



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
APRIL 11-12, 2023, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- **Required participation policy.** The committee adjusted the required participation policy as it relates to eligibility around reimbursement. (See Informational Item 8-a.)

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of Division II Championships Committee actions.** The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee reviewed the Division II Championships Committee's latest items, most notably the triannual budget cycle. The swimming and diving committee made two recommendations as a part of the budget cycle: increasing the men's cap to 205 and providing relay-only swimmers with the championship gift.
2. **Report from playing rules.** Secretary-Rules Editor Greg Lockard and NCAA staff member Ben Brownlee joined the committee to provide a playing rules update.
3. **Report from College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America.** Maureen Palchak from the CSCAA provided an update specific to the upcoming convention in May, and an ongoing review of nominating and voting for all-American and "of the year" awards.
4. **Review of the 2023 championship.** The committee reviewed the 2023 championship and noted the following items:
 - a. **Swimming competition.** The adjustment of the 800-yard freestyle relay to Tuesday of championship week was well received and provided the opportunity to balance relays throughout the week of competition.
 - b. **Diving competition.** The addition of diving consolation finals as a part of the championship schedule was a positive for the student-athlete experience. This allowed divers to achieve additional point scoring thresholds individually and for their team.
 - c. **Officials.** The committee commended the officiating crews for both swimming and diving, highlighting their focus and diligence throughout the championships. In addition, the meet management staff was exceptional in keeping the meet running on schedule while providing updated results to head coaches and staff.
 - d. **Evaluations.** The committee reviewed the evaluations from the 2023 championship and gathered reoccurring themes as key takeaways.

- e. **Student-athlete experience.** For the second consecutive year, qualifying student-athletes received a championship backpack as a memento in lieu of a banquet. The committee has formally recommended to the Championships Committee to include relay-only swimmers in the gifting allocation. Overall, the committee felt that the student-athlete experience continues to be elevated through enhanced signage, hospitality and fan enhancement at the championship venue.

5. Action plan for 2024 championships and beyond.

- a. **2024 Championship.** The committee discussed the 2024 championships, which will be held in Geneva, Ohio, hosted by Lake Erie College and the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. The committee reviewed past championship experiences hosted at this venue and noted a few areas for focus and enhancement in 2024.
 - b. **Competition schedule adjustments.** The committee reviewed the 2023 competition schedule and will make two adjustments. The start of swimming finals will be adjusted to 5:30 p.m. each evening. Also, diving consolation finals will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the preliminary-round competition to ensure adequate rest for student-athletes.
- 6. Diving qualification meet.** The committee evaluated the diving qualification meet that occurs Tuesday of championship week and did not modify the format at this time.

7. Review of selection process.

- a. **Selection numbers.** The selection numbers will remain unchanged for the 2024 championships. The women's field will include 205 participants (183 swimmers, 22 divers). The men's field will include 175 participants (157 swimmers, 18 divers).
- b. **USA Swimming Online Meet Entry process.** The committee reviewed the Online Meet Entry process and the SWIMS 3.0 platform and noted the challenges experienced by the membership. NCAA staff recorded the areas of concern and collaborated with the USA Swimming staff to rectify those issues moving forward.

8. Standards and selections.

a. Swimming.

- (1) **Required participation policy.** The committee adjusted the required participation policy as it relates to eligibility around reimbursement. So long as an individual is selected into the championship field and has participated in at least one event, they will be permitted to receive reimbursement.

- (2) **Qualification standards.** The committee approved the 2024 qualifying standards. These will be made publicly available in the coming months on ncaa.org.

b. Diving.

- (1) **Qualification standards.** The committee did not make any adjustments to the 2024 qualifying standards. The standards are as follows: two submitted scores, one 6-dive, one 11-dive, from two separate events to participate in the qualification meet.
- (2) **Reporting of qualifying scores.** The committee reviewed the current process for reporting qualifying scores and feels strongly that this needs to be updated. The current process is time demanding and inefficient for both NCAA staff and the membership. NCAA staff is looking into updated electronic ways of collecting scores. An update to this process may be implemented as soon as next year.
9. **Minimum contest requirements.** The committee reviewed several instances occurring this year in which institutions did not meet the minimum contest requirements to be eligible for the championship. The minimum contest expectations are eight contests with 11 participants. The waiver process is available but is used to provide relief only in extenuating circumstances.
10. **Sponsorship analysis and access.** The committee reviewed the most recent swimming and diving sponsorship and the current access ratio status. Sponsorship data is requested and reported in the fall before the playing season. The 2022-23 sponsorship data for swimming and diving is below.

	<u>Swimming & Diving</u>	<u>Swimming**</u>	<u>Diving*</u>
Men	75 institutions 1,732 student-athletes	75 institutions 1,663 student-athletes	26 institutions 69 student-athletes
Women	99 institutions 2,249 student-athletes	99 institutions 2,130 student-athletes	30 institutions 119 student-athletes
Championship Access Ratio	Men – 9.90 Women – 10.97	Men – 9.50 Women – 10.39	Men – 3.83 Women – 5.41

** Swimming and diving sponsorship data is collected jointly through membership reports. The diving membership was asked to complete a survey reporting their current diving specific sponsorship and roster numbers. This reporting did not come from a formalized request but provides context between the varying sponsorship of swimming and diving.*

*** Swimming data with the removal of diving data.*

- 11. Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed its strategic plan and will continue to review this document at each annual meeting to prioritize big picture goals for the sport and championship.
- 12. Review of national committees.** The committee noted three vacancies for the upcoming academic year, two positions that are swimming specific and one diving specific.
- 13. Committee chair appointment.** The committee members did not appoint a committee chair at their annual meeting and will do so once the committee vacancies are filled.
- 14. Manual review.** The committee reviewed the 2022-23 championship manuals and noted edits for the upcoming season.
- 15. 2024 annual meeting dates.** The committee agreed to hold the annual meeting April 9-10, 2024.

Committee Chair: Kirk Sanocki, Wingate University, South Atlantic Conference

Staff Liaison: Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances

Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee April 11-12, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
D.J. Bevenino, Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion.	
Gregg Petcoff, Western Colorado University.	
Kirk Sanocki, Wingate University.	
Sara Smith, Roberts Wesleyan University.	
Britney Woodhull-Smith, Barton College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Kerstin Hunter, Championships and Alliances.	