



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING  
CHAMPIONSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE  
JAN. 14, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome.** The committee chair welcomed the championship subcommittee members to the call. The committee thanked Jamie Greer for her service on the committee. The Coastal Athletic Association will appoint a replacement for the remainder of her term.
2. **Mock selections webinar.** USA Swimming staff led the committee through a mock selections exercise in preparation for the 2026 championships selections.
3. **Committee travel, apparel and schedule for championships.** NCAA staff provided an update on the committee travel and schedule for the championships along with the anticipated apparel order.
4. **Championships updates.**
  - a. **Prelims and finals timeline.** The committee reviewed a draft of the prelims and finals timelines for the 2026 championships and approved reinstating the 20-minute intermission from the last individual event until the beginning of the relay event during the preliminary sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The schedule will be posted to ncaa.org.
  - b. **Parade of relays.** The committee determined that the timed final relays will not parade during the morning preliminary sessions on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday consistent with not parading the timed final heats of the 1650.
  - c. **Postrace interviews.** The committee confirmed all mandatory post-race interviews with the individual and relay champions will take place after all awards ceremonies at the end of each evening finals session.
  - d. **Massage table locations.** With the massage table layout confirmed at Georgia Tech, the committee confirmed a team requesting two tables will be able to select the two locations during its turn in order. Teams requesting a third table (or more) will select after all teams have gone through the established order. Should space be limited, those with two (or more) tables will be required to relinquish a spot.
  - e. **Unfiltered Waters podcast.** NCAA staff granted Katie Hoff's request for space to do interviews with participants on practice days in collaboration with the NCAA social media team and permission to do a live recap after the finals session concludes in accordance with established NCAA championships media policies.

- f. **Team media credentials and deck access.** In order to address the growing congestion on deck, the committee agreed to enforce the established NCAA championships media policy that limits each participating team to two team content personnel credentials with deck access in addition to one sports information director credential. Any additional team content personnel will be permitted in the spectator seating areas without blocking spectators.
- g. **Manuals – zones/finals.** NCAA staff provided an update on the participant manuals for the zone diving championships and the final site. All participant manuals are on track to be published on ncaa.org by the beginning of February.
- h. **Online meet entry system instructions.** USA Swimming staff updated all necessary online meet entry system instructions for the 2026 championships. All documents are available on the USA Swimming website and ncaa.org.

**5. Diving updates.**

- a. **Zone B site change.** The University of Georgia agreed to host the 2026 Zone B championship in place of Georgia Institute of Technology. The oversight committee will complete an electronic vote before its next meeting to confirm the change.
- b. **Diving tiebreaker for eighth and 16th place.** Due to the new championship format change that removed consolation finals from all events, the committee representatives for diving noted the need to address the diving tiebreaker policies for eighth and 16th place that were designed for consolation finals. There is no change proposed for an eighth-place tie in the preliminary session. All divers tied for eighth will advance to finals as was the previous policy. For the tie for 16th place, since that is the last scored position, the proposal is for those tied for 16th place in the preliminary session to split the points for 16th place (e.g. if two divers tied for 16th place, they each get 0.5 points. The oversight committee will complete an electronic vote before the next meeting.
- c. **Men's head diving referee.** The championship subcommittee approved promoting Steve Voellmecke to replace Erica Sorgi as the men's head diving referee for the 2026 championships due to Sorgi's withdrawal from the position. The championship subcommittee approved Doe Krug to Voellmecke's vacant position as a diving judge at the 2026 championships.
- d. **Diving subcommittee meeting.** The diving subcommittee will meet at 11 a.m. Eastern time, Jan. 26.
- e. **Zone host call.** The five zone hosts will meet with NCAA staff and committee members at 1 p.m. Eastern time, Jan. 26.

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**6. Future meetings.** The oversight committee will meet at 11 a.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, Feb. 11. The championship subcommittee will meet next at 4 p.m., March 3 for the women's championships selection and on March 10 for the men's championships selection.

*Committee Chair:* *Mike Spiegler, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference*

*Staff Liaisons:* *John E. Bugner, Championships and Alliances*

*Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances*

<b>Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championship Subcommittee</b> <b>Jan. 14, 2026, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Hollie Bonewit-Cron, Pennsylvania State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Susan Bromberg, University of Illinois Chicago.	
Patrick Gallagher, Cornell University; The Ivy League.	
Charvi Greer, Tulane University; American Conference.	
Jamie Greer, Coastal Athletic Association.	
Nikki Kelsey, Northern Arizona University.	
Tamber McAllister, Brigham Young University; Big 12 Conference.	
Stacie McMullen, Eastern Michigan University; Mid-American Conference.	
Lauren Rust, University of Louisville; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Steve Schaffer, Grand Canyon University; Mountain West Conference.	
Mike Spiegler, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Lisa Liotta, Canisus University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Trey Freeman, USA Swimming.	
Macie McNichols, USA Swimming.	
Patrick Murphy, USA Swimming.	
Katie Trace, USA Swimming.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
John E. Bugner and Paige Newman.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Antonio Cannavaro, Jay Fitzwater and Caroline Hughes.	