



Selection Procedures:
World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series
Leg #1- Montreal, CAN | Feb 29 - March 3, 2024
Leg #2- Berlin, GER | March 21-24, 2024

INTRODUCTION.

Nature of the Selection Procedures. The procedures that follow will be used to select the TEAM that will represent USA in the World Aquatics Diving World Cup – Montreal and Berlin competitions (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

Team Size. The maximum number of divers that USA Diving may enter in the World Aquatics Diving World Cup - Montreal and Berlin competitions under the rules established by World Aquatics (AQUA) is two per gender in each of the individual events and one team in each of the synchronized events.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
3M Springboard	2	2
10M Platform	2	2
Synchronized 3M	1 team	1 team
Synchronized 10M	1 team	1 team

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 some members of the team may participate in multiple events or USA Diving may elect not to enter specific events. Divers competing in the team event must be already registered for either the individual or synchronized events. The team event competition consists of at least one female and one male diver but no more than four divers.

1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO 2024 AQUA WORLD AQUATICS DIVING WORLD CUP - MONTREAL AND BERLIN TEAMS:

1.1/ General Eligibility. Every candidate for the World Aquatics Diving World Cup - Montreal and Berlin Teams must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States,
- B) Not have competed for another country any time after February 1, 2023
- C) Divers younger than 14 years old on December 31, 2024 shall not be permitted to compete.
- D) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving.

E) 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 Diving World Cup - Montreal and Berlin.

1.2/ Selection Events.

To participate in the AQUA Diving World Cup - Montreal and Berlin, individual divers must meet the minimum point standards set by World Aquatics at a previously identified event. For the synchronized diving events, the standards need to be achieved by the National Federation and not necessarily by the name of divers. The identified events that the United States has participated in are as follows:

- World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series 2023
 - Montreal
 - Berlin
- World Aquatics Championships - Fukuoka 2023
- Pan American Games - Santiago 2023

MINIMUM POINT STANDARDS TO PARTICIPATE WORLD AQUATICS DIVING WORLD CUP 2024 STOPS 1 AND 2			
Points standards taken from the preliminary competitions of the World Aquatics Championships – Fukuoka 2023			
Event	Minimum Required points	Event	Minimum Required points
3m Men	360	3m Women	250
10m Men	335	10m Women	240
3m Synchro Men	330	3m Synchro Women	230
10m Synchro Men	325	10m Synchro Women	230

USA Diving World Cup Series Qualifiers					
*Individuals listed in alphabetical order					
W 3m	M 3m	W 10m	M 10m	W 3m Synchro	M 3m Synchro
Bacon	Capobianco	Agunbiade	Cooper	Cook/Bacon	Downs/ Duncan
Hernandez	Downs	Schnell	Flory	Hernandez/Skilken	Downs/Ryan
Palmer	Ryan	Skilken	Loschiavo	W 10m Synchro	M 10m Synchro
			Rzepka	Schnell/ Parratto	Flory/ Cooper
				Parratto/ Agunbiade	Loschiavo/Rzepka
					Flory/ Rzepka

2/ INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC EVENTS – (3 meter & 10 meter)

2.1 Final results from the USA Diving Winter Nationals will determine the ranking order of the eligible athletes for the AQUA Diving World Cup - Montreal and Berlin.

- A) Invitations for each individual Olympic event will be sent to the top two (2) ranked eligible athletes from the results of the USA Diving Winter Nationals.
 - a. Athletes will be invited to the Montreal and Berlin events and can accept to attend neither, one, or both legs of the AQUA Diving World Cup Series.
- B) If an athlete declines or is only available for one of the competitions, then the next ranked eligible athlete will receive an invitation.
 - a. The process will be followed until all spots are filled or all eligible athletes have been invited.
- C) Divers will have **24 hours** to accept their invitation before the next diver in line will be considered.
- D) If entries are not filled by the above procedures in each individual event, they will remain open because no qualified divers are available for selection based on the World Aquatics qualification criteria.

NOTE: The team members may be different for the Montreal and Berlin events since it is based on athlete availability.

3/ OLYMPIC SYNCHRONIZED EVENTS – (3 meter & 10 meter)

3.1 Final results from the USA Diving Winter Nationals will determine the ranking order of the eligible teams for the AQUA Diving World Cup - Montreal and Berlin.

- A) Synchronized diving teams who earned the qualifying score for the AQUA World Cup at a previously identified meet will have the first right of refusal for the spot.
 - a. Final results from the USA Diving Winter Nationals will determine the ranking order of the synchronized diving teams that previously earned the qualifying score for Team USA.
 - b. The top ranked synchronized diving team from the USA Diving Winter Nationals that earned a qualifying score for the AQUA World Cup will receive an invitation.
 - i. Athletes will be invited to the Montreal and Berlin events and can accept to attend neither, one, or both legs of the AQUA Diving World Cup Series.
 - ii. If only one partner is available, an athlete already on the team or an athlete identified from previous assessments or competitions conducted since 2017 may be invited to pair with the available athlete.
 - 1. If a partner cannot be identified, then the procedures will move to 3.1.B.
- B) If the invitation is turned down, then the next synchronized diving team in ranking order from the USA Diving Winter Nationals that previously earned the qualifying score will be invited.
- C) If the invitation is turned down and there are no synchronized diving teams that earned the qualifying score, the winning synchronized diving team from the USA Diving Winter Nationals will receive an invite if it has not already.

- D) If a spot remains, the procedures will be followed until a team accepts the invitation. No team finishing lower than fourth (4th) place in the 3m Synchronized diving events and second (2nd) place in the 10m Synchronized diving events will be invited.
- E) If a spot remains, the synchronized diving teams that earned the score at a World Aquatics identified event who did not compete at Winter Nationals, will be invited.
 - a. The order of invitation will start with the Diving World Cup- Montreal, then the World Aquatics Championships- Fukuoka, then the Diving World Cup- Berlin, and finally the Pan American Games- Santiago.
- F) If a spot remains, then the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee of Competitive Excellence and final approval from the President and AAC Rep will determine if there are any top ranked synchronized diving teams from previous events that could fill the spot, they will be invited.
- G) If a spot remains, then the High Performance Director and World Cup team coach members will select the divers for the synchronized diving events from among the athletes already on the team in an individual event. The event may remain unfilled if it is determined to not be in the best interest of Team USA.

4/ TEAM EVENT

- 4.1 In accordance with the World Aquatics regulations, the divers for the team event will be selected from the athletes already on the team in an individual or synchronized event. The High Performance Director and World Cup team coach members will determine the athlete members for the Team Event.

5/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

- 5.1 If an athlete member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdrawal prior to January 10, 2024 (Montreal) and February 2, 2024 (Berlin), the above procedures will be followed in order to select a replacement athlete.
- 5.2 If an athlete member needs to be replaced after January 10 and February 2, the High Performance Director and World Cup team coach members will make a decision that is in the best interest of Team USA based on the divers that are already on the team for synchronized diving events only. The individual events may remain open due to the spots being qualified by name only.

6/ COACH MEMBER SELECTION PROCEDURES

Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as a World Cup - Montreal and Berlin coach only if a diver in the selection events declares his or her “coach of record” prior to the start of the 2023 USA Diving Winter Nationals. 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.

NOTE: The coach members may be different for the Montreal and Berlin events since it is based on availability.

The number of official World Cup - Montreal & Berlin coach members selected will be dependent on funding.

World Cup - Montreal and Berlin coach members will be selected in the following manner:

- 6.1 Select the coach member with the greatest number of spots in Olympic events on the team. Olympic individual and synchro events will count as one spot per diver. (NOTE: Synchronized events are worth 2 points in total if one coach member has both athletes. If the two divers have different coaches, the points will be split with each coach member receiving one point apiece.) The coach member with the greatest number of spots shall be named the World Cup - Montreal and Berlin Head Coach.
- 6.2 If there is a tie –
 - a) Select the coach member with the greatest number of Olympic individual event athletes.
- 6.3 If a tie still exists –
 - a) Select the coach member with highest point score based on their athletes' ranking in the Olympic events. (first in rankings among eligible athletes is worth 2 points, second in ranking among eligible athletes is worth 1 point).
- 6.4 If a tie still exists –
 - a) Select the coach member with the most first in rankings among eligible athlete spots in Olympic events on the team.
- 6.5 If a tie still exists –
 - a) Select the coach member with the most second in rankings among eligible athlete spots in Olympic events on the team.
- 6.6 If a tie still exists –
 - a) The High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee of Competitive Excellence and final approval from the President and AAC Rep will select the coach member that best serves the needs of the team.
- 6.7 Team staff members shall be selected by the HPD in consultation of the CCE with final approval from the President and AAC Rep.