



Selection Procedures
2024 AQUA Junior World Championship Team
November 24 – December 1
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Disclaimer

USA Diving is currently awaiting detailed competition information from AQUA and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the 2024 AQUA Junior World Championship. Based on the formats and entry limits of past Junior World Championships, we have outlined the following selection procedures. However, please note that these procedures are subject to change upon receipt of updated information from AQUA or the LOC.

Pending confirmation of the competition format and number of entries permitted, USA Diving intends to select the team through performances at the Junior Nationals. Should the competition format or entry limits differ from those in previous years, USA Diving reserves the right to adjust these selection procedures accordingly.

Please note that USA Diving will not name a team until we receive the official event information from AQUA and the LOC.

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 World Championships (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

Team Size. The maximum number of divers that USA Diving may enter in the World Aquatics Junior World Championships is twenty-four (24), depending on funding. AQUA rules established for the Junior World Championships permit a maximum of two (2) entries per event per gender in the AQUA A and B age groups in individual events and one (1) synchronized team per event per gender in the A/B group. The priority order for selection is based on Olympic events and future development toward Olympic success.

Event	Girls A	Girls B	Boys A	Boys B	A/B Girls	A/B Boys
1-meter	If spot remains	If spot remains	If spot remains	If spot remains		
3-meter	2	2	2	2		
Platform	2	2	2	2		
3 meter synchro					1 Team	1 Team
Platform synchro					1 Team	1 Team

Through the application of these Selection Procedures, USA Diving reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum number of athletes allowed by the AQUA because some members of the team may participate in multiple events, there are funding restrictions, or USA Diving may elect not to enter specific events due to extenuating circumstances.

*Note: AQUA age 19 divers are not eligible for the 2024 Junior World Championships team. For selection purposes, no ineligible diver will be considered in results and the next eligible diver would be considered the next-highest placed diver.

1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO THE 2024 WORLD AQUATICS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM:

1.1. **General Eligibility.** Every candidate for the World Aquatics Junior World Championships Team must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States,
- B) Not have competed for another country any time after November 23, 2023.
- C) Be a competition athlete member in good standing with USA Diving.
- D) Have been born between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2010.
- 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 2024 Jr World Championships.
- F) Must meet all Brazilian Government entry requirements.
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Brazil.html>

1.2 **Selection Event.**

USA Diving will select its team for the 2024 World Aquatics Junior World Championships from 2024 USA Diving Junior National Championships, to be held July 29-August 7, 2024, in Morgantown, West Virginia. The selection event is governed by USA Diving rules.

2/ INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC EVENT SELECTION- 3- METER & PLATFORM

2.1 Group A- Boys and Girls (16-18)

- A) The two divers with the highest total score from finals (semifinal voluntaries + final optional dives) in the 3m, and platform events who are eligible will be selected to the 2024 AQUA Junior World Championship team.
 - a. In the event one or both selected divers decline, the next highest-ranked eligible diver(s) shall be selected.

2.2 Group B- Boys and Girls (14-15)

- A) The two divers with the highest total score from finals (semifinal voluntaries + final optional dives) in the 3m, and platform events who are eligible will be selected to the 2024 AQUA Junior World Championship team.
 - a. In the event one or both selected divers decline, the next highest-ranked eligible diver(s) shall be selected.

2.3 Ties

- A) In the event of a tie, the diver with the highest score on optionals (finals) will be selected.
- B) If a tie still exists, the diver with the highest score on optionals in the semifinals will be selected.
- C) If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE shall break the tie.

3/ SYNCHRONIZED DIVING EVENT SELECTION- 3-METER AND PLATFORM

3.1 A/B Girls & A/B Boys

- A) The team with the highest finals score in the 3m and platform synchronized diving events will be selected to the 2024 AQUA Junior World Championships team.
 - a. In the event one or both selected synchronized divers decline, the next highest-ranked eligible team shall be selected.

3.2 Ties

- A) In the event of a tie, the team with the highest score on optionals will be selected.
- B) If a tie still exists, the team with the highest score on voluntaries will be selected.
- C) If a tie still exists, the team with the highest scoring single optional will be selected.
- D) If a tie still exists, the team with the highest scoring single voluntary will be selected.
- E) If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence shall determine the team.

4/ VACANT EVENT SPOTS

- 4.1 If there are fewer than twenty-four (24) divers on the team after following the selection procedures in sections 2 and 3, the 1-meter diver with the highest final score will be added to the team in the following priority order until the team is at twenty-four (24) divers or until all first-ranked 1-meter divers have been selected.
1. Group B Girls
 2. Group A Boys
 3. Group B Boys
 4. Group A Girls
- 4.2 If a 1-meter diver is selected to the team via 4.1, the second 1-meter spot for that age group/gender will be awarded to the diver with the highest final score who is already on the team.
- 4.3 If no 1-meter diver for a particular age group/gender is selected via 4.1, the two 1-meter spots for that age group/gender will be awarded to the two divers with the highest final scores who are already on the team.
- 4.4 In the event of a tie, the diver with the highest score on optionals in finals will be selected.
- a. If a tie still exists, the diver with the highest optional score in semifinals will be selected
 - b. If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence shall determine the spot.

5/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

- 5.1 If an athlete member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness, removal, or voluntary withdrawal prior to the final entry deadline (TBD), the above procedures will be followed to select a replacement athlete or team in the individual and synchronized diving events.
- 5.2 If an athlete member needs to be replaced after the final entry deadline, the decision regarding replacement(s) will be made by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE with final approval by the Local Organizing Committee and AQUA.
- 5.3 If an athlete is unable to participate while at the event, the decision regarding replacement(s) will be made by the Head Coach in consultation with the Coaching Staff, High Performance Director, High Performance Manager and/or Team Leader.

6/ COACH MEMBER SELECTION PROCEDURES

COACH OF RECORD

A coach member may only be considered for selection to the team if a diver declares them as his or her “Coach of Record” prior to the start of the 2024 USA Diving Junior National Championships. Once the event has begun, the “Coach of Record” cannot be changed. All references to “coach member” below indicate the official coach of record. The “Coach of Record” may be different than the diver’s coach at the USA Diving Junior National Championships but must be declared prior to the start of the meet. Coach members must be current members in good standing with USA Diving to be considered.

OFFICIAL COACH MEMBERS

Four Junior World Championship Team Coach Members: (In Order Until Filled)

1. The coach members will be ranked using a point system. The top four coach members using this point system will be named to the staff. Qualifying spots, not additional events, will be used.
 - a. Divers in individual Olympic events (3m & PLT) count as one (1) spot per diver.
 - b. Divers in synchronized events count as one (1) spot per diver.

If there is a tie, the following tiebreakers will be used, in order, until the coach members are selected:

- a. The coach member with the most athletes on the team will be selected.
 - b. The coach member with the most first-place spots in Olympic events on the team will be selected.
 - c. The coach member with the most second-place spots in Olympic events on the team will be selected.
 - d. The coach member with the most 1-meter champions on the team will be selected.
 - e. If still tied, the High Performance Director or High Performance Manager, in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence (CCE), shall select the coach member that will best serve the team’s needs.
2. The High Performance Director or High Performance Manager may add a coach member/s in consultation with the CCE and dependent on funding. The above criteria shall be followed, and the highest-ranking coach member may be selected.

Should the selected coach of record be unable to attend, their approved designated assistant may be considered as a replacement only after all coach(es) of record have been considered for the available official coach member position(s). Once the official coach positions are filled, additional coaches may be invited to attend as self-funded, dependent on the number of accreditations. The Coach of Record may be changed for the self-funded coach member position(s) pending approval of the HPD in consultation with the CCE.

Note: All coach members accepting the role will be expected to assist the staff with whatever is necessary. We realize coach members are there to coach; however, with 24 minors on the trip, supervision will be the responsibility of everyone in Rio.

Team staff shall be selected by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE with final approval from the President/CEO and AAC Rep.