



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPT. 25, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and roll call.** The committee chair and NCAA staff welcomed 13 new oversight committee members.
2. **Committee orientation.** The committee chair and NCAA staff reviewed key responsibilities, expectations, policies and procedures, confidentiality and important dates for serving on the committee. Staff also reminded committee members to complete the conflict of interest statement.
3. **Playing rules update.** Greg Lockard, secretary-rules editor, provided an update to the committee regarding rules changes and the officiating application.
4. **Sports Oversight Committee update and Division I governance structure.**
 - a. **Swimming and diving oversight committee.** NCAA staff provided an overview of key responsibilities of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships subcommittee, legislative authority of the oversight committee, voting procedures, meeting cadence and participation and future agenda topics.
 - b. **Schedule of events format.** At the direction of the Division I Sports Oversight Committee from its Aug. 20 meeting, the committee reviewed the previous swimming and diving committee's recommendation to revise the championship schedule of events and approved the recommendation as follows:
 - i. Remove the consolation final from the evening finals session and score ninth through 16th place directly from the preliminaries. The top eight swimmers, divers and relays will compete during the evening finals session to score places one through eight. All relays remain timed finals.
 - ii. Reposition the awards ceremonies in coordination with broadcast partners to improve event flow and allow for each evening finals session to fit within a two-hour window.
 - iii. Split the diving finals competition into two segments of three dives each during each finals session.

- iv. Reordering the schedule of events to maximize broadcast and spectator interest in consultation with broadcast partners. This adds a preliminary session to Wednesday morning but will not add further practice time. See Attachment A for the approved schedule of events. The committee adjusted the 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke from the original submission based on feedback received. The committee agreed to revisit the order of events at a future meeting should it receive additional feedback.
- c. **Individual event selection process and qualifying standards.** At the direction of the Division I Sports Oversight Committee from its Aug. 20 meeting, the committee reviewed the previous swimming and diving committee's recommendation to change the championship qualification process for individual swimming events and approved the recommendation as follows:
 - i. Establish one NCAA championship qualifying standard to be set as the three-year average of the 72nd best time on the performance list for the individual swimming events. The 2025-26 qualifying standards will be available on [ncaa.org](https://www.ncaa.org). There are no changes to the diving or relay qualifying processes.
 - ii. Institute a conference qualifier spot for a swimmer who wins their conference championship meet AND meets or exceeds the NCAA championship qualifying standard during that championship win. Conferences are eligible for this opportunity with at least five members sponsoring the sport and hosting a conference championship meet. The committee will review the sport sponsorship list each fall to determine the eligible conferences. Based on currently available information, the following conferences will be eligible:

America East Conference; American Athletic 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.
 - iii. The remainder of the championship field will be filled with those who meet or exceed the NCAA championship qualifying standard following the same process that is currently in place:
 - 1. 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).

2. 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 NCAA championship qualifying standard for each individual event divided by the next entry time on the list. The competitor who has the highest percentage (closest to the NCAA championship qualifying standard) will be taken first, and so on until the cap has been reached. *Ties will be broken following the same procedure as always for the final selection spot.
 3. 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.
- d. **2026 zone diving host sites.** At the direction of the Division I Sports Oversight Committee at its Aug. 20 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the previous swimming and diving committee's recommendation for the 2025-26 zone host sites:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Host Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
A	U.S. Naval Academy	Annapolis, Maryland
B	Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, Georgia
C	Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti, Michigan
D	Texas A&M University, College Station	College Station, Texas
E	Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, Arizona

- e. **Committee vacancies.** The committee voted to appoint the following individuals to fill its remaining vacancies:
- i. **At-large vacancies.** The committee appointed Nikki Kelsey of Northern Arizona University and Susan Bromberg of University of Illinois Chicago, as the final two diving at-large seats.
 - ii. **Student-athlete vacancy.** The committee appointed Grace Zifcak from the University of Kansas to the diving student-athlete seat.
 - iii. **Playing rules subcommittee vacancies.** The committee appointed Erica Aresco from Duke University and Randy Horner from Florida International University to the

swimming and diving playing rules subcommittee seats. The committee will appoint an oversight committee voting member and student-athlete to be non-voting members of the swimming and diving playing rules subcommittee at a future meeting.

5. Championship updates. NCAA staff provided the committee updates on the future site visit to Georgia Tech.

6. Future meetings. The championship subcommittee will meet Wednesday, Oct. 8.

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

*Staff Liaisons: John Bugner, Championships and Alliances
Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances*

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Oversight Committee Sept. 25, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Hollie Bonewit-Cron, Pennsylvania State University.	
John Crock, University of Vermont (Faculty Athletics Representative, nonvoting member).	
Patrick Gallagher, Cornell University.	
Joy Graziano, University of North Texas.	
Charvi Greer, Tulane University.	
Jamie Greer, Coastal Athletic Association.	
Lisa Liotta, Canisus University.	
Greg Lockard, NCAA Swimming and Diving Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Stacie McMullen, Eastern Michigan University.	
Brittney O'Dell, West Virginia University.	
Lauren Rust, University of Louisville.	
Steve Schaffer, Grand Canyon University.	
Matthew Sorbe, University of South Dakota.	
Mike Spiegler, University of Florida.	
Absentees:	
Samantha Barany, College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Mauren Palchak, College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
John Bugner and Paige Newman.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Antonio Cannavaro, Jay Fitzwater and Jonathan Youngblood.	

Proposed Schedule of Events

DAY 1 - Wednesday

TRIALS

1,650-yard Freestyle - Timed Finals
200-yard Medley Relay
800-yard Freestyle Relay

FINALS (EST 40 MIN)

1,650-yard Freestyle - Seeds 1-8
200-yard Medley Relay
800-yard Freestyle Relay

DAY 2 - Thursday

TRIALS

100-yard Butterfly
400-yard Individual Medley
200-yard Freestyle
100-yard Breaststroke
200-yard Freestyle Relay
One-Meter Diving

FINALS (EST 81 MIN)

100-yard Butterfly
400-yard Individual Medley
One-Meter Diving - Rounds 1-3
200-yard Freestyle
100-yard Breaststroke
One-Meter Diving - Rounds 4-6
200-yard Freestyle Relay

DAY 3 - Friday

TRIALS

100-yard Backstroke
200-yard Breaststroke
500-yard Freestyle
50-yard Freestyle
400-yard Medley Relay
Three-Meter Diving

FINALS (EST 81 MIN)

100-yard Backstroke
200-yard Breaststroke
Three-Meter Diving - Round 1-3
500-yard Freestyle
50-yard Freestyle
Three-Meter Diving - Rounds 4-6
400-yard Medley Relay

DAY 4 - Saturday

TRIALS

200-yard Individual Medley
100-yard Freestyle
200-yard Butterfly
200-yard Backstroke
400-yard Freestyle Relay
Platform Diving

FINALS (EST 81 MIN)

200-yard Individual Medley
100-yard Freestyle
Platform Diving - Rounds 1-3
200-yard Butterfly
200-yard Backstroke
Platform Diving - Rounds 4-6
400-yard Freestyle Relay