

**OUR KIDS INITIATIVE**  
**POOL DEPTH COMPARISONS** (as of April 10, 2003)

RPL/OKI

| <i>FINA</i>  | <i>NCAA</i>   | <i>NFHS</i>  | <i>USA-S</i>   | <i>YMCA</i>   |
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| minimum depth: 1.35 meters from 1 meter to 6 meters from the end wall (approx. 4' 5"); 1 meter (3' 3 1/2") is required elsewhere | minimum depth: 4 feet at start end; 3' 6" feet at the opposite end; NEW constructions recommend 7 ft. | minimum depth: 4 feet at end walls. New constructions recommend 4 feet                             | minimum depth for competition: can be < 3' 6"; minimum depth for teaching racing dives: 5 feet           | Minimum depth: 5 feet   |
| No provision for starting from the side or in the water  | Provision for starting in the water (2.1, article 1, page 25)   | 4' > : platform 30" above;<br>3' 6" to < 4' : on deck/in water;<br>< 3' 6" : in water (2.7.art. 2) | < 4' : must start on deck/in water;<br>4' > - maximum of 2' 6" above water (103.2.3)<br>* see NOTE below | Provision for starting in the water (2.1, article 1, page 25 in NCAA rules) |

\* Local, state and municipal statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, may have depth limitations in conflict with this Section 103.2.3. The LSC and all Member Clubs should check for this at all times.

**RULE OF THUMB FOR ALL GOVERNING BODIES - THE MORE STRINGENT RULE APPLIES WHETHER IT IS THE APPROPRIATE RULEBOOK OR LOCAL, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE.**