



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
APRIL 9-10, 2018 MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Selection criteria adjustment.

- (1) Recommendation. That Step 4 of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships selection process be adjusted to select swimmers based on times closest to the "A" qualification standard instead of the championship record, as noted below (in **bold**).

*Step 4: At some point, the addition of one competitor per event to the entire order of individual events will put the field over the total number of competitors cap. At this point, the remaining spaces will be allocated by comparing the Division I "A" **standard** for each individual event divided by the next entry time on the list. The competitor who has the highest percentage (closest to the "A" **standard**) will be taken first, and so on until the cap has been reached.*

NOTE: Steps 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 remain unchanged.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2018.
- (3) Rationale. Adjusting the selection process to select swimmers based on the "A" standard for each event will ensure swimmers in all events will have equal opportunity to be selected to the championship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. 2019 zone diving site selection.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following institutions and sites be designated for the 2019 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Zone Diving Championships:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Host Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
A	U.S. Naval Academy	Annapolis, Maryland
B	Auburn University	Auburn, Alabama
C	Purdue University	West Lafayette, Indiana
D	University of Texas at Austin	Austin, Texas
E	Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, Arizona

(2) Effective date. 2019 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.

c. Diving balk judge.

(1) Recommendation. That the number of diving judges for both the men's and the women's championship increase by one to include a diving balk judge, for a total of eight diving judges.

(2) Effective date. 2019 championships.

(3) Rationale. The increase in the number of officials will allow greater flexibility for diving judges. The balk judge will assist with scoring, observing, and can step in if one of the judges needs a break from judging during the competition.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Diving judges receive payment of \$420 for serving at the championship plus \$45 per diem for up to five days for a total of \$645. Additional costs include travel and lodging for an estimated expense of \$1,330. This brings the total expense to \$1,925 for each budget.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Committee chair recommendation.

- (1) Recommendation. That Joe Dykstra, head swimming and diving coach at the University of Utah, be appointed chair for 2018-19. The committee is seeking a waiver from the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee to allow a head coach to serve as the chair of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2018.
- (3) Rationale. Mr. Dykstra has served as the head swimming and diving coach at Utah for five years. He is well respected in the coaching community and has been a strong contributor to the swimming and diving committee the last three years. Mr. Dykstra has the unanimous support of the committee in assuming this enhanced leadership position. Additionally, there is one continuing member of the committee that is an administrator, but due to their campus responsibilities, is unable to take on this leadership role for the coming year. The current committee chair, Devon Hendricks, assistant athletics director at Texas, will rotate off the committee, effective August 31.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

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. Discussion/review with USA Swimming.** Jaime Lewis, special projects manager at USA Swimming, joined the meeting to discuss the swimming selection process, split time submission process and 2018-19 qualification standards. The committee will review the recommendations provided for these topics and will adjust as necessary. The committee also commended Ms. Lewis on a job well done and thanked her for good work this season.
- 4. Playing rules discussion.** Greg Lockard, NCAA swimming and diving secretary-rules editor, and Ben Brownlee, NCAA assistant director of championships and alliances, joined the meeting to provide playing-rule clarifications and discuss ways to help educate coaches and officials on the current playing rules.

5. 2018 CSDCAA convention preview. Joel Shinofield, executive director of the College Swimming and Diving Coaches of America Association, joined the meeting to provide an overview of the upcoming convention in Chicago. Mr. Shinofield also provided a recap of the inaugural National Invitational Championship meet and asked the committee to continue to consider how the committee and the coaches association can work together to strengthen the profile of the sport and increase the pool of officials for regular-season and championship meets.

6. Officials.

- a. Review of 2018 officials and judges. The committee reviewed the evaluations specific to the officials and judges selected to work the championships and noted the group's overall strong performance. The committee would like to see more education materials available to officials to ensure officials are well versed in NCAA playing rules in the future. The committee will use these evaluations to help choose the officials for the 2019 championships.
- b. Review of officials' application. The committee reviewed the application and NCAA staff will adjust the document accordingly for the 2018-19 season.
- c. Selection timeline and process. The committee discussed the officials' selection process and timeline for applications and recommended a few changes for the 2018-19 season. Specifically, the committee would like to select the head referee and officials' coordinator for each of the swimming championships and then allow the head referee to provide recommendations to the committee for the remainder of the swimming officials. The committee will then review the recommendations provided and select officials accordingly.
- d. Review of swimming officials' evaluations form. The committee made no changes to the swimming evaluation form.

7. Coordinators.

- a. Review of meet coordinator responsibilities. The committee recognized Brad Erickson for his outstanding service as the meet coordinator over the past four years. The committee voted to extend an offer to Mr. Erickson to again serve as the meet coordinator for both the men's and women's championships.
- b. Review of officials' coordinator responsibilities. The committee reviewed the officials' coordinator responsibilities and NCAA staff will make the appropriate updates 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 2019 championships. The committee invited Herb Schwab (men's meet) and Bridgette Rhodes (women's meet) to serve as the swimming data specialists. The committee recommended Sheilagh Boudia to serve as the diving data specialist 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. End-of-season competitions.
 - (1) Review end-of-season competition process. The committee reviewed the end-of-season competition process and made no changes for the 2018-19 season.
 - (2) Review end-of-season competition form. NCAA staff will make the appropriate updates to the document.
- 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 and 1,650 freestyle, and the men's 200 breaststroke. Those events will remain at the standards established for 2018 since they are faster than those projected for 2019. Adjustments will also be made to the "B" standards for individual events for the 2019 championships by using the three-year average of the 125th times in each event. The one exception to the adjustments made to the "B" standards is the women's 1,650 freestyle which will remain at the "B" standard established for 2018 since it is faster than the one projected for 2019. Additionally, the committee reviewed qualifying standards for diving events and recommended no changes for 2019.
 - Long and short course meters championships standards. The committee noted that the FINA Short Course World Championship in Hangzhou, China in December is a bona fide competition provided that the student-athlete is an eligible current student-athlete at their institution at the time of the event. The committee also reviewed a request to add long-course meters standards for the 2108-19 season. The committee denied approval for the long-course championship standards, noting the committee will consider approval only for long-course standards during the year prior to the summer Olympic years.

9. Review of 2018 championships.

- a. Participant evaluations. The committee reviewed the participant evaluations for both the men's and the women's championships and felt that both The Ohio State University and the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, did an outstanding job of hosting the women's

and men's championships, respectively. The committee would support taking the championships back to both locations in the future.

- b. Championship records. The committee reviewed the records from the 2017-18 season and made no changes.
- c. Declared false start policy. The committee reviewed the declared false-start policy and noted that any proposals for change would have to go through the playing rules committee.
- d. TV schedule adjustments. The committee reviewed the time change for the women's meet and noted the change was specifically for live broadcast on ESPN. Therefore, moving forward, times will be adjusted only on days that are needed for TV.
- e. Omega timing equipment. The committee discussed the equipment Omega/Swiss Timing provided and asked staff to explore whether wider block tops could be available for future championships if the host has the capability. NCAA staff also noted there is a three-year agreement in place with Omega/Swiss Timing through the 2020 championships.
- f. Team seating selection. The committee discussed ways to improve the team seating selection process for 2018-19. The committee voted to adjust the selection process to allow all teams to select seating. The top 15 teams, depending on host seating capacity, will select seating during the coaches meeting. Teams 16 through the last scoring team from the previous year's championship will select their seating in order after the coaches meeting. Teams that did not score at the previous championship will randomly choose a number and choose seating last. This process will ensure the team seating selection process is fair and safe for all teams.

10. Preview of 2019 championships. Texas will host both the men's and women's championships. Committee members asked staff to maximize bleacher seating around the competition pool deck and to ensure that massage tables are placed to comply with current policies. A site visit will be scheduled with all key stakeholders for mid-September.

11. General championships policies.

- a. Review of massage therapy policies. The committee recommended no changes to the massage therapy policies for 2019 but will continue to review these policies annually.
- b. Media – review of policies and access on deck by photographers/videographers. The committee reviewed current policies regarding videographer/photographer access around the competition pool and within the venue and reconfirmed that there will be no adjustments for the 2019 championships.

- c. Spectator seating. The committee discussed the spectator seating process and made no changes for the 2019 championships.

12. Diving.

- a. Review of DiveMeets registration. The committee reviewed the DiveMeets registration process and made no changes for the 2018-19 season.
- b. Review of tiebreaking procedures implemented in 2018. The committee reviewed the current tiebreaking procedures and recommended no changes for the 2019 championships.
- c. Zone diving meet procedures.
 - (1) Verifying scores. The committee agreed that any coach who cannot verify a diver's score will preclude that diver from qualifying for competition in the event at the designated zone meet.
 - (2) Confirmation process for future zone host sites. The committee noted the success of the new zone diving host confirmation process implemented this year and agreed to move forward with this same process for the 2018-19 season. This process ensures hosts are still willing and able to host the next year's zone diving meets and helps to avoid any host facility scheduling conflicts.
- d. 2019 zone allocations. The committee confirmed allocations for each zone for the 2019 championships as follows: Women: Zone A – 5, Zone B – 6, Zone C – 10, Zone D – 9, Zone E – 11; Men: Zone A – 5, Zone B – 7, Zone C – 8, Zone D – 10, Zone E – 5.
- e. 2019 zone diving dates and sites. The committee reviewed dates and sites for the 2019 zone diving meets (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2b).
- f. Relationship with USA Diving. The committee discussed the NCAA's relationship with USA Diving and reconfirmed the importance of the two organizations continuing to look for ways to collaborate.
- g. Judges. The committee discussed the judges at the 2018 championships and recommended increasing the number of diving judges to eight (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2c).
- h. Diving timeline. The committee voted to adjust the break between diving preliminaries and consolation finals at the championships from 15 to 10 minutes to keep the diving timeline on track at the championships. Members noted that coaches and divers are ready to compete after the diving preliminary competition and do not need the additional five minutes to warm up.

13. Selections for swimmers.

- a. Timeline for determining 18 student-athletes. The committee reviewed and made no changes to the timeline for coaches to cut their roster to 18 student-athletes.
- b. Selection based on percentage to the “A” standard vs. championship record. The committee voted to adjust the selection process to select swimmers based on the A qualifying standard rather than the championship record (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2a).
- c. Selection timeline. The committee reviewed the window for the challenge period and expanded the current 12-3 p.m. Eastern time window by one hour to end at 4 p.m. Eastern time. This extension will allow coaches an additional hour to review the initial entry list.

14. Review of selection and relay qualification procedures. The committee reviewed the qualification procedures and asked staff to adjust Step 4 of the selection process pending approval of Nonlegislative Action Item 2a.

15. Committee.

- a. New appointments for 2018-19. The committee recognized outgoing members Devon Hendricks, Traci Murphy and Mary Ellen Wydan for their outstanding service and leadership during their tenure on the committee. Appointments to replace the outgoing committee members have been determined, and they will assume their roles September 1.
- b. Committee timeline. The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2018-19 and made no changes. Staff will schedule all conference calls with the appropriate parties throughout the year.

16. Championship manual updates. The committee asked staff to make the necessary changes and general updates to the manuals in preparation for posting for the 2018-19 season.

17. Other business. The committee agreed to hold its 2019 annual meeting April 9-10 in Indianapolis.

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

*Staff Liaisons: Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances
Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances*

Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee April 9-10, 2018, Meeting
Attendees:
Katie Cameron, Bryant University; Northeast Conference.
Joe Dykstra, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference.
Lisa Ebeling, University of Northern Colorado; Western Athletic Conference (via teleconference).
Devon Hendricks, University of Texas at Austin; Big 12 Conference.
Roland McDonald, San Diego State University; Mountain West Conference.
Traci Murphy, Canisius College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Yahya Radman, North Carolina State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Kevin Tyrell, Harvard University; The Ivy League.
Mary Ellen Wydan, La Salle University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Absentees:
Yariv Amir, Colgate University; Patriot League
Guests in Attendance:
Greg Lockard, NCAA Swimming Secretary-Rules Editor (via teleconference).
Jaime Lewis, USA Swimming (via teleconference).
Joel Shinofield, Collegiate Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances.