# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE APRIL 7, 2025, ANNUAL MEETING

# 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. Review of 2025 championships.
  - **a. Division II winter festival.** The committee reviewed the 2025 winter festival hosted in Indianapolis and thought overall the event was a great success. The committee recognized that with three induvial team sports the winter festival is the largest based on field size and travel party number. This resulted in some logistical issues including hotel reservations, bus parking at the hotel properties, and flexibility of outside food and beverage allowed at the contracted properties.

The opening ceremonies held Tuesday of competition week were a big success. The committee agreed that the Indianapolis Children's Museum was a great location for allowing an interactive experience for the student-athletes. For future festivals, the committee would like to see food options that better support a student-athlete diet the night before competition.

The committee commended the facility hosts and the Indiana Sports Corp for their collaboration and execution of such a large-scale event.

- **b. Competition.** The competition at the 2025 championship was superb with record-setting performances, exciting relays and finishes coming down to the final dive.
- c. Facility and host. The committee applauded the facility and the host for their exceptional efforts throughout the week. The IU Natatorium is a seasoned host, staffed with individuals who take great pride in all hosting efforts. The Indiana Sports Corp host staff were intentional, helpful and proactive. The committee looks forward to returning to Indianapolis in two years.

- **d. Officiating.** The committee was very pleased with the officiating crews for both the swimming and diving championship events. The head officials did a nice job diversifying the crews with both veteran and newer qualified officials.
- **e. Timing system and equipment.** Colorado Timing was used for the championships. For the first time, the host provided this service in-house with natatorium staff. The timing system and video review technology worked flawlessly.
- **f. Awards.** The awards presentation was executed nicely. The host staff was prepared, had ample volunteers and was service oriented during all aspects of the awards programming.
- **g. Student-athlete experience.** The committee reviewed the student-athlete survey responses and saw overall high satisfaction with the championships experience. The committee noted some festival specific feedback and will take that into consideration when evaluating the festival holistically.

# 4. 2026 championships.

- **a. 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. The committee will review this during its triennial budget discussions.
- **b. Schedule of events.** The schedule of events for the 2026 championships will return to the traditional nonfestival schedule, with the 800-free relay occurring Tuesday evening.
- **c. Student-athlete gifts.** This was the first year in which relay-only student-athletes were included in the student-athlete gifting, which was well received. This will continue for 2026. The committee reviewed the feedback that shared the desire for backpacks as a part of the gifting in future events.
- **d. Deck pass limits.** The deck pass limits will be as follows for the 2026 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) or relay-only swimmers	+1

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# 5. Selection process.

- **a. Participant cap.** The selection numbers will remain unchanged for the 2026 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). The committee will review these numbers during its triennial budget discussions.
- **b.** Online regular-season entry procedures and reporting of times. The committee reaffirmed the importance of adhering to the 72-hour deadline for results reporting. Compliance with this policy has continued to improve and has assisted greatly in tracking the minimum contest requirements.
- c. Review USA Swimming online meet entry process for submitting championship entries. The committee did not make any adjustments to the online meet entry process for the 2026 championships.
- **d. Review event entry limits.** The committee did not make any adjustments to the entry limits for the 2026 championships.

## 6. Standards and selections.

- a. Optional events (individual/relays) and scratch procedures for selected studentathletes. The committee made no changes to the process that was used for the 2025 championships.
- **b. Qualifying standards.** The committee approved the 2026 qualifying standards. These will be publicly posted on ncaa.org in the coming months.

# 7. Diving.

- **a.** Championship entry process. The committee reviewed the first year of using the DiveMeets software as the championships qualifying database. The group acknowledged there were a few software limitations that created some challenges for dive coaches, but agreed the process was a significant improvement over the manual submission process used previously. The group feels confident that DiveMeets has made the necessary updates to streamline the process for 2026.
- **b. Qualification standards.** The committee did not make any adjustments to the 2026 qualifying standards.
- **c. Competition standards.** The committee did not make any adjustments to the 2026 competition standards.

**8. Triennial budget cycle.** The committee began reviewing and discussing potential budget cycle recommendations. The members will receive feedback from the Coaches Connection group as well as the conference commissioners as a part of their review. A few items that were brought up for consideration were adjusting the men's participant cap, adjusting the qualification meet format, adding diving coaches as additional per diem recipients and increasing the overall travel party.

The committee will continue to vet these concepts and recommendations with a target to finalize by February 2026. Any approved recommendation will take effect in the 2027-28 academic year.

#### 9. Committee.

- **a. Committee chair**. The committee appointed Jessica Siegele of the University of North Carolina, Pembroke, as the committee chair for 2025-26.
- **b. Committee composition.** No committee members are rolling off for the 2024-25 academic year. The committee comprises five total members, with both coaches and administrator representation.

Committee Chair: Gregg Petcoff, Western Colorado University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Staff Liaison: Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances

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# **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:

Kerstin Hunter, Championships and Alliances.