

AN ANNOUNCERS TESTIMONY

The Meet Announcer is one of the jobs closest to the action of the swim meet!

Tab Townsell, a frequent dolphin volunteer announcer said this about the position: "Announcing keeps you fully engaged in the meet. Because you must stay focused on the events that are currently running and what event is coming up, you have a front door seat for all the action. You see the finishes looking straight down the wall, you see the times, you see the kids' reactions, the parents and coaches too, you see who performed above their posted time and who beat their posted times, you see the celebrations and the disappointments - all the details and all the data are right there. And you look up and the session is over. Time has flown. Announcing gives you full "in the moment" engagement at the meet and you stay dry."

Trey Reid is a dolphin account holder who joined the announcing crew this past year by signing up online. He shared that "I enjoy being the person who gets to tell everybody what's happening in the meet. Most of all, though, I really enjoy kicking out my jams over the PA system during events and warmups (announcer also is sort of DJ for meets)."

Mike Hathaway can often be heard from the announcer seat and mentioned "Announcing is a rush! Kids, parents, coaches, and officials mesh into the choreography of the meet. While announcing there you are, not watching, but participating in the dance! I love it."

Elizabeth Haman, a proud mom of 2 Dolphin Swimmers and a former Dolphin swimmer, said "I love being at the swim meets period. As a former swimmer myself I love to witness the payoffs of the hard work ALL our kids put in. To me it's a front door view of what makes our team so special. In addition, I like to video my girls races because they want to watch their own races and learn from them... I can do this from the announcers stand... But not if I'm timing I can go to the bathroom when I need to (if I'm up to date on calling for the next races). It's a great opportunity to get to know other veteran swim families and parents (because you're working and sitting right next to them.)"