



2009 National Championships

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MEDIA RELEASE

On August 1st, the top amateur belly-floppers from across the Midwest will descend upon Palos Heights for the inaugural NANPPD (National Association of Non-professional Pool Divers) Championship.

Eligibility

All contestants will be required to sign a liability waiver and show proof of medical insurance prior upon registration. Any individual under the age of 18 must have the written consent of a parent or legal guardian before they are allowed to participate.

Divisions

There are 5 eligible divisions open for competition

- 17 and under Open Division (boys and girls)
- 18-34 Men's Division
- 18-34 Women's Division
- 35+ Men's Senior Division
- 35+ Women's Senior Division

Program Formatting

Contestants will be scored on a two-part system, by a panel of 5 judges, with each judge awarding up to 20 points per attempt. Judges will award points on a scale from 1-10 in two categories: difficulty (pain factor/splash generation) and creativity (athleticism/acrobatics/crowd appeal). A total of 100 points can be awarded to the individual contestant per dive attempt, with each round comprising of 3 dives, for a possible grand total of 300 points.

If the number of participants in each of the 5 divisions exceeds 12 contestants, the division will be divided into an A and B group, with the Top 3 overall scorers advancing out of the qualifying round into the finals.

Music and Props

Contestants will be allowed to choreograph their dives to music, but they must provide the songs to the sound engineer on a portable electronic music device (preferably an iPod) under a created playlist entitled "NANPPD Tunes". The use of props will be permitted as well, but, contestants will be deducted a total of 10 points

if the props they use at the beginning of the dive fail to stay attached to their persons upon landing in the water. Final ruling on Prop Usage and Prop Compliance will be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

Schedule of Events

The following is a tentative schedule of events, and in the case of inclement weather or an overwhelming number of participants, will be updated and adjusted accordingly. Any updates to the schedule listed below will be posted at www.tomjalana.com/nanppd/schedule so please be sure to visit the site prior to the day of the event

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| 10:30am | 17 and under Open Division Registration begins |
| 11:15am | Open Division competition begins |
| Noon | Open Division winner crowned |
| 12:15pm | Men's Division Registration begins |
| 1:00pm | Men's Division Competition begins |
| 2:30pm | Men's Division winner crowned |
| 2:45pm | Women's Division Registration begins |
| 3:00pm | Women's Division Competition begins |
| 4:00pm | Women's Division crowned |
| 4:15pm | Men's Senior Division Registration begins |
| 4:30pm | Men's Senior Competition starts |
| 5:15pm | Men's Senior Competition winner crowned |
| 5:30pm | Women's Cougar Division Competition Registration begins |
| 5:45pm | Women's Cougar Division Competition starts |
| 6:15pm | Women's Cougar Division winner crowned |
| 6:30pm | TomJalana.com participant interviews/post competition show |
| 7:00pm | Pool will be open for "Open Swim" |

Sponsorships

The NANPPD is currently looking for corporate sponsors for this event. Ample branding and awareness opportunities are available in the "stadium" for corporate signage as well as prize donations. For more information on how your company can become part of this globally viewed event, please contact 312.213.0121 and ask for Tom Jalana in the corporate sponsorship department.