

ANNOUNCER GUIDE

Location – In front of the score table. Must be able to see the Meet Referee who is blowing the whistle.

Best Practice – Keep the microphone *very close* to your mouth and speak *loudly and clearly*.

Supplies Needed

- Wireless microphone
- Meet program
- Pen
- Chair
- Radio
- Spare battery

Pre-Meet Announcements

@ 4:50 PM “The Officials Meeting will be held at 5:00 PM at the red tent.”

@ 5:00 PM “The Timer’s Meeting will be held at 5:15 PM at the tent by the slide.”

@ 5:20 PM “Events 1 & 2 (8 & Under Medley Relays) and Events 3 & 4 (9-10 Medley Relays), please report to the bullpen.”

@ 5:25 PM “REMINDER - Only 10 & Under swimmers go to the bullpen tonight. 11 & Older swimmers must be behind the blocks several heats in advance. Many events/heats are combined—listen carefully! Concessions and printed meet programs available at *The Hangout* on the south side of the pool.”

@ 5:28 PM “All relay teams should now be heading to the start side of the pool. REMINDER – Many events and heats are combined. Swimmers 11 & older must be behind the blocks well in advance.”

@ 5:29 PM “The **Dresden Dorados** would like to **WELCOME** the <Visiting Team Mascot Name> to the Dresden Swim Center for tonight’s meet! Please rise if you are able and remove your hats as we honor our flag with the National Anthem.”

Meet Announcements

ANNOUNCE THE RACES

After the meet referee blows the short whistles before each race, announce the upcoming race...

IF a Single Heat Event

EXAMPLE

- “Event 21, Girls 7-8 25 Yard Freestyle, Heat 1 of 1”

IF Multiple Heats in One Event:

EXAMPLES

- Heat 1: “Event 21, Girls 7-8 25 Yard Freestyle, Heat 1 of 3”
- Heat 2: “Heat 2”
- Heat 3: “Heat 3, Final Heat”

IF Combined Events:

EXAMPLES

- “Events 1 and 2, Girls and Boys 8 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relays – this is a combined heat.”
- “Events 1, 3, and 4, Girls 8 & Under and Girls and Boys 9-10 100 Yard Medley Relays – this is a combined heat.”

✓ **Mark off each event/heat** in your meet program as you announce it to avoid losing your place.

ANNOUNCE THE BULLPEN EVENTS

- After each **9-10 event**, announce the bullpen event numbers posted on the Gaslamp post behind the blocks.
- Announce during the 11-12 races. Double-check the event numbers to be sure they are the next 6&U, 8&U, and 9-10 events.
- **Repeat the bullpen reminders twice.**

EXAMPLE:

- “Events 19-22, Girls and Boys 6 & Under and 7-8 25 Freestyle please report to the bullpen.”

ANNOUNCE TIMER MOVES and VISITING TEAM TIMER SHIFT CHANGE

As listed in the meet program...

Before 6&U or 8&U 25-yard events:

- “Timers, please move to the turn end.”

After 9-10 25-yard events

- “Timers, please return to the start end.”

After Event #40

- “<Visiting Team Mascot Name>, it’s time for second half timers.”

END OF MEET THANK YOU

After the LAST EVENT

- “THANK YOU all for coming to Dresden tonight! Please clean up your team area and place your trash in the containers provided. Safe travels home!”