



**Selection Procedures  
2025 World Universiade Games  
Berlin, Germany  
July 17- 23, 2025**

**SELF-FUNDED EVENT**

The World University Games events will be **self-funded**. It is projected that the cost for each participant will be approximately \$5,600 per athlete and \$4,800 per coach. All potential participants, including alternates, must provide all required paperwork and proof of funding- Financial Responsibility Agreement to USA Diving by *May 18, 2025*.

**1/ SELECTION EVENT & GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

- 1.1** The 2025 USA Diving Nationals to be held May 8-16, will serve as the selection trials for the 2025 FISU World University Games (WUG) for both individual and synchronized events.
- 1.2** To be eligible to enter and compete at the 2025 USA Diving Nationals in an individual or synchronized event, divers must meet both the eligibility criteria and the competition requirements as set by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE. Please see the [competition requirements](#) for the 2025 USA Diving Nationals.
- 1.3** To be eligible for the 2025 World University Games each athlete must meet the following criteria:
  - A. Must be a member of USA Diving in good standing.
  - B. Must be a United States citizen and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months beyond the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.
  - C. Must be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on December 31, 2025. (i.e. born between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2007).
  - D. Only the following may participate as athletes in the FISU World University Games:

- a. Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;
  - b. Former students of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event.
- E. Complete, sign and return the “Team USA Honor Code, Code of Conduct, Authorization, Waiver and Release, and Medical History” forms;
  - F. Provide a clean digital, color scan of full passport data page in .jpg format;
  - G. Provide a digital, color portrait-style/head-shot photograph with a white background in jpg format; AND
  - H. Complete, sign and return the USA Diving Financial Responsibility agreement.

**1.4** To be eligible for the 2025 World University Games each coach/staff member must meet the following criteria:

- A. Must be a member of USA Diving in good standing.
- B. Have or obtain and hold a valid passport that will not expire for six months beyond the Closing Ceremonies of the Games;
- C. Sign the “USA Team Honor Code and Code of Conduct” form;
- D. Sign the “USA Team Authorizations, Waiver and Release” form;
- E. Complete, sign and return the USA Diving Financial Responsibility agreement; AND
- F. Complete SafeSport training and submit current certificate.

## ***2/ACCEPTANCE OF POSITIONS TO THE TEAM:***

- 2.1** **This is a self-funded trip.** Historically, the NCAA has permitted universities to assist with costs associated with participation in the event. However, USA Diving cannot guarantee financial support from any institution for divers or coaches.
- 2.2** The World University Games events will be **self-funded**. It is projected that the cost for each participant will be approximately \$5,600 per athlete and \$4,800 per coach. All potential participants, including alternates, must submit all required paperwork and proof of funding, including the Financial Responsibility Agreement, to USA Diving by *May 18, 2025*.
- 2.3** Once all eligible participants who meet the minimum requirements have been considered, emergency changes may be permitted after May 27, 2025, in cases of injury or other extraordinary circumstances. Each change will incur a \$100 fee and must be

approved by the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence and the Local Organizing Committee. All added participants must be selected from individuals who submitted all required forms by May 18, 2025, and were designated as reserves.

### **3/ TEAM SELECTION**

A maximum of **ten (10) men and ten (10) women** may be named to the team. The divers will be selected in the following manner:

#### **3.1 INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC EVENTS (3-meter and Platform):**

- A. Divers must meet eligibility requirements as set by FISU.
- B. The 2025 USA Diving National Championships 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 eighteen (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 twelve (12) athlete members participating in the finals will perform their lists of dives once.
  - f) The two divers with the highest cumulative score after two lists that meet all the requirements will be eligible for selection to the 2025 World University Games 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."

- C. If a diver who meets the selection criteria declines their spot, the next eligible diver will be offered the position based on cumulative scores. Only divers who competed in the finals will be considered. If no divers in an event meet the criteria, the entry for that event may remain unfilled.

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

- A. Divers must meet eligibility requirements as set by FISU.
- B. 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 eight (8) finishers by score from the list of dives performed will advance to the finals.
  - c) The eight (8) athlete members participating in the finals will perform their lists of dives once.
  - d) The two divers with the highest cumulative score after two lists that meet all the requirements will be eligible for selection to the 2025 World University Games 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."
- C. If a diver who meets the selection criteria declines their spot, the next eligible diver will be offered the position based on cumulative scores. Only divers who competed in the finals will be considered. If no divers in an event meet the criteria, the entry for that event may remain unfilled.

### **3.3/ SYNCHRONIZED EVENTS – (3-meter and 10-meter)**

- A. Both members of a synchronized team must meet the eligibility requirements criteria set by FISU.
- B. The 2025 USA Diving Nationals competition will begin with a preliminary round, with the top eight (8) teams advancing to the finals. The scores from preliminary and finals will be added together, and the team with the highest cumulative score will be eligible for selection to the 2025 World University Games Team.
- C. If a synchronized team that meets the selection criteria declines the spot, the next eligible team, based on cumulative scores, will be invited to fill the position. Only synchronized teams that competed in the finals will be considered. If no team meets the criteria, the High Performance Director, in consultation with the

coaching staff, will determine whether to fill the spot with divers already selected for other events or leave the position unfilled.

#### **4/ ADDITIONAL DIVERS**

- 4.1** If there are fewer than ten men or ten women on the team after following the procedures above, additional divers will be added until there are ten divers or all spots on the team are filled.

Divers will be added in the following manner:

- 1) If there are seven (7) or fewer divers on the team in a gender, the next highest placed diver in each of the three (3) individual events will be selected.
- 2) If there are eight (8) divers on the team in a gender, the next highest placed divers in each of the Olympic individual events will be selected.
- 3) If there are nine (9) divers on the team in a gender, the next highest diver with the closest percentage in final points to the winner in one of the Olympic individual events will be selected.
- 4) If the above process does not result in ten divers of the same gender, the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence will determine if it is in the best interest of the team to add any additional divers or the team will remain with less than ten divers.

#### **5/ MIXED SYNCHRONIZED EVENTS – (3-meter and 10-meter)**

- 5.1** Because of the limited number of athletes allowed, the entry for both mixed synchro events will be determined by the High Performance Director and the World University Games coaching staff from divers already selected to the team for other events or the event(s) will remain unfilled.

#### **6/ TEAM EVENT**

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

## **7/ INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (Additional entrants into individual events):**

- 7.1** The U.S. may enter up to three (3) divers in each individual event. Any additional spots in an individual event will be filled by divers already named to the team. These spots will be awarded to the team members with the highest cumulative score in that event until three divers are entered.
- 7.2** For the 1-meter, 3-meter and platform individual events, the team member with the highest cumulative score in each respective event will be invited to compete in that event.
- 7.3** If no team member meets the selection criteria, the High Performance Director, in consultation with the coaching staff, will determine the entrant from divers already selected to the team for another event. If no suitable diver is identified, the position will remain unfilled.

## **8/ REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

- 8.1** Prior to each of the FISU World University Games 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:

- 8.1.1.** Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete member must submit a written letter to the USA Diving CEO/President and USA Diving's High Performance Director.
- 8.1.2.** 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.
- 8.1.3.** Violation of USA Diving's Code of Conduct (<https://www.usadiving.org/resources/bylaws-and-policies>)
- 8.1.4.** Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1 of these selection procedures.
- 8.1.5.** An athlete loses an adjudicated violation of WADA, ITA, and/or USADA anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

## **9/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES**

### **9.1 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 twelve (12) 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 FISU World University Games 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 Team.

### **9.2 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 FISU World University Games coach members will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of the team based on divers who are *already* on the Team.

## **10/ COACH/STAFF MEMBER SELECTION**

**10.1** Each diver that is selected to the team will earn one spot for the official coach of record. There is no guarantee on the number of credentials that USA Diving will be able to secure for coaches.

### 2025 World University Games Coach Members Will Be Selected In The Following Manner:

Select the coach member with the greatest number of spots.

(Olympic individual and synchronized events count as one spot per diver.)

1. If there is a tie –
  - a) Select the coach member with the greatest number of Olympic event athletes.
2. If a tie still exists –
  - a) 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).
3. If a tie still exists –
  - o 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.)*
4. If a tie still exists –
  - o 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.
5. If a tie still exists –
  - a) 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 all location 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.**

**10.2** If needed, a team leader will also be selected by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE.

**10.3** An AQUA certified judge will be selected by the Judges Commission.