



**Selection Procedures:  
HD World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024  
Doha, Qatar | February 13-15, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION.**

**Nature of the Selection Procedures.** The procedures that follow will be used to select the TEAM that will represent the USA in High Diving at the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 competition (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

**Team Size.** The number of divers which USA Diving may enter in the High Diving World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 competition under the rules established by World Aquatics (AQUA) is up to three entries per gender in each of the events per Member Federation.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
20 Meter	3	
27 Meter		3

Through the application of these Selection Procedures, USA Diving reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum number of athletes allowed by AQUA because the athletes may not meet the standards set by AQUA to compete in the event.

***1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS- DOHA 2024 HD TEAM:***

**1.1/ General Eligibility.** Every candidate for the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD-Team must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States.
- B) Not have competed for another country any time after February 1, 2023
- C) Divers younger than 18 years old on December 31, 2024, shall not be permitted to compete at the World Aquatics Championships or World Cup events.

**NOTE: USA Diving liability insurance covers divers to practice and compete at 20-meters and above starting at Age 18. Depending on date of birth, an individual who will reach AQUA 18 status in 2024 but has not yet turned 18 in the calendar year of the qualifying event (2023) may not be eligible to compete from 20-meters and above and therefore ineligible to earn a spot on the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD team.**

D) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving.

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 World Aquatics Championships.

F) To participate in the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD, the high divers must have competed at a previous World Aquatics Event or Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series.

- ***If a Member Federation wants to register new high divers who have never competed at a World Aquatics High Diving Event or at the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series, USA Diving must send a link to videos where the 'World Aquatics Technical High Diving Committee Safe to Compete Panel' can review and approve accordingly. The videos need to be sent to [highdiving@worldaquatics.com](mailto:highdiving@worldaquatics.com) before the Sport Entry deadline of December 12, 2023.***

### **1.2/ Selection Events.**

USA Diving will select its team for the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD event at the USA Diving High Diving Open to be held December 8-9, 2023, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center. The selection events will be governed by World Aquatics rules.

## **2/ WOMEN'S 20-METER**

2.1 A) All athlete members entered in the Women's 20-meter event will perform in the finals which are broken up between two (2) sessions over two days.

B) The competition shall comprise of four (4) dives.

(i) One (1) required dive with a maximum Degree of Difficulty (DD) of 2.6 and one (1) intermediate dive with a maximum DD of 3.4 from two (2) different groups, and two (2) optional dives without limit of DD from two (2) different groups.

(i.a.) If the DD of the required dive is less than 2.6 or if the intermediate dive is less than 3.4, the calculated DD following Rules 1.4, 1.5 and 11.1 will be used (from the [AQUA Competition Regulations](#)). If a diver performs a dive above 2.6 and 3.4 respectively, they will only receive 2.6 and 3.4 respectively.

C) At the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> and final round, the top three (3) finishers by cumulative score (from dives 1-4) will be nominated to the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD team.

D) 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 score from Session Two among such athletes shall be selected; and if a tie still exists.

(ii) then the athlete member with the highest optional dive in Session One will be

Selected.

E) Earning a spot in the top three final positions does not guarantee participation in the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD event as they MUST meet the AQUA eligibility requirements as referenced above in 1.1.F.

(i) if an athlete who placed in the top three is not already on the AQUA Safe to Compete list, USA Diving will submit a link of their diving videos from the USA Diving High Diving Open (or alternate videos from another practice or competition in 2023) to [highdiving@worldaquatics.com](mailto:highdiving@worldaquatics.com) before the Sport Entry deadline of December 12 to be considered for team selection.

(ii) if, after video submission, an athlete who placed in the top three is not deemed by AQUA as Safe to Compete, the next eligible athlete (no lower than 5th place) will be named to the team.

F) If entries are not filled by the above procedures for the Women's 20-meter event, they will remain open because no qualified divers are available for selection.

G) World Aquatics reserves the right to invite additional high divers to ensure continental representation and gender balance. Such decisions will be made after the Sport Entry deadline.

**Note:** Female high divers need to compete all dives at the USA Diving High Diving Open from 20-meters to be considered for team selection.

### **3/ MEN'S 27-METER**

3.1 A) All athlete members entered in the Men's 27-meter event will perform in the finals which are broken up between two (2) sessions over two days.

B) The competition shall comprise of four (4) dives.

(i) One (1) required dive with a maximum Degree of Difficulty (DD) of 2.8 and one (1) intermediate dive with a maximum DD of 3.6 from two (2) different groups, and two (2) optional dives without limit of DD from two (2) different groups.

(i.a.) If the DD of the required dive is less than 2.8 or if the intermediate dive is less than 3.6, the calculated DD following Rules 1.4, 1.5 and 11.1 will be used (from the [AQUA Competition Regulations](#)). If a diver performs a dive above 2.8 and 3.6 respectively, they will only receive 2.8 and 3.6 respectively.

C) At the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> and final round, the top three (3) finishers by cumulative score (from dives 1-4) will be nominated to the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD team.

D) 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 score from Session Two among such athletes shall be selected; and if a tie still exists.

(ii) then the athlete member with the highest optional dive in Session One will be

selected

E) Earning a spot in the top three final positions does not guarantee participation in the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD event as they MUST meet the AQUA eligibility requirements as referenced above in 1.1.F.

(i) if an athlete who placed in the top three is not already on the AQUA Safe to Compete list, USA Diving will submit a link of their diving videos from the USA Diving High Diving Open (or alternate videos from another practice or competition in 2023) to [highdiving@worldaquatics.com](mailto:highdiving@worldaquatics.com) before the Sport Entry deadline of December 12 to be considered for team selection.

(ii) if, after video submission, an athlete who placed in the top three is not deemed by AQUA as Safe to Compete, the next eligible athlete (no lower than 5th place) will be named to the team.

F) If entries are not filled by the above procedures for the Men's 27-meter event, they will remain open because no qualified divers are available for selection.

G) World Aquatics reserves the right to invite additional high divers to ensure continental representation and gender balance. Such decisions will be made after the Sport Entry deadline.

**Note:** Male high divers need to compete all dives at the USA Diving High Diving Open from 27-meters to be considered for team selection.

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

4.1 If an athlete member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdrawal prior to December 12, the above procedures will be followed to select a replacement athlete.

4.2 If an athlete member needs to be replaced after December 12, the individual spot(s) will remain open because it is past the entry deadline.

#### **5/ COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**

##### Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as a World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD coach member only if a selected high diver declares his or her "coach of record" upon registration for the USA Diving High Diving Open. Once declared by the high diver, the "coach of record" cannot be changed unless approved by the High Performance Director (HPD). 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.

**The number of official World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD coach members selected will be dependent on funding.**

World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD coach members will be selected in the following manner:

1/ 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 World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 HD Head Coach.

2/ If there is a tie –

- a) Select the coach member with the highest point score based on their athlete place finishes (first place is worth 3 points, second place is worth 2 points, and third place is worth 1 point)

3/ If a tie still exists –

- a) The High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee of Competitive Excellence and final approval from the President/CEO and AAC Rep will pick the coach member that best serves the needs of the team.

Team Staff Member(s) shall be selected by the HPD in consultation of the CCE with final approval from the President/CEO and AAC Rep.