

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the negative impact of Windows in the diving area. My primary concern with windows near the boards is based on safety.

The brightest point in the diving area should always be the ceiling. A bright light should never come from the surface of the pool or the walls. It is very important we follow this basic principle.

Light that comes in from the windows will produce a bright spot. Since water is reflective, light from the windows in the diving area will create a glare in the pool. This is known to create a visual distraction for the divers. The diver can become disorientated and exit a rotation at the wrong time causing an injury.

Absolutely no sunlight should come in from the front, sides or behind the diving area. Having 1% natural light entering into the diving area can produce a blind spot and must be avoided.

Diving is a sport based on visual references, with little room for error. Especially on a ten meter platform. It is our duty to minimize the possibility of distracting a diver executing a skill from a 30 foot plummet.

I have shared the early renderings of our facility with best diving coaches in the country. Below please review their feedback.

Anton Slobounov

UW Diving Coach

Additional Coaches Input

Windows in the diving area, whether in front, behind, overhead or to the side are a negative effect on diving performance. Put the windows in the swimming area, I do not believe they are negatively affected in their performance by the reflection.

Dr. Ron O'Brien

USA Olympic Diving Coach 1968,72,76,80,84,88,92,96

Mistake. The fact that you asked the question is evidence that this is a problem. Mornings would be especially bad. I would push hard for no windows and more lighting. Site safety concerns as the main reason. There should never be windows in front or behind the diving stations.

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I would agree with Vince
Adam Soldati's Olympic Diving Coach Purdue University.

Don't like it. You'll have to cover to avoid glare
Jeff Shaffer Head Diving Coach Auburn University

UW Self Additional Materials