



**Selection Procedures:  
World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024  
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**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- Doha 2024 competition (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

**Team Size.** The maximum number of divers which USA Diving may enter in the World Aquatics Championships competition under the rules established by World Aquatics is two per gender in each of the individual events and one team in each of the synchronized events.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
1M Springboard	2	2
3M Springboard	2	2
10M Platform	2	2
Synchronized 3M	2 (1 team)	2 (1 team)
Synchronized 10M	2 (1 team)	2 (1 team)
Mixed Synchro 3M	1	1
Mixed Synchro 10M	1	1

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 2024 TEAM:***

**1.1 General Eligibility**

Every candidate for the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 Team must, by the time determined by the High Performance Director:

- a) Be a citizen of the United States,
- b) Not have competed for another country any time after February 1, 2023
- c) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving.
- d) Be 14 years of age by December 31, 2024.

- 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.

### **1.2 Selection Events**

USA Diving will select its team for the World Aquatics Championships- Doha 2024 at the USA Diving Winter National Championships to be held November 29- December 6 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the Allan Jones Aquatic Center. The selection events will be governed by World Aquatics rules.

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

- 2.1 The 2023 USA Diving Winter 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 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 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 2024 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) will 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) will 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) will 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 Winter National Championships but must meet the requirement to be considered for team selection.

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

- 3.1 The 2023 USA Diving Winter 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 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team.
  - e) In the event of a tie between two or more athlete members for one available entry position:
    - a) In the event of a tie between two or more athlete members:
      - (i) the athlete member with the highest single list score in the finals among such athletes shall be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team; 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) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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 2023 USA Diving Winter 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 2024 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 nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team; 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) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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 2023 USA Diving Winter 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 2024 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 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team; and if a tie still exists,
  - (ii) then the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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) will be nominated to the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Team. 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 / REPLACEMENT ATHLETES**

### **6.1 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.

### **6.2 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 2023 USA Diving Winter 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 2017. 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 High Performance Director 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: 2024 World Aquatics Championships- Doha**

#### Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as a 2024 World Aquatics Championship coach only if a diver in the selection events declares his or her "coach of record" prior to the start of the 2023 USA Diving Winter 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 number of official World Aquatics Championship coaches selected will be dependent on funding.**

2024 World Aquatics Championships coaches will be selected in the following manner:

1/ Two synchro coaches –

- a) Select one coach of record from the winning women's 3-meter synchro team.
  - b) Select one coach of record from the winning men's 10-meter synchro team.
- If the two divers on a synchro team have the same coach, that coach will be selected.
  - If the divers have different coaches,
    - The coach with the most overall spots on the team (including all events) will be selected.
    - If there is a tie for number of spots, the coach whose synchro athlete finished highest in the corresponding individual event will be selected
      - i. If the athletes have the same individual finish, then the procedures will be applied starting with No. 4.

2/ Men's & Women's 10m -

- a) Select the coach of record of the top placing athlete eligible to earn a quota spot in the women's 10m event.
- b) Select the coach of record for the winner of the men's 10m individual event.
  - o If the coach of the winning men's 10-meter individual diver has already been selected via 1 or 2.a, then the coach of the second-place men's 10-meter diver will be selected.

3/ If after following the above procedures and fewer than four coaches have been selected,

- a) The coach of the second men's 10-meter diver will be selected.
- b) If there are still fewer than four coaches selected, then an additional coach in a synchro quota event will be selected.
  - a. If two synchro coaches remain, the coach with the most spots (all events) will be selected. If there is a tie, the coach whose athlete finished highest in the corresponding individual event will be selected. If the athletes had the same finish, the procedures will be applied starting with No. 4.
- c) If there is a second women's 10-meter diver eligible to earn a quota spot, that coach will be selected.

**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 World Aquatics 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 2024 World Aquatics Head Coach.**

4/ Select the coach member with the greatest number of spots in the Olympic events on the team. Olympic individual and synchro events will count as one spot per diver. (NOTE: Synchronized events will be worth 2 points in total if one coach member has both athletes. If the two divers have different coaches, the points will be split with each coach member receiving one point apiece.)

5/ If there is a tie –

- a) Select the coach member of an Olympic quota spot event.

6/ If a tie still exists –

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

7/ If a tie still exists –

- a) Select the coach member with highest point score based on their athlete place finishes in the Olympic events. (first place is worth 2 points, second place is worth 1 point)



8/ 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.

1. Non-Olympic event spots.
2. Number of non-Olympic athletes.
3. Highest point score in all events- OLY and non-OLY (first place is worth 2 points, second place is worth 1 point)

9/ 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.

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