



## Selection Procedures

# World Aquatics Championships- Singapore 2025 Singapore | July 25- August 3, 2025

### INTRODUCTION.

**Nature of the Selection Procedures.** The procedures that follow will be used to select the TEAM that will represent USA in the World Aquatics Championships- Singapore 2025 competition (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

**Team Size.** Under the rules established by World Aquatics, USA Diving may enter a maximum of two divers per gender in each individual event, one team in each synchronized event, and at least one male and one female (up to four athletes) in the mixed team event at the World Aquatics Championships.

As per World Aquatics competition regulations, the maximum athlete quota for diving is set at twelve (12) athletes per gender, which includes up to six (6) athletes per gender for individual events and up to six (6) athletes per gender for synchronized diving events.

Through the application of these Selection Procedures, USA Diving reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum number of athletes allowed by World Aquatics because some members of the team may participate in multiple events or USA Diving may elect not to enter specific events.

### ***1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 TEAM:***

#### **1.1 General Eligibility**

Every candidate for the World Aquatics Championships- Singapore 2025 Team must, by the time determined by the High Performance Director:

- a) Be a citizen of the United States,
- b) Abide by the rules in the World Aquatics rulebook, including nationality/citizenship requirements,
  - I. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the World Aquatics Competition Regulations Section I.3,
- c) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving,
- 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 the World Aquatics Championships.
- 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 Championships- Singapore,
- 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 Championships- Singapore,
- j) Be 14 years of age by December 31, 2025,
- k) 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,
- l) 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 Singapore Local Organizing Committee.

## **1.2 Selection Events**

USA Diving will select its team for the World Aquatics Championships- Singapore 2025 at the USA Diving National Championships to be held May 8-16. The selection events will be governed by World Aquatics rules.

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

**2.1** The 2025 USA Diving National Championship Individual Olympic diving events will consist of preliminaries, semifinals, and finals and will be conducted as follows:

- a) All athlete members entered in each individual event will perform in the preliminaries. The preliminaries will consist of each athlete member performing their list of dives once.
- b) At the conclusion of the preliminaries, the top eighteen (18) finishers by score from the list of dives performed will advance to the semifinals.
- c) The 18 athlete members participating in the semifinals will perform their lists of dives once. Each athlete member will begin the semifinals with a score of zero.
- d) At the conclusion of the semifinals, the top twelve (12) finishers will advance to the finals.
- e) The 12 athlete members participating in the finals will perform their lists of dives once.
- f) At the conclusion of the finals, the top two (2) finishers by cumulative score (from semifinals and finals) will be nominated to the 2025 World Aquatics Championships Team.
- g) 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) 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,
- iii. 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 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) shall 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."

Note: Junior divers do not need to meet degree of difficulty requirements on 10-meter to compete at the USA Diving National Championships but must meet the requirement to be considered for team selection.

### **3/ NON-OLYMPIC INDIVIDUAL EVENT – (1-meter)**

- 3.1** The 2025 USA Diving National Championship individual non-Olympic diving event will consist of preliminaries and finals and will be conducted as follows:
- a) All athlete members entered in each non-Olympic individual event will perform in the preliminaries. The preliminaries will consist of each athlete member performing their list of dives once.
  - b) At the conclusion of the preliminaries, the top 8 finishers by score from the list of dives performed will advance to the finals.
  - c) The 8 athlete members participating in the finals will perform their lists of dives once.
  - d) At the conclusion of the finals, the top two (2) finishers by cumulative score (from preliminaries and finals) will be nominated to the 2025 World Aquatics Championships Team.
  - e) In the event of a tie between two or more athlete members for one available entry position:
    - i. 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 preliminaries 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,
- iii. then the athlete member with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from prelims and finals) shall 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 prelims and finals) shall 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."

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

**4.1** The 2025 USA Diving National Championship synchronized Olympic diving events will consist of preliminaries and finals and will be conducted as follows:

- a) Each team will perform their lists of dives in the preliminary and the top twelve (12) teams will advance to the finals.
- b) Each top twelve (12) team will perform their lists of dives in the finals. At the conclusion of the finals, the top team by cumulative score of both preliminary and final lists will be nominated to the 2025 World Aquatics Championships Team.
- c) 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 selected; 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) 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,
  - iii. then the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from preliminaries and finals) shall 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 team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from preliminaries and finals) shall 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."

**4.2** Divers may compete with a maximum of 2 partners.

### **5/ NON-OLYMPIC SYNCHRONIZED EVENTS – (Mixed 3-meter & Mixed 10-meter)**

**5.1** The 2025 USA Diving National Championship synchronized non- Olympic diving events will consist of finals only and will be conducted as follows:

- a) Each team will perform their lists of dives in the finals.
- b) At the conclusion of the finals, the top team by final score will be nominated to the 2025 World Aquatics Championships Team.
- c) In the event of a tie between two or more teams:
  - i. the team with the highest score on optionals shall be nominated to the 2025 World Aquatics Championships Team; and if a tie still exists,
  - ii. then the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) shall be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of seven and one-half (7.5) or above for a dive will be considered a "hit," and below a seven and one-half (7.5) a "miss"; and if a tie still exists,
  - iii. then the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) shall be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of eight (8) or above for a dive will be considered a "hit," and below an eight (8) a "miss"; and if a tie still exists,
  - iv. then the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) shall be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of eight and a half (8.5) or above for a dive will be considered a "hit," and below an eight and a half (8.5) a "miss."
  - v. then the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) shall be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of eight and a half (8.5) or above for a dive will be considered a "hit," and below an eight and a half (8.5) a "miss."

**5.2** Divers may compete with a maximum of 2 partners.

## **6/ MIXED TEAM EVENT**

**6.1** Because of the limited number of athletes allowed entry for the team event will be determined by the High Performance Director and the World Aquatics Championships coaching staff from divers already selected to the team for other events or the event will remain unfilled.

## **7/ REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

**7.1** Prior to each of the World Aquatics Championships 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:

- 7.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete member must submit a written letter to the USA Diving CEO/President and USA Diving's High Performance Director.
- 7.1.2. 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.
- 7.1.3. Violation of USA Diving's Code of Conduct (<https://www.usadiving.org/resources/bylaws-and-policies>)
- 7.1.4. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1 of these selection procedures.
- 7.1.5. An athlete loses an adjudicated violation of WADA, ITA, and/or USADA anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

## **8/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES**

### **8.1 Individual Events**

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

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

## **8.2 Synchronized Events**

If a synchronized team member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdraw prior to World Aquatics deadline for submission of entry names, then the next placed team from the 2025 USA Diving 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 2019. 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 deadline, for submission of entry names it is to be handled on a case-by-case basis based on logistics, budget restraints and World Aquatics approval. Every effort will be made to replace diver/team following the above procedures. If it is not possible, the HPD and World Aquatics Championship coaches will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of the team based on divers who are already on the World Aquatics Championship Team.

## **COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES: 2025 WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS- SINGAPORE**

### **Coach of Record**

A coach member may be considered for selection as a 2025 World Aquatics Championship coach only if a diver in the selection events declares their “coach of record” prior to the start of the 2025 USA Diving National Championships. Once declared by the diver, the “coach of record” cannot be changed unless approved by the High Performance Director (HPD). Coach members must be current members in good standing with USA Diving to be considered.

**The number of official World Aquatics Championship coaches selected will be dependent on the extent that accreditations are available upon final allocation from World Aquatics and as funding allows.**

### **2025 World Aquatics Championships Coach Members Selection Process:**

A total of five (5) coaches will be selected initially, with additional coach members named as accreditations and funding allow.

#### **Step 1: Select the First Four (4) Coaches**

Coaches will be selected based on the following ranking criteria, applied in order:

##### **1. Olympic Event Spots**

- a) Select the coach member with the greatest number of Olympic event spot on the team. Olympic individual and synchro events will count as one spot per diver.
  - o NOTE: If a coach has both divers in a synchronized event, that event counts as 2 points. If a synchronized team has different coaches, each coach receives 1 point.
  - o The coach member with the most Olympic event spots will be named the 2025 World Aquatics Championships Head Coach.

##### **2. If a tie exists –**

- a) Select the coach member with the greatest number of Olympic event athletes.

##### **3. If a tie still exists –**

- a) Select the coach member with highest point total based on their athlete selection order in the Olympic events
  - First invited athlete = 2 points, Second invited athlete = 1 point).



4. If a tie still exists –
  - a) Select the coach whose highest-finishing athlete met or exceeded the Degree of Difficulty (DD) benchmark for their event.
  - b) The following DD benchmarks are based on the 2024 World Championships, 2024 World Cup Superfinal, and the 2024 Paris Olympic Games averages. (Top 8 synchro, Top 12 individual)

Event	Women's DD Benchmark	Men's DD Benchmark
<b>3-Meter</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>20.9</b>
<b>10-Meter</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>20.6</b>
<b>3-Meter Synchro</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>
<b>10-Meter Synchro</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>17.6</b>

5. If a tie still exists and one of the coaches also has a diver competing in a non-Olympic event/s, that coach will be selected in this order until the tie is broken:
  - i. Total non-Olympic event spots.
  - ii. Number of non-Olympic athletes.
  - iii. Highest point score in all events (Olympic and non-Olympic).
    - a. First place = 2 points, Second place = 1 point.
    - b. Coaches will be ranked by the cumulative placement points of their athletes in all events. (Olympic & non-Olympic)
6. If a tie still exists –
  - a) The High Performance Director (HPD) in consultation with the CCE, with final approval from the President/CEO and AAC Representative, will select the coach member who best serves the needs of the team.

## **Step 2: Select the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Coach with a Synchronized Diving Priority**

- After the first four (4) coaches have been confirmed, the selection process for the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) coach will begin.
- If, at this stage, any synchronized diving team does not yet have a coach confirmed, priority will be given to selecting a coach of record from an unrepresented synchro team, using the ranking process outlined in Step 1.
- If all synchronized diving teams already have at least one coach assigned, the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) coach will be selected using the ranking criteria from Step 1.

### **Additional Coach Selection & Ranking:**

After the five (5) coach members have been selected, if additional team official accreditations become available from World Aquatics, and funding allows, additional coaches will be selected in order of the established ranking from Step 1.

If any synchronized diving team or synchro diving athlete remains unrepresented at this stage, priority will be given to selecting a coach of record from an unrepresented synchro team or athlete before proceeding with the next-ranked coach.

### **Team Support Members**

Team support members shall be selected by the HPD, with final approval from the President/CEO.