



2025-26 IMPORTANT UPDATES DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee is providing these important updates and reminders that will be effective for the 2025-26 season and the 2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. More detailed information will be included in the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Prechampionships Manual, which will be posted on [ncaa.org](https://www.ncaa.org) by mid-November.

1. **Competition schedule.** After last year's adjustment to accommodate festival activities, the 800-yard freestyle relay has been moved back to its regular time of 6 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday. The finalized competition schedule will be published in the prechampionships manual.
2. **Minimum and maximum contests and participants requirements.** An institution must meet the standard requirements for sport sponsorship, NCAA Division II Bylaw 17.23.6.1, for swimming and diving for each gender to be eligible for selection to the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. As a reminder, the minimum participant requirements are as follows:

Minimum Number of Contests for Sponsorship: 8 with 9 participants per gender

Minimum Number of Contests for Selections: 8 with 9 participants per gender

Maximum Number of Dates: 16

3. **Swimming online regular-season entry procedures and results reporting.** The meet host and/or competing institutions must submit meet results within 72 hours after the completion of their competition. Failure to adhere to the 72-hour deadline could jeopardize a team's or individual's eligibility for championships selection and result in a potential financial penalty of \$400 per team or individual. The full policy can be found in the prechampionships manual.
4. **Participant numbers reminder.** The number of participants selected to the 2026 NCAA Division II championships will be as follows: Men – 175 participants (157 swimmers/18 divers); and women – 205 participants (183 swimmers/22 divers). All swimmers and divers who are invited to the meet will be counted toward the 380 total number of participants allowed.
5. **Splits reminder.** When submitting results, coaches must also request intermediate splits within the same 72-hour deadline. The committee will continue to permit the use of 50-yard splits for relay entries.
6. **Diving updates and reminders.**
 - a. **Results reporting:** All institutions interested in having their divers compete in the 2026 qualification meet and championships are **required to submit their regular-season qualifying scores via the DiveMeets platform** if those meets are hosted by a Division I or Division II school. For those meets, the NCAA will not accept email

submissions of qualifying scores. Qualifying scores achieved at meets conducted by Division III or non-NCAA hosts that do not use DiveMeets must be submitted via email to Kerstin Hunter (khunter@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office within 72 hours after the completion of the competition. Those scores will be added manually to DiveMeets. When submitting scores from those meets, please email a copy of the official signed score sheet as well as the completed [Diving Results Form](#). Please review the [2025-26 Diving Results Reporting Memo](#) on ncaa.org for further details.

- b. **Qualifying scores.** For a diver to qualify for the qualification meet, 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 must be for 11 dives.
 - c. **Championship format.** The championships preliminary round will use the 11-dive format only; in the final round, the format will continue to include 6 optional dives and 11 dives. In addition, a consolation final will be introduced to ensure that those who placed 9-16 after the preliminaries have the opportunity to place higher than their first-round result.
7. **Deck passes.** The following deck pass distribution formula **per gender** will be in place for the 2026 championships:

Number of participating student-athletes	Number of deck passes per gender for non-student-athletes
1-4 swimmers	2
5-9 swimmers	3
10-14 swimmers	4
15-18 swimmers	5
Any diver(s)	+1
Any relay-only swimmer(s)	+1

8. **Relay-only swimmers gifting.** As a reminder, all relay-only swimmers will be included in the student-athlete gifting.
9. **2025-26 important dates.** See next pages for important dates for the 2025-26 season.

2025-26 Important Dates

- Now – Team roster maintenance tool is available in the USA Swimming [SWIMS Database](#).
- Saturday, Sept. 7, 2025 – Qualifying period begins Sept. 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier, through the institution's declared start date of practice.
- Ongoing Swimming – Submission of meet results and requests for intermediate split times due within 72 hours of competition. See NCAA Results Reporting. www.usaswimming.org/ncaa. **Late result submissions may result in a fine.**
- Ongoing Diving – Submission of qualifying scores via DiveMeets due within 72 hours of competition.
- Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025 – Updates to Team Information must be made [here](#).
- Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025 – All initial team rosters must be submitted.
- Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, or before competition starts for spring semester, whichever comes first – Final roster updates must be submitted.
- Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2026 – Online Meet Registration opens. Enter your team at www.usaswimming.org/ome.
- Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026 – Last day of qualification for men's and women's championships (11:59 p.m. local time).
- Monday, Feb. 23, 2026 – All results must be submitted for swimming and diving by 5 p.m. Eastern time.
- Monday, Feb. 23, 2026 – Online entries for swimming (USA Swimming) and diving (DiveMeets) due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. The swimming entry list will be posted for review at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa. The entry review and challenge period begins as soon as the entry list is posted.
- Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026 – Coaches who entered more than 18 swimmers must be available to receive a call from the NCAA championships manager between 8 a.m. and noon Eastern time.
- Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026 – Noon Eastern time, deadline for coaches to inform Katie Trace at USA Swimming (kttrace@usaswimming.org), in writing, of any swimmers who became unavailable for championships competition after entries were submitted.

- Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026 – Entry challenges are due by 3 p.m. Eastern time.
- Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026 – Official qualification lists, including alternates, will be posted on ncaa.com by 5 p.m. Eastern time.
- Friday, Feb. 27, 2026 – Relay confirmations and designation of relay-only swimmers (up to four) must be submitted via the Relay Confirmation link by 5 p.m. Eastern time.
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – Diving qualification meet at the Deaconess Aquatic Center in Evansville, Indiana.
- Tuesday-Saturday, March 10-14, 2026 – Men's and Women's Championships at the Deaconess Aquatic Center in Evansville, Indiana.

Please contact a member of the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee or Micaela Kapsalis, associate director, championships and alliances at the NCAA (mliddane@ncaa.org), if you have any questions regarding these updates.