

Midlakes Dive – Announcing at Meets



The Announcer will call all the following announcements at Meets:

- Welcome to our club name Club. We are happy to have visiting Club here for today's meet.
- Acknowledge any special guests, e.g. Midlakes Board mbrs, or special guest judges, e.g. from a diving club.
- Make announcements about meet schedule (Explain dive events and their order. First the 8 and Unders or describe the combined 8s and 10s groups, or other combination).
- You may also want to announce about where locker rooms, restrooms, and/or food are located.
- It is important to encourage spectators and participants to be quiet when divers are on the board and to applaud after the diver's head comes up from the dive. **Throughout the meet, it may be necessary to remind divers and/or spectators or other pool patrons to remain quiet when divers are on the board.**
- Call 8 and Under Dive Order so they can line up in positions.
- "8 and Under Divers may start warming up." Or "The following age group/gender may start warming up." If 2 dive boards at meet, then announce that:
 - Both may be in use during warmups. Just be respectful.
 - Remind divers to pick one board and use that throughout meet.
- Call the Judges' meeting. **There should be a Judges' Meeting before each group dives.**
- Announce when there are 2 minutes remaining in warmups; Judges, Scorers please take places.
- Announce Start of Meet.
 1. Announce Complete Dive Order – All Divers' Full Names with Club Names so that the divers will line up in the order behind the board.
 2. 1st Round of Dives – Diver Full Name; Club Name; Dive Number, Name, Position, and DD. Example: "Diving next is John Smith from Mercerwood Shore Club. He will be doing Dive 101, Forward Dive in the Tuck Position, DD 1.9."
 3. For some dives, the Meet Referee may announce that there is a "MAX" score for the dive or that it is a failed dive. If there is a Max score announced, it is helpful to repeat that for the judges.
 4. After each dive, ask the judges for "Scores". Read the scores in the same order each time.
Note: If all the scores are the same you can say the first score + "BINGO" (Example: "5 BINGO").
 5. 2nd - 4th Round of Dives – Diver First Name Only; Club Name; Dive Number, Name, Position, and DD
 6. Announce when it is the Last Round of Dives for "B" divers and that "A" divers will have one extra dive (for 8s, 10s, and 12s age groups; 14s and 17s will have the same number of dives for A and B).
 7. Announce that it is the Last Round of Dives for "A" divers
- After the final dive, 8 and Under divers to go to Awards waiting area (if there is one) or to parents.
- Announce that 10 and Under Divers may begin warming up.
If 2 dive boards at meet, then:
 - Both may be in use during warmups. Just be respectful.
 - Remind divers to pick one and use that throughout meet.
- When scoring is complete and ribbons/medals are ready, announce Awards for 8 and Unders.
 - Announce Girls' awards before Boys' awards.
 - Announce "B" diver awards before "A" diver awards.
e.g. 8U Girls B, 8U Girls A, 8U Boys B, 8U Boys A
 - Begin with 6th place, then 5th, then 4th, etc. (Start at highest place number, could be 8th, 10th)
 - When presenting the award, say "In Xth place, with a score of __.__, is Diver Full Name from Club Name.", e.g. "In 3rd place with a score of 89.4 is Samantha Johnson from Phantom Lake."
- Give thanks to the volunteer judges and scorers for helping today. 8 and Under divers and families may leave or stay to support other teammates.
- Announce judges' meeting, and 5 minutes remaining for 10 and Under warmups.

Repeat the script for each event group.

After the last awards have been read:

- Announce the End of the Meet. Give thanks to the Club Name pool for hosting, to all the volunteers, and to the divers and spectators for joining. Also thank any guest judges, esp. at Dive Championships.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

Before the Meet

Depending on the number of divers in each age and level, there may be changes to the age groups diving in a specific set. i.e. Each set may not be exactly 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14/17U. The announcer and the meet referee and parent reps will work out the groupings.

Example: In the case below, keeping all the 10Us and 12Us together would result in unbalanced groups of four 8U divers, twenty-two 10U divers, eighteen 12U divers, and six 14U/17U divers. Moving the 10U boys to the 1st session and the 12U boys to the last session evens out the numbers across each dive group.

1. 8U Girls (2), 8 Boys (2), 10U Boys (8); 12 divers
2. 10U Girls; 14 divers
3. 12U Girls; 10 divers
4. 12U Boys (8), 14U Girls (3), 14U Boys (1), 17U Girls (1), 17U Boys (1); 14 divers

Often the announcer is included in setting up the dive groupings. The announcer may also be involved in setting the diver order. Typically, a diver from the home team will start a round and then dive order will alternate between divers from home and away teams.

NOTE: The announcer should review all the dive sheets before the meet begins to make sure the sheets are numbered for dive order (numbering is important in case wind causes sheets to blow).

The announcer should familiarize him/herself with name pronunciations for both teams.

During the Meet

The diver or coach may ask the announcer to repeat the dive before performing it.

The judges may ask the announcer to repeat the dive after the diver performs it.

The scorers may ask the announcer to repeat the scores which means the judges will need to re-display scores.

Legend

T = Tuck; P = Pike; S = Straight; F = Free (most twist dives are free position)

1SS = 1 Somersault

DD = Degree of Difficulty