

Diving Announcer Error

Announcer errors occur most frequently in dual meets but may occur in championship meets as well. When errors do occur, they should be corrected to prevent divers from being penalized by doing dives that they are not prepared for, or repeating dives already performed. In all cases the diver should be given time to be properly prepared to perform the dive. When an announcer error occurs:

- (a) during a dual meet or a championship format meet without cuts, the diver performs the dive announced and chooses to accept the scores. The referee should instruct the table to record scores for the dive actually performed and in the appropriate round on the scoresheet. The dive that was not performed will then become the next dive and the rest of the dives will be performed in the appropriate order. Additionally, the announcer and table should note the adjustments on the scoresheet;
- (b) during a championship meet which includes cuts, when the diver chooses to accept the scores, the referee should verify that acceptance will not create a violation of a legal order of dives, causing an unfair competitive advantage (and possibly result in a penalty in a later round). Before allowing the diver to accept the scores the referee needs to check the diver's list to verify that no rules are being violated. Changes can be made if both dives occur in the prelims, both occur in the semi-finals, or if both occur in the finals without creating a penalty;
- (c) if accepting the scores will cause a violation of the NFHS Championship meet dive order, or the diver does not accept the scores, or the dive announced was not written on the score sheet, the announcer shall announce the correct dive and the diver shall perform that dive when they have had proper time to prepare. A referee should never allow a change that will result in penalties later in the meet. Within these limitations, the diving referee has broad discretion to assure the least possible negative impact upon the diver for the official's error.

Relay Entries

A competitor becomes a participant in an event when the official entry card is delivered to the meet director, or designee, at a specified time and place. For relays, eight individuals may be designated, if the state association requires. The penalty for submitting an inaccurate entry card, one that does not bear the name of the event, coach's signature, school name, and submitted time if one exists, is disqualification from the event. Four swimmers declared on the relay card, submitted at the designated time and place prior to the start of the event, are permitted to report to the blocks and compete. The coach shall submit the name of the lead-off swimmer at the specified time and place prior to the start of the event, although there is no penalty for incorrectly listing that name. There is no NFHS mandate to list the order of swimmers, which is not a required part of the entry process.