

The Referee – During the Diving Competition

During the diving competition, the diving referee should:

- Request quiet from spectators and swimmers. This applies to all meets unless swimming and diving are being conducted simultaneously.
- Require the announcer to announce the order of divers followed by the first dive.
- Keep a record of all failed dives, in order to know when a diver has failed two dives and is disqualified. If there is a disqualification, immediately notify the diver and the coach and provide reasoning.
- Determine disqualifications as per the NFHS rules and notify the competitor and/or the coach.
- Determine and announce failed dives, including declared false starts (choosing not to participate in the diving event), as per the NFHS rules (Rules 9-6-2 and 3-2-3).
- Allow divers to withdraw from the competition and treat this the same as a 'declared false start' taken by swimmers.
- Deduct two points from each judge's award for a violation of the forward approach (less than three steps) or a balk as per the NFHS rules.
- A violation of the forward approach occurs when the diver does less than the required three steps.
- A balk is declared when (after the starting position is established) a diver makes an obvious attempt to start the approach or press and stops the continuous execution of the dive.
- Declare an unsatisfactory dive when:
 - o The dive is clearly done in a position other than what is written on the scoresheet;
 - o The diver hits the board;
 - o The diver does not attempt to come out of a tuck or pike position; or
 - o The diver does not attempt to come out of a twist.

o The diver does not hold the straight position until the body is horizontal to the water on any flying one somersault dives or does not hold the straight position until the body is perpendicular to the water on any flying one and one-half somersault dives.

- Not invoke a penalty unless the diving referee is absolutely certain it is warranted. The diving referee may confer with another judge only regarding the determination of an unsatisfactory or failed dive.

