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All rule changes are shown **emboldened** and in *italics*.

Must be read in conjunction with the new rules as provided in a second document.

- D 1.2 All diving installations, including the springboards and platforms, shall be in accordance with the FINA Facilities Rules, inspected **and approved** by the delegate of FINA, and a member of the Technical Diving Committee no later than **120 days** prior to the start of the competitions.
- D 1.6.4 In calculating the degree of difficulty for dives with twists, the following need do be noted:
- Dives with ½ somersault and twists can only be executed in position A, B or C,
 - Dives with 1 or 1 ½ somersaults and twists can only be executed in position D,
 - Dives with 2 or more somersaults and twists can only be executed in position B or C, and
 - Armstand dives with 1, 1 ½ or 2 somersaults and **one or more** twists can only be executed in position D.
- D 2.1.6 If a diver is unable to compete **at the beginning** of any session, the diver ranked next shall advance to the next session, in order to have the prescribed number of divers in each session.
- D 3.7.3 Every competition for women on 3m springboard and platform shall comprise five (5) rounds of dives from **five (5) different groups**: Two (2) rounds of dives with an assigned degree of difficulty of 2.0 for each dive regardless of the formula and three (3) rounds of dives without limit of degree of difficulty. **All forward facing dives on springboard shall be done with a running approach.**
- D 3.7.4 Every competition for men on 3m springboard and platform shall comprise six (6) rounds of dives from **five (5) different groups**: Two (2) rounds of dives with an assigned degree of difficulty of 2.0 for each dive regardless of the formula and four (4) rounds of dives without limit of degree of difficulty. **All forward facing dives on springboard shall be done with a running approach.**

D 4 STATEMENT OF DIVES

- D 4.1 Each diver, **or diver's representative**, shall deliver to the Referee, or his designated representative, a complete statement of the selected dives on the official form of the event for the preliminary competition and all the following sessions of the competition.
- D 4.2 **The diver and the diver's representative** are responsible for the accuracy of the statement in the list and the statement of dives shall be signed by the diver **and the diver's representative**.
- D 4.6 In all competitions, **the diver or the diver's representative** may change the statement of dives before the commencement of any semi-final or final of the competition, provided the amended statement is lodged with the Referee, or his designated representative, no later than thirty (30) minutes after the end of the previous session of the competition. If a new statement of dives is not submitted within the prescribed time, the diver shall perform the dives as indicated in the initial submission.
- D 4.7 In any competition, in extenuated circumstances, a diver may be replaced by another diver of the same Federation up to three (3) hours before the commencement of the preliminary competition. In synchronised diving events **at the Olympic Games** the replacement may also take place prior to the commencement of the final competition. The Referee will accept a change in the statement of dives.
- D 5.2.1 **Whenever possible** at the Olympic Games, World Championships and World Cups, seven (7) judges shall be used for individual events and **eleven (11) judges for synchronised diving events. Five (5) shall judge the synchronisation of the dive, three (3) shall judge the execution of one diver and three (3) the execution of the other diver.**
- D 5.2.4 When considered suitable, double panels of judges may be used in the same event. If double panels are used, the second panel is introduced in the fourth round of the competition. **Note: In exceptional circumstances, such as high heat and humidity, the panels may be changed after the end of each round.**
- D 5.2.9 The judges' awards shall be displayed on the electronic scoreboard, preferably unseen by the judges. **The awards (without any other information about the standing of the competition) must be seen by the judges on their score pads.**

- D 6.4 The diver, **or the diver's representative**, shall be informed of the Referee as soon as possible, that a correction is required.
- D 6.6 Following an interruption, the competition shall be continued from where it was stopped. The points scored before the interruption shall be carried forward into the remaining portion of the competition, whenever it is held. **Note: If the competition cannot be continued, the result will be determined by the Jury of Appeal.**
- D 6.14 **In exceptional circumstances, the Referee may allow a diver to repeat a dive without penalty. The awards for the first dive must be noted should a protest be lodged.**
- D 6.16 **If the diver double bounces on the end of the springboard or platform before take-off, the Referee shall declare it a failed dive.**
- D 6.19.1 **In head first dives, if the feet enter the water before the head or hands, the Referee shall declare it a failed dive.**
- D 6.19.2 **In feet first dives, if the head or hands enter the water before the feet, the Referee shall declare it a failed dive.**
- D 6.20 **During the execution of a dive, there shall be no assistance to the diver from any person. Assistance between dives shall be permitted.**
- D 6.22 **When a diver in a running dive takes a step and stops or in a standing dive stops the movement for the take-off after the legs have commenced to press, the Referee shall declare there has been a re-start and shall deduct 2 points from the award of each judge.**
- D 7.6 **In synchronised diving, when eleven (11) judges are used, the secretaries shall cancel the highest and the lowest judges' awards given for execution for one diver, the highest and lowest judges' awards for execution of the other diver and the highest and lowest judges' awards given for synchronisation.** When two (2) or more awards are equal, either of the equal awards may be cancelled.
- D 7.8 The secretaries shall independently add the remaining awards and multiply this total by the degree of difficulty for the dive to determine the score of the dive according to the following examples:

Individual competitions

Five (5) judges: ~~8.0~~, 7.5, 7.5, 7.5, ~~7.0~~ = 22.5 x 2.0 = 45.0

Seven (7) judges: ~~8.0, 7.5~~, 7.5, 7.5, 7.5, ~~7.5, 7.0~~ = 22.5 x 2.0 = 45.0

Synchronised Diving competitions

Nine (9) judges: Execution diver 1: ~~7.0~~, 6.5

Execution diver 2: 5.5, ~~5.5~~

Synchro awards: ~~8.5~~, 8.0, 8.0, 7.5, ~~7.5~~

= 35.5 : 5 x 3 = 21.3 x 2.8 = 59.64

Eleven (11) judges: Execution diver 1: ~~7.0~~, 6.5, ~~6.0~~

Execution diver 2: ~~5.5~~, 5.5, ~~7.0~~

Synchro awards: ~~8.0~~, 8.0, 7.5, 8.0, ~~7.0~~

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- D 7.9 When a judge by reason of illness or any other unforeseen circumstances, has made no award for a particular dive, the average of the awards of the other judges shall be adopted as the missing award. The award shall be rounded up or down to the nearest half point or whole point. **Averages ending in .25 or higher shall be rounded to .50. Averages ending in .75 or higher shall be rounded to .00.**
- D 7.10 In synchronised diving, when a judge (execution or synchronised) by reason of illness or any other unforeseen circumstances, has made no award for a particular dive, in an eleven (11) judge panel, the average of the awards of the other two (2) execution judges of the same diver, or the average of the other four synchronised judges, shall be adopted as the missing award. **The average award shall be rounded up or down to the nearest half point or whole point. Averages ending in .25 or higher shall be rounded to .50. Averages ending in .75 or higher shall be rounded up to .00.** In a nine (9) judge panel, the award of the other execution judge of the same diver shall be adopted as the missing award
- D 8.1.1 A judge shall award from 0 to 10 points for a dive according to his overall impression within the following criteria:
- Excellent 10**
- Very Good 8.5 – 9.5**
- Good 7.0 – 8.0**
- Satisfactory 5.0 – 6.5**
- Deficient 2.5 – 4.5**
- Unsatisfactory 0.5 – 2.0**
- Completely failed 0**
- D 8.2.1 **When the signal is given by the Referee, the diver shall take the starting position.**
- D 8.2.4.3 **When executing a standing dive, the diver must not bounce (crow-hop) on the springboard or platform before the take-off. In this circumstance, the judge shall deduct from ½ to 2 points, according to his opinion.**
- D 8.2.6.2 When, in an armstand dive, a **stationary and** steady balance in the straight vertical position is not shown, each judge shall deduct from ½ to 2 points, according to his opinion.
- D 8.3.1 When executing a running dive from either the springboard or the platform, the run shall be smooth, aesthetically pleasing, **and in a forward direction** to the end of the springboard or platform with the final step being from one foot.
- D 8.3.2 When the run is not smooth, aesthetically pleasing, **or in a forward direction** to the end of the springboard or platform, each judge shall deduct ½ to 2 points, according to his opinion.
- D 8.3.3 **When the final step is not from one foot, the Referee shall declare a failed dive.**
- D 8.3.4 **The diver must not double bounce on the end of the springboard or platform before the take-off. When the judge considers that the diver has double bounced in a dive, the judge may award zero (0) points, notwithstanding that the Referee has not declared it to be a failed dive.**

- D 8.4.2 The take-off from the springboard shall be from both feet simultaneously. The forward **and reverse** take-off from the platform may be from one foot.
- D 8.6.1 The entry into the water shall in all cases be vertical, **not twisted**, with the body straight, the feet together, and the toes pointed.
- D 8.6.2 When the entry is short or over, **twisted** or the body not straight, the feet not together, and the toes not pointed, each judge shall deduct according to his opinion.
- D 8.6.7 The dive is **considered** to have been completed when the whole of the body is completely under the surface of the water.
- D 9.2 The rules for judging individual diving shall apply to the execution of dives in synchronised diving, **except that when a diver performs an incorrect or different dive, the Referee shall declare it a failed dive.**
- D 9.6 **The Referee shall declare a two-point deduction from all judges when there is a re-start by one or both divers.**
- D 6.16 **If a diver double bounces on the end of the springboard or platform before take-off.**
- D6.19.1 **If the feet enter the water before the head or hands in a head first dive.**
- D6.19.2 **If the head or hands enter the water before the feet in a feet first dive.**
- D8.3.3 **If the final step is not from one foot.**
- D9.2/9.8 **In synchronised diving if a diver performs an incorrect and different dive.**
- D 6.22 If a diver **takes a step or stops the movement for the take-off after the legs has commenced to press.**
- D9.6 In synchronised diving if there is a re-start by one or both divers.**
- D 8.3.4 **If a diver double bounces in a dive at the end of the springboard or platform before the take-off.**
- D 8.2.4.3 **If there is a bounce (crow-hop) in a standing dive.**
- D 8.3.2 If the run is not smooth, **aesthetically pleasing in a forward direction to the end of the springboard or platform.**
- D 8.6.2 If the entry into the water is not vertical, or nearly so, **or twisted** with the body not straight, the feet not together and the toes not pointed.