

## SUBPART E – MASTERS DIVING

### Article 30 – Objectives

**130.1** To offer the opportunity to continue or re-institute conditioning in those 21 years of age and older. Participation of those 21 through 24 years of age is recognized in the United States but is not recognized by FINA International Masters' ages.

**130.2** To encourage and promote physical fitness and improvements in health for all those over 21 years of age.

**130.3** To offer encouragement to individuals, clubs, organizations, and communities in the organizing and conducting of life-long physical, recreational and competitive Masters programs.

**130.4** To enhance fellowship among participants in Masters programs.

**130.5** To stimulate interest in Masters programs at all levels of involvement: physical educators, clubs, organizations, recreation directors, communities, medical societies, and higher educational institutions.

**130.6** To promote USA Diving throughout age-group, senior and masters programs.

**130.7** To stimulate research in the physiology and psychology of Masters participation at basic and clinical research levels, and further, to investigate the benefits of continued exercise programs on aging processes, cardiopulmonary involvement, orthopedic problems, and other preventable debilitating processes.

**130.8** To outline safe Masters programs in diving for individuals over 21 years of age, taking cognizance of previous diving prowess or participation, non-participation, gradual programming, physical condition and "medical wellness" of proposed participants.

**130.9** To propose proper diving training for adult age groups.

**130.10** To consider programs which will provide goals towards which older participants can work, and motivation for continuing exercise regimens in spite of the inconveniences and the stresses of adult life.

**130.11** To set up proper age groupings in the establishment of Masters diving programs, with well-planned balancing of events and limitation of duration and stresses of competitive programs with relation to these factors.

**130.12** To seek assistance for research programs in the medical aspects of Masters programs, and coordinate, if possible, present research programs in these areas.

### Article 31 – Rules for Masters Diving

**131.1 Rules.** All rules and regulations as outlined in previous Articles shall apply to Masters Diving except as noted in these Articles. Articles or Sections specifically pertaining to Junior Diving or Senior Diving shall not apply unless indicated. Rules regarding execution of dives, degree of difficulty, selection of dives and scoring will govern all Masters competitions, except that in Masters Invitational Competition a diver may elect to change the dive any time prior to the execution of the dive. Divers must dive in their respective age group and at scheduled times and may not dive at other times in other events because of business or personal schedule/travel contingencies.

**131.2 Registration.** Masters competition is open to athletes 21 years of age and over possessing a USA Diving Competitive Gold membership, or in the case of foreign divers, possessing a registration card from their respective National Governing Body (NGB).

#### **131.3 Age Groups.**

- (a) Group I: 21-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and up.
- (b) Group II: 21-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99, 100+.
- (c) Group III (platform diving): 21-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90 and up.
- (d) National Championship meets shall consist of the age grouping in Group II and III above.

(e) Group I is suggested for regional and invitational meets. The number of required and optional dives may vary from the number required for national competition, as the discretion of the meet director.

**131.4 Eligibility.** The eligibility of a participant for a particular age group will be determined by their age as of the last day of the meet. Divers registered as Masters may dive in senior open competition if they qualify, and senior divers may dive in masters competition in their respective age group without forfeiting their senior eligibility.

Note: Internationally, the age determination date is Dec. 31 of the year in which the competition is held.

#### **131.5 Local Meets.**

(a) In local Invitational Meets, competition may be conducted on either the 1-meter or 3-meter springboard, or the competitions may be conducted on an either/or basis, allowing the use of both boards. The conditions will be determined by the meet director.

(b) When platform facilities are available a meet may include the use of those facilities. The age breakdown and the number of dives required shall be at the discretion of the meet director.

### **Article 32 – Masters National Invitational Championship Meets**

**132.1 National Championships.** Two USA Diving Masters National Invitational Diving Championships shall be awarded:

- (a) Spring Masters National Invitational Diving Championships; and
- (b) Summer Masters National Invitational Diving Championships

**132.2 Schedule.** The Spring Meet shall be held between April 1 and May 31. The summer meet shall be held between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30. National Invitational Championship meets may be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - or - Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, at the discretion of the meet director. It is recommended that both of the U.S. Masters Diving National Invitational Championships are scheduled not to conflict with the corresponding USA Diving Senior National Championships.

**132.3 Selection of Date and Site.** Selection of dates and sites shall depend on applications. Site selection shall be determined by considering zone rotation.

**132.4 Bid Awards.** At the meeting held in conjunction with the Summer Masters National Invitational Diving Championships, both of the Masters National Invitational Diving Championship meets for the following year shall be awarded.

(Note: Contact the Masters National Chair to request meet application materials. Potential hosts must provide pool supervision and adequate medical care (or access thereto) for all practice and competition sessions. Such arrangements must be guaranteed in the meet application of every potential host.)

**132.5 Entry Fees.** Entry fees for National Invitational Championships shall be no less than \$125 per individual. This will apply to entry fees for all events and to the banquet ticket for each contestant. Additional banquet tickets will be made available for non-contestants based on the cost of the dinner, and should not exceed \$55 apiece. Any changes to these prices must be approved by the USA Diving Masters Chair. There will be a late entry fee of \$25 if an entry is submitted or postmarked after the deadline date. There will be no refund of monies.

**132.6 Financial report.** For all Masters National Invitational Championships, a financial report must be completed and sent to the Masters National Chair no later than 60 days after completion of the meet. This report shall be forwarded to the National Office; copies shall be available to the membership upon request.

#### **132.7 Order of events for National Invitational Championships:**

- (a) **First Day** in odd numbered years\* (Simultaneous events)
  - Women's 50+ and Men's 65+ 1 Meter, Men's 50-64 3 Meter
  - Women's 21-34 3 Meter and Women's 35-49 1 Meter
  - Men's 21-34 3 Meter and Men's 35-49 1 Meter
  - Men's & Women's #3, #4 and #5 Grand Masters (50-64, 65-79, 80+)
- (b) **Second Day** in odd numbered years\* (Simultaneous events)
  - Men's 21-34 1 Meter and Men's 35-49 3 Meter
  - Women's 21-34 1 Meter and Women's 35-49 3 Meter
  - Women's 50+ and Men's 65+ 3 Meter, Men's 50-64 1 Meter
  - Men's & Women's #1 and #2 Grand Masters (21-34 and 35-49)

\* In even numbered years 132.7 (a) and (b) will be swapped.

(c) **Third Day**

(1) In odd-numbered years, the following order of events would apply:

Men's and Women's 50 and over platform

Men's and Women's 21-49 platform

Synchronized Diving schedule will be determined by the Meet Director

(2) In even-numbered years, the following order of events applies:

Men's and Women's 21-49 platform

Men's and Women's 50 and over platform

Synchronized Diving schedule will be determined by the Meet Director

(d) Every other year, the order of individual events on a single day as listed in sections 132.7

(a)-(c) will alternate order so that events listed as #1 and #2 would become events #3 and #4 in alternate years.

(d) This is the recommended meet format and should facilitate an efficiently run event. This meet format may be changed only by approval of the Masters Chair (for that meet only) and must be distributed in the meet information. Events can be combined or further subdivided at the discretion of the Meet Director, but the relative order of events printed in the meet information must be maintained.

**132.8 Grand Masters.** Those eligible to compete in Grand Masters events shall be those: who have competed in an individual event at the Olympic Games (representing any country), or who have placed in the top three places in an individual event at a past US Senior National Diving Championships, or who have won a Masters World Championship in an individual open event, or who have won an individual open event at a previous USA Diving Masters National Invitational Championship. Grand Masters competition will be held for men and women in five divisions:

(a) #1 Grand Masters — Ages 21-34. Six dives.

(1) The contest shall consist of 3 dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 5.8; followed by 3 dives without limit of degree of difficulty, one of which must be from Groups 1 or 4, one from Groups 2 or 3, and one which must be selected from Group 5. Five groups must be represented within the 6-dive list.

(2) Dives can be performed from any elevation (1M or 3M Springboard or 5M, 7.5M, or 10M Platform) at any time.

(b) #2 Grand Masters — Ages 35-49. Six dives.

(1) The contest shall consist of 3 dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 5.8; followed by 3 dives without limit of degree of difficulty, one of which must be from Groups 1 or 4, one from Groups 2 or 3, and one which must be selected from Group 5. Five groups must be represented within the 6-dive list.

(2) Dives can be performed from any elevation (1M or 3M Springboard or 5M, 7.5M, or 10M Platform) at any time.

(c) #3 Grand Masters — Ages 50-64. Six dives.

(1) The contest shall consist of 3 dives from different groups with total degree of difficulty not to exceed 5.8; followed by 3 dives without limit of degree of difficulty, one of which must be from Groups 1 or 4, one from Groups 2 or 3, and one which must be selected from Group 5. Five groups must be represented in the 6-dive list.

(2) Dives can be performed from any elevation (1M or 3M Springboard or 5M, 7.5M, or 10M Platform) at any time.

(d) #4 Grand Masters — Ages 65-79. Six dives.

(1) The contest shall consist of 3 dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 5.8; followed by 3 dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty. At least 4 groups of dives must be represented in the 6-dive list.

(2) Dives can be performed from any elevation (1M or 3M Springboard or 5M, 7.5M, or 10M Platform) at any time.

(e) #5 Grand Masters — Ages 80 and over. Five dives.

(1) The contest shall consist of 3 dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 5.8; followed by 2 dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty. At least 3 groups of dives must be represented in the 5-dive list.

(2) Dives can be performed from any elevation (1M or 3M Springboard or 5M, 7.5M, or 10M Platform) at any time.

(f) Divers who qualified to compete in a Grand Masters event may choose to dive either with their natural age bracket or with a younger age bracket. Divers must compete in only one Grand Masters event per meet (it need not be the same one each meet) and shall never dive with those Grand Masters age brackets older than themselves.

Note: 61\_ dives can be used to fulfill 'Group 1 or 4' requirements, 62\_ and 63\_ dives can be used to fulfill 'Group 2 or 3' requirements, and 6\_ \_ \_ dives can be used to fulfill 'Group 5' requirements

in Grand Masters events.

### 132.9 Platform Diving Requirements.

Age	Number of Dives	No. of Voluntary Dives from Different Groups (with limit)	No. of Dives from Different Groups (without limit)
21-29	6 dives	3 (5.7)	3
30-39	6 dives	3 (5.7)	3
40-49	5 dives	2 (3.8)	3
50-59	5 dives	2 (3.8)	3
60-69	4 dives	2 (3.8)	2
70-79	4 dives	2 (3.8)	2
80-89	3 dives	1 (1.9)	2
90 & up	2 or 3	1 or 2 (1.9)	1

### 132.10 Springboard Diving Requirements.

Age	Number of Dives	No. of Voluntary Dives from Different Groups (with limit)	No. of Dives from Different Groups (without limit)
21-29	10 dives	5(9.5)	5
30-39	10 dives	5 (9.5)	5
40-49	9 dives	5 (9.5)	4
50-59	8 dives	4 (7.6)	4
60-69	7 dives	3 (5.7)	4
70-79	6 dives	3 (5.7)	3
80-89	5 dives	3 (5.7)	2
90 & up	3 or 4	2 or 3 (1.9)	1

**132.11 Order of dives.** Dives may be performed in any order except in the Grand Masters competition, which must follow the stated format. All events involving a list of 5 voluntary dives shall have a maximum total degree of difficulty on these dives of 9.5, and the dives shall be from 5 different groups. The dives constituting the 9.5 voluntary with-limit shall be marked with an asterisk (\*) for identification and checking purposes. For all events requiring fewer than 5 voluntary dives, these dives shall be from different groups and shall have a maximum total degree of difficulty of 7.6 where four dives are required, 5.7 where three dives are required, 3.8 where two dives are required, and 1.9 where one dive is required.

### 132.12 Synchronized Diving Formats.

(a) There shall be three events for synchronized diving teams: men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Within each event there shall be five age groups: 21-34, 35-49, 50-64, 65-79, and 80+. The age group of a synchronized diving team shall be determined by averaging the ages of the two team members. Divers may compete in more than one event (e.g. in men's doubles and mixed doubles), but only on one team within each event.

(b) Dive requirements:

Age	Voluntaries	Dives without Limit	Total
21-34	2 dives	3 dives	5
35-49	2 dives	3 dives	5
50-64	2 dives	2 dives	4

65-79	2 dives	2 dives	4
80+	2 dives	1 dive	3
The degree of difficulty on the voluntary dives with limit shall be 2.0 regardless of the book degree of difficulty.			

(c) Dives may be performed at any level (1-meter, 3-meter, or platforms). The two teammates may perform either the same dive or different dives during their turn, so long as both team members dive simultaneously. Only one degree of difficulty shall be listed on the sheet for each paired-dive to be performed by the team. When different dives are performed by the teammates, their D.D. shall be averaged (and rounded up 0.05 of a point when necessary). No dive or paired-dive combination shall be repeated by a team during the contest.

(d) Guidelines for judging Masters synchronized diving events.

(1) When more than five judges are used (preferred), refer to Section 106.14 and 107.5 in the General section for judging and scoring calculation guidelines.

(2) When five judges are used, two judges will judge execution for only one diver each and three judges will judge only synchronization. The high and low scores are discarded.

(e) When possible and with Meet Director approval, competitors in synchronized diving events shall receive awards distinctive from the Masters National Invitational Medal.

\* Special synchronized diving sheets, with room for description of both teammates' dives and their average D.D., should be used when possible. These can be obtained from the Masters Chair.

**132.13 All-American Awards.** A Masters Diver winning National Invitational Championships in two regular individual events, including Grand Masters, in one calendar year is designated as an All-American. In those years in which a FINA World Masters Aquatics Championship and/or a World Masters Games event is held, any U.S. Masters Diver winning one or more events shall be eligible to use those events towards his or her All-American qualification.

**132.14 Medical Examination.** Each competitor is strongly encouraged to have a complete medical evaluation before beginning Masters training. In addition, it is also recommended that each competitor have a physical check-up immediately prior to Masters Competition in order to ensure the diver's physical readiness for participation. Medical evaluation forms are available upon request by writing to the National office.

**132.15 Masters Novice.** The Masters Novice events provide an opportunity for new and inexperienced divers to enjoy and compete in the Spirit of Diving at The USA Masters Nationals and local invitationals.

(a) Age Groups for Master Novice will compete in 15-year increments

(b) The number of dives required for participation in the Masters Novice events are below:

Springboard	Total Number	
Age Group	Men	Women
21-34	6	6
35-49	6	6
50-64	5	5
65-79	4	4
80+	3	3
Platform	Total Number (5, 7.5 or 10m)	
Age Group	Men	Women
21-34	5	5
35-49	5	5
50-64	4	4

65-79	3	3
80+	2	2

(c) Masters Novice event participants can select dives to fulfill the list requirement described in 132.15(b) from the complete dive list table in the FINA Handbook using true degree of difficulty and from the list of dives in the Skills Bank, all of which will be assigned a degree of difficulty of 1.0;

**Skills Bank:**

100 A, B, C

200 A, B, C

5301, 5102, 5303, 5104, 5201, 5203, 5205 A, B, C

001 A, B, C

002 A, B, C

Platform: 620A

(d) Masters Novice divers can repeat the same dive number in their list of dives, if the repeated dives are performed in a different position.

(e) The inclusion of the Masters Novice Event at the National Championship meets is at the discretion of the meet director.

(f) Divers who have previously won a FINA world or United States Masters National Championship cannot dive in the novice event for the board (1-meter, 3-meter, and/or platform) in the same age group. Exceptions to this rule will be made at the discretion of the U.S. Masters Diving Chair prior to each championship.

(g) Meet participants cannot dive in both the Novice event and the Regular event for the same board in the same competition.