



USA Diving Team Selection Procedures

PanAm Aquatics Championships- Medellin

May 13-25, 2025 – Medellin, Colombia

SELF-FUNDED EVENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Nature of the Selection Procedures

The following procedures will be used to select the team that will represent USA Diving at the 2025 PanAm Aquatics Championships- Medellin competition (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

The PanAm Aquatics Championships (PAQ) includes an Open event, where USA Diving athletes will compete under AQUA regulations and can earn up to eight (8) individual event quota spots (4 women/4 men) for the **Junior Pan American Games– Asuncion, Paraguay (August 2025)**.

Athletes invited to this event are strongly encouraged to review these considerations carefully before accepting their invitation, as participation will impact their eligibility for other international teams.

1.2 Athlete and Coach Responsibilities & Financial Considerations

- The **PAQ Championships is self-funded**. Athletes and coaches must cover their travel and participation expenses.
- One USA Diving team suit will be provided for each athlete.
- **Estimated Costs** (subject to change):
 - **Room and Board {3 meals per day} Rate per night:**
 - **Single:** \$220
 - **Double:** \$185
 - **Flights:** Estimated between \$500 - \$800
 - **Athlete Registration & Accreditation Fee:** \$50 per athlete
 - **Team Official Fee:** \$30 per person (coaches, medical, team leader, judges)
 - **Entry Fees:** \$5 per individual event / \$15 per synchro or team event
 - **Medical & Technical Official Fees:** Divided among attending athletes

Estimated Cost Example (Subject to Change)

For an **ATHLETE** staying in a **double-occupancy room for 8 nights**, the estimated cost breakdown is as follows:

- **Hotel (Double Occupancy, 8 nights):** \$1,480 (\$185/night)
- **Round-trip Flight:** \$650 (Estimated range: \$500-\$800)
- **Athlete Registration & Accreditation Fee:** \$50
- **Team Official Fee:** \$30
- **Entry Fees:**
 - Individual Event: \$5 per event
 - Synchro/Team Event (if applicable): \$15
- **Medical & Technical Officials Fees:** Shared cost among athletes
 - Medical Staff Fee: \$2,610 / number of athletes attending
 - DIV Technical Officials Fee: \$2,400 / number of athletes attending

Estimated Total (before shared fees): \$2,215 + applicable shared costs (Medical & Technical Official Fees)

For a **single-occupancy room**, the estimated total would increase by **\$280** (single room rate: \$220/night).

NOTE: There must be at least **one coach, one medical staff member, one team leader, and one judge** available to travel to the PAQ Championships. If this minimum staffing requirement cannot be met, USA Diving will not be able to send a team to the event.

1.3. Additional Considerations

- **Conflicting Competition Schedule**
 - The **USA Diving National Championships** take place during the same timeframe as the PAQ Championships.
 - The USA Diving Nationals will serve as the team selection event for:
 - 2025 World Championships – Singapore
 - 2025 FISU World University Games
 - 2025 American Cup

- 2025 Canada Cup
- 2025 Bolzano Meeting
- 2025 Junior Pan American Games (Asuncion, Paraguay)
- **By choosing to compete at PAQ Championships, athletes will forgo the opportunity to be selected for these international teams,** as participation in USA Diving Nationals is required for selection to those teams.

1.4. Qualification for the Junior Pan American Games

Athletes aged 22 years and younger may earn quota spots for the United States through their performance at the PAQ Championships.

1.5 Team Size & Entry Limits

The maximum number of divers USA Diving may enter in each event at the 2025 PAQ is determined by PanAm Aquatics regulations:

Event	Women	Men
1M Springboard	3	3
3M Springboard	3	3
10M Platform	3	3

USA Diving reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum number of athletes allowed under the following circumstances:

- Some divers may compete in multiple events, reducing the need for additional entries.
- Qualified athletes may not be available to attend.
- USA Diving may elect not to enter certain events if it is determined that sending a team is not in the best interest of competitive success or due to resource constraints.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

2.1 General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for selection to the 2025 PAQ Championships Team, an athlete must:

- 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 change his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the World Aquatics Competition Regulations Section I.3.
- C) Be no older than AQUA 22 years of age by December 31, 2025
- D) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving.
- E) Possess a valid passport that remains valid for at least six (6) months beyond the final date of international travel.

2.2 Individual Events (1m, 3m, 10m)

- Up to three (3) athletes per event (Men's and Women's 1m, 3m, and 10m) will be selected.
- Selection is based on results from the 2024 USA Diving Winter National Championships.
- The top three (3) placing athletes who meet the general eligibility requirements in each event from the 2024 Winter National Championships will receive an invitation to compete at the PAQ Championships.
- If an athlete declines the invitation, the next ranked athlete who finished in the top 18 and meets the eligibility requirement will be invited until the spots are filled. No diver finishing lower than 18th place will be considered (For selection purposes, foreign divers and U.S. citizens who have declared their sport nationality with another federation will not count in the results.)
 - Group A & B divers must meet the degree of difficulty requirements in the 10-meter event at the 2024 USA Diving Winter National Championships to be considered for team selection.
- If no eligible divers accept an invitation, the entry will remain unfilled due to a lack of qualified divers.

2.3 Invitation Timeline and Entry Closure

- Athletes will have **24 hours** to accept their invitation before the next diver in line is considered. If a diver declines, they will not be reconsidered unless all other eligible divers have been exhausted. If they later wish to accept an invitation, their inclusion will be subject to the discretion of the High Performance Director, considering available roster spots, team logistics and travel constraints.
- If no eligible divers accept an invitation, the entry will remain unfilled due to a lack of qualified divers based on PanAm Aquatics qualification criteria.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES:

3.1 Prior to the PAQ Championship technical meeting, 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:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete member must submit a written letter to the USA Diving CEO/President and USA Diving's High Performance Director.
- 3.1.2. 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.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Diving's Code of Conduct (<https://www.usadiving.org/resources/bylaws-and-policies>)
- 3.1.4. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1 of these selection procedures.
- 3.1.5. An athlete loses an adjudicated violation of WADA, ITA, and/or USADA anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

4.1 Pre-Competition Replacements

- If an athlete needs to be replaced due to injury, illness, or voluntary withdrawal, the selection procedures outlined in Section 2 will be followed to determine a replacement athlete.

4.2 Late-Stage Replacements

- If an athlete needs to be replaced after the official replacement deadline set by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), the High Performance Director and PAQ Championship coach members will select a replacement from athletes already on the team, prioritizing competitive balance and the best interests of Team USA. If a suitable replacement cannot be identified from athletes already on the team, the event may remain unfilled.

5. COACH MEMBER SELECTION PROCEDURES

5.1 Eligibility & Selection

Coaches must be the declared "Coach of Record" for an invited diver prior to the 2024 USA Diving Winter Nationals. Requests to change the Coach of Record will be reviewed and approved by the High Performance Director on a case-by-case basis. To be considered, coach members must be current members in good standing with USA Diving.

5.2 Selection Process

- The Head Coach will be the coach with the most athletes selected for the PAQ Championships.
- If multiple coaches qualify, the tiebreakers (in order) will be:
 1. Most individual event athletes.
 2. Select the coach member with highest point total based on their athlete selection order in all events
 - First invited athlete = 3 points, Second invited athlete = 2 points, Third invited athlete = 1 point
 3. Most first invited athlete invitations.
 4. Most second invited athlete invitations.
- If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director (HPD), in consultation with the CCE, will make the final decision.
- Additional team staff (medical, team leader, etc.) will be selected by the HPD with input from the CCE and approval from the President and AAC Representative.