Have the swimming qualification standards changed? No, the 2016-17 qualification standards were originally posted in August. On approval of the new swimming selection model, the standards were revised only to remove the relay “A” cut times because they are now irrelevant. No times have been changed.

Have the diving qualification standards changed? No, the membership was surveyed regarding potential changes in the diving qualification standards but changes have not yet been proposed.

Has the participant cap been changed? No, the participant cap remains the same, with 175 men (157 swimmers + 18 divers) and 205 women (183 swimmers + 22 divers).

Have the event entry limits changed? Yes, the entry limit has been reduced from five to four individual events.

How many student-athletes will be selected for each individual event? There is no set number of student-athletes selected to each individual event. The committee, with the assistance of USA Swimming, ran many different selection models using the actual times swimmers achieved for the past three years. Using the current model, approximately 23-26 student-athletes would have been selected to each individual event before the meeting the participant cap.

How are relays selected to the meet? Relays must be entered but will not be selected. Coaches must enter, by the deadline, all relays for which they want to be eligible to swim. Coaches may enter the fastest actual relay time, or an aggregate relay time if it is faster, achieved by the institution.

A list of institutions that are eligible to participate in relay events and were properly entered in the OME system will be posted online along with the individual event selections. Institutions must confirm all relays for which they are eligible and want to participate by notifying, in writing, the championships manager by the date specified.

OR

If an institution has at least four swimmers selected to the championship, they may enter relay events as optional entries.

How many alternates may an institution bring? Institutions with at least one swimmer selected in an individual event, may bring up to four uninvited relay alternates. Reimbursement for travel and per diem, banquet tickets and participation awards will NOT be provided for the uninvited relay alternates because they are not considered part of the official travel party.
However, uninvited relay alternates will count toward the limit of 18 participants and institutions must designate potential uninvited relay alternates by the time of registration. Participant credentials will be provided to the uninvited relay alternates.

**NOTE:** The 2017 Division II Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships are part of the Division II Winter Festival and as such, hotels will be assigned, and rooms are available only within the calculation for the official travel party.

**Do the uninvited relay alternates have to be the same swimmers who achieved the relay entry time?** No, once a relay time standard has been achieved and the institution has one or more swimmers selected to the meet, any eligible swimmer may compete in the relay. An eligible swimmer is defined as a swimmer who is on the institution’s official roster and included on the team’s official entry. However, a selected student-athlete who was scratched from the meet cannot later be used as an uninvited relay alternate.

**In which events may the uninvited relay alternates compete?** Uninvited relay alternates may compete only in the relay events and NOT in individual events.

**How will relay cuts be determined in the future?** Beginning in the 2017-18 academic year, relay event provisional standards (“B” cuts) will be based on the three-year average of the 12th fastest time for each event. (All regular-season and championship times will be considered.)