



**Central Maryland
Dive League
Dual Meet
Procedures
2018**

1. General

- a. All regular season meets shall be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays.
 1. Meets with fewer than 60 participating divers should start at 5:30 PM.
 2. Meets with 60 to 90 participating divers should start at 5:15 PM.
 3. Meets with more than 90 divers participating should start not later than 5:15 PM, and are to be conducted in accordance with Large Meets (Section L-3)
 4. Meets may start at 5:00 PM if both pool representatives have agreed on this time.
- b. Current FINA degree of difficulties shall be used for all meets with the exception of the following dives for age groups 12 & under:
 - 001 (front line up) with a DD of 1.2
 - 002 (back line-up) with a DD of 1.4
 - Assisted back dive with DD of 1.4/ Max 2
 - Forward Dive 101 (all positions) with a DD of 1.4
 - Back Dive 201 (all positions) with a D.D. of 1.7
- c. Wherever pool configuration permits, a clear area will be marked off for judges and the scoring table and made off-limits to spectators, competitors and coaches to reduce distractions to judges and table workers.
- d. The home team shall have on the deck a poster or card at least 8 ½ x 11 inches in size stipulating all mandatory deductions and maximums. This card should be laminated and readily available at the scoring table.

2. Meet procedures

- a. The visiting team shall be allowed a minimum of 45 minutes for warm-ups immediately prior to the start of the meet, or as mutually agreed upon by the team representatives. During this time, the visiting team shall have exclusive use of the boards(s).
- b. Completed dive sheets for all divers must be turned in 45 minutes prior to the start of the meet.
 - 1) Changes may be made prior to the start of the competition, and during the 13-14, 15-18 warm-up.
 - 2) Sheets must be changed at the scoring table by a coach, and with the concurrence of the Referee and the diver.
 - 3) The home team will utilize white paper for dive sheets and the visiting will use some other easily read light or pastel color to distinguish affiliation.

- c. Dive order within each age group will be established by agreement of both teams. Teams should alternate divers with the home team diving last. If there are an unequal number of divers, the alternating of divers should start with the last home diver and move backwards through the list of divers. That is to say that if visiting team A has 6 divers and home team B has 3 divers in an age group, the dive order should be such that the divers alternate in some fashion with the home team B diving last. For example:

A - A - A - A - B - A - B - A - B

or

A - A - B - A - A - B - A - A - B

Should two or more age groups be combined (due to small numbers), the resulting competitive group should follow the same guidelines regarding dive order. When combining age groups, the age group performing more dives should dive first in the order.

3. Requirements for competition

- a. During a meet, each official diver must perform dives from required groups in accordance with Section M-11, Table 1, Meet Required Dives and Groups.
- b. Any diver who is unable to meet the minimum required dives and groups for his/her age group may dive "exhibition". Exhibition divers have no required dives, minimum number of dives, or minimum number of groups, and do not count towards the team score or individual qualification.
- c. Any diver who fails one dive (with the exception of the meet required dive(s)) is still considered official. Any diver who fails two dives or the meet required dives(s) will be considered exhibition and the diver's points then become invalid for inclusion in the team score.
- d. All official divers must perform the dive designated as the meet required dive (as listed on the League schedule as the "Meet required dive") **as their first dive**. Other dives may follow in any sequence.
- e. Following the announcement of the dive, the diver may elect to change either the dive number or the dive position without penalty. The Referee will assure, prior to execution of the dive, that the new dive satisfies meet requirements. The announcer shall then announce the new dive and DD.

4. Scoring

- a. Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1) 1st place - 5 points
- 2) 2nd place - 3 points
- 3) 3rd place - 1 point

- b. In the event of a tie:

- 1) Between two individuals:

- a) First place tie. The points normally given for first and second places (8) will be totaled and split between the individuals involved, each receiving 4 points and a first place ribbon. The diver with the next highest score will be awarded the third place points and ribbon.

- b) Second place tie. The points normally given for second and third places (4) will be totaled and split between the individuals involved, each receiving 2 points and a second place ribbon. The diver with the next highest score will receive the fourth place ribbon.
- c) Third place tie. Each diver will receive 1/2 point and a third place ribbon. The diver with the next highest score will receive the fifth place ribbon.

2) Between teams:

In case of a tie in the final team score, only the points for first and second places will be considered; if the score remains tied, only the points for first place will be considered. If this still results in a tie, the meet will be scored as a tie, and each team will be awarded 1 point.

- 3) Ribbons will be awarded for places 1 through 6. If in any age group the number of diver placements are less than 6, Exhibition Divers shall receive the last place ribbon of the number of divers.

For Example: 8 & under girls had 3 divers.

First Place Ribbon – 8 & UG scored 60 and qualified they also get 5 team points

Second Place Ribbon – 8 & UG scored 40 did not qualify and they earned 3 team points

Third Place Ribbon – 8 & UG scored 56 as an exhibition diver they earn 0 team points

Exhibition divers do not receive team points.

5. Results

It is the responsibility of the winning team to mail or scan and email the results of the meet to the League Statistician within 48 hours of the event. Results must include all divers' scores. The Referee should sign (initial) all the Meet Result sheets. Should the Referee leave prior to signing the sheets, representatives from each team must sign them. Failure to mail results within 48 hours of the meet may result in the forfeiture of the two (2) points awarded for the win.

It is the responsibility of each team representative to email individual diver scores to the League Statistician, on the Excel spreadsheet provided by the Statistician, within 48 hours of the completion of the meet.

6. Schedule changes

- a. Time and/or location of a meet should be changed only if it is impossible to have the meet as scheduled because of bad weather, unavailability of the host pool for health or operational problems, etc. If both options are open, the first choice will be to change the location of the meet. If a change of location is not possible, the date of the meet should be changed. It is the responsibility of the home team to notify the assigned referee and the Commissioner of Officials of any change in the schedule as soon as possible.
- b. In meets suspended due to darkness, inclement weather, etc., the following rules shall apply:
 - 1) When the meet resumes, divers may be added to age/gender groups (i.e. 9-10 boys or combined 15-18 boys & girls) that had not yet started competition when the meet was suspended.
 - 2) Divers may not be added to age groups that have begun competition when the meet was suspended.
 - 3) All dives completed prior to the suspension shall "count" and when the meet resumes, it shall continue with the diver who was due to dive before the meet was suspended.

- 4) The following guidelines shall apply during the suspension:
 - a) The home team shall be responsible for keeping completed dive sheets.
 - b) The Referee shall initial the Meet Results Sheet and indicate all divers who had completed diving prior to the suspension.
 - c) The home team representative shall notify the Registrar/Statistician of the meet suspension and any qualifying scores within 24 hours.
 - d) When the meet is completed (from the point of suspension), the winning team shall forward the results to the Registrar/Statistician within the required 48 hours.
- 5) In the event that the suspended meet is not completed, the meet shall be declared a tie and each team will be awarded zero (0) points. The incomplete "Meet Results Sheet" must be received by the Registrar/Statistician not later than 72 hours prior to the Individual Championship Meet.
- 6) The home team for the originally scheduled meet will pay the assigned referee. If a meet is suspended, both teams will share the additional fee for the resumption of the meet.

7. Officials, judges, announcer and table workers required:

- a. Referees: One volunteer referee from the CMDL referee pool, provided by the visiting team will act as the diving referee (Referee) for the meet. If, and only if, this referee does not arrive for any reason, the meet may be conducted with all volunteer judges and the records will be considered official for all League purposes, providing the coaches and League representatives from both teams agree to hold the meet without a Referee present. A referee must attend the referee training every other year. Referees with extensive experience as judges and referees may petition the board for a waiver to this rule.
- b. Judges: All Judges must have current certifications. Judging clinic certification is valid for two years from clinic date. Experienced judges with 6 or more years of judging experience and having attended at least three judges trainings may continue to serve as judges with recertification waived at the discretion of the dive team representative and the CMDL board of directors. Individuals with comparable experience outside of the CMDL may request a waiver from the board for similar consideration.

It is preferable that five (5) judges be used, with each club providing two (2) volunteer judges and with the Referee serving as the fifth judge. Should there be only three (3) volunteer judges (one from one team and two from the other), the meet may proceed with agreement from the coaches and representatives of both teams as to scoring procedures. In addition to the Referee, a minimum of two (2) volunteer judges are required; one provided by each club. If either club is unable to provide a judge, the other team will provide two judges in order to proceed with the meet. If there are only four judges available, then the lowest of the four scores will be dropped.
- c. Announcer: The home team provides the announcer.
- d. Table Workers: Four table workers, two provided by each club. Host club shall also provide one ribbon worker.