

# MCDL Referee and Judge Guidelines *(updated 2016)*

## As a Referee:

### Fail a dive if:

- Assistance was given, (2008 rule = be alert for intervention before incorrect dive = balk)
- Diver performs dive other than announced,
- Diver refuses to execute a dive,
- Twist is less than 90°, or greater than 270°
- Twist manifestly begins before feet leave the board,
- Feet enter first on head-first entry dive,
- Head enters first on a feet-first entry dive,
- Diver balks twice.

### Ask Judges to "Score what you see" and instruct the Announcer to deduct 2 points from each Judge when:

- Diver balks:
- Diver takes less than 1 step when using a forward approach,
- The takeoff for the hurdle step is from both feet.
- Diver given assistance after set position established, but before start of approach/dive.

### Instruct Judges to score 4 1/2 point Max when:

- Arms are above the shoulders on feet-first dive, \***Jumps** arms may be straight up **OR** down.
- Arms are below the head on head-first dive,
- Improper use of tuck position in twisting dives.

### Instruct Judges to score 2 point Max when:

- Diver **CLEARLY** performs the dive in a position different than announced.
- Diver does not make a sincere effort to come out of tuck or pike position before entry.

## As a Judge:

- Listen to the dive announced and ask for the dive to be repeated if it is not clear.
- **Judge the DIVE**, not the diver, not the DD, not the apparel.
- DO NOT judge what happens before the diver assumes a SET position.
- DO NOT judge what happens under the surface of the water.
- Judge **ALL** 4 parts: **Approach, Takeoff, Flight, and Entry.**
- Follow the Referee's instructions when provided.
- **Be consistent in your scoring!** If you see another dive performed at the same level as what you scored earlier, then the dive should get the same score as the one before. And, do not be afraid to score a 0 if you feel an incorrect dive was performed.

### Score 4/12 Maximum if:

- Diver displays a break in position,
- Improper use of tuck position in twisting dives.

### Deduct 1/2 to 2 points if:

- Open knees in tuck,
- Excessive rocking or feet leaving the board prior to takeoff,
- Arms out of position on entry.

Deduct 1 to 3 points if the correct starting position (Set) is not assumed prior to dive.

Height = GOOD, Distance = not so good. Back dives need a press!

Please note: These topics are to **remind** Officials **what to look for** while judging. They do not supersede, nor alter any of the rules in the current MCDL Rules Handbook.