

PRECHAMPIONSHIPS 2026-27 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2026-27 academic year, the Association will sponsor 94 national championships — 43 for men, 49 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, 10 are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Prechampionship 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 nine apply to policies applicable to all 94 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

Section 1•1 Definitions

Prechampionship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship 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.

Nonpredetermined 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).

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. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform eligible to participate at the start of competition.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

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).

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, 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 3•2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation 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 3•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 3•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 3•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) 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 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how

championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete 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 competing at the finals site. 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 to access the online form and submit a nomination, **click here**.

Section 5 • 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 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the **Health, Safety & Performance website**. In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the **NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events**.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaw 22.4.1 in the NCAA Division I Manual, 17.1.10 Bylaw in the NCAA Division II Manual and 12.5.3 Bylaw 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 pregame and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pregame or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met.

(a) 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

(b) The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) 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 single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed four 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

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online **here**. Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

Section 10 • 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 Sept. 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).

Section 11 • Team Replacement Policy

Division I developed a team replacement policy considering the possibility of unforeseen circumstances impacting championship fields. The policy will be implemented in accordance with the terms set forth in the policy document available **here** when, despite best efforts, a team within the championship field is impeded or hindered from participating in the championship for reasons beyond its control.

Division I Swimming & Diving

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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 their 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

Sept. 7 or first day of classes (whichever is first)	Qualifying period begins.
Oct. 1 or before first competition (whichever is first)	Team rosters and home competition schedules due to USA Swimming.
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 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.
Monday, March 1	End-of-season meet competition forms due by not later than 1 p.m. Eastern time. Completed forms must be submitted to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org). Online entries for women's swimmers are due by 11:59 p.m. 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**. 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**).
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 by noon Eastern time.
Wednesday, March 10	Institutions that are eligible for relay events for the women's championships must declare all relays in which they want to participate by 3 p.m. Eastern time.
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**) 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 competitor.)*
Wednesday-Saturday, March 17-20	Women's championships hosted by University of Texas at Austin at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sept. 7 or first day of classes (whichever is first)	Qualifying period begins.
Oct. 1 or before first competition (whichever is first)	Team rosters and home competition schedules due to USA Swimming.
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 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.
Monday, March 8	End-of-season meet competition forms due by not later than 1 p.m. Eastern time. Completed forms must be submitted to Paige Newman (**pnewman@ncaa.org**). Online entries for men's swimmers are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. The entry list will be posted for review at **usaswimming.org**. The 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 **pnewman@ncaa.org** and **ncaa@usaswimming.org**. Entry challenges for the men's championships are due by 4 p.m. Eastern time. Challenges must be submitted to Paige Newman (**pnewman@ncaa.org**).
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 by noon Eastern time.
Monday, March 15	Coaches with more than 18 student-athletes (swimmers and divers) selected to the men's championships must contact Paige Newman (**pnewman@ncaa.org**) 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 competitor.)*
Wednesday, March 17	Institutions that are eligible for relay events for the men's championships must declare all relays in which they want to participate by 3 p.m. Eastern time.
Wednesday-Saturday, March 24-27	Men's championships hosted by University of Texas at Austin at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.

DIVING

Sunday, Feb. 28	Last day of qualification for men's and women's zone diving. All results must be submitted to DiveMeets by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.
Monday, March 1	Diving entries for selection consideration must be submitted in DiveMeets not later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.
Monday-Saturday, March 8-13	Zone diving championships (consecutive five-day window).
6 p.m. (local time)	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**) for women and Paige Newman (**pnewman@ncaa.org**) 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 competitor.)*

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

2027 Championships

Wednesday-Saturday, March 17-20	Women's championships hosted by University of Texas at Austin at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.
Wednesday-Saturday, March 24-27	Men's championships hosted by University of Texas at Austin at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.

2027 Zone Diving Championships

ZONE A	West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia (March 8-10).
ZONE B	University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee (March 7-10).
ZONE C	Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana (March 8-10).
ZONE D	University of Texas at Austin in Austin, Texas (March 8-10).
ZONE E	Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona (March 8-10).

DATE FORMULA

In odd years, 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.

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

FUTURE DATES AND SITES

2028 Men (March 15-18)	University of Texas, Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.
2028 Women (March 22-25)	University of Texas, Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.
2029 Women (March 14-17)	TBD.
2029 Men (March 21-24)	TBD.

Section 1•5 Equipment

Track-style starting blocks will be used at the 2027 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

Section 1•6 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.35, 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 2025-26 and 2026-27 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules book will be followed for the 2027 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 Bylaw 22.4 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 playing 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 2027 championships is located in **Appendix B**.

ORDER OF EVENTS — 2027 ZONE DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

For 2027, 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 or simultaneously)
Day 4: Men's three-meter/women's one-meter (conducted consecutively or simultaneously)
Day 5: Men's platform/women's platform (conducted consecutively or simultaneously)

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 consecutively or simultaneously)
Day 4: Men's three-meter/women's platform (conducted consecutively or simultaneously)
Day 5: Men's platform/women's one-meter (conducted consecutively or 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 consecutively or simultaneously)
Day 4: Men's platform/women's three-meter (conducted consecutively or simultaneously)
Day 5: Women's platform.

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

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 five 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.

The following formats are options for all zone diving championships:

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 10-minute break between the end of the preliminaries and the beginning of the finals. Divers in the finals are allowed to practice during the 10-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 2027 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 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. Nonathletes 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. Eligible institutions will be allowed to bring up to four uninvited relay swimmers to the championships (see **Section 2•4** Relay Qualification Procedures). 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 athletic trainer. Any other athletic 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 Swimming and Diving Rules.
- 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 2025-26 and 2026-27 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.

Per NCAA Rule 9, "Select USA Swimming and USA Diving meets that are acceptable for achievement of time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards may be designated each year by the respective divisional NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee."

Thus, the committee approved the following meets at which such standards may be achieved for the 2026 championships, as long as they take place during the season and are short-course meets: the USA Swimming National Championships (Toyota U.S. Open), World Aquatics World Swimming Championships, USA Diving National Championships and the SPEEDO Winter Junior Championships East and West.

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 at ncaa.org/championship/division-i/swimming-and-diving not later than 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, March 1, 2027, for women and 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, March 8, 2027, for men.

2027 End-of-Season Competition Time Period

Division I Women	Division I Men
Feb. 19-28, 2027	Feb. 26-March 7, 2027

The intent of the form is to confirm that all regulations and formats have been adhered to so that time standards achieved during the 2027 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 the aforementioned deadlines 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 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 before the end of the respective men's and women's 2027 established qualifying periods.

DIVING QUALIFICATION

In order to qualify for the diving events at the championships, a diver must participate in their respective zone diving qualifying meet. In order to qualify to compete in a zone diving qualifying meet, the diver must have achieved the qualifying standards for minimum point totals in bona fide competition **in each event in which they desire to participate.** The qualifying standards for divers are available on ncaa.org.

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. [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 ncaa.org. 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 2026-27 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 or 25-meter racing courses. Times achieved in 25-meter racing courses will be converted to an equivalent time for a 25-yard racing course. The committee only approves 50-meter racing course conversions in an Olympic year.

Institutions should refer to the 2027 qualifying standards posted on ncaa.org that reflect what will be used for selection to and seeding of swimming competition at the 2027 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships.

TEAM ROSTERS AND SCHEDULES

Each institution will be responsible for submitting and managing its official team roster and competition schedule on the USA Swimming website. Detailed information regarding team roster and schedule submissions is available on ncaa.org. **Initial rosters and home competition schedules for the 2026-27 season must be updated by Oct. 1 or before your first date of competition, whichever comes first. Institutions that submit rosters and/or schedules 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 USA Swimming SWIMS database on their Team Meet page 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 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, Sunday, Feb. 28 for women and 11:59 p.m. 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 **ncaa.org**.

DIVING RESULTS REPORTING

In order to be considered for qualification to the zone diving 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 DiveMeets. Please note that all scores must be achieved while competing at a meet that uses the DiveMeets software. No manual entries/paper sheets will be accepted. It will be the responsibility of the HOST to submit meet results to DiveMeets 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 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, Sunday, Feb. 28, for men and women. **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 ncaa.org.

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 the standard. Instructions on entering swimmers through the OME process will be posted online at **ncaa.org** in January. All online entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, March 1, for the women's championships and 11:59 p.m. 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.

A student-athlete is permitted to compete in a maximum of seven events, of which not more than three may be individual events. If a student-athlete competes in the NCAA championships in three individual events, that student-athlete may only swim in up to four relays. 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 Championship Subcommittee.

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. Declarations must be made via the Relay Declaration Form, provided at selections, by 3 p.m. Eastern time, March 10 for women and March 17 for men. Detailed instructions for entering relays will be posted on **ncaa.org** 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

All coaches wishing to enter a diver into their respective zone diving championship must submit the zone-diving entries to DiveMeets by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, March 1. 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. Waiver requests must be emailed to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org) for women and Paige Newman (pnewman@ncaa.org) for men. Directions for submitting the zone diving entry form will be available on ncaa.org in January. Late and/or incorrect submissions will result in a fine of $500. No paper entries will be accepted.

SWIMMING ENTRY CHALLENGES

A list of swimmers who have been entered in the OME system will be available online March 3 for women and March 10 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 March 9, for men. Challenges must be submitted to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org) for women and Paige Newman (pnewman@ncaa.org) 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 2, for women, and March 9, 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 pnewman@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 won their conference championship meet AND meets or exceeds the championship qualifying standard during that conference championship win will be selected to the meet. A conference can only have one qualifier per event in this step and must break any tie. Eligible conferences are included below. A swimmer who qualifies in more than one event via this step will only be selected in their top-ranked event but can swim other qualified events as an optional entry.

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 conference 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 championship qualifying standard for each individual event divided by the next entry time on the list. The competitor who has the highest percentage will be taken first, and so on until the cap has been reached. *NOTE: 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.

Tiebreaking 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 qualifying standard, for the events. The competitor who is closest in percentage to the qualifying 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 tiebreaking 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.

Eligible Conferences. Conferences are eligible for the conference qualifier step (Step 2) with at least five members sponsoring the sport and hosting a conference championship meet. The following conferences are eligible for Step 2 in the selection process for swimmers in individual events noted above for the 2027 men's and women's championships: America East Conference; American Conference (women's only); Atlantic Coast Conference; Atlantic Sun Conference; Atlantic 10 Conference; Big East Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Big West Conference; Coastal Athletic Association; Horizon League; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Mid-American Conference (women's only); Missouri Valley Conference; Mountain Pacific Sports Federation; Mountain West Conference (women's only); Northeast Conference (women's only); Patriot League; Southeastern Conference; and The Summit League.

RELAY QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Step 1: Institution has at least one invited swimmer and has a relay qualifying standard can swim qualifying standard and provisional standard eligible relays and bring up to four uninvited relay swimmers.

Step 2: Institution has no invited swimmers but has a relay qualifying standard can swim the qualifying standard relay and bring four uninvited relay swimmers.

Step 3: Institution has at least four invited swimmers but only relay provisional standard(s) can swim the provisional standard eligible relays and bring up to four uninvited relay swimmers.

NOTE: For relay participation to be considered for meeting one of the three standards above, they must be properly entered through the OME system.

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.

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.
- 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. Declarations must be made via the Relay Declaration Form by 3 p.m. Eastern time one week after the eligible list of institutions is posted (March 10 for women and March 17 for men).
- 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 at **ncaa.org.** 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 Standard and Provisional Standard relay times are available at **ncaa.org.**

SELECTION OF DIVERS

Qualifying Procedure

The top five female and top four male divers from each event at their respective zone diving championship 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.

2027 Number of Qualifying Spots per Zone

Women	1m	3m	Pl	Men	1m	3m	Pl
Zone A	5	6	6	Zone A	4	4	4
Zone B	11	9	10	Zone B	12	11	8
Zone C	9	8	8	Zone C	6	6	8
Zone D	11	12	9	Zone D	6	8	8
Zone E	5	6	8	Zone E	8	7	8

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 2025-26 season qualifying system. Divers will be eligible for reimbursement based on performances at their respective zone championship. 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.

2027 Number of Reimbursement Spots per Zone

	Women	Men
Zone A	4	4
Zone B	12	9
Zone C	9	5
Zone D	10	10
Zone E	6	7

Figure 1 - Priority Placement Grid

Place	1m	3m	Pl
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

Tiebreaker at Zone Diving Championships

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 championships have concluded, and not later than Sunday, March 14, the list of selected and institutionally funded divers will be posted to **ncaa.org** and **divemeets.com.** Institutions with divers selected to the championships will be notified by the NCAA national office.

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) for women and Paige Newman (pnewman@ncaa.org) for men. Non-medical scratches must be approved by the Swimming and Diving Championship Subcommittee, 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 Championship Subcommittee), 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 championship. Women's scratches should be sent to John Bugner (jbugner@ncaa.org); men's scratches should be sent to Paige Newman (pnewman@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 Championship Subcommittee.

DIVING 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 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 they 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 they qualified for the championships, that competitor will be disqualified from any events in which they 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 championships may only compete in the event(s) 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.]

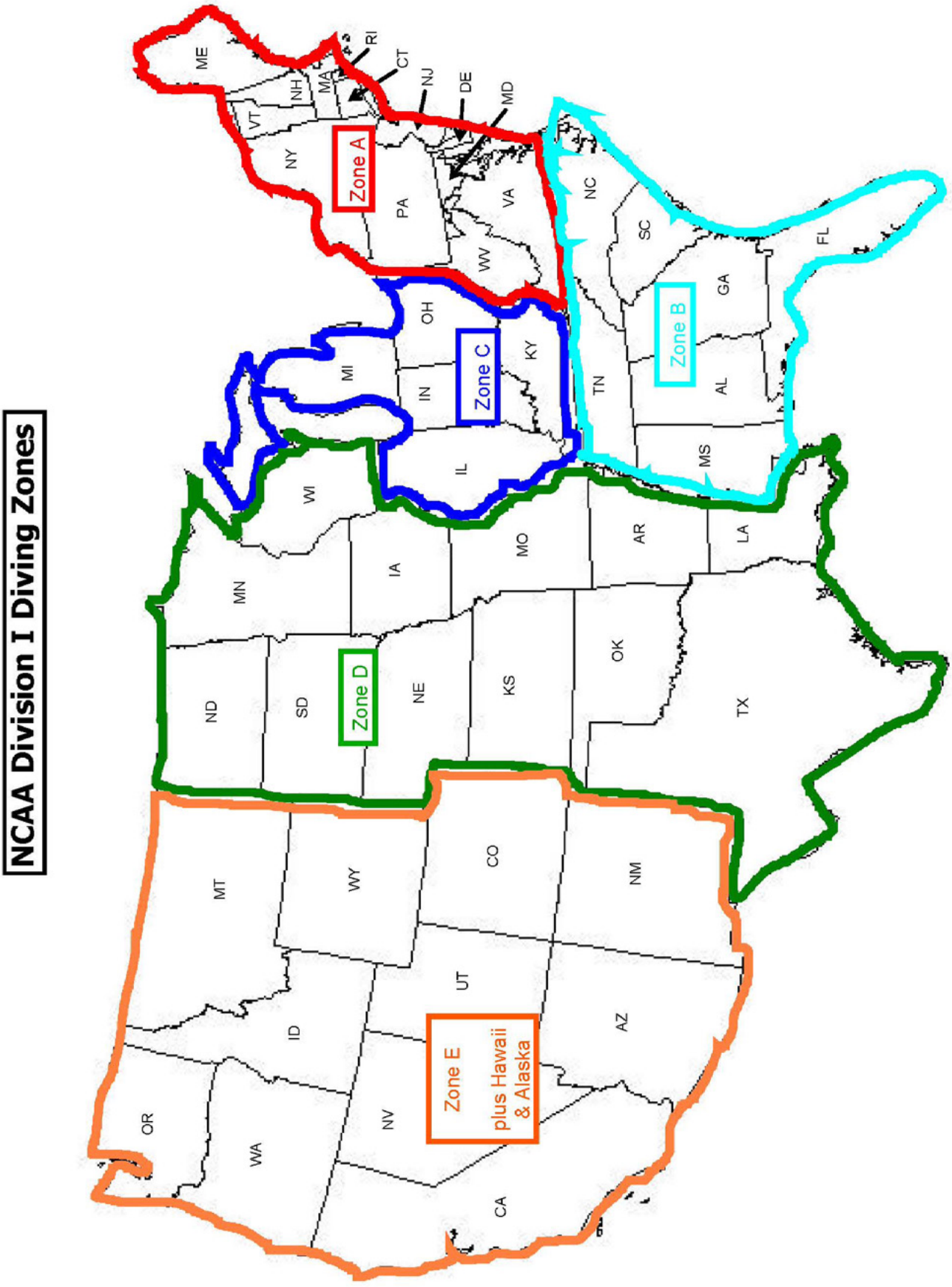
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NCAA DIVISION I SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ORDER OF EVENTS (ALL LOCAL TIME - SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FINALS - WEDNESDAY (Women's - 4 p.m.; Men's - 4 p.m.)

1. 1,650-yard Freestyle - All heats of timed finals
2. 200-yard Medley Relay – All heats of timed final (20-minute intermission)
3. 800-yard Freestyle Relay – All heats of timed final

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

4. 200-yard Backstroke
5. 100-yard Freestyle
6. 200-yard Breaststroke
7. 200-yard Butterfly
8. One-meter Diving - trials followed by consolation finals

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

4. 200-yard Backstroke – consolation finals
5. 100-yard Freestyle – consolation finals
6. 200-yard Breaststroke – consolation finals
7. 200-yard Butterfly – consolation finals
9. 400-yard Freestyle Relay – 17th seeded relay and higher
8. One-Meter Diving – Rounds 1-3
4. 200-yard Backstroke
5. 100-yard Freestyle
6. 200-yard Breaststroke
7. 200-yard Butterfly
8. One-meter Diving – Rounds 4-6
9. 400-yard Freestyle Relay – Fastest two heats of timed finals

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

10. 500-yard Freestyle
11. 200-yard Individual Medley
12. 50-yard Freestyle
13. Three-meter Diving - trials followed by consolation finals

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

10. 500-yard Freestyle – consolation finals
11. 200-yard Individual Medley – consolation finals
12. 50-yard Freestyle - consolation finals
14. 400-yard Medley Relay - 17th seeded relay and higher

13. Three-meter Diving – Rounds 1-3
10. 500-yard Freestyle
11. 200-yard Individual Medley
12. 50-yard Freestyle
13. Three-meter Diving – Rounds 4-6
14. 400-yard Medley Relay – Fastest two heats of timed finals

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

15. 400-yard Individual Medley
16. 100-yard Butterfly
17. 200-yard Freestyle
18. 100-yard Breaststroke
19. 100-yard Backstroke
20. Platform Diving – trials followed by consolation finals

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

15. 400-yard Individual Medley – consolation finals
16. 100-yard Butterfly – consolation finals
17. 200-yard Freestyle – consolation finals
18. 100-yard Breaststroke – consolation finals
19. 100-yard Backstroke – consolation finals
21. 200-yard Freestyle Relay – 17th seeded relay and higher
20. Platform Diving – Rounds 1-2 (women)/Rounds 1-3 (men)
15. 400-yard Individual Medley
16. 100-yard Butterfly
17. 200-yard Freestyle
18. 100-yard Breaststroke
19. 100-yard Backstroke
20. Platform Diving – Rounds 3-5 (women)/Rounds 4-6 (men)
21. 200-yard Freestyle Relay – Fastest two heats of timed finals

NOTE 1: Eight lanes will be used in all swimming events.

NOTE 2: For a detailed schedule of diving, refer to Rule 6-2-2.