

# **WIAA SWIMMING AND DIVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVING JUDGES**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Trained personnel (lifeguard, trainer, physician, etc.) are seated pool side to handle emergencies. These individuals are prepared to enter the water. Do not enter the water yourself.
2. Do not talk with your fellow judges when a diver is performing.
3. Do not talk with your own divers except during formal breaks.
4. If you cannot hear the announced dive, ask to have it repeated immediately.
5. Do not show your award until it is called for. Likewise, do not delay in showing your award.
6. Hold your award card so the announcer and diving referee can see it. Judges seated with their back to the audience must raise their card above their head after it is read so everyone can see it. Other judges must also show their award to the audience.
7. Remember your award from the previous dive in case you are asked to repeat it.

## **GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING POINTS**

1. The referee will not invoke a penalty unless absolutely sure it is warranted. The benefit of the doubt always goes to the diver.
2. When assessing a penalty, the referee will give the necessary instructions.
3. Make sure you consider and judge all basic areas: Starting position, approach, takeoff, flight and positions, and entry into the water. Know what is required in each.
4. Remember the specific rules requiring deductions by a diving judge. Use them!
5. Review the scale for awarding points, and be consistent with yourself.
6. Use the full judging scale. Start with "10" and deduct for flaws. Don't start with "5" and go up or down. Don't be in a rut using only the "4 to 6" ranges.
7. Don't be afraid to award a "10" if you feel the dive warrants it. A "10" can occur anytime, even on the first round. Resist the temptation to give a high score to a dive with a high degree of difficulty.
8. Be impartial. Don't judge divers on what school they represent, conference they belong to, year in school, personal appearance, etc. Don't make your awards based on other judges awards. Use your own independent judgment.
9. Make a quick decision and select your score immediately.
10. Review the WIAA Diving Information Card.
11. Finals - Rounds 9-11 will be seeded by score (Championship Meet)