



2026 Bolzano Diving Meeting Selection Procedures
Bolzano, Italy | July 3-5
(Dependent upon funding)

INTRODUCTION

Nature of the Selection Procedures - The following procedures will be used to select the team that will represent the United States in the Bolzano Diving Meeting (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

Bolzano Diving Meeting Team Size – There is no limit to the number of divers that USA Diving may enter under the rules established by the Local Organizing Committee. USA Diving will invite current members of the USA Diving National Team to participate.

1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO THE BOLZANO DIVING MEETING TEAM:

1.1 General Eligibility

Every candidate for the Bolzano Diving Meeting team must, by the time determined by the High Performance Director:

- a) Be a citizen of the United States,
- b) Be eligible to represent the United States per World Aquatics sport nationality regulations,
- c) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving and the USA Diving National Team,
- d) Comply with the USA Diving Athlete Agreement,
- e) Comply with the USA Diving Code of Conduct,
- f) Comply with the USA Diving SafeSport Policy,
- g) 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 each event.
- h) Not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the World Aquatics Recognized Events,

- i) Not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the World Aquatics Recognized Events,
- j) Agree to be bound by and adhere to all WADA, AQUA, and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing and an agreement to be bound to the results management authority of WADA, AQUA, USADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable,
- k) Meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, AQUA and/or the Local Organizing Committees.

1.2 Selection Events

USA Diving will select its team for the Bolzano Diving Meeting from among members of the USA Diving National Team. The National Team was named based on results of the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships held December 12-16, 2025.

1.3 Determination of Team Member Participation

Determination of the final team composition, including staff, will be made by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE and approval of the President and AAC Rep. Team size will be based upon availability of funding and upon the acceptance by athletes of an invitation to participate.

An invitation to participate will contain a specific reply date by which the invitation must be accepted or declined. Failure of an athlete to accept the invitation by the reply date will be deemed a decline of the invitation.

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

- 2.1 All athletes who were named to the national team based on their performance in an individual event at the USA Diving Winter National Championships (top 4) will be invited to compete in that event at the Bolzano Diving Meeting.
- 2.2 All athletes who were named to the national team based on their performance in a synchronized event at the USA Diving Winter National Championships will be invited to compete in the corresponding individual

event if not already invited via 2.1.

- 2.3 Any diver named to the national team in one discipline may choose to compete individually in the other discipline provided the diver also competed in that individual event at the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships
- 2.4 If entries are not filled by members of the National Team, the entries will remain unfilled.

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

Federations are permitted to enter only one synchronized diving team in each event

3.1 Top-Ranked Team

The top-ranked synchronized team from the USA Diving Winter National Championships will be invited to compete at the Bolzano Diving Meeting.

3.2 Additional National Team Members

If more than one synchronized team was named to the USA Diving National Team based on results from the USA Diving Winter National Championships, those divers will be invited to compete in the corresponding individual event but will not be able to compete in a synchronized event unless a member of the top-ranked team declines the invitation due to the LOC limit of only one team per Federation.

3.3 When a Partner is Unavailable

If a synchronized team from the National Team is not available after following the procedures in 3.1 and 3.2, USA Diving will determine a pairing from among all available National Team members based on previous competition history and evaluations from synchronized diving assessments, with priority given to an available diver who was named to the national team in a synchronized event. The entry may remain unfilled if a suitable pairing cannot be formed from among National Team members.

4/ REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 4.1 Prior to each of the World Aquatics Recognized Event technical meetings, USA Diving has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete member who is nominated to the Team by USA Diving may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Diving:

- 4.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete member must submit a written letter to the USA Diving CEO/President and USA Diving's High Performance Director.
- 4.1.2. Injury, illness, or mental health concern as certified by a physician (or medical staff member) approved by USA Diving. If an athlete member refuses verification of his/her illness, injury, or mental health concern by a physician (or medical staff member) approved by USA Diving, his/her illness, injury, or mental health concern will be assumed to be debilitating, and he/she may be removed.
- 4.1.3. Violation of USA Diving's Code of Conduct (<https://www.usadiving.org/resources/bylaws-and-policies>)
- 4.1.4. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1 of these selection procedures.
- 4.1.5. An athlete loses an adjudicated violation of WADA, ITA, and/or USADA anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

5/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

5.1 Individual Events

If an athlete needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntarily withdrawal, no additional athletes will be selected as all members of the USA Diving National Team will have already been invited.

5.2 Synchronized Events

If a synchronized team member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdrawal, USA Diving will determine a synchronized team comprised of National Team members using the procedures outlined in 3.3.

6/ BOLZANO DIVING MEETING COACH MEMBER SELECTIONS

****The coach member selection for the Bolzano Diving Meeting is dependent on team size, available funding, and coaches' availability.***

Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as a Bolzano Diving Meet coach member only if a diver in the selection events declares his or her “coach of record” prior to the start of the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships. Once declared by the diver, the “coach of record” cannot be changed unless approved by the HPD. Coach members must be current members in good standing with USA Diving to be considered.

The Bolzano Diving Meeting coach members will be selected in the following manner:

- 6.1 Select the coach member with the greatest number of spots.
(Olympic individual and synchronized events count as one spot per diver.)
 - a) If there is a tie –
 1. Select the coach member with the greatest number of Olympic event athletes.
 - b) If a tie still exists –
 1. Select the coach member with the highest point score based on athlete invitation order in the Olympic events. (First invited athlete = 4 points, second invited athlete = 3 points, third invited athlete = 2 points and fourth invited athlete = 1 point.)
 - c) If a tie still exists –
 1. Select the coach member whose highest-placing athlete achieved the best finish in any Olympic event. *(For example, a coach with a 3rd-place finisher would rank higher than a coach whose athlete placed 4th.)*
 - d) If a tie still exists –
 1. Prioritize a coach associated with a synchronized diving team that does not yet have a designated coach present at the event. If multiple coaches in the tie have synchro athletes, select the coach whose synchro team had the largest point spread over the next-ranked team in their event.
 - e) If a tie still exists -
 1. The coach whose highest-finishing Olympic athlete had the largest margin of victory over 2nd place will be ranked higher.
 2. If an athlete finished 2nd, their margin from 1st place is used, and so on.

- f) If a tie still exists –
 - 1. The High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE and final approval from the President/CEO and AAC Rep will pick the coach member that best serves the needs of the team.

The remaining coach(es) of record with athletes on the team will be ranked according to the number of spots on the team. To the extent that credentials are available upon final allocation from the Local Organizing Committee and as funding allows, additional coaches of record may be named to the team in order of their ranking. The coach member with the greatest number of spots shall be named the Head Coach of the Bolzano Diving Meeting.

- 6.2 Selection of the team leader will be made by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE and approval of the CEO and AAC Rep. In the event that a team does not have a team leader, then the selected World Aquatics Recognized event head coach will also serve as team leader.
- 6.3 Team support members shall be selected by the HPD with final approval from the President.
- 6.4 An AQUA certified judge(s) will be selected by the Judges Commission.