



**Athlete Selection Procedures  
2025 London Legacy Open  
November 14-17 | London, GBR**

*Note: The London Legacy Open invitations will be distributed after August 11, 2025.*

**General Eligibility**

Every candidate for the 2025 London Legacy Team must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States,
- B) Not have competed for another country any time after November 13, 2024.
- C) Be no older than 18 years old on December 31, 2025 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 after the conclusion of the London Legacy Open.

**Total USA Team Members to the London Legacy Open 2025:**

A maximum of 20 divers will be selected for the team, unless more divers are approved by the High Performance Director. A maximum of two divers (spots) may be entered in each individual event per age group (A, B, C) and gender. A maximum of one (1) team of two (2) divers may be entered in each synchronized event per gender. All synchronized divers must be in AQUA group A or B.

**\*Note:** AQUA age 19 divers are not eligible for the 2025 London Legacy Open team. For selection purposes, any ineligible diver will not be considered in results and the next eligible diver would be considered the next-highest placed diver.

**Selection Criteria and Procedures**

**1. Synchronized 3-meter & Platform for A/B Age Group**

- a) A maximum of one (1) team per gender per event will be selected.
- b) The team (if both divers are eligible) with the highest score (voluntaries and optionals) in finals will be selected.
- c) Should a synchronized team decline the London Legacy Open, the next-placed team will be selected. However, no team that placed lower than third at the 2025 Junior National Championships will be considered. If no teams in the top three are available to attend,

the CCE Chairperson, the AAC Rep, and High Performance Director, or Manager in consultation with the CCE may select at their discretion a synchronized team comprised of A/B divers already selected to the London Legacy Open for individual events.

## **2. Individual Olympic Events- 3M & Platform**

After the synchronized diving teams have been selected, then the individual Olympic event athletes will be determined.

- a) In each Olympic event (A, B, C age groups/all genders), the diver with the highest point total in the finals (voluntaries from semifinals, plus optionals in the finals) at the 2025 USA Diving Junior National Championships and who meets the eligibility criteria will be selected to the team.
- b) After following the above procedures, if the team has not reached its maximum size of 12 in the individual events, an additional team member will be added to any age group/gender with a double winner in individual Olympic events. Divers will be selected in the following manner until 12 divers are named to the 2025 London Legacy team.
  - a. If the next highest-placed diver in each Olympic event in an age group/gender is the same diver, then he/she shall be named to the team.
  - b. If the next highest-placed finishers in each Olympic event are different, the following procedures shall be followed until a diver is selected.
    - i) In all Groups (A, B, and C), if one of the next highest-placed finishers is also the 1-meter champion, then he/she shall be selected for the team. If neither was the 1-meter champion, then proceed to (ii).
    - ii) In all Groups (A, B, and C), the highest place finisher in the finals of their other Olympic event shall be selected to the team. If neither diver competes in finals or if they have the same place finish in their second Olympic event proceed to (iii).
    - iii) The diver who placed highest in the finals of the 1-meter event shall be selected to the team. If neither diver made finals, then proceed to (iv).
    - iv) If there is still a tie, the High Performance Director or Manager, CCE Chairperson, and the AAC rep in consultation with the CCE will decide who shall qualify for selection based on comparing the diving lists and potential therein per athlete in question.

## **Additional Athlete Selection**

- 1) If the maximum team size of 20 has not been reached after following the above procedures, additional divers may be added to the team. Divers will be added in the following manner until 20 divers have been selected to the team or until no spots remain to be filled.

- a) Any age group/gender that has a diver qualified both individually and in a synchronized event shall have priority in adding a diver to the team. (Example: If a Group A girl is qualified in both an individual and synchro event, the first priority for an additional spot would go to a Group A girl.)
- i) If only one individual Olympic event has an open spot remaining in that age group/gender, then the highest-placing diver on that event shall be selected to the team.
  - ii) If there are open spots remaining in both individual Olympic events for that age group/gender, then the procedures outlined in 2.b) shall be followed to select an additional diver.
  - iii) If there are no open spots remaining in either individual Olympic event for that age group/gender, then the procedures in (a)(i) or (a) (ii) shall be followed for the same gender in a different age group. If group A was already considered, then group B will be considered next. If group B was already considered, then group A will be considered next. If no additional spots are available for selection in that age group/gender, then the same procedures shall be followed for the same gender in group C.
  - iv) If there is still an open spot remaining after following (a) (i-iii), then the above procedures will be followed for the opposite gender, in the following priority order: A-B-C.
  - v) If there is still an open spot remaining after following (a) (i-iv), then the winner of 1-meter in the age group/gender that originally created the open spot will be selected. If that diver is already on team, the 1-meter winner of the same gender will be selected in the following priority order: A-B-C, followed by the 1-meter winner of the opposite gender in the following order: A-B-C.
- b) If more than one diver qualified in both an individual event and synchronized event, the above process shall be followed until the team has reached the maximum size of 20 divers or no spots remain to be filled.

#### **In Case of a Tie in Qualifying Score:**

##### **Individual Events**

- The diver who scores the **highest on the optional list in finals** will be considered for selection.
- If there is still a tie, the diver who scores the **highest on the optional list in semifinals** will be considered for selection.
- If there is still a tie, the High Performance Director or Manager, CCE Chairperson, and the AAC rep in consultation with the CCE will decide who shall qualify for selection based on comparing the diving lists and potential therein per athlete in question.

##### **Synchro Events**

- The team that scores the **highest on the optional dives** will be considered for selection.

- If there is still a tie, the High Performance Director or Manager, CCE Chairperson, and the AAC rep in consultation with the CCE will decide who shall qualify for selection based on comparing the diving lists and potential therein per athlete in question.

### **Vacant Event Spots**

Once the team has been filled with up to 20 divers, any vacant event spots will be filled by divers already on the team. Priority will be given to athletes who placed highest in the event that has a spot that needs to be filled. Before the team departs, the CCE Chairperson (in consultation with the CCE), AAC Rep and High Performance Director or Manager with the input of the coaching staff may assign a diver from the roster to participate in that event. After the team departs any vacant spots will be filled by the coaching staff with the aid of the team leader(s).

**The spot may go unfilled if it is determined to be not in the best interest of Team USA.**

### **Replacement Athletes**

- No new divers will be added to the roster after October 1.

If an individual or synchronized diver is sick/injured or otherwise ineligible and cannot be cleared to compete in the competition, the diver will not travel with the team and will be replaced with someone already on the team by the High Performance Director or Manager, CCE Chairperson (in consultation with the CCE) and AAC Rep with input from the coaching staff and team leader(s).

## London Legacy Coach Selection Criteria

### **COACH OF RECORD**

A coach member may only be considered for selection to the team if a diver declares them as his or her “Coach of Record” prior to the start of the 2025 USA Diving Junior National Championships. Once the event has begun, the “Coach of Record” cannot be changed. All references to “coach member” below indicate the official coach of record. The “Coach of Record” may be different than the diver’s coach at the USA Diving Junior National Championships but must be declared prior to the start of the meet. Coach members must be current members in good standing with USA Diving to be considered.

### **Official Coach Members**

#### **FOUR London Legacy Open Team Coach Members: (in order until filled)**

1. The coach members will be ranked using a point system. The top four coach members using this point system will be named to the staff. Qualifying spots, not additional events, will be used.
  - a. Divers in individual Olympic events count as one (1) spot per diver.
  - b. Divers in synchronized events count as one (1) spot per diver.

If there is a tie, the following tiebreakers will be used, in order, until the coach members are selected:

- a. The coach member with the most athletes on the team will be selected.
  - b. The coach member with the most first-place spots in Olympic events on the team will be selected.
  - c. The coach member with the most second-place spots in Olympic events on the team will be selected.
  - d. The coach member with the most 1-meter champions on the team will be selected.
  - e. If still tied, the High Performance Director or High Performance Manager, in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence (CCE), shall select the coach member that will best serve the team’s needs.
2. The High Performance Director or High Performance Manager may add a coach member in consultation with the CCE. The above criteria shall be followed, and the highest-ranking coach member with only Group C divers maybe selected unless at least one of the previously selected four coach members has Group C divers. In this situation, an additional coach member that best fits the needs of Team USA maybe selected.

*Should the selected coach of record be unable to attend, their approved designated assistant may be considered as a replacement only after all coach(es) of record have been considered for the available official coach member position(s). Once the official coach positions are filled, self-funded opportunities for coach members may be offered. The Coach of Record may be changed for the self-funded coach member position(s) pending approval of the HPD in consultation with the CCE.*

**Note:** All coach members accepting the role will be expected to assist the staff with whatever is necessary. We realize coach members are there to coach; however, with 20 minors on the trip, supervision will be the responsibility of everyone.

Team staff shall be selected by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE with final approval from the President/CEO and AAC Rep.