With the head leading, a Dolphin is initiated until the hips are about to submerge. The hips, legs and feet continue to move along the surface, as the body rolls onto the face as it assumes a Front Pike Position. The legs are lifted simultaneously to a Bent Knee Vertical Position. A Half Twist is executed. The designated Twist is executed as the


FINA WEIGHT for 240a Albatross $1 / 2$ Twist 2.2

|  |  |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{NVT}=$ | 11.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 16.5 | 14.0 | $\mathbf{7 n}$ |
| $\mathrm{PV}=$ | 1.54 | 2.10 | 2.10 | 2.31 | 1.96 |  |

Height Chart for Bent Knee Vertical

| Albatross <br> $1 / 2$ Twist | Excellent/Near <br> Perfect | Very <br> Good | Good | Competent | Satisfactory | Deficient | Weak |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Score | 9.5 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 3.5 |
| Bent Knee <br> Vertical | Showing hips | Crotch <br> level | Upper thigh | Mid-thigh | Low thigh <br> (well above <br> knee cap) | Knee cap | Below <br> knee cap |
| Double <br> Leg <br> Vertical | Upper thigh | Upper <br> mid thigh | Low to mid <br> thigh | Above knee <br> cap | Knee cap | Below <br> knee cap | Well below <br> knee cap <br> (mid shin) |

## BP 1 Back Layout Position

Rule Book Description

## Major Desired Actions

1. Body extended with face, chest, thighs and feet at the surface.
2. Gives the impression that the body is stretched horizontally to maximum. Judgment made by checking visual points of the horizontal alignment: ear, shoulder joint, hip joint and ankle.

## Back Layout Position to Surface Front Pike Position

Rule Book Description Diagrams Major Desired Actions


## BP 10 Surface Front Pike Position

| Rule Book Description | Diagrams |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. Body bent at hips to form a $90^{\circ}$ anale. |  |
| 2. Legs extended and together. |  |
| 3. Trunk extended with the back straight and head in line. |  |

## Surface Front Pike Position to Bent Knee Vertical Position

Rule Book Description Diagrams Major Desired Actions


## BP 14c Bent Knee Vertical Position

Rule Book Description
Diagrams
Major Desired Actions

1. Body extended in Vertical Position, with the toe of the bent leg at the knee or thigh.


> 1. In the Bent Knee Vertical Position the alignment points of the extended leg, trunk and head remain the same.

Rule Book Description Diagrams

1. $A 1 / 2$ rotation $\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ at a sustained height.
2. The body remains on its longitudinal axis throughout the rotation.


## Major Desired Actions

1. Water line remains constant during rotation. Stability and alignment of position evident before, during and upon completion of Twist. Amount of height is judged by the relationship of the hip joint to the surface of the water, with credit given to maximum height.
2. The longitudinal axis runs through the center of the body and is perpendicular to the surface of the water. On-the-Spot rotation around this axis.

## $1 ⁄ 2$ Twist (Bent Knee Vertical Position to Vertical Position)

Rule Book Description

1. During an additional $1 / 2$ Twist, the bent knee is extended to a Vertical Position.

## BP 6 Vertical Position

> Rule Book Description Diagrams
Major Desired Actions

1. Body extended, perpendicular to the surface, legs together, head downward.
2. Head (ears specifically), hips and ankles in line.


## 1. Full extension of the body.

2. Judgement made by checking visual points of the vertical alignment: ear, shoulder joint, hip joint, ankle.

## BM 10 Vertical Descent

Rule Book Description
Diagrams
Major Desired Actions

1. Maintaining a Vertical Position, the body descends along its longitudinal axis until toes are submerged.
2. Water line and body alignment remain constant during extension of the bent knee.
3. Bent leg extends smoothly, with even join spaces, to arrive at vertical simultaneously with completion of Twist. Water line constant.
4. Vertical Position held only long enough to demonstrate stability and control prior to descent.
5. Unless otherwise stated, tempo of descent is uniform and at the same speed as the rest of the figure.


## Basic Deductions for Albatross $1 / 2$ Twist

| Figure/Transition | Small Deviation 0.1 - 0.5 | Medium Deviation 0.6 - <br> $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ | Large Deviation 1.6 - 3.0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Back Layout Position to <br> Front Pike Position | *Travel is as per the proposed FINA rule re deductions for travel |  |  |
| Pike Position to Vertical <br> Bent Knee Position | Body up to 15 degrees from <br> perpendicular | Body between 16 and 30 <br> degrees from perpendicular | Body over 31 degrees from <br> perpendicular |
| Twists | Vertical Leg up to 15 <br> degrees from perpendicular | Vertical Leg between 16 <br> and 30 degrees from <br> perpendicular | Vertical leg more than 30 <br> degrees from perpendicular |
| Vertical to submerged <br> Vertical | Legs/Body up to 15 <br> degrees from perpendicular | Legs/Body between 16 and <br> 30 degrees from <br> perpendicular | Legs/Body 31 degrees or <br> more from perpendicular |

