



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN’S AND WOMEN’S
SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
APRIL 13-14, 2016, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Selection criteria – relay qualification procedures.

- (1) Recommendation. That Step 1 of the relay qualification procedures be revised as follows (with strikethrough):

Step 1: Each institution with at least one invited swimmer ~~or one invited diver~~ who meets a Qualifying Standard for a relay event and properly entered that relay through the OME system will be eligible to participate in that relay.

(NOTE: Steps 2, 3 and 4 remain unchanged.)

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2016.
- (3) Rationale. The committee affirmed its position that selected divers should not help an institution achieve relay qualification, as relays are a swimming event. Thus, only invited swimmers can trigger eligibility for relays at the championships, and divers no longer have involvement in relay qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. 2017 zone diving site selection.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following institutions and sites be designated for the 2017 NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Zone Diving Championships:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Host Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
A	Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, Virginia
B	Auburn	Auburn, Alabama
C	Indiana	Bloomington, Indiana
D	Missouri	Columbia, Missouri
E	Northern Arizona	Flagstaff, Arizona

- (2) Effective date. 2017 zone diving championships.
- (3) Rationale. These recommended hosts were the only ones to have submitted bids for their respective zone competitions. They were also recommended by the coaches in each zone. The NCAA does not reimburse for travel or per diem expenses for the zone diving championships.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The estimated expenses for the recommended sites range from \$10,000 to \$18,000, depending on the facility rental fee (which is the primary expense). Zone diving hosts do not charge admission to the event.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes are given the opportunity to compete at the best diving facilities in the country with staff that is experienced in hosting NCAA zone diving meets.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of schedule and agenda.** The committee reviewed the agenda and meeting schedule and made no adjustments.
- 2. Annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from last year's annual meeting.
- 3. USA Swimming review.**
 - a. Regular-season results submissions. The committee reviewed the process for reporting times and submitting results and made no changes for the 2016-17 regular season.
 - b. Online meet entry (OME) system. The committee reviewed the process and timeline for institutions to submit entries into the OME system and made no changes for 2016-17. USA Swimming staff requested when communicating with head coaches regarding pre-selections to narrow their swimmers list down to 18, that coaches use a roster and delete names from the list. This will help USA Swimming staff ensure that the correct swimmers are removed from the roster.
 - c. Selections process. The committee reviewed the selection process and recommended no changes beyond the revisions noted in Nonlegislative Item 1-a specific to Step 1 of the current relay qualification procedures.

4. Review with Competitor Swim.

- a. Review of equipment. The committee noted no issues with the Competitor Swim lane lines or backstroke flags for the duration of the championships.
- b. Facility requirements. NCAA staff noted no issues with the communication between Competitor Swim staff and the host staff. All items were delivered on time.
- c. Feedback to improve championship events. Competitor Swim asked that NCAA staff and the committee to let them know if there is a better way they can serve the championships.

5. 2016 CSCAA convention preview. Joel Shinofield, executive director of the College Swimming Coaches of America Association (CSCAA), joined the meeting to review discussion topics noted below along with previewing the upcoming CSCAA convention. Mr. Shinofield agreed to work with NCAA staff to develop a short survey to provide the committee with feedback from the coaching membership on event format at the championships. The swimming and diving committee will review those results upon their return.

- a. Event format. The committee discussed the option of moving the 200 medley relay to Wednesday night and also placing the 100 butterfly as the first event either Thursday or Friday.
- b. Service opportunities at the championships. Mr. Shinofield outlined a program the CSCAA initiated this year called Adopt-A-Team, which paired Atlanta middle schools with college swimming programs. Eleven institutions and 235 schoolchildren participated in the program in 2015-16, and the plan is to continue this program with Indianapolis middle schools for the 2017 championships.
- c. Alumni events. Mr. Shinofield proposed a possible alumni event opportunity for committee discussion.
- d. Communication via CSCAA. Mr. Shinofield reaffirmed that the CSCAA will continue to partner with the committee to distribute information to the coaching membership as necessary.

6. Officials.

- a. Review of 2016 officials and judges. The committee reviewed the evaluations specific to the officials and judges selected to work the championships and noted the group's strong performance. The committee will use these evaluations to help choose the officials for the 2017 championships.

- b. Review of officials' application. The committee recommended inserting language in the body of the email that is sent to prospective swimming officials to note their interest only in the positions they can manage on deck. The diving committee representatives with oversight responsibilities will continue to encourage individuals to apply as a judge in order to accumulate a well-balanced pool of candidates.
- c. Selection timeline and process. The committee discussed the process and reviewed the timeline for applications and the selection of officials and recommended no changes for the 2017 championships.
- d. Review of swimming officials' evaluation form. The committee made no changes to the swimming evaluation form.
- e. Notification of disqualifications delaying meet. Rule 6-1-e requires the meet referee to inform the student-athlete or coach of a disqualification before the beginning of the next heat. The rule, implemented this year, created delays surrounding the heats of various individual and relay events. Brian Gordon, NCAA swimming and diving secretary-rules editor, in conjunction with assistance from the swimming coaches on the committee, will provide an interpretation of the rule with the end goal being to eliminate the delays between heats.

7. Coordinators.

- a. Review of meet coordinator responsibilities. The committee asked Brad Erickson to serve as the meet coordinator for the 2017 championships after successfully serving in that capacity in 2016. NCAA staff will update the responsibilities document.
- b. Review of officials' coordinator responsibilities. The committee requested no changes to the document.
- c. Review of swimming data specialist responsibilities. NCAA staff will make the appropriate updates to the document.
- d. Selection of data specialists for 2017 championships. The committee invited Herb Schwab (men's meet) and Bridget Rhodes (women's meet) to serve as the swimming data specialists. The committee recommended Sheilagh Boudia to serve for both men's and women's championships. NCAA staff will work with all three individuals to determine availability and finalize contracts.

8. Qualifying.

- a. Championships qualification meets. The committee reviewed all the written materials, policies and timelines specific to applying for and hosting a championships qualification meet. The committee asked NCAA staff to update the application with two editorial adjustments.
- b. Qualifying standards and conversions. The automatic qualifying standards for individual events will remain as the average of the eighth best time on the performance list over the past three years, except for the women's 500 freestyle, 1,650 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 100 breaststroke and 200 medley relay. Those events will remain at the standards established for 2016 since they are faster than those projected for 2017. Few, if any, adjustments will be made to the "B" standards for individual events for the 2017 championships.

Additionally, the committee reviewed qualifying standards for diving events and recommended no changes for 2017.

- 9. Review of 2016 championships.** The committee reviewed the evaluations from student-athletes and coaches who competed at the women's and men's championships at Georgia Tech. The committee felt Georgia Tech did an outstanding job of hosting both championships and would support taking the championships back to Georgia Tech in the future.
- 10. Preview of 2017 championships.** Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and the Indiana Sports Corporation will host both championships at the Indiana University Natatorium. Committee members asked NCAA staff to review the contract for using the warm-up pool. A site visit will be scheduled with all parties for the fall.
- 11. General championships policies.**
 - a. Swimming coaches meeting. The committee agreed to move the swimming coaches meeting to 11:30 a.m., and the diving coaches meeting will follow at 1 p.m.
 - b. 200 medley relay and 100 butterfly placement. The committee will explore moving the 200 medley relay to Wednesday night and the 100 butterfly away from the 100 back should the CSCAA survey results yield strong support.
 - c. Monday pool availability. The pool will remain unavailable to competing teams on the Monday before the championships in 2017 and 2018. The policy will be re-evaluated before the next bid cycle for 2019 through 2022.

- d. Review of massage therapy policies. The committee recommended no changes to the massage therapy policies for 2017.
- e. Team seating on deck. The committee recommended no changes to the team seating on deck. The top 12 will continue to choose their desired seats on the competition pool deck.
- f. Announcing finalists of swimming consolations. The committee agreed that the announcer will read the swimmer's name, school and year while they are behind the blocks.
- g. Increasing team ticket allotment. The committee agreed to leave the team ticket pre-order allotment at 40 for 2017.
- h. Media. The committee confirmed its position that relay names and order should not be released to the media before the relay occurs.
- i. Relay qualification wording in manual. Divers will no longer help a team's qualification for a relay at the championships. This change is outlined in Nonlegislative Item 2-a.
- j. Coaches reviewing video review camera angles. The committee will not allow coaches to review the camera angles before the championships. The meet referee will continue to manage this review.
- k. Doctor available at championships. The committee agreed that it is not necessary to have a doctor on deck all day at the championships; rather, the doctor will be on call throughout the week. The sick call will continue each day from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- l. Participant medallions. NCAA staff will discuss the opportunity with leadership for uninvited relay alternates and institutionally funded divers to receive participant medallions at the championships. Evaluations note that the individuals who do not receive the medallions continue to feel excluded.
- m. Strobe lights. The committee agreed that strobe lights will not be used at the championships in 2017.
- n. Scratch policy deadline. The scratch deadline for each day of the championships will be as follows: Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

12. Diving.

- a. Breaking ties in consolations and finals. The committee reviewed the tiebreaker adopted in 2015, noting that the diving community believes it may need to be altered. The diving representatives on the committee will review options with the diving subcommittee and propose a recommendation to the committee this summer. The tiebreaker for the consolation round will remain the same. This information will be reflected in the pre-championships manual and the participant manual.
- b. Mile and consolation overlap. The committee agreed to schedule warm up in the competition pool at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in order for platform diving consolations to finish. The 1,650 freestyle start time will be based off the 5:15 competition pool availability for warm up. The competition pool will be available only from 5:15 to 5:50 p.m. for warm up.
- c. Diving announcer. The diving representatives on the committee requested that the diving announcer be included in the officials selected for the championships and receive a stipend, per diem, and housing and travel expenses. NCAA staff will review the opportunity for this request.
- d. Additional diving judges/assistant referee. The committee has been asked to support adding either a diving judge or an assistant referee for the championships meet. Dan Laak and Roland McDonald will assemble a list of duties that an additional judge or assistant referee would manage in order to get a better understanding of the needs of the position.
- e. Judging test and ranking. Mr. Laak and Mr. McDonald are reviewing possibly using an online test for rules for the diving judges. This concept is in the infancy stage. The goal is attracting the very best diving judges to the championships each year.
- f. Zone diving meet procedures. The committee agreed that any coach who cannot verify a diver's score will preclude that diver from competing in that event.

Additionally, the committee discussed the use of DiveMeets and the NCAA online entry form used to register for the zone diving meets. Mr. Laak and Mr. McDonald advised the committee that they have spoken with DiveMeets to check possibly using DiveMeets as the main hub for score collection and registration. This would eliminate the need for a separate NCAA online form. The viability of the new process will be known by the summer.

- g. 2017 Zone allocations. The committee confirmed allocations for each zone for the 2017 championships as follows: Women: Zone A – 5, Zone B – 9, Zone C – 8, Zone D – 8, Zone E – 11; Men: Zone A – 5, Zone B – 9, Zone C – 6, Zone D – 9, Zone E – 6.

- h. 2017 Zone diving dates and sites. The committee reviewed dates and sites for recommended hosts for the 2017 zone diving meets. Those recommendations are outlined in Nonlegislative Item 2-b.
 - i. Start times for preliminaries. Preliminary rounds for women will begin at the following times: Thursday and Friday – 12:30 p.m.; Saturday – 12:15 p.m. The men's start times will be as follows: Thursday and Friday – 12:15 p.m.; Saturday – noon. Times will be revisited if the CSCAA surveys yield a change to relay order and all relays becoming timed finals.
- 13. Selections for swimmers.** The committee recommended no changes to the process.
- 14. Review of selection and relay qualification procedures.** The term “uninvited relay alternate” will be changed to “uninvited relay swimmer” in all manuals and correspondence regarding relays.
- 15. Future championship dates and sites.** The committee reviewed the dates and sites for the next two years.
- 16. Committee.**
- a. Appointments for 2016-17. The committee recognized outgoing members Tom Buning and Courtney Hart for their service and leadership during their tenure on the committee. New appointments to the committee will be known later in the spring.
 - b. Committee timeline. The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2016-17 and made no changes. Staff will schedule all conference calls with the appropriate parties throughout the year.
- 17. Championship manual updates.** All references to LCM cuts should be removed for next year's manuals and will be inserted again for the 2020 season, as it's the next Olympic year.
- 18. Other business.** The committee agreed to hold its 2017 annual meeting April 10-12 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Devon Hendricks, University of Texas at Austin; Big 12 Conference

*Staff Liaisons: Mary Berdo, Championships and Alliances
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**Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee
April 13-14, 2016, Meeting**

Attendees:

Tom Buning, Southern Methodist University; American Athletic Conference.

Joe Dykstra, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference.

Brad Erickson, South Dakota State University; Summit League.

Josephine Harrington, American University; Patriot League (via teleconference).

Courtney Hart, Georgia Institute of Technology; Atlantic Coast Conference

Devon Hendricks, University of Texas at Austin; Big 12 Conference.

Dan Laak, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.

Roland McDonald, San Diego State University; Mountain West Conference.

Traci Murphy, Canisius College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Mary Ellen Wydan, La Salle University; Atlantic 10 Conference.

Absentees:

None.

Guests in Attendance:

Brian Gordon, NCAA Swimming Secretary-Rules Editor.

Larry Herr, USA Swimming (via teleconference).

Jaime Lewis, USA Swimming (via teleconference).

Kristin Linehan Omli, Competitor Swim (via teleconference).

Joel Shinofield, Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association of America.

NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Mary Berdo, Championships and Alliances.

Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Robin Hale, Championships and Alliances.

Keith Willard, Championships and Alliances.