



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
APRIL 9-10, 2024, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- **2025 competition schedule.** The committee is working to finalize the competition schedule being mindful of the mandatory festival opening ceremonies. [Informational Item No. 9-b]
- **Minimum contest requirements.** The minimum contests requirements have been adjusted for 2025. The updated requirements are eight contests with nine participants. [Informational Item No. 10-b].
- **Diving regular-season and championship entry process.** The committee is seeking feedback from the applicable membership groups for a potential change in the results reporting process. [Informational Item No. 10-c].
- **Diving qualification and competition standards.** The committee is seeking feedback for an adjustment in the championship diving format. [Informational Item No. 10-c].

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review agenda and meeting schedule.** The committee approved the agenda and meeting schedule.
2. **2024 committee meeting report.** The committee approved the 2024 meeting report as submitted.
3. **Division II Championships Committee update.** The committee reviewed the Division II Championships Committee's latest items, most notably the regionalization review, access ratio review for team sports as well as the 2027-28 triennial budget cycle.
4. **Division II governance update.** The committee received an update on current agenda items for Division II governance committees, including coaches' certification plans and reviews of Bylaw 13, transfer legislation, and noncontroversial legislation regarding sport sponsorship numbers for swimming and diving.

5. **Playing rules update.** Greg Lockard, secretary-rules editor, provided an update related to playing rules for swimming and diving, noting that this is the non-change year of the two-year cycle for rules changes, which means the only adjustments that could be made this year would be for health and safety concerns.
6. **Coaches connection update.** Wendy Snodgrass joined the group to summarize feedback from the coaches connection calls regarding this most recent championship, as well as feedback on best practices for continued success with the coaches connection communication initiative.
7. **College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America update.** Sam Barany and Maureen Palchak from the CSCAA provided an update specific to the upcoming convention in June, as well as a few other general membership updates.
8. **Review of 2024 championship.**
 - a. **Competition.** The committee applauded both the swimming and diving competitions as having exceptional individual and team performances. Several record-setting performances and personal bests were achieved during the championships.
 - b. **Facility and host.** The committee recognized SPIRE as having excellent infrastructure and facility space for conducting a national championship. The committee noted that while the facility potential is there, there were a handful of shortcomings that compromised the student-athlete experience in this year's event. The group has reviewed the participant evaluations and received verbal feedback from the membership and has made a point to include adjustments to future hosts.
 - c. **Officiating.** The committee commended the veteran officiating group for their work over the course of the championship week. The officials worked hard and diligently to ensure a smooth meet for all participants.
 - d. **Timing system and equipment.** Colorado Timing was used for the championship. The committee and staff dealt with a variety of issues with the timing equipment and the contracted service provided and will explore other timing system options for future championships.
 - e. **Administrative meetings.** The committee reaffirmed the virtual meeting options for future championships. Providing virtual meetings allows coaches and student-athletes additional flexibility in the days leading up to competition.
 - f. **Awards.** The committee noted that the presentation of awards went very smoothly. There were ties in multiple events. NCAA staff has coordinated the shipment of an additional trophy to those student-athletes.

- g. In-venue production.** The committee discussed the in-venue production issues that reoccurred throughout the first two days of championship competition. An additional contractor was hired to execute the NCAA content during the pre-meet run-of-show as the facility staff was not comfortable with the in-venue video board operations. The committee also discussed the poor on-deck sound quality as something that needs to be considered moving forward.
- h. Student-athlete experience.** The committee reviewed the feedback student-athletes submitted via the experience survey. The overall sentiment was that student-athletes had a wonderful championship experience. The committee focused on the areas of improvement noted in these surveys and will work to implement applicable changes in next year's championships and beyond.

9. 2025 championships.

- a. 2025 Division II Festival.** The 2025 championships will be part of the Division II winter championships festival hosted in Indianapolis. Swimming and diving, along with wrestling and indoor track are field, are the three championships included in the festival.

The festival will incorporate a mandatory opening ceremony, an optional closing ceremony, student-athlete lounges and other once-in-a-lifetime experiences. All hotel arrangements will be coordinated through Short's Travel Management. Teams will be placed into contracted hotel blocks for the week of competition. This is an adjustment from typical championship years during which institutions are responsible for securing their own rooms.

- b. 2025 competition schedule.** The committee reviewed the competition schedule for the 2025 championships and flagged potential conflicts with the mandatory opening ceremony on Tuesday night. The committee is planning to keep the 800 free relay on Tuesday but understands there needs to be flexibility on moving the event earlier in the day to avoid crossover with the opening ceremony. The committee will confirm the competition schedule in a subsequent meeting and share the finalized version with the membership.
- c. Diving qualification meet.** The committee reviewed the diving qualification meet format and generally supports investigating an increase from a one-day meet to a two-day meet. This adjustment would start competition Monday and finish Tuesday evening. This change would require additional funding for officials' lodging and fees. NCAA staff will begin exploring a budget analysis for the additional competition day. Because of the budget impact of this request, the committee cannot submit it until the next Division II triennial budget cycle in 2027-28.

The committee also reviewed the diving qualification format and is seeking feedback on a six-dive format for the qualification meet. Division II is currently the only division that dives

an 11 format, and the committee believes that the six-dive format better suits championship-level diving.

- d. **Selection of championship officials and diving judges.** The committee reviewed the process for selecting championship officials and diving judges and made no changes. The group did discuss the need to continue to incorporate newer and different officials into the championship field to continue to foster a sustainable officiating pipeline for swimming and diving.
- e. **Deck pass limits.** The committee made the following adjustments for the deck pass allotment for the 2025 championships:

Qualifiers	Deck Passes
1-4 student-athletes	2
5-9 student-athletes	3
10-14 student-athletes	4
15-18 student-athletes	5
Any diver(s)	+1
Any relay only swimmers	+1

- f. **Student-athlete gifting.** As a result of the approved triennial budget cycle requests for the 2025 championships, all relay-only swimmers will receive student-athlete gifting.

10. Selection process and championship standards.

- a. **Participant cap.** The participant cap for the 2025 championship will be 175 for men's participants (157 swimmers and 18 divers), and the women's field will include 205 participants (183 swimmers and 22 divers).
- b. **Sport sponsorship and minimum contest requirements.**
- (1) **Minimum contest requirements.** In the committee's January meeting the group recommended reducing the number of participants in the minimum contest requirements from 11 to nine. This recommendation was approved by the applicable

committees within the governance structure and will be effective for the 2025 championships. The minimum contests for 2025 are eight contests with nine participants.

(2) Tracking process for minimum contests requirements. This past year NCAA staff and the committee used the SWIMS 3.0 software to track on minimum contest requirements. The report results revealed a lack of adherence to the results reporting policy, which in turn flagged several institutions as not meeting the minimum contest requirement. The committee plans to continue tracking minimum contest requirements and begin monitoring results reporting with more detail to ensure accurate information.

(3) Swimming online regular-season entry procedures and results reporting. The group reviewed the results reporting policy and affirmed the importance of these deadlines. 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 well as the potential financial penalty of \$400 per team or individual. The full policy can be found in the Division II Swimming and Diving Pre-Championships Manual.

c. Diving.

(1) Regular-season and championship entry process. The committee is recommending an adjustment to require the DiveMeets platform as the results reporting system for regular-season and championship entry and results reporting. The committee noted that the current manual process for gathering and tracking results is outdated and inefficient. If formalized, this would include an institution cost of \$200 annually for the DiveMeets service. The committee will seek feedback from the applicable committees and membership groups before finalizing the change. The anticipated start date for this process would be for the 2025 championships.

(2) Qualification and competition standards. As noted earlier in the report, the committee will gather feedback on the championships diving format moving from an 11-dive list to a six-dive list. If the committee moves forward with a six-dive championship format, the qualification standards would in turn be adjusted to one six-dive qualifying score.

11. Championship bid review. The committee reviewed the bids received as a part of the two-year host awarding process. All championships are currently out to bid for 2026-27 and 2027-28. The committee will continue to review and vet all bids for selection of hosts by the end of July.

12. Strategic plan. The group reviewed and revised the sport's strategic plan to better reflect the current landscape of the division as well as swimming and diving in particular.

13. Committee.

- a. **Committee chair.** The committee reappointed Gregg Petcoff of Western Colorado University as the committee chair for 2024-25.
- b. **Committee composition.** No committee members are rolling off for the 2024-25 academic year. The committee comprises five total members, with representation of coaches and administrators.
- c. **2024-25 committee calendar.** The 2025 annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-April.

Committee Chair: Gregg Petcoff, Western Colorado University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Staff Liaison(s): Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances

Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee April 9-10, 2024, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Marc Danin, Adelphi University.	
Elle Elder, Mars Hill University.	
Andrew Makepeace, Augustana University (South Dakota).	
Gregg Petcoff, Western Colorado University.	
Jessica Siegele, University of North Carolina, Pembroke.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Sam Barany, College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America.	
Greg Lockard, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Maureen Palchak, College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America.	
Wendy Snodgrass, Coaches Connection.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jay Fitzwater, Championships and Alliances.	
Kerstin Hunter, Championships and Alliances.	
Megan Villanueva, Academic and Membership Affairs.	