

## Authority and Responsibilities of the CCE

The Committee for Competitive Excellence (CCE) is the technical body charged by the USA Diving Bylaws and the CCE Charter with evaluating, developing, and recommending rules that govern USA Diving.

Consistent with the USA Diving Bylaws and the CCE Charter, the CCE holds the following authorities and responsibilities:

### 1. Rule Evaluation and Development

The CCE is responsible for reviewing all submitted rule proposals, evaluating their competitive and operational impact, and developing proposed language and rationale. The CCE may also originate rule proposals when necessary to support competitive excellence or maintain the integrity of USA Diving's Rules.

### 2. Collection and Consideration of Feedback

The CCE collects and considers feedback from USA Diving members on matters related to the Rules. Membership review is consultative and intended to inform the CCE's deliberations; it does not constitute a binding vote or determine whether a proposal advances.

### 3. Expert Recommendation to the Board of Directors

Following CCE review and refinement of any rule proposal—and after considering membership feedback—the CCE has the authority to submit proposed rule changes to the USA Diving Board of Directors. The Board retains the final authority to approve or deny any rule change.

### 4. Scope of Authority

The CCE's authority to evaluate, modify, and recommend rules exists independently of the level of support or opposition expressed by the general membership. Nothing in these procedures should be interpreted as requiring membership endorsement before the CCE may advance a rule proposal to the Board.

### 5. Exigent Circumstances

In extraordinary or time-sensitive circumstances, the CCE may recommend a rule change directly to the Board without completing the standard review and comment process when necessary for the safe, fair, or effective operation of the sport.

# Rule Proposal Review Procedures

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Rule Proposals may be submitted by USA Diving members at any time during the year using this official USA Diving Rule Proposal Submission Form. Proposals will be collected throughout the year and reviewed quarterly. Assessment of each Rule Proposal submitted in a given quarter will be finalized within 45 days of the end of that quarter.

The following outlines the process for how the rule proposal will be vetted:

## 1. Receipt and Review

- 1.1. The Committee for Competitive Excellence (CCE) receives and reviews all Rule Proposals quarterly.
- 1.2. USA Diving Staff representatives may be invited to attend CCE meetings to provide administrative support, continuity, and perspective during proposal discussions.
- 1.3. If the CCE determines not to endorse a submitted Rule Proposal, the proposer will be notified in writing of the decision, with rationale provided.

## 2. Voting

- 2.1. The CCE votes internally on Rule Proposals.
- 2.2. The CCE is composed of nine members, each of whom is entitled to one vote.
- 2.3. In some cases, a member may be recused from voting due to a conflict of interest.
- 2.4. Vote tallies are recorded for internal purposes, but votes are not recorded by name.
- 2.5. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the CCE will serve as the tie-breaking vote.
- 2.6. The CCE communicates a unified decision to approve or disapprove any Rule Proposal.

## 3. Advancement of Proposal

- 3.1. If the CCE votes to support a Rule Proposal, the CCE will develop the proposal in detailed language, with a clear rationale included.
- 3.2. The finalized draft proposal will be distributed to the full USA Diving membership for review and comment.
- 3.3. Members may submit their comments on the proposal to [rules@usadiving.org](mailto:rules@usadiving.org).
- 3.4. The review and comment period will last no fewer than 10 business days and no longer than 4 weeks.
- 3.5. After the close of the review period, the CCE will consider all feedback, finalize the proposal, and prepare it for submission to the USA Diving Board of Directors.

## 4. Final Approval

- 4.1. Once the CCE has endorsed and finalized a proposal, after considering feedback from USA Diving members, it is submitted to the USA Diving Board of Directors for approval.
- 4.2. The Board holds the final authority to approve or deny any proposed rule change.
- 4.3. If the Board denies a rule change, the CCE and the proposer will be notified in writing of the decision, with rationale provided.
- 4.4. If the Board approves a rule change, the USA Diving staff will publish the new rule on the USA Diving website and update the official rulebook to reflect the change.