



### Selection Procedures:

American Cup | Indianapolis, IN, USA

Canada Cup of Diving | Calgary, CAN

April 26- 28, 2024

May 2-5, 2024

## INTRODUCTION

**Nature of the Selection Procedures** - The procedures that follow will be used to select the TEAM that will represent USA in the American Cup and the Canada Cup of Diving competitions (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

**American Cup Team Size** - The maximum number of divers which USA Diving may enter in the American Cup competition under the rules established by Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is four (4) per gender in each of the individual events and two (2) teams in each of the synchronized events. USA Diving will field a team comprised of two (2) per gender in each of the individual Olympic events and one (1) team in each of the synchronized events. Two (2) additional team selections for each individual event and one (1) additional team in each synchronized event will be invited as a self-funded opportunity.

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Women</u></b>	<b><u>Men</u></b>
3M Springboard	2+ <b>2 self-fund</b>	2 + <b>2 self-fund</b>
10M Platform	2 + <b>2 self-fund</b>	2 + <b>2 self-fund</b>
Synchronized 3M	1 team + <b>1 team self-fund</b>	1 team + <b>1 team self-fund</b>
Synchronized 10M	1 team + <b>1 team self-fund</b>	1 team + <b>1 team self-fund</b>

**Canada Cup of Diving Team Size** - The maximum number of divers which USA Diving may enter in the Canada Cup competition under the rules established by Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is six (6) per gender in each of the individual events and one (1) team in each of the synchronized events. USA Diving will field a team comprised of two (2) per gender in each of the individual Olympic events and one (1) team in each of the synchronized events. Two (2) additional team selections for each individual event will be invited as a self-funded opportunity.

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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 the LOC because some members of the team may participate in multiple events, there are funding restrictions, or USA Diving may elect not to enter specific events.

## ***1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO THE AMERICAN & CANADA CUP TEAMS:***

### **1.1 General Eligibility**

Every candidate for the American & Canada Cup Teams must, by the time determined by the High Performance Director:

- a) Be a citizen of the United States,
- b) Not have competed for another country any time after April 1, 2023
- c) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving.
- d) Divers ages 12 and 13 years on December 31st of the same year shall be eligible to participate (as per age group C).
- 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 Canada Cup.

### **1.2 Selection Events**

USA Diving will select its team for the American & Canada Cup from the results of the 2023 USA Diving Winter National Championships held November 29-December 6 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the Allan Jones Aquatic Center. The selection events are governed by World Aquatics rules.

### **1.3 Determination of Team Member Participation**

1/ 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.

2/ 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 The top two (2) ranked divers in cumulative score total over two (2) lists (semifinals and finals) in each individual Olympic event at the 2023 USA Diving Winter Nationals will be invited as a funded member of the American and Canada Cup teams.
- 2.2 If an invitation is turned down, then the next best ranked diver will be invited. No athlete finishing lower than eighth place will be invited.
- 2.3 In the event of a tie between two or more athlete members for one available entry position:
  - (i) then the athlete member with the highest single list score in the finals among such athletes shall be selected; and if a tie still exists,
  - (ii) then the athlete member with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from semifinals and finals) will be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of seven and one-half (7.5) or above for a dive in the women's events will be considered a "hit," and below a seven and one-half (7.5) a "miss." In the men's events, an average judge's score of eight (8) or above will be considered a "hit" and below an eight (8) a "miss."; and if a tie still exists,
  - (iii) then the athlete member with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from semifinals and finals) will be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of eight (8) or above for a dive in the women's events will be considered a "hit," and below an eight (8) a "miss." In the men's events, an average judge's score of eight and a half (8.5) or above will be considered a "hit" and below an eight and a half (8.5) a "miss."; and if a tie still exists,
  - (iv) then the athlete member with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from semifinals and finals) will be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of eight and a half (8.5) or above for a dive in the women's events will be considered a "hit," and below an eight and a half (8.5) a "miss." In the men's events, an

average judge's score of nine (9) or above will be considered a "hit" and below a nine (9) a "miss."

- 2.4 After positions one (1) and two (2) are confirmed, then the self-funded invitations are sent for positions three (3) and four (4) to the American and Canada Cup.
- 2.5 If entries are not filled by the top eight (8) divers in each individual event, the entries will be decided by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE with final approval of the President and AAC Rep. The event may remain unfilled if it is determined to not be in the best interest of Team USA.

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

- 3.1 The top ranked synchro team in cumulative score total over two (2) lists of each synchro event at the 2023 USA Diving Winter Nationals will be invited to the American & Canada Cup teams.
  - a) 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.
  - b) If a partner cannot be identified, then the procedures will move to 3.2.
- 3.2 If an invitation is turned down, then the next best ranked team will be considered. Olympic synchronized diving teams within the top four (4) will be considered to fill the spot.
- 3.3 In the event of a tie between two or more teams:
  - (i) the team with the highest single list score in the finals among such teams shall be nominated to the American & Canada Cup Teams; and if a tie still exists,
  - (ii) then the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from preliminaries and finals) will be nominated to the American & Canada Cup Teams. For this purpose, an average judge's score of seven and one-half (7.5) or above for a dive in the women's events will be considered a "hit," and below a seven and one-half (7.5) a "miss." In the men's events, an average judge's score of eight (8) or above will be considered a "hit" and below an eight (8) a "miss."; and if a tie still exists,
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- 3.4 A diver may compete with a maximum of two partners at the 2023 USA Diving Winter Nationals.
- 3.5 After position one (1) is confirmed, then the self-funded invitation is sent for position two (2) to the American Cup.
- 3.6 If entries are not filled after considering the top four (4) teams in each synchro event, the entries will then be decided by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE with final approval of the CEO and AAC Rep. The event may remain unfilled if it is determined to not be in the best interest of Team USA.

#### **4/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES**

##### **4.1 Individual Events**

If an athlete needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntarily withdrawal **prior to the LOC deadline** of submission of entry names, the next placed athlete will be selected. Only the finalists for each Olympic event will be considered.

If an athlete member voluntarily withdraws or is injured or due to illness and cannot compete **after the LOC** deadline for submission of names, it is to be handled on a case-by-case basis based on logistics, budget restraints and LOC approval.

Every effort will be made to replace a diver following the above procedures. If it is not possible, the High Performance Director, in consultation with the Committee for

Competitive Excellence (CCE) and the American & Canada Cup Team coach members will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of Team USA based on divers who are *already* on the American & Canada Cup Teams.

## **5.2 Synchronized Events**

If a synchronized team member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdraw **prior to the LOC deadline** for submission of entry names, then the next placed team from the 2023 USA Diving Winter National Championships will be the replacement synchronized diving team unless the High Performance Director, in consultation with the CCE, makes a determination to replace only one athlete pursuant to the following:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, USA Diving has conducted many of its synchronized selections for other competitive events by allowing athletes to compete with multiple partners. For this reason and in the event that one member of a synchronized team has to be replaced, USA Diving's High Performance Director (HPD) will make a recommendation to the CCE as to whether another athlete can replace the removed athlete without having to replace the entire synchronized team or whether it will be necessary to replace the entire team. If the decision is to replace only one athlete, the HPD will make a recommendation to the CCE as to who the remaining athlete will be paired with based on previous selection trials' results and the High Performance Director's evaluations from assessments conducted since 2017. The CCE will then review the HPD's recommendation and make the final decision to replace either the single athlete or the entire team.

If a synchronized team member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdrawal **after the LOC deadline** for submission of entry names it is to be handled on a case-by-case basis based on logistics, budget restraints and LOC approval. Every effort will be made to replace diver/team following the above procedures. If it is not possible, the High Performance Director and American & Canada Cup coaches will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of the team based on divers who are *already* on the American & Canada Cup Team.

## **6/ AMERICAN AND CANADA CUP COACH MEMBER SELECTIONS**

***\*The coach member selection for the American & Canada Cup events are dependent on team size, available funding, and coaches' availability.***

Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as an American & Canada Cup coach member 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 current members in good standing with USA Diving to be considered.

The American & Canada Cup 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 are one spot per diver)
  - a. If there is a tie, select the coach member with the greatest number of athletes.
  - b. If a tie still exists, Select the coach member with highest point score based on their athlete place finishes in the Olympic events. (first place is worth 2 points, second place is worth 1 point).
  - c. If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE and approval of the President and AAC Rep will select the coach member believed to best serve the needs of Team USA.
- 6.2 Team support members shall be selected by the HPD with final approval from the President.