

2026 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 electronic form no later than 1 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday, March 2, 2026, for women and Monday, March 9, 2026, for men. Failure by HOSTS, on behalf of the competing institutions, to submit the form by the deadline will be subject to a \$500 fine with additional fines for repeated violations.

2026 End-of-Season Competition Period

Division I Women Feb. 20 – March 1, 2026 Division I Men Feb. 27 – March 8, 2026

The intent of the form is to confirm that all regulations and formats have been adhered to so that time standards achieved during the 2026 end-of-season competition period as noted above can be considered for championships qualification purposes.

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 2025-26 and 2026-27 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, March 1, 2026, for the women and Sunday, March 8, 2026, 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 2025-26 and 2026-27 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. The committee-approved USA Swimming-sanctioned or approved meets for 2025-26 are the USA Swimming National Championships (Toyota U.S. Open), World Aquatics World Swimming Championships and USA Diving National Championships and the SPEEDO Winter Junior Championships East and West.
- A minimum of four officials is required; however, six officials are recommended 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.

Electronic relay judging equipment is required for relays to attain a qualifying standard. Hosts
must have electronic relay judging equipment to host a meet with relay events. If hosts do not
have electronic relay judging equipment, 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 or 25-meter racing courses. Times achieved in the 25-meter racing course will be converted to an equivalent time for a 25-yard racing course in order to select and seed swimming participants at the 2026 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships.

Institutions should refer to the 2026 Qualifying Standards posted on www.ncaa.org that reflect what will be used for selection to and seeding at the 2026 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** must attest 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.

For 2025-26, the form is available electronically at this link.

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

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