



Athlete Selection Procedures
2023 Pan Am Aquatics Junior Pan American
Championships
August 23-26 | Lima, Peru

General Eligibility

Every candidate for the 2023 Jr Pan American Team must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States,
- B) Not have competed for another country any time after August 20, 2022.
- C) Be no older than 18 years old on December 31, 2023 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 Jr Pan American Championships.

Total USA Team Members to Junior Pan Am Championships 2023:

A maximum of 24 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 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 2023 Junior Pan American Championships 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

Individual Olympic Events- 3M & Platform

- 1) Any eligible junior-aged diver who qualifies for the 2023 AQUA World Championships team in an individual Olympic event will have the first right of acceptance/refusal of participating in that same individual event at the 2023 Junior Pan American Championships in their respective A or B age group. This

may result in the overall team having more than 24 athletes. **If there are two junior-aged World Championships team members of the same gender in the same event and age group who accept, there will be no available 2023 Junior Pan Am team spots to be filled from the USA Diving Junior National Championships for those events.**

***Note:** There were no junior-aged 2023 World Championships team members in the individual Olympic events. Therefore, (1) is inactive and the selection procedures will start with (2).

2) In each Olympic event (all age groups/all genders), the diver with the highest point total in the finals (voluntaries from semifinals, plus optionals in the finals) at the 2023 USA Diving Junior National Championships and who meets the eligibility criteria will be selected to the team. If there are two divers of the same gender selected to the team in the same age group and event via (1) above, no diver will be selected via (2).

***Note:** (1) is inactive and the selection procedures will start with (2).

3) After following the above procedures, if the team has not reached its maximum size of 16 in the individual events, additional team members 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 16 divers are named to the 2023 Junior Pan Am team. If there is an event in which two divers have already been named to the team via (1) and (2) above, no additional divers will be eligible for selection for that event.

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, C and D), 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, C or D), 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 Junior Elite Diving Coach Representative,

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.

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

- 1) Any junior-aged (A/B only) synchro team who is eligible and qualifies for the 2023 AQUA World Championships team in an Olympic Synchronized diving event (3M/10M) will have the first right of acceptance/refusal of participating in that same event at the 2023 Junior Pan American Championships. **If there is a junior-aged World Championships synchronized diving team that accepts, there will be no Junior Pan Am team spots to be filled from the 2023 Junior National Championships for those events. If this is the case, no qualifying competition will be held for that specific event.**

***Note:** There were no junior-aged 2023 World Championships team members the Olympic Synchronized diving events. Therefore, the selection procedures will start with (a).

- 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 Junior Pan Am trip, the next-placed team will be selected. However, no team that placed lower than third at the 2023 Junior National Championships will be considered. If no teams in the top three are available to attend, the CCE Junior Elite Coach Representative, 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 Junior Pan Am Team for individual events.

Additional Athlete Selection

- 1) If the maximum team size of 24 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 24 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 (3)(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 and then group D if necessary.
 - 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-D.
 - 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, D, followed by the 1-meter winner of the opposite gender in the following order: A-B-C-D.
- 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 24 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 Junior Elite Coach Representative, 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 Junior Elite Coach Representative, 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 24 divers, any vacant event spots will be filled by divers already on the team. Before the team departs, the CCE Junior Elite Coach Representative (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 August 3.

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 Jr Elite Coach Rep (in consultation with the CCE) and AAC Rep with input from the coaching staff and team leader(s).