

Attention all E.M.S.O.A. Members:

The rule for diving (page 56 in rule book) section 4 article 6 has changed for the 2003-2004 Swimming season. This was not discussed at our meetings in September nor was it highlighted in the book as a change for this season. It also was not discussed at the fall coaches meeting as a change.

The rule reads:

#### Section 4 Choice of Dives

Article 6... In other meets, the competition shall consist of one voluntary dive which shall be done first Week 1 = forward group, Week 2 = back group, Week 3 = inward group, Week 4 = twisting group, Week 5 = reverse group etc.

This is a change from previous years where it went forward group, back group, reverse group, inward group, twisting group.

We as an organization have agreed to abide by the old order for the fall girls season and enact the new order for the winter season. We believe it is in the best interests of the divers to maintain the status quo since we're part-way through the season. We are concerned that some divers may not make the M.I.A.A. Tournament qualifying standard of "three points on every dive" if we move the Reverse Dive from Week Five to Weeks Three and Eight, since we're already passed Week Three at this time, giving the diver only one required chance to dive the Reverse, Week Eight.

Remember, this is only a recommendation. If one of the competing coaches wishes to follow the rule book, we feel that we MUST adhere to this Rule.

Pete Foley will notify all the coaches at his meeting in November and the purpose of this e-mail is to let our membership know of this change.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns about this rule.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Rob Garon

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