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2020-21 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

Sections one through eight apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

Section 1.1 Definitions

Pre-championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.1.5 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.](#)

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a

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single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Division I

Section 9•1 Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

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Section 1•3 Regional Alignment/Diving Zones

In order to qualify for the diving events in the Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, a diver must participate in his or her respective zone diving qualifying meet. Institutions' zones are determined by the state in which they are located. Qualification to the championships is based on performance at the zone diving meets. A map of the respective geographical zones is included in [Appendix A](#).

Section 1•4 Important Dates

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| Sept. 7 or first day of classes (whichever is first) | Qualifying period begins. |
| Friday, Feb. 19 – Sunday, Feb. 28 | End-of-season competition time period for women. |
| Sunday, Feb. 28 | Last day of qualification for women's championships. All results must be submitted to USA Swimming (ncaa@usaswimming.org) by midnight Eastern time. |
| Monday, March 1 | End-of-season meet competition forms due by not later than noon Central time. Completed forms must be submitted to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org ; 317-917-6529). |
| Monday, March 1 | Online entries for women's swimmers are due by midnight Eastern time. The entry list will be posted for review at usaswimming.org/ncaa . The entry review and challenge period begins as soon as the entry list is posted. |
| Tuesday, March 2 | Women's coaches who have entered more than 18 swimmers must declare not more than 18 swimmers for consideration for selections by noon Eastern time. An email listing the 18 swimmers must be sent to jbugner@ncaa.org and ncaa@usaswimming.org . |
| Tuesday, March 2 | Entry challenges for the women's championships are due by 4 p.m. Eastern time. Challenges must be submitted to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org ; 317-917-6529). |
| Wednesday, March 3 | Psych sheet for the women's championships, the list of institutions eligible for each relay event, and a list of alternates will be posted online. |
| Thursday, March 4 | Institutions that are eligible for relay events for the women's championships must declare all relays in which they want to participate by Noon, Eastern time. Declarations must be emailed to jbugner@ncaa.org . |
| Monday, March 15 | Coaches with more than 18 student-athletes (swimmers and divers) selected to the women's championships must contact John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org ; 317-917-6529) by 5 p.m. Eastern time to declare not more than 18 student-athletes to compete at the championships. [NOTE: A student-athlete who swims and dives is counted as one competitor; a student-athlete who only dives is counted as one-half of a participant.] |
| Wednesday-Saturday, March 17-20 | Women's championships hosted by North Carolina State University and the Greensboro Sports Commission at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. |

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| Sept. 7 or first day of classes (whichever is first) | Qualifying period begins. |
| Friday, Feb. 26 – Sunday, March 7 | End-of-season competition time period for men. |
| Sunday, March 7 | Last day of qualification for men's championships. All results must be submitted to USA Swimming (ncaa@usaswimming.org) by midnight Eastern time. |
| Monday, March 8 | End-of-season meet competition forms due by not later than noon Central time. Completed forms must be submitted to Michelle Perry (mperry@ncaa.org ; 317-460-4680). |
| Monday, March 8 | Online entries for men's swimmers are due by midnight Eastern time at usaswimming.org . The entry list will be posted for review at usaswimming.org . Entry review and challenge period begins as soon as the entry list is posted. |
| Tuesday, March 9 | Men's coaches who have entered more than 18 swimmers must declare not more than 18 swimmers for consideration for selections by noon Eastern time. An email listing the 18 swimmers must be sent to mperry@ncaa.org and ncaa@usaswimming.org . |
| Tuesday, March 9 | Entry challenges for the men's championships are due by 4 p.m. Eastern time. Challenges must be submitted to Michelle Perry (mperry@ncaa.org ; 317-460-4680). |
| Wednesday, March 10 | Psych sheet for the men's championships, the list of institutions eligible for each relay event, and a list of alternates will be posted online. |
| Monday, March 15 | Coaches with more than 18 student-athletes (swimmers and divers) selected to the men's championships must contact Michelle Perry (mperry@ncaa.org ; 317-460-4680) by 5 p.m. Eastern time to declare not more than 18 student-athletes to compete at the championships. [NOTE: A student-athlete who swims and dives is counted as one competitor; a student-athlete who only dives is counted as one-half of a participant.] |
| Thursday, March 11 | Institutions that are eligible for relay events for the men's championships must declare all relays in which they want to participate by Noon Eastern time. Declarations must be emailed to mperry@ncaa.org . |
| Wednesday-Saturday, March 24-27 | Men's championships hosted by North Carolina State University and the Greensboro Sports Commission at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. |

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| Sunday, Feb. 28 | Diving entries for selection consideration (automatic qualifiers and at-large selections) must be submitted in DiveMeets no later than noon Eastern time. |
| Monday, March 1 | Selection of qualified divers for each of the five zone meets will be announced via ncaa.org and DiveMeets.com by 5 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Friday-Saturday, March 5-13 6 p.m. (local time) | Zone diving meets (consecutive five-day window). Scratch deadline (on the day after the conclusion of each respective zone meet) for declaring participation in the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. (Please see Section 2.4 for more information on scratches) |
| Sunday, March 14 | List of divers qualifying to the championships will be posted online. |
| Monday, March 15 | Coaches with more than 18 student-athletes (swimmers and divers) selected to the championships must contact John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org ; 317-917-6529) for women or Michelle Perry (mperry@ncaa.org ; 317-460-4680) for men by 5 p.m. Eastern time to declare not more than 18 student-athletes to compete at the championships. [NOTE: A student-athlete who swims and dives is counted as one competitor; a student-athlete who only dives is counted as one-half of a participant.] |

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

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Wednesday-Saturday, March 17-20 Women's championships hosted by North Carolina State University and the Greensboro Sports Commission at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Wednesday-Saturday, March 24-27 Men's championships hosted by North Carolina State University and the Greensboro Sports Commission at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, North Carolina.

2021 Zone Diving Meets

ZONE 1 - North Carolina State University/Greensboro Aquatic Center

Zone B - March 7-9

Zone A - March 11-13

ZONE 2 - University of Kentucky

Zone C - March 7-9

Zone D - March 11-13

ZONE 3 - Northern Arizona University

Zone E - March 8-10

NOTE: For 2021 only, Zones A and B will be combined into one zone host site at the Greensboro Aquatic Center, and Zones C and D will be combined into one zone host site at the University of Kentucky. While these zones are combined into single host sites, zone meets will remain separate and take place back to back during the week of March 5-13. Zone E will remain a singular zone site.

DATE FORMULA

The Division I women's championships are determined by the third Thursday in March with the first night of competition occurring Wednesday. The men's championships are held the following Wednesday through Saturday. The men's and women's zone diving meets are conducted the week before the women's championships.

FUTURE DATES AND SITES

2022 Women (March 16-19) Georgia Institute of Technology; McAuley Aquatic Center in Atlanta.

2022 Men (March 23-26) Georgia Institute of Technology; McAuley Aquatic Center in Atlanta.

2023 Women (March 15-18) University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Allan Jones Aquatic Center in Knoxville, Tennessee.

2023 Men (March 22-25) University of Minnesota, Twin Cities/Minnesota Sports and Events; Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2024 Women (March 20-23) University of Georgia; Ramsey Center in Athens, Georgia.

2024 Men (March 27-30) Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis/Indiana Sports Corporation; IU Natatorium in Indianapolis.

2025 Women (March 19-22) Washington State University; Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatics Center in Federal Way, Washington.

2025 Men (March 26-29) Washington State University; Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatics Center in Federal Way, Washington.

2026 Women (March 18-21) Georgia Institute of Technology; McAuley Aquatic Center in Atlanta.

2026 Men (March 25-28) Georgia Institute of Technology; McAuley Aquatic Center in Atlanta.

Section 1•5 Equipment

Track-style starting blocks **will be used** at the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

Section 1•6 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes from meets that are not conducted in accordance with the NCAA rules. The 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules book will be followed for the 2021 championships.

Section 1•7 Uniforms

Regulations regarding uniforms for swimmers and divers are detailed in Rule 3 of the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book. If a student-athlete competes in an illegal swimsuit, that student-athlete shall be disqualified from that event. In the event of a relay, the rule shall apply to the disqualification of the relay. During awards ceremonies, participants must wear their institution's official warmup uniform.

LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#), for NCAA Bylaw logo policies. In addition, please refer to Rule 3 of the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book for rules logo policies. If a student-athlete violates the logo policies outlined in the NCAA rules book, that student-athlete shall be disqualified from that event. In the event of a relay, the rule shall apply to the disqualification of the relay.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

ORDER OF EVENTS — FINALS

The order of events for the 2021 championships are located in [Appendix B](#).

ORDER OF EVENTS — 2021 ZONE DIVING MEETS

For 2021, the Zone E diving meet will be conducted over a consecutive five-day window starting the week (Saturday to Saturday) prior to the week of the women's championships. The host may choose one of the three formats outlined below.

Option 1

Days 1 and 2: Training days

Day 3: Men's one-meter/women's three-meter (conducted consecutively)

Day 4: Men's three-meter/women's one-meter (conducted consecutively)

Day 5: Men's platform/women's platform (conducted consecutively)

Note: Option 1 is illustrated for odd years, with genders switching events in even years.

Option 2

Days 1 and 2: Training days

Day 3: Men's one-meter/women's three-meter (conducted simultaneously)

Day 4: Men's three-meter/women's platform (conducted simultaneously)

Day 5: Men's platform/women's one-meter (conducted simultaneously)

Note: Option 2 is illustrated for odd years, with genders switching events in even years.

Option 3

Day 1: Training day

Day 2 (Morning): Training

Day 2 (Afternoon): Men's one-meter

Day 3: Men's three-meter/women's one-meter (conducted simultaneously)

Day 4: Men's platform/women's three-meter (conducted simultaneously)

Day 5: Women's platform.

Note: Option 3 is illustrated for odd years, with genders switching events in even years.

For 2021, Zones A and B will be conducted at one zone host site, while Zones C and D will be conducted at one zone host site. The designated zone competitions at each host location will remain separate and take place back to back during the week of March 5-13 using the prescribed format outlined below.

Day 1: Friday, March 5 - Training (Zones B and C)

Day 2: Saturday, March 6 - Training

Day 3: Sunday, March 7 - Women's 1M/Men's 3M (conducted simultaneously)

Day 4: Monday, March 8 - Women's 3M/Men's Platform (conducted simultaneously)

Day 5: Tuesday, March 9 - Women's Platform/Men's 1M (conducted simultaneously)

Day 5: Training (Zones A and D) - After competition is completed and facility cleaning has occurred

Day 6: Wednesday, March 10 - Training (Zones A and D)

Day 7: Thursday, March 11 - Women's 1M/Men's 3M (conducted simultaneously)

Day 8: Friday, March 12 - Women's 3M/Men's Platform (conducted simultaneously)

Day 9: Saturday, March 13 - Women's Platform/Men's 1M (conducted simultaneously)

DIVISION I SWIMMING AND DIVING

Springboard Events

For 1-meter and 3-meter preliminary rounds, each diver will do six optional dives, including one from each of the five groups plus an additional dive that may be selected from any group. The dives will be performed in any order without limit on degree of difficulty. For 1-meter and 3-meter events, the finals shall consist of six optional dives, including one from each of the five groups plus an additional dive that may be selected from any group. The dives will be performed in any order without limit on degree of difficulty. Scores on all dives performed by each of the divers in the prelims and finals shall be used to determine finals placing.

Platform Events

For platform prelims, each diver will do six optional dives (men), including one from each of six groups, or five optional dives (women), including one from each of five groups, from any competitive platform level (i.e., 5, 7.5 or 10 meters), in any order, without limit on degree of difficulty. For platform finals, the finals shall consist of six optional dives (men), including one from each of five groups, or five optional dives (women), including one from each of five groups, from any competitive platform, in any order, without limit on degree of difficulty. Scores on all dives performed by each of the divers in the prelims and finals shall be used to determine finals placing.

In all events, preliminary scores will carry forward and be added to the scores in the finals to determine final placement.

For 2021, Zones A, B, C and D will follow the prescribed format outlined above, while the following formats are options for the Zone E diving meet:

1. Springboard preliminaries may be run as simultaneous events or separate events.
2. Finals may be run “straight through,” taking a 15-minute break between preliminaries and finals, or as a “split format” in which a longer break is taken between the preliminaries and finals.
3. Springboard finals may be run as simultaneous events or separate events.
4. Platform events may be run as separate men’s and women’s events or as a combined men’s and women’s event.

Events that are run “straight through” will take a 15-minute break between the end of the preliminaries and the beginning of the finals. Divers in the finals are allowed to practice during the 15-minute break. The diving order for finals will remain the same, with the non-qualifying divers being removed from the starting order.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The number of participants in the 2021 Division I Swimming and Diving Championships cannot exceed 270 participants for the men’s championships (235 swimmers and 35 divers) and 322 participants for the women’s championships (281 swimmers and 41 divers). All swimmers and divers who are invited to the meet will be counted toward the total number of participants allowed.

SQUAD SIZE

An institution shall be allowed not more than 18 competitors (including uninvited relay swimmers and institutionally funded divers) in the championships, which will be counted as follows:

- An entrant who swims will be counted as one competitor.
- An entrant who swims and dives will be counted as one competitor.
- An entrant who only dives will be counted as one-half of a competitor in the total team limit.
- For relays, actual participation in the preliminary heats and/or finals of an event shall be counted against the 18 competitors allowed.

TRAVEL PARTY

Each institution with student-athletes competing in the national championships will receive travel reimbursement for the official travel party as defined by the NCAA Division I travel policies. Travel party numbers for Division I swimming and diving are:

- Institutions that qualify one to three individuals for the championships will receive transportation reimbursement and per diem for the participating student-athletes and one non-athlete.
- Institutions that qualify four to six individuals will receive reimbursement for the participating student-athletes and two non-athletes.
- Institutions that qualify seven to nine individuals will receive reimbursement for the participating student-athletes and three non-athletes.

- Institutions that qualify 10 or more individuals will receive reimbursement for the participating student-athletes and five non-athletes.

NOTE: Uninvited relay swimmers and institutionally funded divers do not receive reimbursement. Non-athletes receiving reimbursement are determined by the number of student-athletes selected to the championships, not by the number of student-athletes who compete.

DECK PASS ALLOTMENT

Deck passes/credentials will be produced by the NCAA for all participating teams and will be distributed to teams at registration. No one will be allowed to enter the facility or get on deck without proper identification. Institutions will be allowed to bring up to four uninvited relay swimmers to the championships. Uninvited relay swimmers and institutionally funded divers must be designated at registration and will receive deck passes.

The number of deck passes for institutional personnel is based on the total number of athletes attending from their school, which will include selected swimmers and divers, uninvited relay swimmers and institutionally funded divers. It is important to note that an institution’s maximum limit of 18 total student-athletes will be maintained.

| Number of Participating Student-Athletes | Number of Deck Passes for Institutional Personnel |
|---|--|
| 1-4 student-athletes | 4 |
| 5-9 student-athletes | 5 |
| 10-14 student-athletes | 6 |
| 15 or more student-athletes | 7 |

One additional deck pass will be allocated for the diving coach from each institution with qualified divers. Teams can request up to one medical credential for a certified athletic training staff through the host trainer. Any other trainers must be accommodated through the deck pass allotment noted above. Massage therapists must be included in the institutional allotment noted in the chart above. Coaches/institutional personnel outside of the allotted number must pay the regular admission fee and will not be allowed on deck. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Section 2•2 Qualifying Information

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

To be eligible to compete in the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships, the following criteria must be met:

- Each participant must meet the established minimum time standard for the events in which he or she enters.
- All times must be achieved in bona fide competition, as defined in the NCAA Rules Book.
- All times must be achieved in meets that adhere to the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules. If it is determined that an event was not conducted according to the rules, times/scores from that event will be ineligible for qualification to the championships.
- All times must be made during the appropriate qualifying period. Primary times must be used to achieve time standards. A secondary time may be used only if the primary equipment that is employed fails to record a valid time. A tertiary time may be used only if both the primary and secondary timing systems fail to provide valid times. Only times that are obtained with timing systems having priority levels of one through three in NCAA Rule 4-21.2 may be used to achieve time standards.
- Student-athletes must meet eligibility standards when a time standard is achieved.
- The best actual times must be submitted for all entries.

BONA FIDE COMPETITION

Time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards for all events must be achieved in bona fide competition. The definition and requirements for meeting bona fide competition are detailed in Rule 9 of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book. Any attempt to circumvent either the intent of a bona fide competition or the application of the NCAA-approved starting, judging and timing procedures is prohibited. Such an attempt may result in a severe penalty to both the competitor(s) and the institution(s) involved. Violations of ethical conduct are subject to NCAA Bylaws.

END-OF-SEASON MEET COMPETITIONS

Division I institutions choosing to participate in end-of-season swimming and diving competitions that are held within the last 10 days of the qualifying period, with the exception of conference championships, must ensure that the meet host completes the form located in [Appendix C](#) or at ncaa.org/championships/division-i-mens-and-womens-swimming-and-diving and submits to the following NCAA staff members: Michelle Perry at mperry@ncaa.org; 317-460-4680 (men's); or John Bugner at jbugner@ncaa.org, 317-917-6529 (women's) by not later than noon Central time, Monday, March 1, 2021, for women and noon Central time, Monday, March 8, 2021, for men.

2021 End-of-Season Competition Time Period

| |
|---------------------------|
| Division I Women |
| Feb. 19 - 28, 2021 |

| |
|--------------------------------|
| Division I Men |
| Feb. 26 - March 7, 2021 |

The intent of the form is to confirm that all regulations and formats have been adhered to so that time standards achieved during the 2021 end-of-season competition time period as noted above will be allowed for submission for championships qualification consideration. Failure by HOSTS to submit the completed form by not later than noon (Central time) Monday, March 1, 2021, for women and Monday, March 8, 2021, for men will be subject to a fine of \$500, with potential additional fines for repeated violations.

REGULATIONS FOR END-OF-SEASON MEET COMPETITION

Division I institutions choosing to participate in end-of-season meets should refer to Bylaw 17 for playing and practice seasons regulations that govern the 20 maximum allowable dates of competition. Furthermore, all countable contests must be conducted per established bona fide competition rules as outlined in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book; and all meet results must be submitted to USA Swimming within 72 hours of the competition's completion and before the end of the respective men's and women's 2021 established qualifying periods.

DIVING QUALIFICATION

In order to qualify for the diving events at the championships, a diver must participate in his/her respective zone diving qualifying meet. For 2021 only, in order to be considered for selection to compete in a zone diving qualifying meet, the diver must have been properly entered by the established deadline and selected (automatic qualifiers and at-large selections) by the established qualification process. All diving scores achieved and used for selection consideration must meet the required qualifying standards for minimum point totals in diving bona fide competition. For 2021, the qualifying standards and qualification process for divers to be considered for selection to their respective zone meets are outlined in the Jan. 5 memo that is available on the NCAA website (NCAA Connect, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving).

SWIMMING QUALIFICATION

In order to qualify for the championships, swimmers must meet minimum qualifying standards for individual events. Institutions with at least one swimmer invited in an individual event(s) may be eligible to participate in relay events, provided they have met the minimum standards set for relay events during the regular season. Additionally, if a team has achieved an "A" qualifying standard in a particular relay but doesn't have any individual qualifiers selected to the championships, they may bring four institutionally-funded relay swimmers to the championships to compete in that relay. [Refer to Relay Qualification Procedures for more specific relay qualification information.]

Qualifying standards, conversions and altitude adjustments for NCAA Division I swimming and diving are available on the NCAA website (NCAA Connect, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving). Please note that the conversion tables for qualifying to and seeding for the NCAA championships do not reflect what is in the Rules Book. The conversions posted on the Division I swimming and diving webpage reflect what will be used for the 2020-21 season for the qualification to and seeding for the championships.

RACING COURSE

All time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards may be achieved in 25-yard, 25-meter or 50-meter racing courses. Times achieved in either 25-meter racing courses or 50-meter racing courses will be converted to an equivalent time for a 25-yard racing course.

Institutions should refer to the 2021 qualifying standards posted on ncaa.org that reflect what will be used for selection to and seeding of swimming competition at the 2021 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships. For 2021 only, the diving qualification scores that will be used to achieve consideration for entry and selection to participate in an institution's assigned 2021 zone diving meet are outlined and posted in the Jan. 5 memo that is posted on ncaa.org.

TEAM ROSTERS

Each institution will be responsible for submitting and managing its official team roster on the USA Swimming website within the roster maintenance tool. Detailed information regarding team roster submissions is available on the NCAA website (ncaa.org, NCAA Connect, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving). **Initial rosters for the 2020-21 season must be updated by Sept. 11. Institutions that submit rosters after the deadline will be subject to a fine of \$500, with potential additional fines for repeated violations.**

SWIMMING RESULTS REPORTING

In order to be considered for selection to the championships, all institutions must ensure that the electronic submission of results from any competition in which its student-athletes compete is reported by the meet host to USA Swimming's SWIMS database. It will be the responsibility of the HOST to submit meet results, inclusive of specific names of student-athletes on relays, to ncaa@usaswimming.org within 72 hours after the completion of a competition. The submission of incorrect or late performances (false marks) may result in the disqualification of the student-athlete. All results must be submitted not later than midnight Eastern time, Sunday, Feb. 28 for women and midnight Eastern time, Sunday, March 7 for men. **Results that are submitted or corrected more than 72 hours after the qualifying performance will be subject to a fine of \$500 if the performance is the basis for championships selection, with potential additional fines for repeated violations.** Detailed information regarding results submission is available on the NCAA website (ncaa.org, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving).

Section 2•3 Entry Information

CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLINE MEET ENTRY (OME) FOR SWIMMERS

At the end of the season's qualifying period (Sunday, Feb. 28 for women and Sunday, March 7 for men), the final performance lists for swimmers will be posted at usaswimming.org/ncaa. At this time, coaches will be required to enter swimmers for the championships through the online meet entry process. All student-athletes must be entered in every individual event in which they would like to be considered for selections and have qualified with an "A" or "B" standard. Instructions on entering swimmers through the OME process will be posted online (ncaa.org, NCAA Connect, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving) in January. All online entries must be received by midnight Eastern time, Monday, March 1 for the women's championships and midnight Eastern time, Monday, March 8 for the men's championships. **Late or incorrect entries for performances that are the basis for championships selection will result in a fine of \$500, with the potential of additional penalties imposed depending on the circumstances.**

Each entry in individual swimming events must be accompanied by an entry time. The time must be the best time made by the swimmer(s) during the designated qualifying period. Relay split times may be submitted only when made on the first leg of a relay.

If it has been determined by the meet committee that the fastest time submitted by an institution did not meet bona fide competition requirements, the entry time will be disallowed and the coach may have the opportunity to submit an alternate time subject for the review and approval of the Swimming and Diving Committee.

Coaches must enter all relays for which they want to be eligible to swim by the deadlines noted above. Coaches may enter the fastest actual relay time, or an aggregate relay time if it is faster, achieved by the institution. After the field has been filled with individual events, a list of institutions that are eligible to participate in relay events and were properly entered in the OME system will be posted online. Institutions must confirm all relays for which they are eligible and want to participate. Confirmations must be emailed to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org) for women and Michelle Perry (mperry@ncaa.org) for men by 5 p.m. Eastern time one week after the list of eligible institutions has been posted. Detailed instructions for entering relays will be posted online (ncaa.org, NCAA Connect, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving) in January. Coaches eligible for relay events will also receive a reminder email from the NCAA to confirm the relays in which they intend to swim.

ZONE DIVING ENTRIES

For 2021, all coaches wishing to receive selection consideration for their respective zone diving meet for their diver(s) (automatic qualifiers and at-large selections) must submit their entries in DiveMeets by no later than Noon Eastern time, Sunday, Feb. 28. If a diver qualifies during the last weekend before the zone diving meets, a waiver request may be submitted to the committee to allow for late entries. Waivers must be emailed to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org) for women and Michelle Perry (mperry@ncaa.org) for men. Directions for submitting the zone diving form will be available online (ncaa.org, NCAA Connect, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving) in January. Late and/or incorrect submissions will result in a fine of \$500.

SWIMMING ENTRY CHALLENGES

A list of swimmers who have been entered in the OME system will be available online March 1 for women and March 8 for men. The entry review and challenge period begins as soon as the entry list is posted. Entry challenges are due by 4 p.m. Eastern time, March 2 for women and 4 p.m. Eastern time, March 9 for men. Challenges must be submitted to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org; 317-917-6529) for women and Michelle Perry (mperry@ncaa.org; 317-460-4680) for men.

If any competitor's qualifying standard is challenged by a formal written protest, the coach involved must provide proof of performance at the time of the challenge (e.g., official meet results, computer printout showing all three computer times for level two times, contemporaneous completed timing card with three separate stopwatch times for level three times). Meet administrators must retain all meet information in the event challenges are submitted. If verification is not forthcoming, copies of the protest will be sent to the directors of athletics of the parties involved, and the involved student-athlete(s) may be disqualified from the NCAA championships.

OPTIONAL ENTRIES — INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING EVENTS

A student-athlete who is selected for the championships in one or more individual swimming events may participate in other individual swimming events on an optional-entry basis, provided that the student-athlete competes in at least one of the events in which he or she has qualified for the championships. Optional entries for individual swimming times must be entered in the OME system, must be achieved during the qualifying period and must meet the "B" Standard. An optional entry constitutes an official entry unless scratched by the appropriate deadline.

Section 2•4 Selection Information

DESIGNATION OF 18 SWIMMERS FOR SELECTIONS

A list of swimmers who have been entered in the OME system will be available online March 1 for women and March 8 for men. Coaches who have entered more than 18 swimmers must declare not more than 18 swimmers for consideration for selections by noon Eastern time, March 2 for women and March 9 for men. An email listing the 18 swimmers must be sent to jbugner@ncaa.org and ncaa@usaswimming.org for women, and mperry@ncaa.org and ncaa@usaswimming.org for men.

SELECTION OF SWIMMERS

Once the swimming entries for the championships are final and coaches have designated the 18 swimmers to be considered for selections, the committee will run selections according to the following step-by-step procedures.

Selection Process for Divers and Swimmers in Individual Events

- Step 1:** A total of 35 spots for men's divers and 41 spots for women's divers will be allotted. Divers qualify to the championships through performances at the zone diving meets.
- Step 2:** All individual swimmers who have achieved "A" time standards will be selected to the meet.
- Step 3:** One entry will be added to each individual swimming event in event order to keep the events at the same number. No entrants will be added to an event that exceeds this number of places because of "A" qualifiers until all individual events even out. This process will be repeated as long as each individual event in the entire order of events can receive an additional entry and the number of total competitors will remain below the cap (270 swimmers and divers for the men's meet and 322 swimmers and divers for the women's meet).

- Step 4:** At some point, the addition of one competitor per event to the entire order of individual events will put the field over the total number of competitors cap. At this point, the remaining spaces will be allocated by comparing the Division I “A” standard for each individual event divided by the next entry time on the list. The competitor who has the highest percentage (closest to the “A” standard) will be taken first, and so on until the cap has been reached. *Please see the procedures below for breaking ties at the final selection spot.
- Step 5:** Enter optional entries for those individuals who are invited to the meet.
- Step 6:** An alternate list for individual events will be created. This list will be used in case a swimmer who has been invited to the championships has become ineligible or unavailable. Alternates will be listed in the order in which they would be selected to the meet.

Once the selection of the swimmers has been finalized according to the above process, the official psych sheet and the alternates list will be posted online. Psych sheets and alternate lists will be posted March 3 for the women’s championships and March 10 for the men’s championships. Institutions with swimmers selected to the championships will be notified by the NCAA national office.

Tie-Breaking Procedures. When two or more swimmers are tied for the final selection spot, the committee will use the swimmers’ times in the next event in which each swimmer is highest on the list and therefore closest to being selected in that event. The committee will compute the percentage of each respective swimmer’s time in his or her next-best event to the automatic qualification time, or “A” standard, for the events. The competitor who is closest in percentage to the A standard time for their next-best event will be invited to the meet. If there are multiple student-athletes tied for the final selection spot, only those who are not already selected to the championships will be compared using the tie-breaking procedures. Student-athletes who are already selected to the championships in another event will be automatically invited in the event for which there is a tie.

RELAY QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

- Step 1:** Each institution with at least one invited swimmer who meets a Qualifying Standard for a relay event and properly entered that relay through the OME system will be eligible to participate in that relay.
- Step 2:** Each institution that meets the Qualifying Standard for a relay event and properly enters that relay through the OME system, but does not have any individual qualifiers selected to the championships, will be eligible to bring four institutionally funded relay swimmers to participate in that relay.
- Step 3:** Each institution that is eligible to participate in a relay through Step 1, and each institution with at least four invited swimmers (not to include invited divers), will be eligible to swim relay events in which they achieved a Provisional Standard, provided the relays were entered properly in the OME system.
- Step 4:** Institutions that have at least one invited swimmer and are eligible to swim relays through either Step 1 or Step 3 may bring up to four student-athletes to serve as uninvited relay swimmers. Uninvited relay swimmers are student-athletes who were not invited to the championships in an individual event but can serve as relay alternates if needed. The following policies apply to uninvited relay swimmers:
- Uninvited relay swimmers will not receive reimbursement from the NCAA (travel and per diem) for attending the championships.
 - Uninvited relay swimmers may participate as alternates on any relay for which an institution is eligible.
 - Uninvited relay swimmers must be eligible student-athletes who are listed on the team roster online.
 - Uninvited relay swimmers may not swim any individual events.
 - Institutions must designate any potential uninvited relay swimmers (up to four) by the time of registration. Only student-athletes who were invited in individual events or the designated uninvited relay swimmers (up to four) may be used as alternates for relays.
 - Uninvited relay swimmers will count toward the limit of 18 participants.
 - If an institution scratches a student-athlete after selections, that student-athlete cannot be used as an uninvited relay swimmer.
- Step 5:** The entry/confirmation process for relays will be as follows:
- Coaches must enter all relays for which they want to be eligible to swim through the OME process by the appropriate deadlines. Coaches may enter the fastest relay time achieved by the institution. An institution may use an aggregate time as the seed time if that time is faster than its best actual performance.

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- The list of institutions eligible for each relay event will be posted at the same time as the list of selected swimmers in individual events.
- Institutions must confirm all relays for which they are eligible and want to participate. Confirmations must be emailed to the NCAA liaison by 5 p.m. Eastern time one week after the eligible list of institutions is posted.
- NOTE: Institutions that are eligible for relays are not required to swim the four student-athletes who achieved the relay standard.

Detailed instructions for entering relays will be posted online (ncaa.org, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving) in January. Coaches eligible for relay events will also receive a reminder email from the NCAA to confirm which relays in which they intend to swim.

Qualifying and Provisional Standard relay times are available on the NCAA website (ncaa.org, NCAA Connect, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving).

SELECTION OF DIVERS

For the 2021 zone meets only, the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee has approved several adjustments for the entry and qualification process and structure due to the COVID pandemic. Refer to the Jan. 5 memo posted on ncaa.org that outlines in detail the entry, qualification process and structure for 2021 only.

Qualifying Procedure

The top five female and top four male divers from each event at their respective zone diving meet will be eligible to compete at the NCAA championships. Additional place finishers in each event at each zone will be eligible based on the number of student-athletes from that zone who finished in the top 16 in that event at the previous year's contested or completed NCAA championships. All eligible divers must have achieved the zone qualifying score prior to the NCAA championships in all events they wish to participate.

2021 Number of Qualifying Spots per Zone

| Women | 1m | 3m | PI | Men | 1m | 3m | PI |
|--------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|
| Zone A | 5 | 6 | 5 | Zone A | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Zone B | 7 | 7 | 8 | Zone B | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| Zone C | 7 | 6 | 10 | Zone C | 7 | 7 | 10 |
| Zone D | 10 | 13 | 9 | Zone D | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Zone E | 12 | 9 | 9 | Zone E | 4 | 7 | 6 |

Optional Entry

Any diver who is eligible to compete as noted above will be allowed to optionally enter any other event(s) at the championships, provided that the diver finished in the top 12 at the same zone meet and has achieved the zone qualifying score for that event prior to the NCAA championships.

Example

Zone A had two divers finish in the top 16 on 1-meter at last year's NCAA women's championships; therefore, the top seven divers (5+2) would then be eligible to compete at this year's NCAA championships in the 1-meter event. Additionally, those seven divers may dive the 3-meter and or platform events provided they have met the requirements noted above.

Reimbursement Procedure

The reimbursement system for divers who are eligible to compete in the NCAA championships will remain the same as the 2019-20 season qualifying system. Divers will be eligible for reimbursement based on performances at their respective zone meet. The results from the previous year's NCAA championships, along with a priority placement grid (Figure 1), will be used to determine the total allocated reimbursement spots for each zone. Each zone will receive a minimum of four reimbursements for men and women. These guaranteed reimbursements will fill 20 of the 41 and 20 of the 35 allotted for women and men, respectively. The priority placement grid will then be used to fill the remaining 21 spots for women and 15 for men. All remaining eligible divers who do not receive reimbursement will be allowed to attend the NCAA championships as an institutionally funded participant.

Number of Reimbursement Spots per Zone

| | Women | Men |
|--------|-------|-----|
| Zone A | 4 | 6 |
| Zone B | 7 | 8 |
| Zone C | 8 | 8 |
| Zone D | 14 | 8 |
| Zone E | 8 | 5 |

| Place | 1m | 3m | PI |
|-------|----|----|----|
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 3 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| 4 | 11 | 10 | 12 |
| 5 | 14 | 13 | 15 |
| 6 | 17 | 16 | 18 |
| 7 | 20 | 19 | 21 |
| 8 | 23 | 22 | 24 |
| 9 | 26 | 25 | 27 |
| 10 | 29 | 28 | 30 |
| 11 | 32 | 31 | 33 |
| 12 | 35 | 34 | 36 |
| 13 | 38 | 37 | 39 |
| 14 | 41 | 40 | 42 |
| 15 | 44 | 43 | 45 |
| 16 | 47 | 46 | 48 |

Figure 1

TIEBREAKER AT ZONE QUALIFICATION MEETS

In the event of a tie between two or more divers who are vying for a final selection spot from a zone qualifying meet, the tie will be broken by comparing each of the diver’s highest scoring list from both of their two lists (preliminary and finals). The diver with the highest scoring list would advance to the championships, and the other diver will become the first alternate from that respective zone.

NOTIFICATION

Once the zone diving meets have concluded and not later than Sunday, March 14, the list of selected divers will be posted to the NCAA website (ncaa.org, NCAA Connect, Championships, Division I Swimming and Diving). Institutions with divers selected to the championships will be notified by the NCAA national office. Additionally, for the full list of divers eligible to compete at the finals site that include the institutionally funded divers, refer to the DiveMeets site.

SCRATCHES

Once selections have been conducted, coaches must report any scratches as soon as they are known. Medical scratches must be documented and submitted to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org; 317-917-6529) for women and Michelle Perry (mperry@ncaa.org; 317-460-4680) for men. Non-medical scratches must be approved by the Swimming and Diving Committee, and must be communicated as soon as they are known (see above contact information). Scratches not made in a timely manner are subject to denial by the committee. Once scratches are approved and official, the next alternate on the alternate list will be invited, time permitting. If an institution scratches a student-athlete (pending approval of the Swimming and Diving Committee), that student-athlete cannot be used as an uninvited relay swimmer. Alternates will not be selected for swimmers or divers who become ill or injured once championships competition begins.

Diving – The scratch deadline for declaring participation in the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships shall be 6 p.m. (local time), the day after the conclusion of the diver’s respective zone meet. Women’s scratches should be sent to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org), and men’s scratches should be sent to Michelle Perry, mperry@ncaa.org.

If an eligible diver declines his or her spot, the next diver in that event will then be notified and will be provided an opportunity to accept or decline the invitation to participate. If the alternate diver declines the invitation, the next alternate in that event will be extended an opportunity to participate until the spot is filled.

It is important to note that divers outside the top 12 and divers who have not achieved the qualifying score will not be eligible for consideration as an alternate.

After the established deadline has passed, divers may only be added by the Swimming and Diving Committee.

TIEBREAKER AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the event of a tie for eighth place in the prelims of the diving 1-meter, 3-meter or platform events, the proposed tiebreaking method is to take all nine divers to the final. The consolation finals will thus have seven competitors in the event, none finishing higher than 10th place in the final standings. In the evening’s final, the nine competitors will do a six-dive list. The highest place finisher of the tied divers will remain in the place that they finished, while the other diver will place ninth.

In the event of a tie for 16th place in the prelims of the diving 1-meter, 3-meter or platform events, the proposed tiebreaking method is to take all nine divers to the consolation final. In the consolation final, the nine competitors will do a six-dive list. The highest place finisher of the tied divers will remain in the place that they finished, while the other diver will place 17th overall in the contest and not awarded any team points.

Note: If there are more than two divers tied for eighth or 16th, all tied dives will move into the appropriate final.

Section 2•5 Participation Requirements

Once officially entered, a competitor must complete all heats, swim-offs, trials (diving) and finals in which the competitor qualifies. This applies to all competitors. Failure to compete for any reason, except in the case of disqualification outlined in the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Rules Book and provisions in this handbook, shall disqualify the competitor(s) from that event and shall prohibit any further competition in the meet.

At the championships site, coaches will receive an entry list at registration and will be asked to confirm by their signature that all of the student-athletes listed are present and will be competing in the championships. Failure to comply with the notification procedures from scratches that are outlined above could result in a substantial penalty to an institution and may include the disqualification of a competitor.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EVENTS

A student-athlete is permitted to compete in a maximum of seven events of which not more than three may be individual events. **A student-athlete who swims more than the allowable number of individual or total events will be disqualified and prohibited from participating in the remainder of the meet at such time as they exceed the allowable limit.**

REQUIRED EVENTS — SWIMMING

Student-athletes selected to the championships must compete in at least one of the events in which he or she qualified. If, at the conclusion of the championships meet, a student-athlete has competed in one or more events on an optional-entry basis but has not competed in at least one event in which he or she qualified for the championships, that competitor will be disqualified from any events in which he or she participated. In the case of such disqualification(s), the points scored by other teams shall be altered.

Student-athletes who do not meet the participation requirements may not receive transportation and per diem reimbursement. Additionally, institutions that have student-athletes selected to the championships who do not compete may be issued a misconduct with a potential financial penalty. A declared false start will NOT count as competing in a required event for reimbursement purposes.

REQUIRED EVENTS — DIVING

Divers who qualify for the zone diving meets must compete in the event in which the diver achieved a qualifying score. Divers who advance to the championships must compete in at least one event in which they qualified to the championships. In order to enter a diving event at the NCAA championships, a diver must have been in the top 12 and achieved a qualifying score. A declared false start will NOT count as competing in a required event at the zone diving meets or at the championships for reimbursement purposes.

[Reference: Bylaw 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

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Appendix B • Order of Events

NCAA DIVISION I SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS ORDER OF EVENTS (ALL EASTERN TIME)

FINALS — WEDNESDAY (NOTE: Women's - 6 p.m.; Men's - 6 p.m.)

1. 800-yard Freestyle Relay – All heats of timed final

TRIALS—THURSDAY (NOTE: Women's - 10 a.m.; Men's - 10 a.m.)

2. 200-yard Freestyle Relay
(10-minute intermission starting immediately at the conclusion of the relay)
3. 500-yard Freestyle
4. 200-yard Individual Medley
5. 50-yard Freestyle
(20-minute intermission)
7. 400-yard Medley Relay
6. One-meter Diving – Trials*

FINALS—THURSDAY (NOTE: Women's - 6 p.m.; Men's - 6 p.m.)

2. 200-yard Freestyle Relay
3. 500-yard Freestyle
4. 200-yard Individual Medley
5. 50-yard Freestyle
6. One-meter Diving – Finals*
7. 400-yard Medley Relay

TRIALS—FRIDAY (NOTE: Women's - 10 a.m.; Men's - 10 a.m.)

8. 400-yard Individual Medley
9. 100-yard Butterfly
10. 200-yard Freestyle
11. 100-yard Breaststroke
12. 100-yard Backstroke
(20-minute intermission)
14. 200-yard Medley Relay
13. Three-meter Diving – Trials*

FINALS—FRIDAY (NOTE: Women's - 6 p.m.; Men's - 6 p.m.)

8. 400-yard Individual Medley
9. 100-yard Butterfly
10. 200-yard Freestyle
11. 100-yard Breaststroke
12. 100-yard Backstroke
13. Three-meter Diving – Finals*
14. 200-yard Medley Relay

TRIALS—SATURDAY (NOTE: Women's - 10 a.m.; Men's - 10 a.m.)

16. 200-yard Backstroke
17. 100-yard Freestyle
18. 200-yard Breaststroke
19. 200-yard Butterfly
(20-minute intermission)
21. 400-yard Freestyle Relay
20. Platform Diving – Trials*
15. 1,650-yard Freestyle – All but last heat of timed finals

FINALS—SATURDAY (NOTE: Women's - 6 p.m.; Men's - 6 p.m.)

15. 1,650-yard Freestyle – Last heat of timed finals
16. 200-yard Backstroke
17. 100-yard Freestyle
18. 200-yard Breaststroke
19. 200-yard Butterfly
20. Platform Diving – Finals*
21. 400-yard Freestyle Relay

[Note 1: A consolation final immediately shall precede the championship final for each event except the 1,650-yard freestyle and diving events. Eight lanes will be used in all swimming events.]

[Note 2: The 1,650-yard freestyle event will begin at approximately 3:45 p.m. for both the men's and women's championships, with the last heat of the men's and women's preliminaries to end at approximately 5:15 p.m.]

[Note 3: Awards ceremonies will be held immediately after the championship final of that given event.]

[*Note 4: For a detailed schedule of diving, refer to Rule 6-2-2.]

Appendix C • End of Season Meet Competition Form



2021 END-OF-SEASON MEET COMPETITION FORM NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Division I institutions choosing to participate in end-of-season swimming and diving competitions that are held within the last 10 days of the qualifying period, **with the exception of conference championships**, must ensure that the meet host completes this form and submits to the following NCAA staff member: Michelle Perry at mperry@ncaa.org; 317-460-4680 (men's) or John Bugner at jbugner@ncaa.org; 317-917-6529 (women's) by *no later than noon (Central time) Monday, March 1, 2021 for women and Monday, March 8, 2021 for men.*

2021 End-of-Season Competition Period

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| Division I Women Feb. 19 – 28, 2021 | Division I Men Feb. 26 – March 7, 2021 |
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The intent of the form is to confirm that all regulations and formats have been adhered to so that time standards achieved during the 2021 end-of-season competition period as noted above can be considered for championships qualification purposes. Failure by HOSTS on behalf of the competing institutions to submit the completed form by *no later than noon (Central time) Monday, March 1, 2021 for women and Monday, March 8, 2021 for men* will be subject to a fine of \$500 with potential additional fines for repeated violations.

REGULATIONS FOR END-OF-SEASON MEET COMPETITION

Division I institutions choosing to participate in end-of-season meets should refer to NCAA Bylaw 17 for playing and practice seasons regulations that govern the 20 maximum allowable dates of competition. Further, all countable contests must be conducted per established bona fide competition rules as outlined in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book, and all meet results must be submitted to USA Swimming within 72 hours of the competition's completion and/or before the end of the established qualifying period, which is Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, for the women and Sunday, March 7, 2021, for the men.

All meets must be held according to the following regulations. Failure to follow these regulations will result in the disqualification of any time standards achieved at the end-of-season meet.

- **End-of-season meets must follow the regulations of bona fide competition as outlined in Rule 9 of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Swimming and Diving Rules Book.** USA Swimming-sanctioned or approved meets may be approved by the NCAA swimming and diving committee as end of season meets if they follow the rules of bona fide competition, appear on the calendar and meet the requirements outlined in this document.

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- It is preferred that hosts secure at least four officials for end-of-season meets. **All officials must be present during all competition including preliminaries, finals and time trials.** It is strongly recommended that all four officials secured be NCAA registered officials.
- Relay takeoff pads are required for relays to attain a qualifying standard. Hosts must have relay takeoff pads to host a meet with relay events. If hosts do not have relay takeoff pads, they may still host an end-of-season meet but results from any relay events will not be used when determining whether institutions are eligible to swim in relays at the championships.

PLEASE NOTE: All time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards may be achieved in 25-yard, 25-meter or 50-meter racing courses. Times achieved in either 25-meter or 50-meter racing courses will be converted to an equivalent time for a 25-yard racing course in order to select and seed swimming participants at the 2021 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships.

Institutions should refer to the 2021 Qualifying Standards posted on www.ncaa.org that reflect what will be used for selection to and seeding at the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

After the conclusion of the meet, per the information above, **the head referee** should sign and date the form below certifying that the end-of-season competition application requirements have been completed in full and that the end-of-season meet adhered to all regulations and formats outlined in this document. Failure to follow these regulations will result in the disqualification of any time standards achieved at an end-of-season meet competition.

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| Meet Venue/Location/ Dates of Competition: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Meet | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Meet | <input type="checkbox"/> Both |
| Head Referee's Name: | Date: | |
| Signature: | | |
| | Phone | Email: |
| Meet Director's Name: | | |
| | Phone: | Email: |

QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE END-OF-SEASON MEET COMPETITION FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING NCAA STAFF MEMBERS:

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