



**Selection Procedures:  
World Aquatics High Diving World Cup  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida | May 15-17, 2026  
Porto Flavia, Italy | July 11-12, 2026**

**INTRODUCTION.**

**Nature of the Selection Procedures.** The procedures that follow will be used to select the teams that will represent USA in the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale and Porto Flavia competitions (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

***1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO THE 2026 WORLD AQUATICS HIGH DIVING WORLD CUP – FORT LAUDERDALE TEAM:***

**Team Size – Stop One.** The maximum number of high divers that USA Diving may enter in the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale competition under the rules established by World Aquatics (AQUA) is five female athletes in the 20-meter and five male athletes in the 27-meter event. USA Diving will field a team of three (3) athletes per each event. Two additional team selections will be invited in each event as a self-funded opportunity.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
20-Meter	3 + 2 self-funded	
27-Meter		3 + 2 self-funded

Through the application of these Selection Procedures, USA Diving reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum number of athletes allowed by AQUA because the athletes may not meet the standards set by AQUA to compete in the event.

**1.1. General Eligibility.** Every candidate for the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale Team must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States.
- B) Be eligible to represent the United States per World Aquatics sport nationality regulations.
- C) High divers younger than 18 years old on December 31, 2026, shall not be permitted to compete at World Aquatics events.
- D) Be a competition athlete member in good standing of USA Diving.

- E) Comply with the USA Diving Athlete Agreement, Code of Conduct and SafeSport Policy.
- F) Have a current passport that does not expire for a minimum of 6 months (or other reasonable time, as determined by the High Performance Director) after the conclusion of the AQUA High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale.

### 1.2. Selection Events.

USA Diving will select its team for the 2026 World Aquatics High Diving World Cup-Fort Lauderdale from the results of the 2026 American Cup, to be held April 18-19 in Fort Lauderdale.

#### A) Women's 20-meter

- i) The final results from the American Cup will determine the ranking order of the eligible athletes for the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale.
- ii) To be considered for selection, women must compete all dives from the 20-meter platform and must participate in all rounds at the American Cup unless there are five or fewer competitors from the United States. If there are five or fewer entries, the modification listed in 1.2.D may be considered for divers meeting the criteria.
- iii) The top five finishing U.S. high divers based on cumulative score over rounds one through four at the American Cup who meet the criteria will be named to the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale team.

#### B) Men's 27-meter

- i) The final results from the American Cup will determine the ranking order of the eligible athletes for the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale.
- ii) To be considered for selection, men must compete all dives from the 27-meter platform and must participate in all rounds at the American Cup unless there are five or fewer competitors from the United States. If there are five or fewer entries, the modification listed in 1.2.D may be considered for divers meeting the criteria.
- iii) The top five finishing U.S. high divers based on cumulative score over rounds one through four at the American Cup who meet the criteria will be named to the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale team.

**C)** Due to the urgency of the entry deadlines, high divers will have **24 hours** to accept their invitation before the next eligible high diver in line will be considered.

**D)** A **modified participation format** may be considered only when five (5) or fewer athletes from the United States are entered in the Qualification Event for that gender.

- a. Under that circumstance, athletes who represented USA Diving in High Diving at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships may request approval for modified participation.
- b. Eligible athletes must:
  - i. Compete at the Qualification Event (American Cup).
  - ii. Perform a minimum of four (4) dives.
- c. Upon written request and approval by the High Performance Director and the High Diving Committee, such athletes may:
  - i. Compete from 20m (men) or 15m (women)
  - ii. Submit a reduced or modified dive list.
- d. If more than five (5) athletes are entered in the Qualification Event for that gender, **no modifications will be granted**, and all athletes must meet the standard participation requirements outlined in Section 1.2.A and 1.2.B.
- e. All approved modifications must be documented prior to the start of competition.

**E)** If entries are not filled by the above procedures, they will remain open because no qualified high divers are available for selection based on the World Aquatics qualification criteria.

NOTE: Receiving an invitation from USA Diving does not guarantee participation in the AQUA High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale event. All athlete members must be listed on the 'AQUA Safe to Compete' list as approved by the AQUA Technical High Diving Committee (THDC) to be eligible for the team.

### 1.3. Technical Eligibility.

To participate in the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale, the high divers must have competed at a previous World Aquatics event or at the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series. If a Member Federation wants to register new high divers who have never competed at a World Aquatics High Diving Event or at the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series, USA Diving must send a link to videos where the '*World Aquatics Technical High Diving Committee Safe to Compete Panel*' can review and approve accordingly.

**Note that the video deadline is BEFORE the selection event.** New high divers vying for a spot on the 2026 AQUA High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale team **MUST** submit their videos to **Leslie Adams, [Leslie.Adams@usadiving.org](mailto:Leslie.Adams@usadiving.org) on or before March 30 for AQUA review.**

**2/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO THE 2026 WORLD AQUATICS HIGH DIVING WORLD CUP – PORTO FLAVIA TEAM:**

**Team Size – Stop Two.** The maximum number of high divers that USA Diving may enter in the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Porto Flavia competition under the rules established by World Aquatics (AQUA) is four female athletes in the 20-meter and four male athletes in the 27-meter event. USA Diving will field a team of three (3) divers per event. One additional team selection will be invited in each event as a self-funded opportunity.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
20-Meter	3 + 1 self-funded	
27-Meter		3 + 1 self-funded

- 2.1 The top three (3) finishing high divers from each of the 20-meter and 27-meter events from the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale will be selected.
- 2.2 High divers will have **24 hours** to accept their invitation before the next eligible high diver in line will be considered.
- 2.3 After spots 1-3 are filled, the self-funded invitations will be sent
- 2.4 If entries are not filled by the above procedures and a high diver was unable to participate in the American Cup selection event because of injury or illness, USA Diving may consider the high diver for High Diving World Cup – Porto Flavia if the high diver is competitively ready and has previously represented the United States at a World Aquatics Championships or World Cup event.
- 2.5 If entries are not filled by the above procedures, they will remain open because no qualified high divers are available for selection based on the World Aquatics qualification criteria.

**3/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES**

- 3.1 If an athlete member needs to be replaced for either of the World Cup stops, the individual spot(s) will remain open because it is past the entry deadline.

**4/ COACH MEMBER SELECTION PROCEDURES**

Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as an AQUA High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale and Porto Flavia coach only if a diver declares his or her “coach of record” for the World Cup events prior to the start of the 2026 American Cup. Once declared by the diver, the “coach of record” cannot be changed unless approved by the HPD. Coach members must be in good standing with USA Diving to be considered. Following the coach member selection criteria process, an invitation will be sent to the coach member(s) that outlines specific roles and responsibilities. The coach member(s) must agree to the terms of the roles and responsibilities to be fully considered.

NOTE: Assistant coach members will be considered as replacements only after all coach of record coach members have been considered.

**USA Diving will select one funded coach member for the AQUA High Diving World Cup – Fort Lauderdale and one for the AQUA High Diving World Cup – Porto Flavia. Additional coach members may be invited to participate as a self-funded opportunity, dependent on the number of accreditations designated by World Aquatics and the Local Organizing Committee.**

AQUA HD World Cup – Fort Lauderdale and Porto Flavia coach member(s) will be selected in the following manner:

- 4.1 Select the coach member with the greatest number of athlete members on the team. One point will be awarded per athlete member. The coach member with the greatest number of athlete members shall be named the High Diving World Cup Head Coach.
- 4.2 If a tie still exists –
  - a) Select the coach with the highest ranked individual athlete based on priority selection order
    - AQUA High Diving World Cup – Porto Flavia 2025
    - AQUA World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025
    - AQUA World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024
    - AQUA World Aquatics Championships – Fukuoka 2023
- 4.3 If a tie still exists –
  - a) The High Performance Director in consultation with the High Diving Committee and final approval from the President and AAC Rep will select the coach member that best serves the needs of the team.
- 4.4 Team staff members shall be selected by the HPD in consultation of the High Diving Committee with final approval from the President and AAC Rep.