



Facility Recommendations / How to Select Starting Platforms

1. Choose a starting platform appropriate for your facility. For facilities that emphasize multi-use and remove platform frequently we recommend Gemini, Pro-Formance, Competitor or TrackStart models. These models are quick and easy to remove. For facilities that focus primarily on competition we recommend Intrepid, Competitor, Exceptional, Olympian models or a platform customized to your needs. These models provide the most secure and rigid platform available.
2. Establish the maximum desired height above the water using applicable rulings that govern competitive swimming (See chart below). The rules shown here refer to the major competitive regulatory bodies. Please refer to your local, municipal and state statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that may vary. Water depth is measured at the following locations:

- *FINA 3'3-1/2" to 19'5" from pool wall
- *NCAA Minimum depth must be 4'
- *USS 3'3-1/2" to 16'5" from pool wall, pool must 6ft or deeper for teaching racing starts
- *NFHS 12" from pool wall

Starting Platform Height Above Water Chart				
Ruling Body	Water Depth			
	Less than 3-1/2'	3-1/2' to less than 4'	4' to 4-1/2'	4-1/2' & deeper
FINA	NO PLATFORM	NO PLATFORM	NO PLATFORM	20" to 29-1/2"
NCAA	NO PLATFORM, MUST START IN WATER	NO PLATFORM, MUST START IN WATER	30" MAX	30" MAX
USA SWIMMING	NO PLATFORM, MUST START IN WATER	NO PLATFORM, MUST START IN WATER	20" to 29-1/2" L.C. 30" MAX S.C.	20" to 29-1/2" L.C. 30" MAX S.C.
NFHS	NO PLATFORM	NO PLATFORM	30" MAX	30" MAX

3. Look at the chart on the specification sheet for the model you have selected. Identify the row with the deck-to-water level in use at your facility. This chart will show you all approximate dimensions of your new starting platforms. Verify that the *Anchor Placement* (Column G) is suitable for your facility. **NOTE:** These charts represent standard variables for our starting platforms. If these variables suit your facility your order can be shipped within 2-4 weeks. If these variables are incompatible with your needs we can fabricate custom platforms for you. Lead times are typically 6-8 weeks and a price will need to be quoted.

4. If you are prepared to order or have additional questions please call 1-800-451-3262 or e-mail prosales@kiefer.com.

Budgets

We provide a selection of platforms that can meet the needs of any budget. The Gemini Series provides a world class starting platform at an entry-level price. For those who can afford the very finest in competitive equipment the Olympian Starting Platform provides form and function with 21st century style and cutting edge technology. If you are interested in creating starting platforms to your specifications, our custom program starts from the ground up and can be tuned to provide a style unique to your own facility.

Ordering

- In order to ensure that you receive equipment manufactured exactly to your facility's needs, we need you to complete a gutter configuration form and an equipment submittal form. These can be found at www.kieferpool.com or request them via phone or e-mail.
- Return the completed forms to:
 - Fax: 847-872-0284
 - E-Mail: prosales@kiefer.com
 - Mail: Adolph Kiefer & Associates
Attn: Commercial Sales
1700 Kiefer Drive
Zion, IL 60099
- We will create an Approval Drawing based on the information you submitted and return it to you for review. **NOTE:** A 30% deposit will be required to process order.
- Your new equipment will be shipped via commercial carrier. Freight charges will be prepaid and added to your invoice. Freight quotes are available upon request.

*****Kiefer Starting Platforms can be manufactured to accommodate heights of 18", 29.5" and 30" off of the surface of the water. We recommend a height of 29.5" for most facilities. The charts located on the cut sheets represent nominal dimensions for a standard Kiefer Intrepid, Competitor, Pro-Formance & Gemini Series Starting Platforms with a 10° slope set at a height of 29.5" off the surface of the water. If the dimensions shown are incompatible with your facility, we can custom manufacture starting platforms to your specifications. For custom work please call for quote.*****