

Score Table Roles & Preparation

Roles: Each team is required to supply at least two workers for each event, with the meet host also providing the announcer and the necessary supplies. The specific role of each table worker is listed below:

Announcer: Welcome everyone to the meet and make any necessary announcements. Announce the order of divers (boys and girls) before each age group competes. Announce each diver, the dive being attempted, and the next diver's name ("on deck"). Pass dive sheet to Recorder. Read the judges scores aloud. After event completes, announce group results.

Recorder: Record each judge's score on individual's dive sheet. Cross off the high and low scores, add the middle three scores together and record it on the dive sheet. If you have enough volunteers, this job can be split between two people: a Score Recorder and Score Adder.

Calculator: Take the raw score tabulated from the recorder for that dive and multiply it by the degree of difficulty (DD). Then write the final score for that dive in the appropriate space on the dive sheet, and add the previous total to the new score.

Master Scorer: Record the judges' individual scores on the Judge Score Sheet for each dive. If there is any question on the judges' scores, the master scorer is the final referee. After each event, sort individual dive sheets by score and record diver's name, points, and place on the Meet Score Sheet. Calculate team points for each event and final meet score.

Assistant: Double-check individual dive sheets ensuring math is correct. Assist Master Scorer by attaching ribbons to dive sheets and passing out sheets to participants after group results are announced.

Preparation: Before the event, the following tasks will help you get ready:

Sort Dive Sheets: Make sure individual dive sheets are sorted by event (age group and gender), and to the degree possible, the order of divers alternates between clubs. Number the sheets from 1 to n within each age group, as this will help if the order is accidentally rearranged during the scoring process.

Review Sheets: Make sure divers' sheets are complete and include a DD. The announcer may want to verify that he can pronounce the names correctly. Remember, all u8 dives have 1.0 DD during regular season. Jumps are 1.0 DD.

Supplies: At least 2 calculators (and possibly a Degree of Difficulty slide rule), a DD dive chart, pencils, pad, paper clips, stapler, and ribbons (at least 12 each of blue/red/white and 36 honorable mentions). Sound system with microphone for announcer. Score cards for judges. Meet Score Sheet, Judges Score Sheet, Individual Dive Sheets (provided by coaches).

Score Table Process in Detail

Before the first event, the coaches will submit final dive sheets to the scoring table for all events. Each dive sheet details the list of dives for one diver in one event. The score officials will review the sheets to ensure that all information is legible and accurate. The master scorer will write each diver's name onto the meet score sheet in the appropriate column. Any "B" divers will be clearly marked as such. "B" divers compete just against other "B" divers for place, and do not earn team points. There should be two meet score sheets so both teams can leave with a copy.

The officials will group all dive sheets by event and arrange them in the order the competitors will dive, ideally alternating between teams. The dive order is written on each sheet. Once ordered, the sheets for the first event are given to the announcer who will make sure she can pronounce the names before proceeding.

The announcer will welcome everyone, proclaim the order in which the divers will compete, and then proceed by calling out the first diver by name, team, and a clear indication of the dive to be performed. The announcer will also alert the next diver that they are on deck. For example, "Kenya Dewitt from LSA will perform a front dive straight. Ima Tucker on deck." The announcer will then hand the dive sheet to the recorder. After the dive is performed, the announcer will ask for "scores" and read them aloud.

The recorder will write the judges scores on the dive sheet, and in the case of a mandatory deduction (e.g. balk), will record the reduced scores. The master scorer will also write the scores on her master judges score sheet as a back-up and double-check. While the announcer is introducing the next diver, the recorder will cross-out the high and low scores and write the sum of the remaining scores in the space provided before passing the dive sheet to the calculator.

The calculator will double check the sum, multiply it by the degree of difficulty, write down the total awarded for that dive, and then calculate the running and/or final total for that diver. She then passes the sheet to the master scorer who will confirm the judges' scores and the calculations are correct, and fix if necessary. As a round of dives nears completion, the master scorer hands the accumulated dive sheets, still in the proper order, back to the announcer for the next round of dives.

When the last round for an event is completed, the master scorer will write the total points awarded to each diver next to the diver's name on the meet score sheet. The finishing order for each diver is determined and written on the meet score sheet and on the individual's dive sheet. The dive sheets themselves are sorted by finish place (total points) and the appropriate ribbon attached. The master scorer will write in team points awarded next to the top finishers on the meet score sheet, and then calculate and record the running total for each team.

Team points are allocated to "A" divers as follows: 1st = 5, 2nd = 3, 3rd = 1. If tied, divers will split the combined points evenly. A team cannot sweep all 9 points for the event, so if the other team had at least one "A" diver who completed the event, that diver will earn the third place point, even though they will receive a lower place ribbon. Between events, perhaps while divers are warming up for the next event, the announcer will call out each diver in reverse order of finish so they can come forward and collect their award (their dive sheet with ribbon attached).

After all the events and before the winner is announced, the coaches must sign the completed meet score sheet. Home team is responsible for reporting results to PASDA.