



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
APRIL 10-11, 2017, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- **Qualification meet certification process.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee approved that effective with the 2017-18 season, the current certification process for championships qualification meets will be eliminated but a form will be required for schools to complete and submit to USA Swimming for competitions conducted within the last 10 days of the qualifying period, with the exception of conference championships (see Informational Item No. 9-a).

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **2018 zone diving site selection.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following institutions and sites be designated for the 2018 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Zone Diving Championships:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Host Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
A	Rutgers	New Brunswick, New Jersey
B	Tennessee	Knoxville, Tennessee
C	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
D	Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota
E	Northern Arizona	Flagstaff, Arizona

- (2) Effective date. 2018 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. Discussion/review with USA Swimming.**
 - a. Selection process. The committee reviewed the selection process and recommended no changes for the 2018 championships.
 - b. Alternates after selection. The committee reviewed the current process for pulling swimming alternates into the championships meet from the established alternate list after the selection process has been completed. Specifically, the committee confirmed that any adjustments to the field that would provide an opportunity for an alternate to be selected will occur after the official posting of the selection information, and the list of selected swimming participants would be adjusted at that time and updated accordingly on the USA Swimming and NCAA websites.
 - c. Collection of deck pass list information. To facilitate timely and accurate deck pass list information once selections have occurred, the committee asked staff to work with USA Swimming to continue refining the process as eligible institutions determine the number of relay alternate swimmers they will bring to the finals site. Final adjustments to the institutional deck pass list allotted to each school will be finalized once the zone diving meets conclude.
 - d. Split times. The committee reviewed the process for reporting split times and submitting results and made no changes for the 2017-18 regular season.
 - e. B cut discussion. The committee considered adjusting the current B cut times and determined that no changes are necessary at this time. However, the committee will continue to monitor this topic for future consideration.
- 4. Discussion/review with Competitor Swim.**
 - a. Review of equipment provided for 2017. The committee noted no issues with the Competitor Swim lane lines or backstroke flags provided. Members expressed their appreciation for the proactive communication and high level of customer service that Competitor Swim consistently provides our host sites.

- b. Discuss 2018 championship needs. NCAA staff noted that the 2018 championships will be conducted at two separate locations. Accordingly, Competitor Swim already has begun evaluating the needs at each facility and looks forward to working with both host staffs.
- 5. Playing rules discussion.** Brian Gordon, NCAA swimming and diving secretary-rules editor, provided a brief overview of the various proposed rule changes that could affect NCAA championships results that are included in the current rules survey that has been distributed to the membership for comment. It was noted that an update will be provided to the committee once the survey results have been compiled in May. Mr. Gordon noted that changes adopted by the rules committee would need final approval from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel before being implemented for 2017-18 or beyond.
- 6. 2017 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 San Diego, along with previewing key concepts that will be discussed during the Division I coaches breakout sessions. Mr. Shinofield will work with NCAA staff to survey coaches about the concept of adjusting the relay scoring system and will provide that feedback to the committee for review after the convention.
- 7. Officials.**
 - a. Review of 2017 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 2018 championships.
 - b. Review of officials' application. The committee reviewed the application and recommended no changes for 2017-18.
 - 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 2018 championships.
 - d. Review of swimming officials' evaluations form. The committee made no changes to the swimming evaluation form.
- 8. Coordinators.**
 - a. Review of meet coordinator responsibilities. The committee recognized Brad Erickson for his outstanding service as the meet coordinator over the past three years. The committee asked staff to explore possibly retaining Mr. Erickson in this role even though his term on the committee expires in August. NCAA staff will update the responsibilities document with the minor adjustments recommended.

- b. Review of officials coordinator responsibilities. The committee made no changes to the document and noted that the responsibilities of this role when needed should be supported on site at the championships through the efforts of the committee members.
- c. Review of swimming data specialist responsibilities. NCAA staff will make the appropriate updates to the document.
- d. Selection of data specialists for 2018 championships. The committee invited Bob Matlack (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.

9. Qualifying.

- a. Championship qualification meets.
 - (1) Championships qualification meets. The committee talked at length about championships qualification meets and agreed that effective with the 2017-18 season, the current certification process for qualification meets will be eliminated, and Division I institutions choosing to participate in such meets will be subject to the 20 maximum allowable dates of competition per NCAA Division Bylaw 17. Further, all countable contests must be conducted per established bona fide competition rules as outlined in the current NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book, and all meet results must be submitted to USA Swimming within 72 hours of the competition's completion and before the end of the established qualifying period.
 - (2) Confirmation of bona fide competition. Effective for the 2017-18 season, the committee directed staff to develop a form that institutions will be required to complete and submit to USA Swimming that includes appropriate signatures and verification that bona fide competitions were conducted within the last 10 days of the qualifying period. The required documentation is meant to maintain a level of accountability for host institutions that choose to conduct competitions during the last 10 days of the qualifying period, excluding conference championships. Specifically, the form will confirm that all regulations and formats have been adhered to so that time standards achieved will be allowed for submission for championships qualification consideration. Staff will finalize the document for the committee's review and approval in the fall and then post on various key websites (NCAA and USA Swimming) and distribute to the membership via the monthly NCAA Championships and Alliances Newsletter and through the CSDCAA.

- 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. Those events will remain at the standards established for 2017 since they are faster than those projected for 2018. Few, if any, adjustments will be made to the "B" standards for individual events for the 2018 championships.

Additionally, the committee reviewed qualifying standards for diving events and recommended no changes for 2018.

10. **Review of 2017 championships.** The committee reviewed the evaluations from student-athletes and coaches who competed at the women's and men's championships at the IU Natatorium on the IUPUI campus. The committee felt that IUPUI and the Indiana Sports Corporation did an outstanding job of co-hosting both championships and would support taking the championships back to Indianapolis in the future.
11. **Preview of 2018 championships.** The Ohio State University and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission will co-host the women's championships (March 14-17), at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion; while the men's championships will be hosted (March 21-24), by the University of Minnesota at the University Aquatic Center. 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 for each host location with all key stakeholders for late summer/early fall.
 - **General championships policies.**
 - (1) Daily venue closing times. The committee reviewed and adjusted the pool closing times during competition days from 10 p.m. to one hour after the last event concludes each evening beginning with the 2018 championships. The committee also reviewed and reconfirmed that the pool will remain unavailable to competing teams on the Monday before the championships.
 - (2) Review of massage therapy policies. The committee recommended no changes to the massage therapy policies for 2018 but will continue to review these policies annually.
 - (3) 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 2018 championships.

- (4) Announcement of disqualifications. The committee reviewed the notification process implemented this year when a disqualification occurs and expressed appreciation for the interpretation Mr. Gordon provided to eliminate delays between heats that occurred at the 2017 championships.
- (5) Deck area near head table/timers. The committee discussed situations that occurred during the 2017 championships around the head table. Members asked staff to work with the secretary-rules editor to further refine the disqualification notification process, particularly when it results in follow-up discussions between the head coach and the head referee.
- (6) Strobe lights. In an effort to continue to promote student-athlete safety, the committee reaffirmed policies that disallow strobe lights usage for the 2018 championships.

12. Diving.

- a. Review of DiveMeets registration. The committee reviewed the success of the new registration process implemented this year and agreed to move forward with this same process for the 2018 championships, which eliminates the need for a separate NCAA online registration form.
- a. Competition against non-NCAA institutions. The committee reaffirmed that bona fide diving competition results against non-NCAA institutions will continue to be considered for securing a qualifying score.
- b. Review of tie-breaking procedures implemented in 2017. The committee reviewed the current tie-breaking procedures and recommended no changes for the 2018 championships.
- c. Zone diving meet procedures.
 - 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.
- d. 2018 zone allocations. The committee confirmed allocations for each zone for the 2018 championships as follows: Women: Zone A – 4, Zone B – 6, Zone C – 10, Zone D – 12, Zone E – 9; Men: Zone A – 4, Zone B – 7, Zone C – 10, Zone D – 9, Zone E – 5.
- e. 2018 zone diving dates and sites. The committee reviewed dates and sites for the 2018 zone diving meets (see the nonlegislative item above).

- 13. Selections for swimmers.** The committee recommended no changes to the swimming selection process for the 2018 championships.
- 14. Review of selection and relay qualification procedures.** The committee recommended no changes to the current procedures for the 2018 championships.
- 15. Future championship dates and sites.** The committee reviewed the dates and sites for 2018 and noted that sites for 2019 – 2022 will be announced on April 18.
- 16. Committee.**
 - a. New appointments for 2017-18. The committee recognized outgoing members Dan Laak and Brad Erickson 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. Staff noted that effective immediately Yariv Amir from Colgate University will replace Josephine Harrington, who was unable to complete her term.
 - b. Committee timeline. The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2017-18 and made no changes. Staff will schedule all conference calls with the appropriate parties throughout the year.
- 17. Championship manual updates.** The committee asked staff to make the necessary changes and general updates to the manuals in preparation for posting for the 2017-18 season. Additionally, the committee recommended that the current language specific to the seven-event limit be adjusted to "competing in" versus "entered in" events.
- 18. Other business.** The committee agreed to hold its 2018 annual meeting April 9-10, 2018 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Devon Hendricks, University of Texas at Austin; Big 12 Conference
Staff Liaisons: Mary Berdo, Championships and Alliances
Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances

Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee April 10-11, 2017, Meeting
Attendees:
Katie Cameron, Bryant University; Northeast Conference.
Joe Dykstra, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference.
Brad Erickson, South Dakota State University; Summit League.
Devon Hendricks, University of Texas at Austin; Big 12 Conference.
Daniella Irle, University of North Dakota; Western Athletic 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 (via teleconference).
Mary Ellen Wydan, La Salle University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Absentees:
Yariv Amir, Colgate University; Patriot League
Guests in Attendance:
Brian Gordon, NCAA Swimming Secretary-Rules Editor (via teleconference).
Jaime Lewis, USA Swimming (via teleconference).
Kristin Linehan Omli, Competitor Swim (via teleconference).
Joel Shinofield, Collegiate Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Mary Berdo, Championships and Alliances.
Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances.