



## **Selection Procedures for World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2024 – Bahrain and the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2024 – Brazil**

**Effective Date: August 13, 2024**

### **I. Introduction**

These selection procedures (the “Procedures”) explain how USA Diving will select athletes to the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2024 – Bahrain (“WC Bahrain”) and the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2024 – Brazil (“WC Brazil”) (collectively, the “Events”). Four (4) male and four (4) female athletes will be selected for each Event. Three (3) athletes of each gender will be selected for each Event in accordance with Section II, “Automatic Qualification.” An additional one (1) athlete of each gender will be selected for each Event in accordance with Section III, “Qualifying Competition.”

USA Diving has asked its outside counsel, Miller Johnson, to review these selection procedures and comment on their compliance with applicable requirements. Miller Johnson has provided the following statement:

“While the Ted Stevens Act and the USOPC Implementation Guide do not apply to high diving, because it is not a Protected Competition, we have reviewed these selection procedures for clarity and general fairness considerations. In undertaking that review, we considered the timing of the announcement of the Events by World Aquatics, among other considerations. While no selection procedures will please everyone, in our opinion, these selection procedures clearly explain how athletes will be selected to the Events and are generally fair to the athletes under consideration.”

### **II. Automatic Qualification**

The USA Diving High Dive Ranking System will be used to determine the three (3) athletes of each gender that automatically qualify for each Event, without having to participate in the Qualifying Competition described in section III. The three (3) highest ranked athletes of each gender in the USA Diving High Dive Ranking System as of the Effective Date of these Procedures will be selected to participate in both Events. The USA Diving High Dive Ranking System is described in Exhibit A to these Procedures. Athlete rankings as of the Effective Date of these Procedures are attached as Exhibit B to these Procedures.

If an athlete selected under this section II declines (or is unable) to participate in an Event, then the athlete of the same gender with the next highest rank will be selected for that Event. If the

athlete with the next highest rank also declines (or is unable) to participate in the Event, then the athlete of the same gender with the next highest rank will be selected. This pattern will continue until three (3) athletes of each gender are selected for each Event.

An athlete may only be selected once for each Event. If an athlete qualifies for an Event under this section II, then they may not qualify again for the same Event under section III. Similarly, if an athlete qualifies for an Event under section III, but would later qualify under this section II because a higher ranked athlete of the same gender declined or becomes unable to participate in the Event, that athlete will be skipped for purposes of determining selection under this section.

By way of example only, and not limitation, if the #1 ranked male athlete agrees to participate in WC Bahrain, but becomes unable to participate in WC Brazil due to injury, then the #4 ranked male athlete will be selected to participate in WC Brazil only. If the #4 ranked male athlete also declines (or is unable) to participate in WC Brazil, then the #5 ranked male athlete will be selected to participate in WC Brazil only. However, if the #4 ranked male athlete was already selected to WC Brazil under these Procedures, then that athlete would be skipped and the #5 ranked male athlete would be selected for WC Brazil.

### **III. Qualifying Competition**

The results of the USA Diving National High Diving Championships from August 31 to September 1, 2024 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the “Qualifying Competition”) will be used to select an additional one (1) athlete of each gender to each Event. The one (1) athlete of each gender with the highest scores at the Qualifying Competition will be selected to participate in the Events.

If an athlete selected under this section III declines (or is unable) to participate in an Event, then the athlete of the same gender with the next highest score will be selected for that Event. If the athlete with the next highest score also declines (or is unable) to participate in the Event, then the athlete of the same gender with the next highest score will be selected. This pattern will continue until one (1) athlete of each gender is selected for each Event.

An athlete may only be selected once for each Event. If an athlete is selected for an Event under this section III, then they may not be selected for the same Event under section II. The process described in section II for skipping an athlete who has already been selected for the Event at issue also applies under this section III.

### **IV. Ties**

If two or more athletes are tied, whether under the USA Diving High Dive Ranking System or in the results of the Qualifying Competition, the athlete who is selected for the Event at issue will be the diver who has: (1) the highest number of wins, second places, etc. from the current season; and (2) the highest total points from all results from the current season.

## V. Coach Member Selection

A coach member may be considered for selection as a coach member for each Event only if a diver declares his or her “coach of record” prior to the start of the 2024 USA Diving Senior National High Diving Championships (this includes divers selected via the USA Diving Athlete Ranking system). Once declared by the diver, the “coach of record” cannot be changed unless approved by the High Performance Director. Coach members must be in good standing with USA Diving to be considered. Following the coach member selection criteria process, an invitation will be sent to the coach member(s) that outlines specific roles and responsibilities. The coach member(s) must agree to the terms of the roles and responsibilities to be fully considered.

NOTE: The coach members may be different for the Bahrain and Brasília events since it is based on availability.

NOTE: Assistant coach members will be considered as replacements only after all coach of record coach members have been considered.

The number of official AQUA High Diving World Cup - Bahrain and Brasília coach members selected will be dependent on funding and the number of coach accreditations as designated by World Aquatics and the Local Organizing Committee.

AQUA HD World Cup - Bahrain and Brasília coach members will be selected in the following manner. Coach members will be selected separately for each World Cup competition:

- Select the coach member with the greatest number of athlete members on the team. One point will be awarded per athlete member. The coach member with the greatest number of athlete members shall be named the High Diving World Cup Head Coach.
- If a tie still exists –
  - Select the coach with the highest ranked individual athlete based on priority selection order
    - AQUA World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024
    - AQUA World Aquatics Championships- Fukuoka 2023
    - AQUA High Diving World Cup- Fort Lauderdale 2023
    - USA Diving High Diving Overall Rankings 2024
- If a tie still exists –
  - The High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee of Competitive Excellence and final approval from the President and AAC Rep will select the coach member that best serves the needs of the team.
- Team staff members shall be selected by the HPD in consultation of the CCE with final approval from the President and AAC Rep.

## **QUALIFICATION FOR THE WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS- SINGAPORE 2025**

Both the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup in Bahrain and Brazil 2024 will serve as qualification for the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025.

The top 18 women and top 18 men high divers from the cumulative ranking, with a maximum of 3 per gender per Federation, will qualify for the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025.

World Aquatics reserves the right to invite wild cards to Singapore 2025. Such a decision will be made and communicated in due course.

<b>RANKING POINTS WORLD AQUATICS HIGH DIVING WORLD CUP 2024 BAHRAIN AND BRASILIA</b>	
<b>PLACE</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1	35
2	32
3	29
4	26
5	24
6	22
7	20
8	18
9	16
10	15
11	14
12	13
13	12
14	11
15	10
16	9
17	8
18	7
19	6
20	5
21	4
22	3
23	2
24	1



### Exhibit A to Selection Procedures:

### USA Diving- High Diving Ranking System

This document describes the USA Diving High Diving Ranking System that will be used to select athletes to the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2024 – Bahrain and the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2024 – Brazil (collectively, the “Events”).

#### Recognized Events:

The results of following competitions will be used to calculate an athlete’s ranking in the USA Diving High Diving Ranking System:

- The following 3 World Aquatics events: 2023 World Cup, USA, 2023 World Championships, Japan, and 2024 World Championships, Qatar.
- The following 10 Red Bull Cliff Diving events: All 6 from 2023: USA, FRA, ITA, JPN, BIH, NZL; and 4 RBCD events from 2024: GRE, USA, ITA, IRL.
- The following 2 Invitationals in 2024: Marmmeeting and Trieste.

#### Scoring System

- A diver’s National Rank will consider a weighted average of the Recognized Events that a diver has completed.
- The weighted average will be divided by the number of total Recognized Events that diver has completed. For example, if they have completed 4 of the Recognized Events, then the weighted average is the total ranking points divided by 4.
- A diver needs to have completed 3 or more of the Recognized Events to be eligible for selection to Events. A diver who has not completed at least at least 3 Recognized Events is not eligible for selection to the Events.
- The maximum points a diver can receive for any single Recognized Event is 24. This score can be achieved by winning an individual event on Red Bull Cliff Diving or World Aquatic Circuit.
- Ranking points will incrementally decrease by **one** from 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> place in AQUA competitions.
- Ranking points will incrementally decrease by **two** from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in a Red Bull competition and then by **one** from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Ranking points will incrementally decrease by **two** from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in Marmmeeting + Trieste competition and then by **one** from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Points chart:**

<b>Competition Place</b>	<b>Weighted points (AQUA)</b>	<b>Weighted points (RBCD + Marmmeeting + Trieste)</b>
1st	24	24
2nd	23	22
3rd	22	20
4th	21	18
5th	20	16
6th	19	14
7th	18	13
8th	17	12
9th	16	11
10th	15	10
11th	14	9
12th	13	8
13th	12	
14th	11	
15th	10	
16th	9	
17th	8	
18th	7	
19th	6	
20th	5	
21st	4	
22nd	3	
23rd	2	
24th	1	
25th and below	0	

**USA High Divers**

New high divers who wish to compete for selection to the Events must contact staff at USA Diving to express their desire to compete no later than August 26, 2024. Please contact Owen Weymouth at [owenw@usadiving.org](mailto:owenw@usadiving.org).

Exhibit B

	James Lichtenstein	David Colturi	Matthew Cooper	Andy Jones	Nathan Jimerson	Scott Lazeroff
World Cup USA 2023	20	18	14	11	10	
Red Bull Boston 2023	16	13				
Red Bull Paris 2023	9	13				
Red Bull Italy 2023	10					
World Championships Japan 2023	18	13	16			
Red Bull Japan 2023	20	11	12			
Red Bull Mostar 2023	11				9	
Red Bull New Zealand 2023	14	13				
World Championships Qatar 2024	21	12				9
Red Bull Greece 2024	20	10	11			
Red Bull Boston 2024	22	16				
Red Bull Italy 2024	22					
Marmmeeting 2024	22	14			11	
Trieste 2024		20				
Red Bull Northern Ireland 2024	20					
<b>Weighted Average</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>13.90909091</b>	<b>13.25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>US Rank</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>#3</b>	<b>#4</b>	<b>#5</b>	<b>#6</b>

	Kaylea Arnett	Meili Carpenter	Ellie Smart	Maria Smirnov
World Cup USA		19	20	11
Red Bull Boston		16	10	
Red Bull Paris		12	16	
Red Bull Italy		18	14	
World Championships Japan		20	15	
Red Bull Japan		16	18	
Red Bull Mostar		16	20	
Red Bull New Zealand		13	16	
World Championships Qatar	21		16	
Red Bull Greece		13	9	
Red Bull Boston	22	18	11	
Red Bull Italy	22	11	10	
Marmmeeting		13		
Trieste		18		
Red Bull Northern Ireland		14	16	
<b>Weighted Average</b>				
	<b>21.66666667</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>14.69230769</b>	<b>11</b>
US Rank	<b>#1</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>#3</b>	<b>#4</b>



Genevieve Sangpan	Susanna Fish
7	8
	8
8	
13	
<b>9.33333333</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>#5</b>	<b>#6</b>