



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Division I Men's and Women's Diving Coaches.

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SUBJECT: Updated Diving Entry and Qualification Process for Zone Diving Meets.

Due to the COVID pandemic and the necessary health and safety measures required for the 2021 NCAA Zone Diving meets, the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee has approved several recommendations for adjustments to the entry and qualification process and structure of the meets for 2021 only.

Qualification Adjustment

Specifically, the following process will be used to determine automatic and at-large qualifying entries to an institution's regionally assigned 2021 NCAA Zone Diving meet, replacing the current qualifying process for 2021 only:

STEP 1. A total of 35 spots for female divers and 25 spots for male divers will be allotted for participation at each of the five regionally-conducted zone diving meet sites.

STEP 2. All divers within their assigned zone who achieve the "A" zone diving qualifying score during a 2020-21 NCAA bonafide diving competition will be selected for entry to the meet.

- **NOTE:** A video submission to the NCAA will be required from the competition where the student-athlete achieves an "A" zone diving qualifying score.

STEP 3. All divers who meet each of the three following criteria will be selected for entry to their regionally assigned meet: 1) Qualified as reimbursed or institutionally-funded divers to the 2020 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships; 2) Are eligible/available as student-athletes to compete for the 2021 NCAA championships; and 3) Achieve at least a "C" zone diving qualifying score during a 2020-21 regular season NCAA bonafide diving competition.

STEP 4. All divers who win their 2021 conference championship meets and achieve at least a "C" zone diving qualifying score at their conference meet will be selected for entry to their respective zone diving qualification meet.

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The following criteria will be used to determine the remaining at-large entries in order to fill the field for each of the five regionally assigned 2021 NCAA Zone Diving meets:

STEP 5. All divers who achieve a “B” or “C” zone diving qualifying score during the 2020-21 regular season at an NCAA bonafide diving competition will receive consideration for the remaining at-large entries to their assigned zone meet site in order to maintain a full field at each location.

The NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Committee will consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large divers for entry to their respective zone meet site:

- Quality of competition (listed in order: conference meet, invitational, dual);
- Head-to-head competition; and
- The number of spots advancing to the NCAA championship meet in each event.

Other Notes

- Divers who have qualified for the 2021 Zone Diving meets in more than one event by Dec. 31, 2020 using the original 2021 qualification process will still qualify for entry and participation at the 2021 Zone Diving meets.
- In order for divers to be considered for selection (automatic qualifiers and at-large selections), diving entries must be submitted in DiveMeets no later than noon Eastern time, Sunday, Feb. 28.
- Selections of qualified divers for each of the five zone meets will be announced via www.ncaa.org and www.Divemeets.com by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, March 1.
- Diving qualification scores used to achieve consideration for entry and selection to participate in an institution’s assigned 2021 zone diving meet must meet one of the following standards (note that the “C” minimum standards are the qualifying scores that have been previously established for the 2020-21 season):

EVENT	Women			Men		
	A	B	C	A	B	C
1M	295.00	283.00	265.00	351.00	322.00	300.00
3M	337.00	310.00	280.00	392.00	358.00	320.00
PL	268.00	251.00	225.00	367.00	331.00	300.00

The “A” standard is the average preliminary score from eighth place at the NCAA championship meet for the years 2017-2019.

The “B” standard is the average preliminary score from 16th place at the NCAA championship meet for the years 2017-2019.

The “C” standard is the minimum standard that has been used as the zone qualifying score up to (and including) this year.

Meet Structure

To ensure that the zone meets can be completed and NCAA staff can better manage the meets and adequately prepare hosts for all NCAA COVID health and safety measures that will be necessary this year, the number of host sites will be reduced from five to three.

Specifically, Zones A and B will be combined into one zone host site at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, North Carolina, and Zones C and D will be combined into one zone host site at the University of Kentucky. Zone E will remain a singular zone site at Northern Arizona University.

Please note, while zones are combined into a single site, zone meets will remain separate and take place back-to-back during the week of March 5-13. The schedule for combined zone sites is outlined below. More detailed information is included in the Attachment.

Zone 1

Greensboro site – Zone B; Kentucky Site – Zone C

- Days one and two: afternoon of Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 - Training
- Days three through five: Sunday, March 7 – Tuesday, March 9 - Competition

Zone 2

Greensboro site – Zone A; Kentucky Site – Zone D

- Days one and two: afternoon of Tuesday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 10 - Training
- Days three through five: Thursday, March 11 – Saturday, March 13 - Competition

Other Notes:

- The number of days for zone E shall remain five days total (Competition: March 8-10).

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Yahya Radman (yaradman@ncsu.edu) or Tom Stebbins (tstebbins@athletics.ucla.edu) of the swimming and diving committee; Katie LeGrand (katherine.legrand@villanova.edu), chair of the committee or John Bugner (jbugner@naaa.org), NCAA associate director of championships and alliances. If you have any questions specific to the entry process on DiveMeets, please contact support@meetcontrol.com.

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cc: NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee

Timeline for Zone Championships - Zone 1 (start Friday, March 5)



Friday-Day One

Six-hour training window
Three two-hour blocks
12-6p.m.

Saturday-Day Two

Twelve-hour training window
Six hour-and-a-half blocks
8-9:30 a.m./9:30-11 a.m./11 a.m.-12:30p.m./12:30-2 p.m./2-3:30 p.m./3:30-5 p.m.

Sunday-Day Three

Women's 1M/Men's 3M (events simultaneous)

W1M – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)

1M Prelim – 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

1M Final – 12:30-1:30 p.m.

M3M – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)

3M Prelim – 10:30-11:45 a.m.

3M Final – 12-1 p.m.

Three one-hour blocks—2-3 p.m./3-4 p.m./4-5 p.m.

Monday-Day Four

Women's 3M/Men's PL (events simultaneous)

W3M – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)

3M Prelim – 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

3M Final – 12:30-13:0 p.m.

MPL – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 p.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)

PL Prelim – 10:30-11:45 a.m.

PL Final – 12-1 p.m.

Three one-hour blocks – 2-3 p.m./3-4 p.m./4-5 p.m.

Tuesday-Day Five

Women's PL/Men's 1M (events simultaneous)

WPL – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)

PL Prelim – 10:30-11:45 a.m.

PL Final – 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

M1M – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)

1M Prelim – 10:30-11:45 a.m.

1M Final – 12-1 p.m.

--Immediately clear facility; Second zone training begins this day--

Timeline for Zone Championship - Zone 2 (start Tuesday, March 9)

Tuesday-Day Five

Six-hour training window
 Three two-hour blocks
 2-8 p.m.

Wednesday-Day Six

Twelve-hour training window
 Six hour-and-a-half blocks
 8-9:30 a.m./9:30-11 a.m./11 a.m.-12:30 p.m./12:30-2 p.m./2-3:30 p.m./3:30-5 p.m.)

Thursday-Day Seven

Women's 1M/Men's 3M (events simultaneous)

W1M – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)
 1M Prelim – 10:30 a.m.-12:15
 1M Final – 12:30-1:30 p.m.

M3M – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)
 3M Prelim – 10:30-11:45 a.m.
 3M Final – 12-1 p.m.
 Three one-hour blocks—2-3 p.m./3-4 p.m./4-5 p.m.

Friday-Day Eight- Women's 3M/Men's PL (events simultaneous)

W3M – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)
 3M Prelim – 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
 3M Final – 12:30-1:30 p.m.

MPL – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)
 PL Prelim – 10:30-11:45 a.m.
 PL Final – 12-1 p.m.
 Three one-hour blocks – 2-3 p.m./3-4 p.m./4-5 p.m.

Saturday-Day Nine

Women's PL/Men's 1M (events simultaneous)

WPL – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)
 PL Prelim – 10:30-11:45 a.m.
 PL Final – 11:45-12:45P.M.

M1M – Three 45-minute groups (8-8:45 a.m./8:45-9:30 a.m./9:30-10:15 a.m.)
 1M Prelim – 10:30-11:45 a.m.
 1M Final – 12-1 p.m.

Time	Day 1 FRI	Day 2 SAT	Day 3 SUN	Day 4 MON	Day 5 TUE	Day 6 WED	Day 7 THU	Day 8 FRI	Day 9 SAT
A.M.		Prac1	Prelim	Prelim	Prelim	Prac	Prelim	Prelim	Prelim
MID	Prac1	Prac1	Final	Final	Final	Prac	Final	Final	Final
P.M.	Prac1	Prac1	Prac1	Prac1	Prac 2	Prac	Prac	Prac	