



2026 Madrid International Diving Meet Selection Procedures
Madrid, Spain | June 12-14
(Dependent upon funding)

INTRODUCTION

Nature of the Selection Procedures - The following procedures will be used to select the team that will represent the United States in the Madrid International Diving Meet (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

Madrid International Diving Meet Team Size – There is no limit to the number of divers that USA Diving may enter under the rules established by the Local Organizing Committee. USA Diving will prioritize synchronized diving opportunities for National Team members at this event. Up to three synchronized teams per event/gender will be selected. Individual events will be filled with synchronized team members.

Event	Women	Men
Synchronized 3M	Up to 3 teams	Up to 3 teams
Synchronized 10M	Up to 3 teams	Up to 3 teams

USA Diving may select up to three teams per synchronized diving event. USA Diving is not required to fill all available entry positions.

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 may be fewer than three teams identified in an event, there are funding restrictions, or USA Diving may elect not to enter specific events.

Individual Events: Athletes selected under these procedures may also be entered in individual events at USA Diving's discretion, subject to entry availability, athlete readiness, competition schedule, and overall team strategy. Entry into an individual event is not a basis for selection to this team and is not guaranteed.

1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO THE MADRID INTERNATIONAL DIVING MEET TEAM:

1.1 General Eligibility

Every candidate for the Madrid International Diving Meet team must, by the time determined by the High Performance Director:

- a) Be a citizen of the United States,
- b) Be eligible to represent the United States per World Aquatics sport nationality regulations
- 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 Determination of Team Member Participation

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. Team size will be based upon availability of funding and upon the acceptance by athletes of an invitation to participate.

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/ SYNCHRONIZED OLYMPIC EVENTS – (3-meter & 10-meter)

All members of the USA Diving National Team will be invited to participate in the synchronized diving event that corresponds with the event in which they were selected to the National Team. Pairings will be determined in the following manner:

a) All divers who were named to the National Team in a synchronized event will be invited to compete with the partner they were paired with when named to the National Team.

b) A partner for a diver who was named to the National Team only in an individual event will be identified in one of the following ways:

- 1) If a National Team member competed in a synchronized diving event at the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships, their partner at Winter Nationals may be selected, unless USA Diving determines that the partnership from the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships does not reflect the athlete's current synchronized diving preparation.
- 2) If the National Team member does not have a current synchronized diving partner or if USA Diving determines that the partnership from the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships does not reflect the athlete's current synchronized diving preparation, a partner may be identified in accordance with Section 2(d).

c) If a National Team member who placed in the top three in a synchronized diving event at the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships is unavailable for the Madrid International Diving Meet due to injury, declination, or other inability to participate, a new partner may be identified for the remaining diver in accordance with Section 2(d).

d) If a partner needs to be identified pursuant to Sections 2(b)(2) or 2(c), USA Diving will consider factors including but not limited to:

- Prior competition history together
- Evaluations from Synchro Assessment Camps
- Compatibility of dive lists

- Results in the corresponding synchronized or individual event at the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships
- Finalist status in the corresponding event at recent USA Diving National Championship events
- Current training partnership status, if applicable
- Demonstrated readiness for international competition in the selected event

e) USA Diving is not required to fill all available synchronized diving entry positions if suitable teams cannot be formed.

3/ OLYMPIC INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – (3-meter & 10-meter)

The divers selected to the team in section 2 may be considered for participation in the individual events. National Team members who were not selected to compete in a synchronized event because a suitable partner could not be identified pursuant to Section 2(d) and 2(e) may also be considered for participation in the individual events.

In determining whether a diver will be entered in an individual event, USA Diving may consider factors including but not limited to:

Divers must meet one of the following criteria:

- Participation in the individual event at the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships
- Finalist in that event at the 2025 USA Diving National Championships or 2024 USA Diving Winter National Championships
- Demonstrated competitive readiness prior to the final entry deadline for the Madrid International Diving Meet
- The diver’s current training status and event readiness

All entries into the individual events are subject to the approval of the High Performance Director and Committee for Competitive Excellence

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 Synchronized Events

If a synchronized team member needs to be replaced prior to the final entry deadline, a new partner may be identified based on the criteria outlined in section 2(d). If it is past the entry deadline, it is to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

5.2 Individual Events

If an individual withdraws from an individual event, no replacement will be made unless a replacement athlete was also selected via 5.1. That athlete may also be considered for an individual event spot per section 3.

6/ MADRID INTERNATIONAL DIVING MEET COACH MEMBER SELECTIONS

6.1 Coach of Record

The coach of record for each athlete member who accepts the invitation to attend the Madrid International Diving Meet will be invited.

The coach of record must have been declared by the diver prior to the start of the 2025 USA Diving Winter National Championships and cannot be changed unless approved by the HPD. Coach members must be current members in good standing with USA Diving to be considered.

Depending on funding and the number of coach members available to attend, coach members may be asked to self-fund a portion of the cost for the trip.

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

6.3 An AQUA certified judge(s) will be selected by the Judges Commission.