6-Place Scoring Overview

1) Key benefits:

* Doubling places from 3 to 6 means more kids achieve recognition and value
* A broader range of kids and abilities can contribute for their teams and impact a meet

2) This applies for all dual meets, both A and B, in 2017

3) Most meets will score 6 places in every event

* Set Individual scoring to 7-5-4-3-2-1 for places 1 through 6
* Set Relay scoring to 14-10-8-6-4-2 for places 1 through 6
* If there are less than 6 kids, the system will automatically score however many there are
* If you swim in a 4-lane or 5-lane pool, swim and score only the first 4 or 5 places. Use the same scoring as 6, but just don’t have a 5th or 6th place.

 4) Clubs can sweep 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

* Even if one team sweeps, the other team still gets 4th, 5th, and 6th place – it’s not shut out
* The artificial limit preventing teams from getting all 3 places in the old system may have been well-intended to keep meets closer, but having a kid swim to a 3rd place only to be told he or she doesn’t count seems unfair to that child as well
* Sometimes one team may sweep; sometimes the other team will – it tends to be a wash, so don't worry about it

5) Meet Manager set-up

* The Sample Meet file template will be posted on the Midlakes site in the “Hytek – MM” section under the “Swim Meets” tab, but you can also update it yourselves
* Choose the fourth **Restore Method**option
* **Unzip, copy database to a selected folder, and open this new database**
* Go through the **Meet Checklist** to update your meet information
* This will be included in the Computer Instruction manual posted in the Hytek section of the website as well

6) Ribbons

* You may use colors you already use for 2017 season
* If we continue this going forward, we may evaluate standardizing them

7) Very important – **let kids know how they contribute**

* All places count toward the meet and team
* All places matter – especially in a close meet
	+ For example, we re-scored one team's meets from all of last year, and while most wins and losses remained the same (meaning this won't wreak havoc on the general state of things), a couple close meets did change
	+ In other words, a close meet can come down to a handful of races, and the difference between 3rd and 4th place, 4th and 5th place, or 5th and 6th place means all those swims and kids matter
* Make sure a kid who finishes in ANY place knows how he or she is important
* Post printed results - kids (and parents) love to see their names in print
* Announce results if you can
	+ NOT required given our announcer/starter structure, but kids love hearing their names even more if you want to give it a shot

 8) Announce meet scores if reasonable (if it’s a blowout, you could hold off)

* This creates excitement and motivation for kids to swim for their teams
* Kids want to know how they can impact the meet, especially leading up to relays
* A close meet that flips back and forth is fun for kids, parents and coaches
* It doesn’t matter if the announcement through a certain event lags the event in the pool at the time