



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
JUNE 15-16, 2026, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Site selections for 2027 diving regionals.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following sites serve as the regional diving hosts for the 2027 Division III men's and women's diving regionals:

Region	Host	Location
Central	University of Chicago	Gerald Ratner Athletic Center
Midwest/South/West	Centre College	Champions Hall
Northeast-North	TBD	TBD
Northeast-South	Ithaca College	Kelsey Partridge Bird Natatorium

- b. Effective date. Immediate.

- c. Rationale. These sites were reviewed and approved by the committee to ensure they meet bid specifications. Each site provided a thorough description of their facility and how they would successfully run the competition. This list strikes a balance between previous hosts and new hosts. The committee feels confident the proposed hosts will meet the regional meet requirements. The Northeast-North region host will be recommended after a suitable host submits a bid.

- d. Estimated budget impact. Diving regional hosts are given a \$2,400 stipend (\$1,200 per gender).

- e. Student-athlete impact. Each site will provide a positive experience for the participants.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review annual meeting agenda and schedule.** The committee reviewed the meeting agenda and schedule.
- 2. Review Jan. 5 videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the Jan. 5 videoconference report.

3. **2026-27 committee calendar.** The committee reviewed the committee calendar for 2026-27 and chose April 12-13 as the annual meeting dates instead of continuing to meet annually in June.
4. **Sport landing page organization.** The committee reviewed the new organizational structure of the sport landing page and noted no further suggested changes.
5. **Division III governance.** The committee received an update on several topics and issues being discussed within the governance structure, including the Division III Analysis the Division III Presidents Council authorized to review issues affecting the division and higher education in general.
6. **Rules.** The committee received an update on recent rules committee actions and discussions. Some of the topics relate to rules used at the USA Swimming and international levels of swimming competition. Another topic of discussion for the rules committee is how to enhance officiating quality in all three divisions.
7. **Diving.** The committee reviewed the diving qualification process and regional competition operations. Beginning with the 2027 championships, the committee will allow diving regional participants to use host facilities for diving practice the day prior to the first day of diving regional competition. Also, upon approval from the committee, diving regional hosts will be allowed to determine if the event will be conducted as a simultaneous event or a traditional event instead of determining that by participating coach vote.

The committee instructed the championship manager to work with the diving representative on the committee and the diving coordinator to adjust the diving regional warm-up and competition times so that each gender gets at least 90 minutes for warm up and no more than 120 minutes for open board and flighted warm up (as determined by the games committee consisting of the site representative, tournament director and head diving judge) immediately prior to each gender's competition each day. The on-site diving regional coaches meeting will be converted to a virtual (or hybrid) participant meeting on Thursday prior to competition instead of the morning of the first day of competition.

The committee also recommended sending a letter to each athletics director of a school that had a diver at a diving regional who performed at a certain percentage below their qualifying score. The diving scores of the diving judges at the national championships were also reviewed. The committee discussed requesting an increase in the stipend provided to diving regional hosts. Finally, the committee discussed a reconfigured diving regional model and instructed the championship manager and diving coordinator to provide additional information to the committee for further discussion (e.g., competitive balance of the model and the number of diving programs in each proposed region).

- 8. Review of the 2026 championships.** The committee reviewed all aspects of the 2026 championships and noted several enhancements that should be continued at future championships (e.g., using a walkout videoboard, securing the services of a diving broadcast commentator and a music coordinator). The committee discussed several options to reduce the length of certain days of the championships [e.g., start the women's diving events earlier each day (e.g., 12:15-12:30), conduct the diving awards during the first five-minute relay review and conduct the first relay awards during second five-minute relay review]. The committee instructed the championship manager to work with hosts to place participant names and schools on the videoboard during the awards ceremony. Finally, the committee instructed the championship manager to work with Tupelo Honey to bring the appropriate mixing board so that two individuals can be on the broadcast at the same time.
- 9. Review of the swimming selection process.** The committee reviewed the swimming participant selection process and instructed the championship manager to confirm with USA Swimming that their selections program incorporates the B-cut times as the minimum standard to be entered into the meet. The committee also suggested enhancements to the calendar listed in the prechampionships manual to help remind coaches of their responsibilities related to the selections process (e.g., optional event entries). The committee suggested that USA Swimming set up a blind copy email of the event entry confirmation email for each team as proof of the confirmation to coaches that could be used to verify any perceived discrepancies.
- 10. Men's participation cap.** The committee received an update on the status of the men's participant cap increase request and the timeline for a final decision on the request.
- 11. 50 butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke.** The committee briefly discussed the possible addition of the 50-meter butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke for each gender and affirmed its continued lack of interest in adding those events to the championships.
- 12. Division III Championships Committee.** The committee received an update on recent Championships Committee meeting during which members finalized the championships budget for the FY27-FY28 cycle that the Management and Presidents Councils will formally consider during their meetings later this summer.
- 13. Participation policy.** The committee reviewed the participation policy and considered but ultimately decided not to make any changes to the policy.
- 14. College Swimming Coaches Association.** The committee received an update from a representative from the coaches association regarding the convention sessions and annual meeting topics of discussion (e.g., men's participation cap at the championships and last chance

meets). Other topics discussed were the coaches association hall of fame, the open water national championship and the 2027 annual meetings dates. The committee requested feedback from the coaches association on how institutions could be incentivized to submit bids to host diving regionals.

15. Committee chair election. The committee elected Doug Milliken as committee chair for the 2026-27 academic year.

16. Manual revisions. The committee directed the championship manager to assign each committee member a manual(s) to review.

17. Review of future championships. The committee reviewed the dates, location, host entity and potential site visit dates for the 2027 and 2028 championships. The committee received an update on the 2028-31 championships bid and selections process.

18. National assignor. The committee discussed a proposed national swimming official and diving judge assignor job description and indicated support for the creation of the position.

Committee Chair: Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University, Conference of New England
Staff Liaison: Corey Bray, Championships and Alliances

Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee June 15-16, 2026, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Shawn Austin, State University of New York at Geneseo.	
Andy Brabson, California Institute of Technology.	
Dean Brownley, Centre College.	
Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University.	
Abby Jarvis, Northwest Conference.	
Carolyn Miles, Williams College.	
Doug Milliken, Case Western Reserve University.	
Christopher Sykes, Illinois College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Keith Beckett, Peggy Carl, Michelle Chaffin, Lewis Fellingner, Greg Lockard and Maureen Palchak.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Corey Bray.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jay Fitzwater, Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Bill Regan and CJ Sowards.	