Regional Diving Information Form

2016-2017 NCAA – Division III Regional Diving Meets

ELIGIBILITY. To qualify for participation in a regional meet, a diver must achieve the qualifying standard at least once at a bona fide conference championship or two separate times (on the same board) during any other bona fide competition and submit appropriate documentation of qualifying performances to the diving coordinator. A diver may only qualify for national championship consideration once per event per meet (i.e., a diver cannot qualify a 6 and 11 dive score during the same competition). If a diver only qualifies on one board, they may still dive both events at the regional meet. In order to be considered for the regional meet, all required dive sheets (one per board if the standard was achieved at bona fide conference championships; two per board if standard was achieved at other bona fide competition) must be submitted to the diving coordinator before 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday, Feb. 20. Failure to meet this deadline will result in a diver not being eligible to compete in the regional qualification meet. Qualifying scores will be posted throughout the season on the Division III Swimming and Diving page of NCAA.org. It is the responsibility of the coach to check this list to verify that scores have been received.

ALIGNMENT. There will be four regional meets. Using the geographic regions outlined in the NCAA Pre-Championships Manual, there will be one meet for the Central institutions, two meets for the Northeast institutions divided by location (one for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and eastern New York / one for western New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, and Washington DC), and a super region of the Midwest, West, and South. This format allows for approximately sixty schools per region.

DATES and LOCATIONS. The regional meets will be held Feb. 24-25.

Region 1 (Central) – Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Region 2 (Midwest/South/West) - Grinnell College; Grinnell, Iowa

Region 3 (Northeast/North) – Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Cambridge, Massachusetts

Region 4 (Northeast/South) – Ithaca College; Ithaca, New York

FORMAT. Both men and women will compete in a combined event on opposite boards. If a region has more than 36 combined men and women divers, the event will be split into two sessions, with women diving first. All events will be a finals-only, 11-dive format (voluntaries first). If the meet is split, the last seventy-five minutes before the start of the contest will be flighted. Divers will be split into two flights of thirty minutes each, and the last fifteen minutes will be open to all divers. The host institution will randomly select schools for each flighted warm
up. This flighted warm up information will be published and made available to participating institutions by Noon, Eastern time, Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Friday, the pool will be open to all competitors by 11 a.m. (local time) with the first set of events to begin at 2 p.m. (local time). **There is no practice allowed at regional competition sites Thursday.** At the conclusion of Friday’s event, the pool will remain open for at least one hour and up to three hours for practice. However, the facility will not be expected to remain open if no one is using this time after the first hour has past and no communication has been made of an intention to return. Saturday, the pool will open by 8:30 a.m. (local time) with the second set of events to begin at Noon (local time). If the meet is split, the flights will be switched Saturday.

**JUDGING AT THE REGIONAL DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.** Each participating institution is required to supply one qualified judge for each event that they have a diver entered. If an institution is unable to provide a qualified judge for the regional panel, the institution must notify the NCAA championship manager, Liz Horvat (lhorvat@ncaa.org) as soon as possible. Judging panels will be selected at the coaches meeting along with the selection of an assistant referee for each panel. Hosts will hire an outside head referee but not a full judging panel. Judging panels will be made up of seven judges dropping the two high and two low scores. If eight or more judges are available, two panels will be selected.

**EVENT ORDER.** The event order will be rotated yearly, to ensure one board is not favored in a given region over time. *(Please note, if regional meets are split, women will always dive first).*

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**REGISTRATION.** A diver may only compete in the regional meet for which his/her institution is geographically assigned. To participate, a coach must submit the **Regional Diving Information Form** and qualifying **proof of performance** by 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, Feb 20. To register for the regional meet, the diver must be entered via the Divemeets.com system for the appropriate regional meet by 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, Feb. 20. This will serve as the diver’s official NCAA entry form. Sanctions will be imposed on any student-athlete (and/or institution) who fails to compete after submission of this form. Please note, divers do not need to be included on the NCAA swimming selection roster.

**DIVING SHEETS.** Each competitor is required to submit a list of dives at Divemeets.com by 8 pm **Eastern time, Monday Feb 20.** *(Note: Review the “Diving Entry Procedure” section in the 2017 Division III Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Pre-Championship Manual for detailed instructions located here).* At each respective regional, there will be a sign-off sheet to verify the
divers list. Coaches should review this information with their student-athlete to make sure all information is correct. Each competitor shall be responsible for the accuracy of this information.

**SELECTION.** Each regional meet will be given a fixed number of qualifiers. This number will be determined by the number of divers eligible to compete in a given region who have also submitted all necessary information to compete in regional competition. At the end of the qualification period, all divers eligible to compete in a regional qualifier will be determined by the criteria listed above. The number of eligible divers at each region will be divided by the number of eligible divers at all regions and then multiplied by 24 to determine the ratio for the number of assigned qualification spots. Standard rounding principles will be used to transform ratios into whole numbers.

Regardless of ratios, no region will have fewer than two male qualifiers and two female qualifiers.

The qualification allocation will be posted to the NCAA website by Noon, Eastern time, Tuesday, Feb. 21. The qualifiers to the national championships will be assigned by alternating between the highest finisher on day one and the highest finisher on day two, considering that divers already invited will be skipped. (Example with five qualifiers: 1-Winner from day one; 2-Highest finisher on day two, not already invited; 3-Highest finisher on day one, not already invited; 4-Highest finisher on day two, not already invited; 5-Highest finisher on day one, not already invited). This assures equal consideration is given to both boards.

**ALTERNATES.** In the event a selected student-athlete from a regional meet is unable to perform at the national championships, an alternate will be notified to take that person’s spot. This alternate will be the next eligible student-athlete on that board from that region. (Example: a student-athlete from day two from a given region must withdraw from the national championships, the next student-athlete from day two from the same region will be invited).

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM.**

- Fill out the required information regarding your respective regional meet and your coaches (names and contact information). Please refer to Appendix A of the Pre-Championships Manual for a breakdown of the regions.
Regional Diving Information Form

Name of Institution: ____________________________________________________________

Institution Address: ____________________________________________________________________

Diving Coach: ___________________________  Diving Coach’s Email: ____________________________

Diving Coach’s Office #: ___________________________  Diving Coach’s Cell #: ____________________________

Diving Coach’s Total Years’ Experience: ______ Diving Coach’s years at current Institution: ______

Head Swim Coach: ___________________________  Head Swim Coach’s Email: ____________________________

Head Swim Coach’s Office #: ___________________________  Head Swim Coach’s Cell #: ____________________________

Region:  1 (Calvin)  2 (Grinnell)  3 (MIT)  4 (Ithaca)

Qualifying Student-Athletes Name:  Last: ___________________________  First: ___________________________

Sex:  Male  Female

Year:  FR  SO  JR  SR

Qualifying Scores (Must match the qualifying scores that are being sent in with this form)

6 Dives

1 Meter  (Score 1) ________  Date ________  (Score 2) ________  Date ________

3 Meter  (Score 1) ________  Date ________  (Score 2) ________  Date ________

11 Dives

1 Meter  (Score 1) ________  Date ________  (Score 2) ________  Date ________

3 Meter  (Score 1) ________  Date ________  (Score 2) ________  Date ________

Conference Championships

1 Meter  (Score ) ________  Date ________  Conference_______________________________

3 Meter  (Score ) ________  Date ________  Conference_______________________________

*This form, along with the signed qualifying diving sheet(s), must be sent to Lewis Fellinger (divencd@gmail.com; fax: 888-578-5719) by 8 p.m., Eastern time, Feb. 20.