



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 9, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Informational Items: The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee approved an additional international-level event to count for qualifying for the championships.

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Additional international-level qualifying meet.** The committee received a request from the coaches association to approve an additional international-level event, the ISCA Open on Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, for qualification to the NCAA championships.

Per the playing rules, 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 previously approved the following meets at which such standards may be achieved for the 2024 championships: the USA Swimming National Championships (Toyota U.S. Open), World Aquatics World Swimming Championships and USA Diving National Championships. In addition, since it is an Olympic year, the committee approved the following additional meets: Pan American Games and World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships.

While the committee acknowledged the request as unusual during the season, it recognized the unique circumstances. The USA Swimming National Championships (Toyota U.S. Open) placed a cap on the number of participants that is lower than expected. Many collegiate teams send participants to the U.S. Open in an attempt to simultaneously qualify for the world championships, Olympics and NCAA championships. The unexpected lower participant cap negatively impacted many international collegiate athletes who had planned to participate in that event. The ISCA Open was created to provide a world championship qualifying opportunity in light of the unexpected participant cap.

The committee voted to support the ISCA Open to count for qualification to the NCAA championships for the following reasons that meet the similar high bar of the previously approved international-level events:

- USA Swimming requested a waiver from World Aquatics for the ISCA Open to be a qualifying meet for the World Aquatics Championships. USA Swimming noted there are only five competitions per continent that receive that distinction and this meet

was provided an additional opportunity for North America. The committee noted this is an exceptionally high bar.

- USA Swimming also will support the meet by sending their highest international level officials to officiate the ISCA Open. This supports the committee’s emphasis on high-level officiating for the meets it approves.
- OMEGA Timing will operate the timing system at the meet. That company operates the timing system at the NCAA championships.

The committee noted that approving this meet will positively impact NCAA student-athletes, especially international student-athletes. The participant cap at the Toyota U.S. Open unexpectedly removed a qualifying opportunity for several NCAA student-athletes and the ISCA Open fills that gap as a qualifying opportunity for their international aspirations. This remedy is indispensable, as other competitive opportunities do not offer the same relief, given the impending deadline for qualification to the world championships in Doha, goal that many NCAA student-athletes are actively pursuing. Additionally, due to training practices, student-athletes are trained to peak two times per season. Thus, it is not as simple to ask them to find another meet to qualify for the NCAA championships at another date. The committee is supportive of granting the ISCA Open the ability to count times for NCAA championships qualification to best support all student-athletes with their international and NCAA championship aspirations during this Olympic year.

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Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee November 9, 2023, Videoconference
Attendees:
Matt Barany, University of Richmond.
Hollie Bonewit-Cron, Miami University (Ohio).
Bridgette Cahill, America East Conference.
Charvi Greer, Tulane University.
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Lisa Liotta, Canisius College.
Richard Marschner, University of Utah.
Ryan Rougeux, University of Louisville.
Steve Schaffer, Grand Canyon University.
Mike Spiegler, University of Florida.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
John E. Bugner and Paige Newman.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ben Brownlee and Linda Godby.