of all events. Any protest not acted upon within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the last event will be considered to be denied.
  - 5. Any protest for a conference final activity, denied by the referee, may be appealed to the Protest Committee. Such appeals must be brought to the Protest Committee within 15 minutes of denial by the referee or prior to the commencement of any awards, whichever is later. All available members of the Protest Committee will convene immediately upon conclusion of the last event consider any such protests.

**13. Amendment 05/12/2021**

The order of events and conduct of the meet may be amended to comply with St. Louis County guidelines and Covid precautions