

NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2017

The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year and provide notice of upcoming issues. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee, or Liz Horvat at the NCAA (317-917-6222).

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ANNUAL MEETING

The swimming and diving committee meeting was held April 18-19 in Indianapolis. The report from the annual meeting will be available later in May online at NCAA.org. Specific discussion items included the following:

- NCAA championship access ratio for the women;
- Selection process for both the men and the women (see below);
- Review of the 2017 diving regionals and championships;
- General championship policies and procedures; and
- Preview of the 2018 championships.

REVIEW OF 2017 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2017 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships were held March 15-18 at the Conroe ISD Natatorium in Shenandoah, Texas. Emory University won both the men's and women's team titles this year. It was the eighth consecutive title for the women's team and the first ever title for the men's team. For the women's meet, Williams College finished in second, followed by Kenyon College in third and Denison University in fourth. Kenyon placed second behind Emory on the men's side, followed by Denison and Johns Hopkins University. Additionally, a total of 16 records were broken throughout the meet, six on the women's side and 10 on the men's.

SELECTION INFORMATION

In 2017-18, the women's cap will increase by 52 to 319 total participants. The committee reviewed several selection models with data provided by USA Swimming and Michelle Chaffin. After reviewing the data provided, the committee voted to move forward with recommending the following selection process changes to the **Division III Championships Committee for consideration:**

Men's Proposed Selection Process

Step 1	Select the top 16 individuals in each individual event. Twenty-four spots for divers will be reserved and determined through the regional diving process.
Step 2	Entries will be added to each relay event, filling across rows until each relay event has 16 entries. If the participant cap has not yet been reached, skip to step 5.

Step 3	If, at some point, the addition of one relay per event to the entire order of events puts the field over the total participant cap number, the relay whose time is greatest in percentage to the Division III established “B” cut will be selected by row until 16 relays are selected or the maximum participant number is reached. No additional relays will be added if the next relay for selection would surpass the maximum participant number. If the disparity between complete individual rows and complete relay rows is not more than one skip to step 5.
Step 4	After the selection process is run, if there is a disparity of more than one between individual and relay complete rows, then one individual event row is eliminated until the disparity is no more than one. No more than 16 relays will be selected.
Step 5	If, after selecting relays, there are still additional spots left to fulfill the participant cap number, additional individuals whose time is greatest in percentage to the Division III established “B” cut will be selected by row until the participant cap is reached.

Women’s Proposed Selection Process

Step 1	Select the top 20 individuals in each individual event. Twenty-nine spots for divers will be reserved and determined through the regional diving process.
Step 2	Entries will be added to each relay event, filling across rows until each relay event has 20 entries. If the participant cap has not yet been reached skip to step 5.
Step 3	If, at some point, the addition of one relay per event to the entire order of individual events puts the field over the total participant cap number, the relay whose time is greatest in percentage to the Division III established “B” cut will be selected by row until 20 relays are selected or the maximum participant number is reached. No additional relays will be added if the next relay for selection would surpass the maximum participant number. If the disparity between complete individual rows and complete relay rows is not more than one skip to step 5.
Step 4	After the selection process is run, if there is a disparity of more than one between individual and relay complete rows, then one individual event row is eliminated until the disparity is no more than one. No more than 20 relays will be selected.
Step 5	If, after selecting relays, there are still additional spots left to fulfill the participant cap number, additional individuals whose time is greatest in percentage to the Division III established “B” cut will be selected by row until the participant cap is reached.

- RATIONALE: Sixteen and 20 individual and relay rows per gender will keep the balance between the number of individual and relay team qualifiers equitable, while maintaining a ratio of teams invited to the championship, consistent with the number of teams who sponsor the sport in Division III for each gender.
 - Roughly 24 percent of all Division III men’s teams will make the championships in this instance. Twenty-five and-a-half percent of all Division III women’s teams make the championship in this instance.
- For women, the diving allocation number will increase by five to 29 to keep the current proportion of swimmers to divers at the championship (10 percent) given the increased cap.

FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

2018

March 21-24

Host: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and the Indiana Sports Corporation

Facility: IU Natatorium

2019

March 20-23

Host: Greensboro Sports Commission/Old Dominion Athletic Conference

Facility: Greensboro Aquatic Center

2020

March 18-21

Host: Greensboro Sports Commission/ Old Dominion Athletic Conference

Facility: Greensboro Aquatic Center

TENTATIVE bid timeline for 2021 and 2022 Championships:

The bid portal will reopen in January 2019 for the 2021 and 2022 championships. Interested hosts will be asked to complete their bid by March 2019 for the committee to consider during their annual meeting in April 2019.