



MEMORANDUM

Jan. 9, 2026

TO: NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Coaches.

FROM: Dr. Jessica Siegele, chair
NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee.

SUBJECT: Championships Information for Diving Coaches – **Swimming Coaches**
Please Share This Information With Your Diving Coaches.

2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships - Qualifying Standards

	Men's 1-Meter	Men's 3-Meter	Women's 1-Meter	Women's 3-Meter
Dual-6 optionals*	285	295	255	265
Championship-11 dives*	440	460	390	420
Minimum D.D. on 6 optional dives*	14.0	15.0	13.0	13.3

Note 1: The championship 11-dive point standard may be achieved in a nonchampionships meet that includes two one-meter events (see Rule 6-1-2-a) if the diver's total award for both one-meter events equals or exceeds the point standard.

Note 2: A complete swimming *and* diving team roster file, including team ID code and appropriate grade levels for each student-athlete, must be exported and emailed to ncaa@usaswimming.org using Hy-Tek Team Manager at the beginning of the season.

Note 3: A diver must have achieved the minimum point total within the qualifying period in bona fide competition (refer to page 88 of the [2025-26 and 2026-27 NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Book](#) for a definition of bona fide competition).

Please take the following steps when one of your divers achieves one of the qualifying scores listed above:

Each qualifying score must be submitted via DiveMeets (if the meet was hosted by a Division I or Division II host that sponsors diving), or, if the meet was hosted by a Division II host that does not sponsor diving (but hosted a bona fide swim meet at the time diving competition took place), and by Division III or NAIA host, the dive sheets and completed [diving results forms](#) must be emailed

to Kerstin Hunter at the NCAA national office by the end of the qualification period, which is Sunday, Feb. 22 (11:59 p.m. local time.)

Kerstin Hunter's contact information:

Email: khunter@ncaa.org

Phone: 317-917-6645

1. Submit **qualifying scores** for each diver who meets the current diving qualification standards. As a reminder, **two qualifying scores from separate meets must be submitted over the course of the season. One of these scores must be for 6 optional dives, the other for 11 dives.**
2. Regularly check your divers' qualifying status over the course of the season via the following link: https://new.divemeets.com/QualificationLists/NCAADivII_2026. If you notice any discrepancies or missing divers, notify Micaela Kapsalis (mliddane@ncaa.org) and Kerstin Hunter (khunter@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office IMMEDIATELY.
3. The www.divemeets.com diving management system **must** be used by the head diving coach to complete the entry process for divers for both the qualification and championships meets. Each qualifying diver must register online with www.divemeets.com by 11:59 p.m., Eastern time, Monday, Feb. 23. Late diving entries may result in a financial penalty of \$200 per individual. The maximum penalty amount is up to the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, subject to approval by the NCAA Division II Championships Committee. See additional information regarding www.divemeets.com at the end of this document.

Diving Championship Qualification Meet

To advance to the national championships, a diver must participate in a qualification meet, which will be conducted at the Deaconess Aquatic Center in Evansville, Indiana, Tuesday, March 10.

1. Divers who achieve the national qualifying standard on one board may compete on both boards in the qualification meet. Divers must be registered with www.divemeets.com and submit dive sheets for both boards. Dive sheets must meet the same minimum degree of difficulty requirements as the qualifying standards.
2. Six optional dives will be performed by each diver in the event(s) in which the student-athlete participates.
3. A maximum of 18 divers will be selected for the men's championships and a maximum of 22 divers will be selected for the women's championships (see a detailed example at the end of this document).

Step 1: The top nine male and top 11 female divers on each of the two boards will automatically qualify for the national meet.

Step 2: If there are divers who qualify on both boards, then additional divers will be added, one at a time, based on the qualification meet place finish, alternating boards, beginning with 1-meter, until a total of 18 male and 22 female positions are filled.

In the rare instance of a tie for the last entry to the championships, all individuals tied for the last entry will be allowed to participate in the championships.

Step 3: All the diving qualifiers will compete on both boards at the national meet provided they successfully complete the qualification rounds on both boards and qualify on one of them. If a diver does not enter, scratches or is disqualified from one of the boards during the qualification round, they will advance on only the qualifying board.

Step 4: An alternate list of divers will be created using the same process as above. The list will be used in case a diver who qualified for the championships has become ineligible or unavailable and withdraws before the first event of the championships. Alternates will be listed in the order in which they would be selected to the meet.

4. The qualification meet is not considered a part of the national championships; therefore, per diem and transportation will not be paid to participants who do not advance to the national championships. *Institutions will be responsible for paying student-athletes' transportation costs and per diem to the diving qualification meet for those student-athletes who do not qualify for the championships.*

5. The tentative qualification meet schedule for Tuesday, March 10, is as follows:

- 7 a.m. Boards open for general warm-up.
- 9 a.m. Boards restricted to men on 1-meter boards and women on 3-meter boards.
- 10 a.m. Competition begins with men's 1-meter and women's 3-meter running concurrently.
- Noon Boards open for general warm-up at conclusion of morning session.
- 2 p.m. Competition resumes with men's 3-meter and women's 1-meter running concurrently.

6. Diving practice times will be available beginning in the afternoon of Sunday, March 8, and during the day and evening of Monday, March 9. Specific times will be listed in the participant manual, which will be made available mid-February.

Diving Coaches Meeting

All diving coaches are required to participate in a virtual administrative meeting at 7 p.m. Central time, Monday, March 10. Please reference the participant manual in mid-February for the meeting link. Any changes to qualification meet diving sheets are due by the end of this meeting.

National Championships Diving Entries

1. Each competitor is required to submit online at www.divemeets.com their official dive sheets for the qualification meet, and the championships preliminaries and finals by the entry deadline. Revisions to dive sheets for the Wednesday championship diving event must be submitted within one hour after the completion of the qualifying competition.
2. This list of dives must be signed by the competitor and the coach, and shall include the international dive numbers and position letters, a written description of the dives, the positions, and the degrees of difficulty. Each competitor shall be responsible for the accuracy of these areas, although an error in degree of difficulty will not be the basis for a failed dive.
3. Additional information on diving may be found in Rules 6-2 and 6-3 in the [2025-26 and 2026-27 NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Book](#) book.

National Championships Diving Preliminaries

1. One meter (men and women): Six optional dives, including one from each of the five groups, in any order, without limit on degree of difficulty, followed by five voluntary dives, including one from each of five groups, in any order, with total degree of difficulty not to exceed 9.0.
2. Three meter (men and women): Six optional dives, including one from each of the five groups, in any order, without limit on degree of difficulty, followed by five voluntary dives, including one from each of five groups, in any order, with total degree of difficulty not to exceed 9.5.
3. Preliminaries Schedule:

Wednesday, March 11 – Men's 1M, 1 p.m.
Thursday, March 12 – Women's 3M, 1 p.m.
Friday, March 13 – Men's 3M, 1 p.m.
Saturday, March 14 – Women's 1M, 1 p.m.

Note: All times are Central.

National Championships Diving Finals

1. Scores on all dives performed by each diver in the preliminaries shall be used to determine placing, with the top eight divers advancing to the evening finals and places 9-16 advancing

to the consolation finals. Consolation finals will begin 30 minutes after the completion of the diving preliminaries, starting with their voluntary score from the preliminaries, and then compete their optional dives.

2. The eight finalists will start with their voluntary score from the preliminaries and then compete their optional dives during the evening finals session which begins with swimming at 5:30 p.m. Eastern time each evening.

Helpful Contacts

Micaela Kapsalis, associate director, NCAA championships and alliances – mliddane@ncaa.org; 317-917-6513.

Bret Beecher, NCAA Division II championships diving referee – bwb@weberinteriors.com; 612-245-1988.

Gregg Petcoff, NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, designated diving representative – gpetcoff@western.edu; 970-943-2831.

**Follow these easy steps to register for 2026 NCAA Division II
Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships:**

1. Before giving this information to your team members, every coach participating in this competition must register at www.divemeets.com. You will receive an email with your ID and password. For "organization" choose NCAA. If you do not find your organization listed, please send an email to support@meetcontrol.com with the following information: Team Website, Team Name, Team Address, Team City, Team State, Team Zip / Postal, Team Email, Team Phone, Team Code / Abbreviation, Team Point of Contact, Team Fax, and Team Affiliation and they will update the database. You will not be able to register if you do not follow this process. **If a coach has already registered in the past, he/she does not have to register again.**
2. After you register, you can tell your divers to go to www.divemeets.com to sign up and then register for the **2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships**. They also will receive an email with their ID and password. **If a diver has already registered in the past, they don't have to register again, but they must update their account to reflect they belong to the NCAA and choose their respective team. If they forgot the ID and Password, they can click on Login, and [Forgot your password or DiveMeets ID.](#)**
3. Divers will be prompted to the meet information where they will be able to click on the events they are registering for and fill out dive sheets for each event. The program will make sure each dive sheet will be sent correctly. Coaches or divers can make changes to a dive sheet any time after registered and up to the meet registration closes online. Just log in and click on **View/Edit Dive Sheets** under the meet title.

Note: If coaches decide to register their divers for the meet, they will be able to do so after the divers have signed-up with www.divemeets.com and have a divemeets ID. Then, a coach logs in and can click on the **2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships** link. On that page coaches will find a drop-down box with the divers of their team. You will choose the diver you want to register for the meet, fill out the dive sheet and follow the prompts. You will have to do this process for every diver.

The next page is a good guide explaining the process of how to register for the meet. If you need any help please email support@meetcontrol.com.

How to Register for the 2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships:

If a diver has already registered in the past with www.divemeets.com, you don't have to register again, all you have to do is login with your divemeets ID and password and click on **2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships**. If you forgot the ID and Password, you can click on Login, and [Forgot your password or DiveMeets ID](#) and you will get an email with your ID and Password. If you do not see the **2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships** after you login, you must update your account to reflect that you are a member of the NCAA.

If you have not registered before with divemeets.com follow the following instructions:

1. Go to www.divemeets.com and place cursor over the LOGIN menu. Then, click on "Get a Divemeets ID."
2. Fill out the form for registration. For "organization" choose NCAA. If you do not find your organization and club listed, please send an email to support@meetcontrol.com with the following information: Team Website, Team Name, Team Address, Team City, Team State, Team Zip / Postal, Team Email, Team Phone, Team Code / Abbreviation, Team Point of Contact, Team Fax, and Team Affiliation and they will update the database. You will not be able to register if you do not follow this process. Click on Submit.
3. Fill out Form for registration (when asked for Team Affiliation choose your team, for coach choose your coach)
4. After you submit this form you will get a message "you have successfully registered."
5. Click on the "Pool Deck."
6. Click on "**2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.**"
7. Click on the events you will be competing (**IMPORTANT!!!!** You must enter both dive forms for the events in which you will be participating. The 6-dive form, which is a final event for the first day, and the 11-dive form for the preliminaries of the championship).
8. Click on Submit.
9. Depending on how many events you register, you must fill out as many dive forms.
10. Once you are done filing out the dive form, click on submit.
11. Click on the "Release Form Paragraph," select coach and provide your email and click submit. It will ask you to review your information and click submit again.
12. The new page will have your dive sheet and a message that "you have successfully registered for the **2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.**" You will get an email with your DiveMeets ID and password. Also, you will receive an email with confirmation of your registration in the meet.

If you need any help, please send an email to support@meetcontrol.com, they have great customer service.

Qualification Meet Example - Women

A total of up to 18 diving participant spots for men and up to 22 diving participant spots for women will be set aside to be determined at the diving qualifying meet as follows:

Step 1: The top nine male and top 11 female divers on each of the two boards will qualify for the national meet.

Step 2: If there are divers who qualify on both boards then additional divers will be added one at a time, **based on the qualification meet place finish**, alternating boards, beginning with 1-meter until a total of 18 men and 22 women positions are filled. See the example below for women.

In the rare instance of a tie for the last entry to the championships, all individuals tied for the last entry will be allowed to participate in the championships.

<u>1-Meter</u>	<u>3-Meter</u>	<u>Composite</u>
1. Johnson	1. Nelson	1. Johnson (Both)
2. Nelson	2. Smith	2. Nelson (Both)
3. Smith	3. Reynolds	3. Smith (Both)
4. Reynolds	4. Johnson	4. Reynolds (Both)
5. Samko	5. Peters	5. Samko (Both)
6. Peters	6. Grand	6. Peters (Both)
7. Snodgrass	7. Fredricks	7. Snodgrass (1 Meter)
8. Caroll	8. Dalton	8. Caroll (Both)
9. Brownlee	9. Camp	9. Brownlee (Both)
10. Fredricks	10. Caroll	10. Fredricks (Both)
11. Fergus	11. Brownlee	11. Fergus (1 Meter)
12. Grand	12. Breck	12. Grand (Both)
13. Dalton	13. Samko	13. Dalton (Both)
14. Barnes	14. Lake	14. Camp (Both)
15. Carlisle	15. Fergus	15. Breck (3 Meter)
16. Gregory	16. Carlisle	16. Barnes (Both)
17. Camp	17. Ross	17. Lake (3 Meter)
18. Townsend	18. Barnes	18. Carlisle (Both)
19. Meyer		19. Gregory (1 Meter)
		20. Ross (3 Meter)
		21. Townsend (1 Meter)
		22. Meyer (1 Meter)