



**Selection Procedures:
World Aquatics Junior High Diving Championships
Fort Lauderdale, Florida | May 15-17, 2026**

INTRODUCTION.

Nature of the Selection Procedures. The procedures that follow will be used to select the TEAM that will represent the USA in the World Aquatics Junior High Diving Championships – Fort Lauderdale (the “Selection Procedures” or “Procedures”).

Team Size. The maximum number of high divers that USA Diving may enter in the AQUA Junior High Diving Championships under the rules established by World Aquatics (AQUA) is up to five (5) entries per event. USA Diving will field a team of up to two (2) high divers per gender and age group. One additional team selection will be invited in each individual event as a self-funded opportunity.

Event	Girls	Boys
15-Meter/Group A	2 funded + 1 self-funded	2 funded + 1 self-funded
15-Meter/Group B	2 funded + 1 self-funded	2 funded + 1 self-funded

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

1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO THE AQUA JUNIOR HIGH DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS – FORT LAUDERDALE TEAM:

- 1.1 **General Eligibility.** Every candidate for the AQUA Junior High Diving Championships- Fort Lauderdale team must:
- 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 competition athlete member in good standing with USA Diving,
 - D) Have been born in the years 2007-2011
 - Group A- Age 17, 18, or 19 years on December 31 of the year of the competition.
 - Group B- Age 15 or 16 years on December 31 of the year of the competition.

- 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 AQUA Junior High Diving Championships.
- F) Comply with the USA Diving Athlete Agreement, Code of Conduct and SafeSport Policy.

1.2 Selection Event.

USA Diving will select its team for the 2026 World Aquatics Junior High Diving Championships from the results of Junior High Diving Championships trials, to be held April 15, 2026 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The competition will be conducted under World Aquatics rules. Divers should send an email to Leslie.Adams@usadiving.org expressing their intent to compete no later than Friday, March 13 and if applicable will also need to complete the video requirements outlined in section 1.3.

1.3 Technical Eligibility.

Any junior high diver who has not previously represented USA Diving in a World Aquatics high diving event must send a link to videos for review. Videos can include include feet-first entries from 10-meter and must be sent to Leslie Adams, Lesliea@usadiving.org no later than March 23. USA Diving will review prior to allowing the athlete to compete in the trials. The World Aquatics Technical High Diving Committee Safe to Compete Panel will also review.

Note, to be officially named to the team based on the selection procedures set forth, high divers must be approved by the 'World Aquatics Technical High Diving Committee Safe to Compete Panel'.

2/ BOYS AND GIRLS AQUA AGE GROUP A: 17-19 (15 METERS)

- 2.1 Up to the top two (2) ranked high divers in the Group A event (boys and girls) in cumulative score total over rounds one through four at the Junior High Diving Championships Trials will be invited to the team.
 - a. All dives must be done from 15 meters.
 - b. In the event a high diver declines, the next eligible high diver shall be invited.
 - c. Receiving an invitation from USA Diving does not guarantee participation in the AQUA Junior High Diving Championship event. All athlete members must be listed on the 'AQUA Safe to Compete' list as approved by the AQUA Technical High Diving Committee (THDC) to be eligible for the team. USA Diving will notify the invitees of the final decision from AQUA.
- 2.2 Ties

- a. In the event of a tie, the high diver with the highest score in the finals will be selected.
 - b. If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director in consultation with the High Diving Committee shall break the tie.
- 2.3 After positions one (1) and two (2) are confirmed, then the self-funded invitation is sent for the World Junior High Diving Championships.
- 2.4 Due to the urgency of the entry deadlines, high divers will have **24 hours** to accept their invitation before the next eligible high diver in line will be considered.

3/ BOYS AND GIRLS AQUA AGE GROUP B: 15-16 (15 METERS)

- 3.1 Up to the top two (2) ranked high divers in the Group B event (boys and girls) in cumulative score total over rounds one through four at the 2026 World Aquatics Junior High Diving Championships Trials will be invited to the team.
- a. All dives must be done from 15 meters.
 - b. In the event a high diver declines, the next eligible high diver shall be invited.
 - c. Receiving an invitation from USA Diving does not guarantee participation in the AQUA High Diving Junior Championship event. All athlete members must be listed on the 'AQUA Safe to Compete' list as approved by the AQUA Technical High Diving Committee (THDC) to be eligible for the team. USA Diving will notify the invitees of the final decision from AQUA.
- 3.2 Ties
- a. In the event of a tie, the high diver with the highest score in the finals will be selected.
 - b. If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director in consultation with the High Diving Committee shall break the tie.
- 3.3 After positions one (1) and two (2) are confirmed, then the self-funded invitation is sent for the World Junior High Diving Championships.
- 3.4 Due to the urgency of the entry deadlines, high divers will have **24 hours** to accept their invitation before the next eligible high diver in line will be considered.

4/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

- 4.1 If an athlete member withdraws due to injury or illness, the individual spot(s) will remain open because it is past the entry deadline.

5/ COACH MEMBER SELECTION PROCEDURES

Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as an AQUA Junior High Diving Championships-coach only if a diver in the selection events declares his or her “coach of record” prior to the start of the World Aquatics Junior High Diving Championships Trials. Once declared by the diver, the “coach of record” cannot be changed unless approved by the 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.

USA Diving will select one funded coach member for the AQUA Junior High Diving Championships. Additional coach members may be invited to participate as a self-funded opportunity, dependent on the number of accreditations designated by World Aquatics and the Local Organizing Committee.

The AQUA Junior High Diving Championships coach member will be selected in the following manner:

- 5.1 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 AQUA Junior High Diving Championship Head Coach.
- 5.2 If there is a tie –
 - a) Select the coach with the greatest number of first-place finishes will be selected.
- 5.3 If a tie still exists –
 - a) The High Performance Director in consultation with the High Diving Committee and final approval from the President and AAC Rep will select the coach member that best serves the needs of the team.
- 5.4 Team staff members shall be selected by the HPD in consultation of the High Diving Committee with final approval from the President and AAC Rep.