

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
AQUATICS UNIT DIVING LEAGUE BYLAWS

This information covers the bylaws for Diving League. If you have any further questions, please contact the Aquatics unit at the appropriate facility.

GREAT NECK	2521 SHOREHAVEN DRIVE	385-5940
PRINCESS ANNE	1400 NIMMO PARKWAY	385-5950
BAYSIDE	4500 FIRST COURT ROAD	385-5930

LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

The Diving League is an introduction to competitive diving for boys and girls, ages 7-17. Emphasis is placed on learning the proper entries and approaches off the diving board. The league is designed for youth with little competitive diving experience.

Each diver will experience improvement in flexibility, strength, and coordination by the end of the season. Divers will improve their entries, approaches, and dives.

We will expose the divers to basic competitive diving skills and to a team environment. This is not a high-pressure dive team. Your support and enthusiasm will make the Diving League fun for all.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Participants must be deep water safe and be able to perform a front dive with an approach and hurdle, front somersault and a back dive with a back take-off.
2. The diver must be between the ages of 7 and 17. The age of the diver for the entire season will be determined by his/her age on March 15, 2019.
3. Divers must have a valid Recreation Center Membership card throughout the season.
4. Divers may not participate as a member of a U.S. Diving team as of March 15, 2019.

LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

Our Diving League is a “self-contained” or “intramural” league. All practices and meets will take place at Virginia Beach Community Recreation Centers. Each team will have two regular season meets. The finale of the season occurs with the Championship Meet. Meet schedules are available in the parent’s packet and in the Aquatics office.

REGISTRATION

1. Registration will be held on a first-come-first-served basis
2. Registration for new divers will continue until March 15, 2019.
3. In the event that all of the spaces on every team are filled, divers will be placed on a waiting list. If cancellations occur, the spaces will be filled from the wait list.

MEET CANCELLATIONS

In the event of center closure due to inclement weather or emergencies, the meet will be cancelled. Please tune to WTAR (Radio-AM/850); WTKR (Television – Channel 3), WVEC (Television- Channel 13), WAVY (Television – Channel 10); WCMS (Radio-FM/ 94.5 or AM/ 1050); and WWDE (Radio-FM/ 101.3) for center closings and cancellations. The Aquatics staff

will also attempt to contact you and let you know of the cancellation. If you are in doubt, please call the recreation center.

EVENTS

7-9 years old (4 DIVES) 10-12 years old (4 DIVES) 13-17 years old (5 DIVES)

RULES GOVERNING THE MEET

1. Any rules not covered under the Recreation Center Diving League Rules will be governed by the U.S. Diving Rules, i.e., article 27 – “other Junior Competition”, particularly Novice and Intermediate Competition.
2. All events are individual.
3. No team may enter more than 32 divers total for the meet.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

All regular season meet rules apply to the Championship Meet.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Disqualifications shall be in accordance with U.S. Diving rules and regulations, including unsportsmanlike conduct.

SCORING

Divers will be judged on each dive. A total for each diver will be tabulated at the completion of each event. Team points will be totaled and divided by number of dives performed. The winner of the regular season meet and the Championship Meet will be determined by the highest average per dive.

OFFICIATING OF DIVING COMPETITION

MEET DIRECTOR / REFEREE:

1. Shall have full authority over the operations of the meet.
2. Oversees dive sheet entries and the general running of the meet.
3. Responsible for the assignment of all personnel to their respective positions

JUDGES

3 judges will be used.

ANNOUNCER

1. The announcer shall be situated at or near the scoring table.
2. Before each dive, the announcer shall announce the name of each competitor, the number and position of the dive, its degree of difficulty, and a description of the dive.
3. At the completion of the dive, the announcer will call for the judges' scores and announce the total publicly.

SCORING TABLE

1. We will be using the electronic scoring system whenever possible.
3. The scoring table will also include a recorder (back-up scorer).