

MHSAA OFFICIALS BULLETIN



In this week's bulletin we want to visit the Diving event and some of the information surrounding it. Diving is one of the 12 events in a dual meet. This year there are rule changes that affect the conduct of the event and the participation of exhibition divers. 9-3-1 Situation A and B address the changes and the restrictions. The degree of difficulty listed for dives 204 Back Dive 2 Somersaults and dive 304 Reverse Dive 2 Somersaults has changed as follows:

2018-19 Season

Dive	Position	(C) Tuck	(B) Pike	(A) Straight	(D) Free
204	2.2	3.5	-----	-----	
304	2.3	2.6	2.9		

2019-20 Season

204	2.0	2.3	-----	-----
304	2.1	2.4	2.9	-----

Since these dives require a certain level of skill, they may not appear on a diver's dive selections until some point farther along in the season. As an official you should check with the computer operator to ensure the dives have been updated in diving format. If the form the diver submits contains one of these dives it is possible that they are selecting dives that are printed on the back side of the entry form. You should verify the list is correct as this maybe the only guidance diver has in preparing his or her selection. Diving sheets should not be accepted unless they are signed by both the diver and a coach.

When a diver signs the diving sheet and the coach countersigns the form it indicates that they both have reviewed the sheet and believe that the diver can perform the dives indicated. The Diving Referee should sign the individual diver's sheets **after** the scores on the have been tallied on each sheet. Officials may also be asked to sign a computer print out of the diving results. As an official your signature indicates, that to best of your knowledge, the information on the sheets and/or computer printout is correct. It is not proper or prudent to sign the diving sheets prior to the commencement of the event as you cannot certify the accuracy of the final results.

Dive Scoring

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Excellent: No visible flaws—approach hurdle, height distance, execution and entry are exceptional.

8 1/2 - 9 1/2

Very Good: Approach, hurdle, height, distance or entry slightly affected. Execution well defined .

5 - 6 1/2

Good: Approach and hurdle acceptable; height and distance adequate; execution complete and entry slightly over or under.

2 1/2 - 4 1/2

Satisfactory: Approach and hurdle affected; height and distance inadequate; execution affected and entry over or under.

1/2 - 2

Unsatisfactory: Approach and hurdle affected; height and distance inadequate; execution not complete or broken position, entry significantly affected.

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Failed Dive:

Rules Review: During the performance of a dive, a diver's ponytail contact the board and he/she passes it. The diving referee declares the dive unsatisfactory. Is this the correct procedure?

Ruling: No, this is not the correct procedure. Since the diver did not contact the board with a body part, this should not cause the declaration of an unsatisfactory dive. The touch of hair is not considered hitting the board.