



SELECTION PROCEDURES

World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series

Stop 1 – Montreal, CAN | February 26- March 1, 2026

Stop 2 – Guadalajara, MEX | March 5-8, 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Nature of the Selection Procedures

The following procedures will be used to select the team that will represent USA Diving at the 2026 World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series – Stop 1 (Montreal) & Stop 2 (Guadalajara) competitions (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures"). ***Divers must compete in both Stops (individual events) to be eligible for qualification to the Super Final.***

1.2 Team Size & Entry Limits

The maximum number of divers USA Diving may enter in each event at the 2026 World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series is determined by World Aquatics regulations:

Event	Women	Men
3M Springboard	2	2
10M Platform	2	2
Synchronized 3M	1 team	1 team
Synchronized 10M	1 team	1 team

USA Diving reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum number of athletes allowed under the following circumstances:

- Some divers may compete in multiple events, reducing the need for additional entries.
- Qualified athletes may not be available to attend.
- USA Diving may elect not to enter certain events if it is determined that sending a team is not in the best interest of competitive success or due to resource constraints.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

2.1 General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for selection to the 2026 World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series- Stop 1 & Stop 2 Teams, an athlete must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States.
- B) Not have competed for another country at any time after January 1, 2025.
- C) Be at least 14 years old by December 31, 2026 (divers younger than 14 are not permitted to compete).
- D) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving.
- E) Possess a valid passport that remains valid for at least six (6) months beyond the final date of international travel associated with Stop 2.

2.2 Minimum Standards & Selection Events

To participate in the 2026 World Aquatics Diving World Cup – Stop 1 & Stop 2, divers must meet the minimum point standards set by World Aquatics at a previously identified event.

- For Individual Events: Divers must meet the World Aquatics minimum point standards at an identified event to be eligible.
- For Synchronized Diving Events: The qualification applies to Team USA as a National Federation, rather than to specific named athletes.

The identified qualification events in which the United States has participated include:

- World Aquatics Championships - Singapore 2025
- World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series 2025
 - Guadalajara, MEX
 - Windsor, CAN
 - Beijing, CHN
- World Aquatics Recognized Events 2025
 - Morgantown, WV, USA
 - Gatineau, CAN
 - Bolzano, ITA
- PanAm Aquatics Championships- Medellin, COL 2025
- FISU World University Games- Berlin, GER 2025

MINIMUM POINT STANDARDS TO PARTICIPATE WORLD AQUATICS DIVING WORLD CUP 2026 STOPS 1 AND 2			
Points standards taken from the preliminary competitions of the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025			
Event	Minimum Required points	Event	Minimum Required points
3m Men	350	3m Women	240
10m Men	350	10m Women	250
3m Synchro Men	330	3m Synchro Women	230
10m Synchro Men	325	10m Synchro Women	240

USA Diving Qualifiers- AQUA Diving World Cup Series *Listed in Alphabetical Order					
Women's 3m	Men's 3m	Women's 10m	Men's 10m	Women's 3m Synchro	Women's 10m Synchro
Avery Giese	Collier Dyer	Kayleigh Clark	Andrew Bennett	Team USA	Team USA
Molly Gray	Maxwell Flory	Bayleigh Cranford	Grant Cates	Men's 3m Synchro	Men's 10m Synchro
Katerina Hoffman	Maxwell Miller	Taylor Fox	Kylie Flory	Team USA	Team USA
Kyndal Knight	Jack Ryan	Anna Lemkin	Joshua Hedberg		
Anna Kwong	Luke Sitz	Sophia McAfee	Jordan Rzepka		
Bailee Sturgill	Carson Tyler	Elli Reese Niday	Maxwell Weinrich		
Sophie Verzyl	Maxwell Weinrich	Ella Roselli	Tyler Wills		
Lily Witte		Daryn Wright			

3. INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC EVENTS – (3M & 10M)

The final results from the USA Diving Winter Nationals 2025 will establish the *ranking order of eligible athletes* for selection to the World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series (Stops 1 and 2).

Only divers who meet the World Aquatics minimum point standards for the 2026 Series are eligible for selection as shown in the charts above.

3.1 Selection Based on USA Diving Winter Nationals Results

- The top two (2) ranked eligible athletes from the Winter Nationals will receive an invitation to compete in the World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series.
- **Priority will be given to athletes who are available and agree to compete in both Stops (1 and 2).**

- If a ranked athlete declines to participate in either Stop, the next ranked eligible athlete from the Winter Nationals will be invited until both positions are filled with athletes confirmed for both Stops.
- If all eligible athletes have been considered and no two-Stop athletes are available, USA Diving will reopen the list in ranked order to offer invitations to athletes willing to compete in one Stop only, until all available roster spots are filled.

3.2 Declinations or Limited Availability

- If an athlete declines one or both invitations, the next ranked eligible athlete will be invited following the process described in 3.1.
- The process will continue until all available spots are filled or until no additional eligible ranked athletes remain.

NOTE: Divers must compete in both Stops to be eligible for qualification to the Super Final.

3.3 Tie-Break Procedures

In the event of a tie between two or more athlete members for one available entry position:

- a. 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,
- b. then the athlete member with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from semifinals and finals) shall 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,
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3.4 Selection of Remaining Spots Based on Previous Competition Results

Athletes selected based on Sections 3.4 and 3.5 must demonstrate physical readiness before an invitation is extended.

If a spot remains open after applying Sections 3.1 and 3.2, invitations may be extended to athletes who achieved the World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series qualification standards at one or more of the designated international events listed below.

Athletes who did not compete at the 2025 USA Diving Winter Nationals remain eligible for consideration; however, they do not receive first right of refusal as outlined in Sections 3.1 and 3.2. Selection will follow the priority ranking below, based on the highest placement achieved:

1. World Aquatics Championships - Singapore 2025 (All Rounds)
2. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Super Final - Beijing 2025 (Finals)
3. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series - Windsor 2025 (Finals)
4. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series - Guadalajara 2025 (Finals)
5. Bolzano Diving Meeting- Bolzano 2025 (Finals)
6. American Cup - Morgantown 2025 (Finals)
7. Canada Cup - Gatineau 2025 (Finals)
8. FISU World University Games- Berlin 2025 (Finals)
9. PanAm Aquatics Championships- Medellin 2025 (Finals)

If roster spots remain after all eligible athletes have been considered, selection will continue based on the following results in the same event order.

3.5 Selection Based on Preliminaries Performance

If no diver advanced in any of the events listed in Sections 3.4, or if a spot remains, selection will continue based on the highest placement achieved in the following order:

1. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Super Final - Beijing 2025 (Head-to-Head)
2. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series - Windsor 2025 (Preliminaries)
3. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series - Guadalajara 2025 (Preliminaries)
4. Bolzano Diving Meeting- Bolzano 2025 (Preliminaries)
5. American Cup - Morgantown 2025 (Preliminaries)
6. Canada Cup - Gatineau 2025 (Preliminaries)
7. FISU World University Games- Berlin 2025 (Preliminaries)
8. PanAm Aquatics Championships- Medellin 2025 (Preliminaries)

3.6 Invitation Timeline and Entry Closure

- Athletes will have **24 hours** to accept their invitation before the next diver in line is considered. If a diver declines, they will not be reconsidered unless all other eligible divers have been exhausted. If they later wish to accept an invitation, their inclusion will be subject to the discretion of the High Performance Director, considering available roster spots, team logistics and travel constraints.
- If no eligible divers accept an invitation, the entry will remain unfilled due to a lack of qualified divers based on World Aquatics qualification criteria.

4. SYNCHRONIZED DIVING OLYMPIC EVENTS – (3M & 10M)

Once the athlete members are selected and confirmed for the individual events in Stop 1 and Stop 2 using the criteria outlined in Section 3, the synchronized diving teams will be selected. The selection process will be applied independently for each Stop of the World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series.

4.1 Automatic Selection- World Championship Medalists

Synchronized diving teams that won a medal at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships will receive the first right of refusal to represent Team USA at one or both Stops of the 2026 World Cup Series in the corresponding event. Both members of the team must accept the invitation. If one or both athletes are unavailable, selection will move to section 4.2.

4.2 Selection from 2025 USA Diving Winter Nationals Results

If a spot remains open following 4.1, invitations will be extended to the top-finishing synchronized diving team from the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships in each synchronized event (Women's 3m, Women's 10m, Men's 3m, Men's 10m).

- 4.2.1** If both athletes from the winning team are available and agree to compete, no further selection will occur for that event.
 - a.** If only one athlete or no athletes from the winning team are available, USA Diving will proceed down the ranking order to the next team (second place) to determine if both athletes are available.
 - 1.** If both second-place team members are available and agree to compete, that team will receive the invitation.
 - 2.** If one or both athletes from the second-place team are unavailable, USA Diving may revisit the World Championships medalists or the first-place or second-place team to identify a suitable partner for an available diver based on:
 - prior competition history together,
 - evaluations from Synchro Assessment Camps, or
 - another diver already confirmed on the World Cup Series team.
- 4.2.2** If a pairing cannot be established from World Championships medalists or the first- or second-place teams, the third-place team will be invited. If only one member of that team is available, USA Diving may attempt to identify a suitable replacement partner using the same process described above.
- 4.2.3** If no technically suitable pair can be confirmed through these methods, the High Performance Director, in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence (CCE), will determine the final selection or the spot may remain unfilled.

Teams may accept invitations to one or both Stops of the World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series based on schedule availability.

4.3 Tie-Break Procedures

In the event of a tie between two or more teams, the following criteria will be applied in order:

- (i) the team with the highest single list score in the finals among such teams shall be nominated to the AQUA Diving World Cup Series 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 AQUA Diving World Cup Series 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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5. MIXED TEAM EVENT

In accordance with World Aquatics regulations 2026 (Section 1.2.1 and 1.5.1 B), divers for the Mixed Team Event will be selected exclusively from athletes already named to Team USA in an Individual or Synchronized event.

The final Mixed Team event roster will be determined by the High Performance Director and the World Cup Series team coach members, considering overall team strategy for maximizing competitive performance.

6. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

6.1 Authority

Prior to each of the World Aquatics Diving World Cup technical meetings for Stop 1 and Stop 2, 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:

- 6.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal- Athlete member must submit a written letter to the USA Diving CEO/President and USA Diving's High Performance Director.
- 6.1.2. 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 their illness, injury, or mental health concern by a physician (or medical staff member) approved by USA Diving, their illness, injury, or mental health concern will be assumed to be debilitating, and the athlete may be removed.
- 6.1.3. Violation of USA Diving's Code of Conduct
(<https://www.usadiving.org/resources/bylaws-and-policies>)
- 6.1.4. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 (Eligibility for Selection) of these selection procedures.
- 6.1.5. An athlete loses an adjudicated violation of WADA, ITA, and/or USADA anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

7. REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

Replacement deadlines will follow the timelines established in each Stop's Information Bulletin or World Aquatics General Management System.

7.1 Pre-Competition Replacements

- If an athlete needs to be replaced due to injury, illness, or voluntary withdrawal, *before* the athlete replacement deadline, the selection procedures outlined in Sections 3 and 4 will be followed to determine a replacement athlete

7.2 Late-Stage Replacements

- If an athlete needs to be replaced *after* the official replacement deadline set by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), the High Performance Director and World Cup Series coach members will select a replacement from athletes already on the team, prioritizing competitive balance and the best interests of Team USA. If a suitable replacement cannot be identified from athletes already on the team, the event may remain unfilled.

8. COACH MEMBER SELECTION PROCEDURES

8.1 Coach Member Eligibility & Selection

- A coach member may be considered for selection as a Diving World Cup Series- Stop 1 & Stop 2 team coach only if a diver declares their "Coach of Record" prior to the 2025 USA Diving Winter Nationals or their coach of record at the time of the selection event.

8.2 Coach Member Selection Process

1. The coach member with the most Olympic event spots will be named Head Coach.

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.)

2. Tie-Breakers (Applied in Order):

- Coach member with the most individual event athletes.
- Coach member with the highest-ranked athletes (1st invited = 2 points, 2nd invited = 1 point).
- Coach member with the most 1st-invited athletes.
- Coach member with the most 2nd-invited athletes.
- If a tie remains after applying all tie-breaking steps, the process will be restarted from Step 1 using only the remaining tied coaches.
- Final Decision: If a tie still exists after reapplying all steps, the High Performance Director, in consultation with the CCE, will make the final selection with approval from the President and AAC Representative.

3. Team staff members shall be selected by the HPD in consultation with the CCE with final approval from the President and the AAC Representative.