

Notice – Advisory

Diving Consent Form

The Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Rules, part 4717.3750 requires that all diving must take place in a pool that has a minimum depth of 10 feet, 12 feet out from the front edge of the diving board.

The Minnesota Legislature has amended an exception to the MDH rule by adding a subdivision to read:
Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4717.3750, any pool built before January 1, 1987, that was used for a high school diving program during the 2000-2001 school year may be used for supervised competitive high school diving.

A school or district using a pool for supervised competitive high school diving that does not meet the requirements of the MDH Rule must provide appropriate notice to parents and participants. Prior to diving taking place, parents and athletes must both sign the Diving Consent Form and have it filed with the home schools Athletic Director. In addition, the host school must have the visiting school's head coach sign off on the Diving Compliance Form, stating that all divers do have a consent form on file in their home schools athletic department prior to diving taking place. The interpretation of the Minnesota Rule, part 4717.3750 is as follows: coaches or athletic administrators from competing schools **could** mutually agree to compete in a pool that does not meet the MDH Rule, however, this does **not** mean that a coach must agree to dive in less than 10 feet of water 12 feet from the front edge of the board, in order to avoid losing the points for diving. When diving is not conducted because of inadequate water depth and written notice is given to the opponents at least two weeks prior to the first home meet, diving is not conducted and no points awarded. If no written notice is given, the visiting team shall be awarded points in proportion to their number of entries and the host team shall not score. If the host team's facility meets minimum depth requirements and the visiting team has eliminated diving from its program because its facility does not meet the depth standard, all teams with diving entries shall dive, places shall be awarded to the competitors and their points shall be included in the total team score. If a school chooses not to dive in a pool that does not meet the MDH rule, Bylaw 516 of the MSHSL Handbook allows those schools to schedule an additional diving meet (not to exceed 16).

THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL DIVING EVENTS OCCUR AT A FACILITY, WHICH MEETS THE RECOMMENDED DIVING DEPTH REQUIREMENTS OF MINNESOTA RULES, PART 4717.3750.

I, _____ have been informed and advised that facility

_____ does not meet the recommended depth requirements of the

Minnesota Rules, part 4717.3750. I have voluntarily chosen to dive at the

_____ facility. My parents/guardians have also read the above and have

permitted me to dive at _____ facility.

Dated: _____

Student/Diver Signature

Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

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In order for diving to take place in a pool that does not meet Minnesota Rule, part 4717.3750, the visiting Head Coach must present a signed Diving Compliance Form to the Head Coach of the host school. This will ensure to the host school, that all visiting divers have a Diving Consent Form on file in their athletic office.

I, (visiting) Head Coach _____ have been informed and advised that the

host school's facility _____ DOES NOT MEET THE RECOMMENDED

DEPTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINNESOTA RULES, PART 4717.3750. All divers from

_____ (visiting) High School, have a signed and approved Diving

Consent Form on file with the Athletic Department.

Dated: _____

Head Coaches Signature - Visiting Team