

DIVE SCORING GUIDELINES

Awarding and Deducting Points

Very Good	8.5 - 10 Points
Good	6.5 – 8 Points
Satisfactory	5 – 6 Points
Deficient	2.5 – 4.5 Points
Unsatisfactory	0.5 – 2 Points
Completely Failed	0 Points

Referee's Obligations and Instructions Regarding Judging

Incorrect Approach or Balk Declared: The referee will determine whether a diver has made an incorrect approach (too few steps) or a restart on a dive. After completion of the dive in the case of an incorrect approach or after the second attempt in the case of a restart, the referee will instruct the announcer to deduct 2 points from each judge's score. The judges score the dive as usual, and the points will then be deducted at the table

Failed Dive: The referee will declare a dive failed in any of the following cases:

- A diver takes longer than 3 minutes.
- A diver balks twice on the same dive.
- A diver does not assume the starting position or performs a dive requiring a forward approach from the standing position.
Exceptions: For Summer League exceptions can be made depending on the age-group and at the referee's discretion.
- A diver falls into the water.
- The amount of twist is greater or less than the announced amount of twist by 90 degrees (¼ of a full twist).
- A diver performs an incorrect dive.
- Assistance has been given to the diver during the execution of the dive.
Exceptions: For summer league we can make an exception for 8 and under divers and they can score a maximum of 2 points.
- A diver refuses to perform a dive.
- A diver bounces the board in a standing dive.
- A diver takes off with one foot from the springboard.
- A diver doing a flying somersault does not hold the straight position from the board for at least 90 degrees of rotation (¼ of a full rotation).
- Any part of the body below the waist enters the water before the hands when the diver does a head-first dive.

Wrong Position: The referee instructs judges to award not more than 2 points (unsatisfactory) if a dive has clearly been performed in a position other than that which was announced.

Referee Orders 2.0 Point Deduction:

- For a violation of the forward approach which includes too few steps and/or leaving the board immediately following the hurdle step without both feet taking off simultaneously.
- In a running dive, if the diver makes more than one jump in the same spot.
- For a balk determined by the referee, after completion of the second attempt.

Second Attempts: The referee can allow and instruct the judges to score a repeat dive where execution of the first attempt has been influenced by exceptional circumstances. The request for such repetition must be made by the diver immediately after the execution of the spoiled dive. In extreme wind conditions, the referee may give special instructions with regard to balks and how they will be judged.

Summary of Judges Deductions

Judges to Award 0 Points (Completely Failed): The judge can award 0 points for a dive if he considers it to be failed for any of the reasons previously detailed for the referee, even if the referee has not declared the dive failed.

Judges to Award Only 2.0 Points (Unsatisfactory) Maximum:

- The judge should award only 2 points maximum if the dive was clearly performed in another position and the referee has instructed accordingly.
- A diver hits the diving board.
- For a start to the hurdle step from both feet.

Judges to Award Only 4.0 Points (Deficient) Maximum: The judges are to award no more than 4.0 points for a dive in which one or both hands are above the shoulders in a feet-first entry, or a dive in which one or both hands enter the water after the shoulders in a head-first entry. (Please note-- this is the standard for GCDL Summer League, whereas high schools and some other leagues allow only a 2.0 point maximum for this error.) There are 2 exceptions to this guideline:

- Twister dives may require using hands and arms to twist, so hands are allowed at shoulder level upon entry for twister dives.
- Divers performing pencil jumps are allowed to hold arms close to their side or extended above their head upon entry.

Judges to Deduct Between 0.5 to 2.0 Points: At the judges' discretion, between 0.5 to 2.0 points can be deducted in the following cases:

- Excessive oscillation.
- Feet leaving the board prior to a backward or inward takeoff.
- Not holding the straight position on flying somersaults until the body is horizontal to the water.
- Leaving the board immediately following the hurdle step without both feet taking off simultaneously.
- Opening the knees in the tuck position.
- Entering to the side of the board.
- Twisting manifestly from the board.

Judges to Exercise Their Own Opinion: The judge can exercise their own opinion as to the deduction to be made in the following cases:

- Knees are bent in the straight position.
- Entry is not vertical.

Judges to Award No More Than 4.5 Points (Deficient): The judge should award no more than 4.5 points in the following cases:

- Using a tuck position in any twisting dive except 5152, 5154, 5221, 5231, 5251, 5321, 5331 and 5351.
- Any circumstance in which a dive is considered deficient for any circumstance.
- A dive that is performed partially in a position other than that which was announced (deficient).