Clarification of Rule 9-1-1

Rule 9-1-1: The National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules Book deals with Diving not being conducted because of inadequate water depth and specifies:

a. Written notice is given to the opponents at least two weeks prior to the first home meet or a date specified by the state association, diving is not conducted and no points are awarded;
b. No written notice is given, the visiting team(s) shall be awarded points in proportion to their number of entries and the host team shall not score.

School authorities (school board and/or administration) have the right to remove the diving board(s) from a pool at the school or determine that diving will no longer be conducted at a school’s pool with the board(s) still in place, even though the pool meets the adequate depth criteria defined in Rule 9-1-1. The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) has determined that the same criteria listed in Rule 9-1-1 regarding inadequate depth, shall also apply in the situation described above.

The decision to eliminate competitive diving from a school’s natatorium is not intended to be a year-to-year decision but a permanent determination.