



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S  
SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE  
APRIL 15-16, 2019, MEETING**

**Action Items:** The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee will consider the following recommendations that include (1) allowing teams that achieve a relay Qualifying Standard but do not have any individual qualifiers invited to the championship to bring four institutionally funded relay swimmers to the championship to compete in that relay (see Action Item 2-a); and (2) 2020 zone diving host site recommendations (see Action Item 2-b).

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Selection criteria adjustment.**

- (1) Recommendation. That a step be added to the Relay Qualification Procedure to allow teams that achieve an A Standard in a particular relay but do not have any individual qualifiers selected to the championship to bring four institutionally funded relay swimmers to the championship to compete in that relay. The language for the additional step is noted below:

*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.*

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

- (3) Rationale. The committee noted that this situation is rare (it has occurred only once in each of the last four years on the men's side) but felt that given the times achieved that the student-athletes were deserving of the opportunity to compete at the finals. Therefore, by adjusting the relay qualification process to allow teams that achieve the Qualifying Standard to bring four institutionally funded uninvited swimmers to compete in relays ensures all top relays are allowed to compete at the championships. Further, uninvited relay swimmers are not allowed to swim individual events, but they would be able to swim in any other relays in which their institution achieved a Provisional Standard.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None to the NCAA as institutions would cover the cost of these participants, which is common practice currently for uninvited relay swimmers when institutions qualify a relay.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Deserving student-athletes who have achieved a Qualifying Standard in a relay would be given the opportunity to compete at the finals.

**b. 2020 zone diving host sites.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following institutions and sites be designated for the 2020 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Zone Diving Meets:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Host Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
A	West Virginia University	Morgantown, West Virginia
B	University of Georgia	Athens, Georgia
C	University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky
D	Southern Methodist University	Dallas, Texas
E	University of Utah	Federal Way, Washington

- (2) Effective date. Immediately for 2020 zone diving meets.
- (3) Rationale. These recommended hosts were the only ones to have submitted bids for their respective zone competitions. They were also recommended by the coaches in each zone.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The NCAA does not reimburse for travel or per diem expenses for the zone diving meets. The estimated expenses for the recommended sites range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 depending on the facility rental fee (which is the primary expense). Zone diving hosts do not charge admission to the event.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes are given the opportunity to compete at the best diving facilities in the country with staff that is experienced in hosting NCAA zone diving meets.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review of schedule and agenda.** The committee reviewed the agenda and meeting schedule and made no adjustments.

2. **Annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from last year's annual meeting as submitted.
3. **Discussion/review with USA Swimming.** The committee discussed the swimming selection process, allowing aggregate times for medley relays and 2019-20 qualification standards.
4. **Playing rules discussion.** Greg Lockard, NCAA swimming and diving secretary-rules editor, and Barb Hallam, NCAA coordinator of championships and alliances, joined the meeting to discuss rules proposals for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 rules book.
5. **2019 CSCAA convention preview.** Greg Earhart, executive director, and Samantha Barany, director, from the College Swimming and Diving Coaches of America Association, joined the committee via teleconference and discussed the following areas: (1) consideration for access to the pool on Monday of each championships week; (2) importance of the pool being race-ready by practice day of each championship week; (3) video review; (4) ticketing for the meet; and (5) the opportunity for allowing teams that achieve a Qualifying Standard in a relay but do not have an individual swimmer selected to bring four institutionally funded swimmers to the meet to compete in that relay.
6. **Officials.**
  - a. Review of 2019 officials and judges. The committee reviewed the evaluations specific to the officials and judges selected to work the championships and noted the group's overall strong performance. The committee will use these evaluations to help choose the officials for the 2020 championships.
  - b. Review of officials' application. The committee reviewed the application and NCAA staff will adjust the document accordingly for the 2019-20 season. The committee would like the application to be posted on USA Swimming's website, Quarterly newsletter and on DiveMeets. NCAA staff will work with these entities to get the application posted accordingly.
  - c. Selection timeline and process. The committee discussed the officials selection process and timeline for applications and thought the process for 2018-19 worked well. The committee will use this same process for the 2019-20 officials selection and recommended that the application be posted as early as possible to ensure officials have adequate time to apply.
  - d. Review of swimming officials' evaluations form. The committee made no changes to the form.

- e. Code of Ethics. The committee reviewed and approved a set of guidelines that outline expectations and ethical standards that individuals must adhere to when serving as an official for swimming and/or judging diving at the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. The guidelines will be included as part of the officials' application process for consideration for working Division I NCAA championships as well as an appendix in various championship manuals.

## **7. Coordinators.**

- a. Review of meet coordinator responsibilities. The committee recognized Brad Erickson for his outstanding service as the meet coordinator over the past five years. The committee voted to extend an offer to Mr. Erickson to again serve as the meet coordinator for both the men's and women's championships.
- b. Review of officials' coordinator responsibilities. The committee reviewed the officials' coordinator responsibilities and NCAA staff will make the appropriate updates to the document, inclusive of adjusting the title from Officials' Coordinator to Administrative Referee.
- c. Review of swimming data specialist responsibilities. NCAA staff will make the appropriate updates to the document. The committee members did note that they would like to see a diving data specialist responsibilities document to codify that individual's responsibilities. NCAA staff will work to develop this document for 2019-20.
- d. Selection of data specialists for 2020 championships. The committee invited Herb Schwab (men's meet) and Bridgette Rhodes (women's meet) to serve as the swimming data specialists. The committee recommended Sheilagh Boudia to serve as the diving data specialist for both men's and women's championships. NCAA staff will work with all three individuals to determine availability and finalize contracts.

## **8. Qualifying.**

- a. End-of-season competitions.
  - (1) Review end-of-season competition process. The committee reviewed the end-of-season competition process and made no changes for the 2019-20 season.
  - (2) Review end-of-season competition form. NCAA staff will make the appropriate updates to the document.
- b. Qualifying standards and conversions. The automatic qualifying standards for individual events will remain as the average of the eighth best time on the performance list over the

past three years, except for the women's 200 backstroke and the men's 200 individual medley. Those events will remain at the standards established for 2019 since they are faster than those projected for 2020. The committee also discussed possibly adjusting the A Standard to a slower rolling average to allow more individuals the opportunity to achieve the A Standard earlier in the season. The committee will look to discuss this topic at the coaches association meeting in May and make a decision for the 2020-21 season. Additionally, the committee reviewed qualifying standards for diving events and recommended no changes for 2020.

- Long- and short-course meters championships standards. The committee reviewed but denied a request to add long-course meters standards for the 2019-20 season, noting that only short-course standards should be used for the NCAA championships since it is a short-course meet.
- c. Review of midyear transfer times achieved policies. Jerry Vaughn, associate director of academic and membership affairs, joined the meeting to discuss the upcoming midyear transfer legislation and how that will impact swimming and diving qualifying and selections if approved by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors during its April 2019 in-person meeting.

## **9. Review of 2019 championships.**

- a. Participant evaluations. The committee reviewed the participant evaluations for both the men's and women's championships and felt that the University of Texas did an outstanding job of hosting both championships.
- b. Championship records. The committee reviewed the records from the 2018-19 season and made no changes.
- c. Scratch policy. The committee reviewed the declared false-start policy and noted that any proposals for change would have to go through the playing rules committee. The committee voted to adjust the scratch deadline for the 800 free relay from 5 p.m. local time on Tuesday to the end of the coaches meeting on Wednesday.
- d. TV schedule adjustments. The committee reviewed the time change for the women's meet and noted that the adjustments were made for the second year in a row in order to provide the opportunity for the live broadcasts on ESPNU of Friday's and Saturday's evening finals. The committee also noted that the schedule change to the entire meet was necessary and voted that, moving forward, times should be adjusted for all days of the meet if a similar live broadcast opportunity is presented for either championship that would expand the exposure for the sport nationally.

- e. Omega timing equipment. The committee discussed the equipment Omega/Swiss Timing provided and asked staff to explore whether wider block tops and touch pads could be available for future championships if the host has the capability to accommodate.
- f. Team seating selection. The committee discussed the new approach used for determining team seating for 2018-19 championships and noted it was well received by coaches. The committee recommends moving forward with this same process for 2020.

**10. Preview of 2020 championships.** The University of Georgia will host the women's championships and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and the Indiana Sports Corp will serve as co-hosts for the men's championships. Site visits will be scheduled with all key stakeholders in August or September.

**11. General championships policies.**

- a. Review of massage therapy policies. The committee recommended no changes to the massage therapy policies for 2020 but will continue to review these policies annually. The committee did ask that the host provide a diagram of the massage therapy table spaces and number those spaces on site to make for a smoother selection process.
- b. Review of team ticket sale policies. The committee reviewed the current team ticket sale policies and recommended that 7% of the total number of seats available per venue be held back for public sale. This will ensure there are all-session ticket packages available for public sale moving forward and provide individuals with an opportunity to purchase all-session tickets following the team block sale.
- c. Media – review of policies and access on deck by photographers/videographers. The committee reviewed current policies regarding videographer/photographer access around the competition pool and within the venue and reconfirmed that there will be no adjustments for the 2020 championships.
- d. Fine increase for 2019-20. The committee reviewed the current fine policy for swimming and diving along with the overall revised Division I fine structure and voted to increase the current fines of \$200 to \$500 to \$500 to \$750, respectively. The committee believes that more coaches have missed annual deadlines in recent years and hopes that the increase in fines will address the issue in the future.
- e. Monday evening practice opportunity. The committee reviewed a request to allow teams to practice in the championship venue on Monday afternoon of championship week. The committee voted to approve this request and staff will work with future hosts to determine

if the venue is available for practice on Monday afternoon for teams since this information was not a part of the host bid specifications for 2019-2022.

## **12. Diving.**

### **a. Review of DiveMeets.**

- (1) Registration process. The committee reviewed the DiveMeets registration process and noted its desire to require all diving entries to be submitted through DiveMeets in order to eliminate paper entries. NCAA staff will work with DiveMeets to determine if this is possible to implement for the 2019-20 season.
  - (2) Qualifier reports. The committee reviewed the qualifier reports from DiveMeets and asked staff to see if the full list of qualifiers (selected and institutionally funded) can be posted to ncaa.org. Currently only the selected divers are posted on ncaa.org, and the full list of qualifiers, including institutionally funded divers, is posted on DiveMeets. Additionally, NCAA staff will work with DiveMeets to develop an alternate list like the swimming alternate list to help divers know who would be the next invited individual if there is a scratch from the meet.
- b. 2020 zone allocations. The committee confirmed allocations for each zone for the 2020 championships as follows: Women: Zone A – 4, Zone B – 7, Zone C – 8, Zone D – 14, Zone E – 8; Men: Zone A – 6, Zone B – 8, Zone C – 8, Zone D – 8, Zone E – 5.
- c. 2020 zone diving dates and sites. The committee reviewed dates and recommended sites for final approval by the Division I Competition Oversight Committee for hosting the 2020 zone diving meets (see Action Item 2-b).
- d. Diving assistant credentials. The committee discussed but did not approve a request to provide one additional deck pass for the diving assistant. The committee believes that, given recent adjustments to the deck pass formula, teams have enough deck passes to accommodate all necessary individuals.
- e. Zone diving date formula. Over the next year, the diving subcommittee will discuss the current zone diving date formula with key stakeholders within the swimming and diving membership and determine if a recommendation should be made to the national committee about adjusting the 2021 qualifying meet formats to allow competition to start on Sunday rather than Monday the week prior to the women's national championships. Preliminary discussions have indicated that a format change could help address a number of issues, including (1) diving board congestion at some sites; (2) provide more opportunity for rest for female divers should they qualify for the national championship; and (3) possibly

decrease missed class time. However, the recommendation could result in only one day of practice prior to the start of competition in order to not add expense.

**13. Selections for swimmers.**

- a. Selection based on percentage to the “A” standard vs. championship record. The committee reviewed the newly implemented process in 2018-19 and will move forward with this same process in 2019-20.

**14. Review of selection and relay qualification procedures.** The committee reviewed and voted to recommend an adjustment to the relay qualification procedures (see Action Item 2-a).

**15. Committee.**

- a. New appointments for 2019-20. The committee recognized outgoing members Yariv Amir, Joe Dykstra and Roland McDonald for their outstanding service and leadership during their tenure on the committee. Appointments to replace the outgoing committee members have been determined, and they will assume their roles September 1.
- b. Committee chair. The committee approved Katherine LeGrand, associate athletics director at Villanova University, as the chair beginning September 1, 2019. Ms. LeGrand has served on the committee for one year and has extensive administrative and swimming and diving experience. Ms. LeGrand will be replacing Joe Dykstra, head swimming and diving coach at the University of Utah, who will be completing his tenure on the committee August 31, 2019.
- c. Committee timeline. The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2019-20 and voted to adjust the annual meetings dates to April 15-16, 2020. Staff will schedule all conference calls with the appropriate parties throughout the year.

**16. Championship manual updates.** The committee asked staff to make the necessary changes and general updates to the manuals in preparation for posting for the 2019-20 season.

**17. Other business.**

- a. Championship strategic plans. The committee reviewed the Division I Swimming and Diving Championships strategic plan and made no changes. The committee voted to adopt this plan and will continue to review it annually.
- b. Review bid documents. The committee asked staff to make the necessary changes and general updates to the bid documents in preparation for the upcoming cycle.



*Committee Chair: Joe Dykstra, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances*  
*Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances*

<b>Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee April 15-16, 2019, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Yariv Amir, Colgate University; Patriot League	
Katie Cameron, Bryant University; Northeast Conference.	
Joe Dykstra, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference.	
Lisa Ebeling, University of Northern Colorado; Western Athletic Conference (via teleconference).	
Katherine LeGrand, Villanova University; Big East Conference.	
Roland McDonald, San Diego State University; Mountain West Conference.	
Keiko Price, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.	
Yahya Radman, North Carolina State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
John Rasmussen, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Horizon League.	
Kevin Tyrell, Harvard University; The Ivy League.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Samantha Barany, Collegiate Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (via teleconference).	
Sheilagh Boudia, DiveMeets (via teleconference).	
Greg Lockard, NCAA Swimming Secretary-Rules Editor (via teleconference).	
Greg Earhart, Collegiate Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (via teleconference).	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Barb Hallam, Championships and Alliances.	
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.	
Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances.	
Jerry Vaughn, Academic and Membership Affairs	