



## 2025 World Aquatics Recognized Events Selection Procedures

Canada Cup | Gatineau, Canada | June 5-8  
American Cup | Morgantown, West Virginia | June 12-15  
Bolzano Meeting | Bolzano, Italy | July 4-6  
(All events dependent upon funding)

### NOTE ON SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR WORLD AQUATICS-RECOGNIZED EVENTS

At the time of publication, the official information bulletins for the World Aquatics-Recognized Events have not yet been released. The selection procedures outlined below are based on typical team participation numbers and requirements from past events. Once the official information bulletins are published, these selection procedures may be amended accordingly to reflect any changes in event structure, participation quotas, or other relevant factors.

Additionally, USA Diving is currently evaluating whether a portion of these events will be self-funded. This determination will be made once the information bulletins are available, and the associated costs and funding structure are clarified. Any updates to the selection procedures will be made through an official amendment and noted in this document. Participants will be notified of any updates as soon as possible.

### INTRODUCTION

**Nature of the Selection Procedures** - The following procedures will be used to select the teams that will represent the United States in the Canada Cup, American Cup, and Bolzano Meeting diving competitions (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

**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 **likely to be** four (4) per gender in each of the individual events and **likely will be** 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. **Likely**, two (2) additional team selections for each individual event will be invited as a self-funded opportunity.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</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	1 team
Synchronized 10M	1 team	1 team

**\*Team Size Not Yet Confirmed.**

**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 likely to be** four (4) per gender in each of the individual events and **likely will be** 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. **Likely**, 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.

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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>

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**Bolzano Meeting Team Size** - The maximum number of divers which USA Diving may enter in the Bolzano Meeting competition under the rules established by Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is **likely to be** four (4) per gender in each of the individual events and **likely will be** one (1) team in each of the synchronized events. USA Diving will field a team comprised of four (4) per gender in each of the individual Olympic events as a self-funded opportunity and one (1) team in each of the synchronized events.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
3M Springboard	<b>4 self-fund</b>	<b>4 self-fund</b>
10M Platform	<b>4 self-fund</b>	<b>4 self-fund</b>
Synchronized 3M	1 team	1 team
Synchronized 10M	1 team	1 team

**\*Team Size Not Yet Confirmed.**

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 CANADA CUP, AMERICAN CUP AND BOLZANO MEETING TEAMS:***

**1.1 General Eligibility**

Every candidate for the Canada Cup, American Cup & Bolzano Meeting Teams 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,
  - a. 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 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 Canada Cup, American Cup & Bolzano Meeting from the results of the 2025 USA Diving National Championships held May 8-16.

### **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 2025 USA Diving National Championships will be invited as a funded member of the Canada Cup, American Cup & Bolzano Meeting teams.
- 2.2 If an invitation is turned down, then the next best ranked diver will be invited. No athlete finishing lower than eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) 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) 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."

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 Canada Cup, American Cup & Bolzano Meeting.

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 2025 USA Diving National Championships will be invited to compete at the Canada Cup, American Cup & Bolzano Meeting.

- 3.2 If an invitation is turned down, then the next best-ranked team will be considered. Only Olympic synchronized diving teams within the top four (4) will be eligible to fill the spot.
- 3.3 If all four ranked teams decline or are unable to fill the spot, the procedures will return to the first selected team.
- If only one member of the original top-ranked team is available, USA Diving may identify a replacement partner.
  - The replacement must be an athlete who is already on the team or identified from previous assessments or competitions conducted since 2019.
  - If no suitable partner is identified, the spot will remain vacant.
- 3.4 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."

- 3.4 A diver may compete with a maximum of two partners at the 2025 USA Diving National Championships.
- 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/ 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 **prior to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) deadline** of submission of entry names, the next placed athlete will be selected. Only the top eight (8) athletes from finals 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 respective World Aquatics Recognized Events 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 Canada Cup, American Cup & Bolzano Meeting 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 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 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 World Aquatics Recognized Event coach members will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of the team based on divers who are *already* on the Canada Cup, American Cup & Bolzano Meeting Team.

## **6/ CANADA CUP, AMERICAN CUP & BOLZANO MEETING COACH MEMBER SELECTIONS**

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

### Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as a Canada Cup, American Cup and Bolzano Meeting 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 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 Canada Cup, American Cup & Bolzano 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 = 2 points, second 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 highest 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 respective events.**

- 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 will be selected by the Judges Commission.