



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
SWIMMING AND DIVING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 15-16, 2026, ANNUAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Previous meeting reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from last year's annual meeting along with the April 23 and May 19 meeting reports.
2. **Championship strategic plan.** The committee reviewed and approved the Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships strategic plan for 2026-27 season with no changes from the previous year. The committee placed an emphasis on the student-athlete experience, host-sponsored community engagement and enhanced social media coverage.
3. **NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 Decentralization Feedback – Phase I.** The committee discussed the decentralization of Division I Bylaw 17 (Playing and Practice Seasons). The committee provided feedback to the NCAA Division I Cabinet on the first practice date, first competition date, end of the playing season, maximum competition dates, summer athletics activities and health and safety for men's and women's swimming and diving.
4. **Playing rules discussion.** Greg Lockard, NCAA swimming and diving secretary-rules editor, and Jay Fitzwater, NCAA assistant director of championships and alliances, discussed the proposed playing rules changes.

The committee will annually address the language related to bona fide competition criteria that further clarifies which USA Swimming and USA Diving meets may be part of a team's schedule and be counted for qualifying for NCAA swimming and diving championships:

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 NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committees in all three divisions.

Thus, the committee approved the following meets at which such standards may be achieved for the 2027 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. The committee will consider requests from the membership for another country's diving national championship/trial meets on a case-by-case basis. The committee did not support including USA Swimming Pro Series meets on the approved list.

5. **CSCAA report.** Samantha Barany, executive director of the College Swimming and Diving Coaches of America Association, reviewed the coaches association-led proposal to modify the

championships schedule of events and qualifying process for the 2027 championships with the stated goals of maintaining broadcast alignment while evolving the championship format to better support high-performing student-athletes and to enhance the overall in-venue experience. Barany also reviewed a proposal to form a working group to review the long-term strategic vision for the championship, provided an update on awards provided by the CSCAA and continued work on developing recommendations for recruiting reform.

6. Officials.

- a. **Review of officials application.** The committee reviewed the application and made no changes.
- b. **Selection timeline and process.** The committee discussed the process and reviewed the timeline for applications and the selection of officials and recommended no changes for the 2027 championships.
- c. **Review of officials.** The committee reviewed evaluations of the swimming and diving officials at the championships and noted good overall performance.
- d. **Officials feedback and recommendations.** The committee reviewed recommendations from the head swimming officials. The secretary-rules editor confirmed the rules-based recommendations would be discussed by the playing rules subcommittee.

7. Coordinators.

- a. **National assignor of officials.** The committee reviewed the job description for a new national assignor of officials role to serve all three divisions with a goal to support and improve the officials selection process and assignments at the championships. The committee is supportive of the new role.
- b. **Administrative referee responsibilities.** The committee reviewed the responsibilities of the administrative referee and made no changes. Additionally, the committee voted to extend an offer to Brad Erickson to serve as the administrative referee for the 2027 men's and women's championships.
- c. **Officials coordinator responsibilities.** The committee reviewed the officials coordinator responsibilities and made no adjustments for the 2027 championships.
- d. **Swimming and diving data specialist responsibilities.** The committee reviewed the swimming and diving data specialist responsibilities and made no adjustments for the 2027 championships.

- e. **Selection of data specialists for 2027 championships.** The committee recommended inviting Herb Schwab to serve as the swimming data specialist and Brittany Colwill to serve as the diving data specialist for the 2027 men's and women's championships.
- f. **Selection of swimming and diving announcers for 2026 championships.** The committee recommended inviting Michael Poropat to serve as the swimming public address announcer and Brittany Colwill to serve as the diving public address announcer for the 2027 men's and women's championships.

8. Qualifying.

- a. **End-of-season competition process and form.** The committee reviewed the end-of-season competition process and form and made no changes for the 2026-27 season. NCAA staff noted the success of the first year of electronic form submission.
- b. **Qualifying standards and conversions.** The committee updated the qualification standards for individual events so a targeted 10% of invited student-athletes enter through the conference qualifier pathway - setting the men's standard at the 64th best time on the performance list from 2025-26 and the women's standard on the 88th best time on the performance list from 2025-26. Also, the selection process will be modified so student-athletes who access the meet via the conference qualifier are selected only in their top-ranked event.

For relay events, the qualifying standards will remain the three-year average of the 16th best time on the championship finals performance list, except for the women's qualifying standards in the 800 freestyle relay. That event will remain at the standards established for 2026 since they are faster than those projected for 2027. The provisional standard will remain the three-year average of the 24th best time on the performance list for all women's and men's relays.

For diving, the committee recommended no adjustments to the current qualifying standards.

The committee made no changes to the conversion factors for the 2027 championships.

The committee reminds the membership that in non-Olympic years, time standards achieved in 50-meter racing courses are not eligible for selection.

- c. **Fine structure for 2026-27 season.** The committee approved the fine structure for the 2026-27 season with no changes.

9. Selection of swimmers.

- a. **Review of selection and relay qualification procedures.** The committee approved a change to the conference qualifier qualification procedure (see Informational Item 8-b). The committee made no changes to the current relay qualification procedures for the 2027 championships.
- b. **OME entry procedures.** The committee reviewed the current OME entry procedures and made no changes. The committee reminds the membership that all student-athletes who qualify via the conference qualifier process must still enter via the OME by the established deadline.
- c. **USA Swimming staff support and SWIMS database system.** USA Swimming staff recapped the fourth year of SWIMS 3.0 database system and selection tool, noting positive performance and some upcoming updates to the database. The committee recognized Katie Trace, coordinator of events and data at USA Swimming, for her excellent responsiveness and efforts this season.

10. Review of 2026 championships.

- a. **Participant survey results.** The committee reviewed the participant surveys from the 2026 championships and will relay host-specific feedback to the tournament manager. The committee thanked the staff at Georgia Institute of Technology for hosting the 2026 championships. The committee noted survey feedback focused on the new championship format/schedule.
- b. **OMEGA timing system.** The committee reviewed the performance of the OMEGA timing system and timing crew.
- c. **Team seating selection process.** The committee reviewed the team seating selection process and made no changes. The committee emphasized that coaches must be prepared to make a selection when contacted by the committee on site or via phone or they will be skipped or assigned a spot.
- d. **Massage therapy policies.** The committee reviewed the massage therapy selection process and made no changes. The committee will annually evaluate the ability to select two adjacent spots based on facility layout and space availability. A team must list two massage therapists on its deck pass list to be eligible for two spots.
- e. **Team ticket sale policies.** The committee reviewed the team ticket sales policies and made no changes.

- f. **Team video service.** The committee was pleased with the team video services provided by Sideline Scout at the men's and women's championships. The committee will evaluate if that service is necessary at future host sites based on each facility layout and capabilities as well as if the membership finds the service necessary.
- g. **Media – review of policies and access on deck by photographers/videographers.** The committee reviewed policies regarding videographer/photographer access and made no changes. The committee noted success of implementing a limit to team content (photographer and videographer) credentials on the pool deck in line with standard NCAA championship media policies.
- h. **Awards schedule.** The committee noted that the post-meet awards ceremony process used in 2026 was not positively reviewed. The committee approved reinstating the awards ceremonies to follow each event during commercial breaks but noted there may need to be modifications to complete the ceremony in the allotted time.
- i. **Awards ceremony stand-ins.** With awards ceremonies taking place after each event, the committee will reinstate the awards ceremony stand-in policy with a modification that stand-ins are only permitted if a student-athlete is in back-to-back events and in no other circumstances based on feedback from coaches and student-athletes the awards ceremony is a paramount moment of the student-athlete experience.
- j. **Deck passes and credential policies.** The committee will work with the host to ensure improved security for deck access points and reminded the membership there is a fine for misuse of deck passes. In addition, the committee will consider permitting a director of operations without a deck pass to enter the facility with a ticket outside of spectator access times to provide necessary team support. This pass would not permit deck access.
- k. **Championship experience enhancements.** The committee reviewed the championship experience elements and supported the use of the LED arch and individual introductions during finals. The committee supported the second year of the national champion signature wall. The committee also noted feedback emphasizing music/DJ as a key element to the championship experience. The committee encourages future hosts to continue to enhance the student-athlete experience in creative ways.

11. 2027 action plan.

- a. **Championship format and schedule recommendations.** The committee updated the championship format based on a recommendation from the CSCAA and feedback received from the championship participant surveys and other stakeholders. The changes support the goal of presenting the championship for linear broadcast opportunities while enhancing the in-venue and student-athlete experience. The committee revised the schedule of events and format for the 2027 championships as follows:

- (1) **Reorder swimming events:** The committee approved reordering the events as follows:
Day 1: 1,650 Freestyle, 200 Medley Relay and the 800 Freestyle Relay
Day 2: 200 Backstroke, 100 Freestyle, 200 Breaststroke, 200 Butterfly, 1 Meter Diving and the 400 Freestyle Relay
Day 3: 500 Freestyle, 200 Individual Medley, 50 Freestyle, 3 Meter Diving and the 400 Medley Relay
Day 4: 100 Butterfly, 400 Individual Medley, 200 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, 100 Backstroke, Platform Diving and the 200 Freestyle Relay
- (2) **Reinstate B-Finals for Swimming and Diving:** The committee approved reinstating diving consolation finals to be conducted immediately following diving prelims and reinstating swimming B-finals to be contested before the A-finals session. B-finals will begin at 6 p.m. with the A-finals beginning at 7 p.m. Start times are subject to change.
- (3) **Top two heats of relays conducted in the A-finals; all others conducted with B finals:** The committee approved swimming all relay heats in the evening sessions. The relays seeded 17th and higher will be conducted during B-finals and the fastest two heats during the A-finals. This only applies to days two, three and four.
- (4) **Diving finals remain split:** Diving finals will retain the split format with the first three rounds or first two rounds of women's platform taking place before A-finals begin and the last three rounds taking place before the last two heats of the relay each evening on days two, three and four.
- (5) **Reinstate the awards ceremonies during commercial breaks of the A-finals:** Awards ceremonies will return to immediately follow each A-final event during commercial breaks.

The committee supported the CSCAA establishing a working group with representatives from the CSCAA, NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Oversight Committee, national governing bodies, broadcast partners and head coaches to evaluate the feasibility and potential structure of a combined championship with a goal of elevating the championship experience, driving fiscal efficiency and positioning the sport for sustained success and the championship for linear exposure. The oversight committee established parameters that any recommendation be budget neutral and that there is no predetermined outcome.

- b. **Championship qualifying recommendations.** See Informational Item 8-b for updates to the qualifying standards for the 2027 championships. The committee tabled a recommendation from the coaches association to permit student-athletes who fall below the cut line as a direct result of the conference qualifier process to participate in the championship at institutional cost in events in which they have achieved the qualifying standard.

- c. **Schedule of events.** See Appendix A for revised full schedule of events for the 2027 championships.
- d. **Areas of focus for 2027 site.** The committee discussed initial plans for the 2027 championships. The committee will focus on the following areas with the host: student-athlete and fan experience, hospitality, team seating, massage area, awards presentation, diving dryland area and community engagement opportunities.
- e. **Full wall timing pads.** The committee discussed a proposal from the head swimming referees to implement full wall timing pads at the championships to alleviate issues with backstroke starts. The committee decided to retain use of the gutter-hung timing pads, which they think are best for short-course events.
- f. **Broadcast.** The committee reviewed streaming metrics and its goal of a linear broadcast window for the championships.

12. Diving.

- a. **Zone diving subcommittee.** The committee reviewed the roster of zone diving subcommittee members and noted that Zones B and E still need to identify a replacement for a new term.
- b. **DiveMeets zone diving registration process.** The committee reviewed the DiveMeets registration process and made no changes. The committee was pleased with efforts to remind coaches of the deadline to keep the number of late entries low. The committee reminds the membership that DiveMeets is required for entries and results for the 2026-27 season and no paper entries or results will be accepted.
- c. **Zone diving host responsibilities.** The committee reviewed the host responsibilities and decided to remove the requirement to provide full meals for coach hospitality in order to reallocate those funds to provide a neutral head official at each zone site. The diving representatives and the zone diving subcommittee will develop a responsibilities document for the neutral head official, who would ideally be one of the selected diving judges for the championship final site. NCAA staff will also update the host responsibilities document to require the host to provide a video replay system for the zone diving meet.
- d. **Zone diving site representative responsibilities.** The committee reviewed and made no changes to the site representative responsibilities.
- e. **Zone diving meet qualifying standards.** The committee made no changes to the current qualifying standards.

- f. **Zone diving scheduling options.** The committee made no changes to the zone diving scheduling options.
- g. **2027 number of qualifying spots per zone.** The committee confirmed the number of qualifying spots for each zone for the 2027 championships as follows:

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

- h. **2027 reimbursement spots per zone.** The committee confirmed the reimbursement allocations for each zone for the 2027 championships as follows:

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

- i. **2027 zone diving dates and sites.** The committee reviewed dates and initially recommended sites for the 2027 championships. NCAA staff will confirm availability and budget with prospective hosts before the committee votes to approve.
- j. **Diving dryland expectations for championships.** The committee reviewed feedback from the finals site on the diving dryland area and will update the host operations manual and bid specifications with a more detailed description of expectations.
- k. **Zone realignment.** The diving representatives on the committee provided an update on initial discussions of the reallocation of institutions to each zone to better balance the number of institutions per zone while maintaining geographic proximity. The diving representatives will continue to seek feedback before returning to the committee with a recommendation at a future meeting.

13. Committee.

- a. **Committee composition and vacancies.** The committee will have two new members for the 2026-27 season after the terms conclude for Lisa Liotta and Mike Spiegler. The committee thanks our departing committee members for their service on the committee.

The committee appointed Tatum Colitz, deputy athletic director and senior woman administrator at Seton Hall University to the at-large position. The committee reappointed Grace Zifcak, diving student-athlete at the University of Kansas as the diving student-athlete representative and as the non-voting, student-athlete representative on the playing rules subcommittee. The committee reappointed John Young, head coach of swimming and diving at Davidson College to a four-year term on the playing rules subcommittee. The committee reappointed Hollie Bonewit-Cron, head men's and women's swimming and diving coach at Pennsylvania State University as the nonvoting oversight committee representative on the playing rules subcommittee.

- b. Committee timeline.** The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2026-27 and made no changes.
 - c. Committee responsibilities and championships coverage plan.** The committee reviewed responsibilities and made no changes.
 - d. Committee chair.** The committee appointed Charvi Greer, deputy athletic director of student-services and senior woman administrator at Tulane University, as the committee chair for 2026-27. The committee appointed Lauren Rust, associate athletic director of compliance and sport administration at the University of Louisville, as the committee vice chair for 2026-27.
- 14. Manual updates and review.** The committee asked staff to make the necessary changes and general updates to the manuals in preparation for the 2026-27 season.
- 15. 2029-2031 bid process.** The committee reviewed the site selection timeline for the 2029-2031 championships.
- 16. Future sites.** The 2027 and 2028 women's championships and men's championships will be hosted by the University of Texas at Austin at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas. A site visit will be scheduled with all key stakeholders in August or September.

Committee Chair: Mike Spiegler, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference
Staff Liaisons: John E. Bugner, Championships and Alliances
Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances
Audrey Capannari, Governance and Member Services
Danielle Day, Governance and Member Services

Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Oversight Committee June 15-16, 2026, Annual Meeting
Attendees:
Samantha Barany, College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (nonvoting member).
Hollie Bonewit-Cron, Pennsylvania State University; Big Ten Conference.
Susan Bromberg, University of Illinois Chicago; Missouri Valley Conference.
John Crock, University of Vermont (Faculty Athletics Representative, nonvoting member).
Patrick Gallagher, Cornell University; The Ivy League.
Charvi Greer, Tulane University; American Conference.
Caitlin Hughes, Northeast Conference.
Nikki Kelsey, Northern Arizona University; Big Sky Conference.
Lisa Liotta, Canisus University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Greg Lockard, NCAA Swimming and Diving Secretary-Rules Editor (nonvoting member).
Tamber McAllister, Brigham Young University; Big 12 Conference.
Lauren Rust, University of Louisville; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Steve Schaffer, Grand Canyon University; Mountain West Conference.
Mike Spiegler, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.
Grace Zifcak, Student-athlete from University of Kansas.
Absentees:
Joy Graziano, Student-athlete from University of North Texas.
Guests in Attendance:
Patrick Murphy, USA Swimming.
Katie Trace, USA Swimming.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
John E. Bugner, Audrey Capannari, Danielle Day and Paige Newman.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Keisha Burnette, Antonio Cannavaro, Jay Fitzwater, Leilyn Miles and Jonathan Youngblood.

Revised Championship Schedule of Events

All times subject to change

DAY 1 - Wednesday

4 p.m. – TIMED FINALS

	1,650-yard Freestyle – slowest to fastest
	200-yard Medley Relay – slowest to fastest
	<i>20-minute Intermission</i>
	800-yard Freestyle Relay – slowest to fastest

Event awards ceremonies will take place after each event.

DAY 2 - Thursday

10 a.m. - TRIALS

	200-yard Backstroke
	100-yard Freestyle
	200-yard Breaststroke
	200-yard Butterfly
	One-Meter Diving – Consolation finals immediately follow trials

6 p.m. - FINALS

	200-yard Backstroke – Consolation Final
	100-yard Freestyle – Consolation Final
	200-yard Breaststroke – Consolation Final
	200-yard Butterfly – Consolation Final
	400-yard Freestyle Relay – 17 th seeded relay and higher
	One-Meter Diving – Rounds 1-3
	200-yard Backstroke – Final
	100-yard Freestyle – Final
	200-yard Breaststroke – Final
	200-yard Butterfly – Final
	One-Meter Diving – Rounds 4-6
	400-yard Freestyle Relay – fastest two heats

Event awards ceremonies will take place after each final event.

DAY 3 - Friday

10 a.m. - TRIALS

	500-yard Freestyle
	200-yard Individual Medley
	50-yard Freestyle
	Three-Meter Diving – Consolation finals immediately follow trials

6 p.m. - FINALS

	500-yard Freestyle – Consolation Final
	200-yard Individual Medley – Consolation Final
	50-yard Freestyle – Consolation Final
	400-yard Medley Relay – 17 th seeded relay and higher
	Three-Meter Diving – Rounds 1-3
	500-yard Freestyle – Final
	200-yard Individual Medley – Final
	50-yard Freestyle – Final
	Three-Meter Diving – Rounds 4-6
	400-yard Medley Relay – fastest two heats

Event awards ceremonies will take place after each final event.

DAY 4 - Saturday

10 a.m. - TRIALS

	100-yard Butterfly
	400-yard Individual Medley
	200-yard Freestyle
	100-yard Breaststroke
	100-yard Backstroke
	Platform Diving – Consolation finals immediately follow trials

6 p.m. - FINALS

	100-yard Butterfly – Consolation Finals
	400-yard Individual Medley – Consolation Finals
	200-yard Freestyle – Consolation Finals
	100-yard Breaststroke – Consolation Finals
	100-yard Backstroke – Consolation Finals
	200-yard Freestyle Relay – 17 th seeded relay and higher
	Platform Diving – Rounds 1-2 (Women)/Rounds 1-3 (Men)
	100-yard Butterfly – Finals

	400-yard Individual Medley – Finals
	200-yard Freestyle – Finals
	100-yard Breaststroke – Finals
	100-yard Backstroke – Finals
	Platform Diving – Rounds 3-5 (Women)/Rounds 4-6 (Men)
	200-yard Freestyle Relay – fastest two heats

National champion team trophy will be awarded immediately after the relay.
Event awards ceremonies will take place after each final event.
Team awards ceremonies will take place after the event awards.