



## SELECTION PROCEDURES

### World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series

Leg #1 – Guadalajara, MEX | April 3-6, 2025

Leg #2 – Windsor, CAN | April 10-13, 2025

## 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 World Aquatics Diving World Cup - Leg #1 (Guadalajara) & Leg #2 (Windsor) competitions (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures"). Divers must compete in both Stops to be eligible for qualification to the Super Final.

### 1.2 Team Size & Entry Limits

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

Event	Women	Men
3M Springboard	2	2
10M Platform	2	2
Synchronized 3M	1 team	1 team
Synchronized 10M	1 team	1 team

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.

### **Team Event Participation:**

- Athletes competing in the Team Event must already be registered for an Individual or Synchronized event.
- The Team Event roster must consist of at least one female and one male diver, with a maximum of four divers.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION**

### **2.1 General Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for selection to the 2025 World Aquatics Diving World Cup - Leg #1 & Leg #2 Teams, an athlete must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States.
- B) Not have competed for another country at any time after January 1, 2024.
- C) Be at least 14 years old by December 31, 2025 (divers younger than 14 are not permitted to compete).
- 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 associated with Leg #2.

### **2.2 Minimum Standards & Selection Events**

To participate in the 2025 World Aquatics Diving World Cup - Leg #1 & Leg #2, divers must meet the minimum point standards set by World Aquatics at a previously identified event.

- For Individual Events: Divers must meet the World Aquatics minimum point standards at an identified event to be eligible.
- For Synchronized Diving Events: The qualification applies to Team USA as a National Federation, rather than to specific named athletes.

The identified qualification events in which the United States has participated include:

- World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series 2024
  - Montreal
  - Berlin
  - Xi'an
- World Aquatics Championships - Doha 2024
- Olympic Games - Paris 2024
- American Cup - Indianapolis 2024
- Canada Cup - Calgary 2024

MINIMUM POINT STANDARDS TO PARTICIPATE WORLD AQUATICS DIVING WORLD CUP 2025 STOPS 1 AND 2			
Points standards taken from the preliminary competitions of the World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024			
Event	Minimum Required points	Event	Minimum Required points
3m Men	350	3m Women	240
10m Men	350	10m Women	250
3m Synchro Men	330	3m Synchro Women	230
10m Synchro Men	325	10m Synchro Women	240

USA Diving World Cup Series Qualifiers *Listed in Alphabetical Order					
Women's 3m	Men's 3m	Women's 10m	Men's 10m	Women's 3m Synchro	Women's 10m Synchro
Bacon	Capobianco	T. Fox	Cooper	Team USA	Team USA
Fowler	Downs	Lemkin	Hedberg	Men's 3m Synchro	Men's 10m Synchro
Gibson	Henninger	McAfee	Loschiavo	Team USA	Team USA
Hayden	J. Ryan	Schnell	C. Tyler		
Knight	Sitz	Skilken	Wills		
Sculti	C. Tyler	Wright			
Verzyl		Young			

### 3. INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC EVENTS – (3M & 10M)

The final results from the USA Diving Winter Nationals 2024 will determine the **ranking order of eligible athletes** for selection to the World Aquatics Diving World Cup - Leg #1 & Leg #2.

NOTE: Divers must compete in both Stops to be eligible for qualification to the Super Final.

#### 3.1 Selection Based on USA Diving Winter Nationals Results

- The top two (2) ranked eligible athletes from the USA Diving Winter Nationals will receive an invitation to compete in the World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series.
- Athletes may accept or decline invitations to neither, one, or both Leg #1 and Leg #2 events.

### **3.2 Selection Process if a Diver Declines or is Only Available for One Event**

- If an athlete declines or is only available for one of the competitions, the next ranked eligible athlete based on USA Diving Winter Nationals results will be invited to the competition(s) with an open spot.
- This process will continue until all available spots are filled or until no additional eligible ranked athletes remain based on 3.1 and 3.2.

NOTE: Divers must compete in both Stops to be eligible for qualification to the Super Final.

### **3.3 Selection of Remaining Spots Based on Previous Competition Results**

If a spot remains open, selection will follow the priority ranking below, based on the highest finals placement at the listed competitions:

1. Olympic Games - Paris 2024 (Finals - Top 12)
2. Canada Cup - Calgary 2024 (Finals)
3. American Cup - Indianapolis 2024 (Finals)
4. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Superfinal - Xi'an (Finals)
5. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series - Berlin (Finals)
6. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series - Montreal (Finals)
7. World Aquatics Championships - Doha 2024 (Finals)

### **3.4 Selection Based on Semifinals Performance**

If no diver advanced to the finals in any of the above-listed events or if a spot remains, selection will continue in the following order:

1. Olympic Games - Paris 2024 (Semifinals)
2. World Aquatics Championships - Doha 2024 (Semifinals)

### **3.5 Selection Based on Preliminaries Performance**

If no diver advanced to the semifinals or if a spot remains, selection will continue based on the highest preliminaries placement in the following order:

1. Olympic Games - Paris 2024 (Preliminaries)
2. Canada Cup - Calgary 2024 (Preliminaries)
3. American Cup - Indianapolis 2024 (Preliminaries)
4. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Superfinal - Xi'an (Preliminaries)
5. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series - Berlin (Preliminaries)
6. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series - Montreal (Preliminaries)
7. World Aquatics Championships - Doha 2024 (Preliminaries)

Athletes selected based on 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5 demonstrate physical readiness before an invitation is extended.

### **3.6 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 World Aquatics qualification criteria.

## **4. SYNCHRONIZED DIVING OLYMPIC EVENTS – (3M & 10M)**

Once the athlete members are selected and confirmed for the individual events in Leg #1 and Leg #2 using the criteria outlined for individual Olympic events, the synchronized diving teams will be selected, with priority given to synchronized teams that include athletes already named to the team in individual events. The selection process will be applied independently for each leg of the World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series.

NOTE: Divers must compete in both Stops to be eligible for qualification to the Super Final.

### **4.1 Selection Based on Confirmed Individual Event Team Members**

Synchronized diving team selection will be determined in the following priority order:

1. Confirmed Individual Event Team Member
  - To be considered for a synchronized diving spot, at least one member of the team must be a confirmed individual event team member.
2. Selection of the Top-Placing Synchro Team from Winter Nationals
  - If both divers from the top-placing synchronized team at Winter Nationals are already confirmed as individual event team members, they will be automatically selected as a synchronized pair for the World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series.
  - If only one diver from the top-placing synchronized team at Winter Nationals is confirmed as an individual event team member, their synchro partner (if not already on the team) will be invited to join the team.
  - If neither diver from the top-placing synchronized team at Winter Nationals is confirmed as an individual event team member, then the next highest-placing team at Winter Nationals will be considered under the same process.

- This ranking process will continue down the Winter Nationals results until all synchro spots are filled or all eligible teams have been considered.

### 3. Selection Based on an Active & Current Synchro Partner

- If a synchro spot remains unfilled after considering all eligible Winter Nationals teams, the selection process will continue as follows:
  - The top-ranked confirmed individual event team member may be paired with an active and current synchro partner, provided that:
    - The pair has competed together in a USA Diving domestic event or World Aquatics international event within the last four years (2020-2024).
    - Both synchro partners intend to compete together in future events and demonstrate physical readiness before an invitation is extended.
    - A synchro team is considered "active and current" if they have competed together in a USA Diving domestic event or World Aquatics international event within the last four years (2020-2024) and are actively training together.
    - Verification may include:
      - Confirmation from their coach
      - Participation in USA Diving training camps
      - Video evidence demonstrating recent synchronized training
  - If the top-ranked confirmed individual event team member does not have an active and current synchro partner, then the next-ranked confirmed individual event team member will be considered under the same process.

### 4. If One Synchro Partner is Unavailable for One or Both Legs

- If one member of a synchro pair being considered for an invitation is unavailable for one or both legs, but the confirmed partner has previously competed with a different partner in a USA Diving domestic event or World Aquatics international event within the last four years (2020-2024), then the confirmed diver may be paired with that previous partner and invited to the team, provided that:
  - The pair has competed together in a USA Diving domestic event or World Aquatics international event within the last four years (2020-2024).
  - Both synchro partners intend to compete together in future events and demonstrate physical readiness before an invitation is extended.

- A synchro team is considered "active and current" if they have competed together in a USA Diving domestic event or World Aquatics international event within the last four years (2020-2024) and are actively training together.
- Verification may include:
  - Confirmation from their coach
  - Participation in USA Diving training camps
  - Video evidence demonstrating recent synchronized training

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#### **4.2 Selection of Paris 2024 Olympic Synchro Team Members**

- If a spot remains, an invitation will be extended to the Paris 2024 Olympic synchronized diving team, provided that:
  - Both synchro partners actively train together, intend to compete together in future events, and demonstrate physical readiness before an invitation is extended.

#### **4.3 Selection by High Performance Director & Competitive Excellence Committee**

- If a spot still remains, the High Performance Director will make a recommendation to the Committee for Competitive Excellence (CCE) regarding:
  - Which individual diver will receive the synchronized diving invitation.
  - Who they will be paired with, based on:
    - Previous selection trials' results
    - Evaluations from synchronized diving training trips and assessments conducted since 2020
    - A pairing from within the confirmed team
- The final selection will require approval from the President/CEO and the AAC Representative.
- If it is determined that fielding a team is not in the best interest of Team USA, the event may remain unfilled.

#### **5. TEAM EVENT**

- In accordance with World Aquatics regulations, divers for the Team Event will be selected from athletes already named to the team in an Individual or Synchronized event.

- The High Performance Director and World Cup Series team coach members will determine the final Team Event athlete selections.

## **6. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES:**

6.1 Prior to each of the World Aquatics Diving World Cup technical meetings for Leg #1 and Leg #2, 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:

- 6.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete member must submit a written letter to the USA Diving CEO/President and USA Diving's High Performance Director.
- 6.1.2. 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.
- 6.1.3. Violation of USA Diving's Code of Conduct (<https://www.usadiving.org/resources/bylaws-and-policies>)
- 6.1.4. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1 of these selection procedures.
- 6.1.5. An athlete loses an adjudicated violation of WADA, ITA, and/or USADA anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

## **7. REPLACEMENT ATHLETES**

### **7.1 Pre-Competition Replacements**

- If an athlete needs to be replaced due to injury, illness, or voluntary withdrawal, the selection procedures outlined in Sections 3 and 4 will be followed to determine a replacement athlete.

### **7.2 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 World Cup Series 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.

## **8. COACH MEMBER SELECTION PROCEDURES**

### **8.1 Coach Member Eligibility & Selection**

- A coach member may be considered for selection as a World Aquatics Diving World Cup Series- Leg #1 & Leg #2 team coach only if a diver declares their "Coach of Record" prior to the 2024 USA Diving Winter Nationals or their coach of record at the time of the selection event.

### **8.2 Coach Member Selection Process**

1. The coach member with the most Olympic event spots will be named Head Coach.  
  
Olympic individual and synchro events will count as one spot per diver. (NOTE: Synchronized events are 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.)
2. Tie-Breakers (Applied in Order):
  - Coach member with the most individual event athletes.
  - Coach member with the highest-ranked athletes (1st place = 2 points, 2nd place = 1 point).
  - Coach member with the most 1st-place ranked athletes.
  - Coach member with the most 2nd-place ranked athletes.
  - If a tie remains after applying all tie-breaking steps, the process will be restarted from Step 1 using only the remaining tied coaches.
  - Final Decision: If a tie still exists after reapplying all steps, the High Performance Director, in consultation with the CCE, will make the final selection with approval from the President and AAC Representative.
3. Team staff members shall be selected by the HPD in consultation with the CCE with final approval from the President and the AAC Representative.