



MEMORANDUM

August 23, 2019

TO: Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Conference Commissioners and Head Coaches.

FROM: Greg Lockard, secretary-rules editor,
NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Preseason Reminders.

With the new competition season upon us, I would like to wish the entire membership the best of luck during the coming season.

The new swimming and diving rules have been adopted, and the new rule book will be effective Sept. 1, 2019 - Aug. 31, 2021. You may download a copy of the new rule book [here](#).

The items below are consistent with previous rules and are presented as a reminder of key preseason items and deadlines that may be applicable to you or your institution.

Preseason Review Items

Sept. 1: Deadline for host institutions to notify opponents that they are required to eliminate diving at home meets because of a facility that does not conform to minimum depth standards (Rule 6-1-3-c). Under these circumstances, diving must be eliminated from all home competition during the current academic year, and no points will be awarded for diving events.

Sept. 1: If an institution not having three-meter equipment does not wish to compete in three-meter events at away meets, it must notify each host institution at the time of contract or not later than Sept. 1 of that academic year (Rule 6-1-2-b). In this case, two one-meter events shall be held as prescribed in Rule 6-1-2-a.

Sept. 1: If a host institution has no three-meter equipment available, it must notify all opponents of the facility limitations at the contracted time of the agreement, or not later than Sept. 1 of the academic year (Rule 6-1-2-c). In this case, two, one-meter events shall be held as prescribed in Rule 6-1-2-a.

Please Note: If the host institution fails to notify the visiting team as prescribed (by Sept. 1) that it does not have a one- and/or three-meter facility, then the events shall be forfeited by the host institution with the visiting team being awarded the maximum number of points any one team could score in both events had both events been held. The host institution shall receive no points for either the one-meter or three-meter events (Rule 6-1-2d).

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Additionally, the choice to not have divers or a diving program is an individual institutional decision, but, does not automatically eliminate the diving events when an institution travels to an away contest or at a conference championship meet. The events are still conducted for any institutions with divers entered.

Seven Days Prior to First Competition: Deadline to seek a waiver for customization of a competitive swimsuit from the secretary-rules editor.

I look forward to working closely with the membership to continue to improve and elevate the sport of swimming and diving. Throughout the year, if you have questions or need to request an interpretation, please contact me via email at greg@swimdiverules.com or by phone at 973-486-5501.

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