



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 4, 2017, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. End-of-Season Meet Competitions.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee reaffirmed that effective with the 2017-18 season, there is no longer an application and certification process for approving championships qualification meets for NCAA Division I institutions that sponsor swimming and diving.

However, Division I institutions choosing to participate in end-of-season swimming and diving competitions that are held within the last 10 days of the qualifying period, **with the exception of conference championships**, must ensure that the meet host completes and submits the end-of-season meet competition form to the appropriate NCAA staff members prior to the designated deadlines (**Attachment**). The committee noted that the intent of the form is to confirm that the host has adhered to all regulations and formats so that time standards achieved during the end-of-season competition period can be considered for championships qualification purposes.

Division I institutions choosing to participate in end-of-season meets should refer to NCAA Bylaw 17 for playing and practice seasons regulations that govern the 20 maximum allowable dates of competition. Further, all countable contests must be conducted per established bona fide competition rules as outlined in the most 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/or before the end of the established qualifying period.

The committee directed staff to post the form on the swimming and diving homepage on ncaa.org and distribute to the membership via the monthly NCAA championships and alliances newsletter, USA Swimming and through the College Swimming and Diving Coaches of America Association.

- 2. ESPN Broadcast Coverage – 2018 Women's Championships.** The committee reviewed and approved a request from ESPN that will provide the opportunity for linear coverage rather than digital coverage to occur for Friday's finals on ESPNU. In order to accommodate the live linear broadcast opportunity given the television windows available, the committee noted that for **Friday only**, the competition schedule will be adjusted one hour earlier with swimming prelims beginning at 9 a.m.; preliminary rounds for diving at 11:30 a.m. and evening finals at 5 p.m. The order of events for all days of competition will remain the same, and start times for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday will remain as currently scheduled (prelims at 10 a.m. and finals at 6 p.m.).

The committee agreed to continue discussing with ESPN the opportunity to broadcast Saturday's finals session live on ESPNU, with the understanding that start times for that session will not need to be adjusted. The committee anticipates a final decision closer to the start of the championships in March. If the linear broadcast on ESPNU cannot be confirmed for Saturday, then the finals session will be broadcast via the digital platform on ESPN3 as in past years.

- 3. Tiebreaking Procedures from Diving Zone Qualification Meets to Finals.** The committee reviewed and approved refining the tiebreaking procedures for determining advancement to the finals, specifically when a tie occurs between two or more divers who are vying for the final selection spot from a diving zone qualification meet. The committee noted feedback and support from the members of the diving subcommittee, as well as a desire to clarify the advancement process for participants and coaches, should it be needed.

Effective for the 2018 championships, the tiebreaking procedures from diving zone qualification meets to the finals will be as follows:

"In the event of a tie between two or more divers who are vying for a final selection spot from a zone qualifying meet, the tie would be broken by comparing each of the diver's highest score from both their two lists (preliminary and finals). The diver with the highest score would advance to the championships, and the other diver will become the first alternate from that respective zone."

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 October 4, 2017, Teleconference
Attendees:
Yariv Amir, Colgate University; Patriot League.
Katie Cameron, Bryant University; Northeast Conference.
Joe Dykstra, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference.
Lisa Ebeling, University of Northern Colorado; Western Athletic Conference.
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 Tyrrell, Harvard University; The Ivy League.
Mary Ellen Wydan, La Salle University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Linda Godby and Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances.



**2018 END OF SEASON MEET COMPETITION FORM
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING**

Effective with the 2017-18 season, coaches should note there is no longer an application and certification process for approving championships qualification meets for Division I institutions that sponsor swimming and diving.

However, Division I institutions choosing to participate in end-of-season swimming and diving competitions that are held within the last 10 days of the qualifying period, **with the exception of conference championships**, must ensure that the meet host completes this form and submits to the following NCAA staff member: Liz Homrig at lhomrig@ncaa.org; 317-917-6245 (men's) or Carol A. Reep at careep@ncaa.org; 317-917-6678 (women's) by no later than noon (Central time) Monday, February 26, 2018 for women and Monday, March 5, 2018 for men.

2018 End-of-Season Competition Period

Division I Women February 16 – February 25, 2018	Division I Men February 23 – March 4, 2018
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The intent of the form is to confirm that all regulations and formats have been adhered to so that time standards achieved during the 2018 end-of-season competition period as noted above can be considered for championships qualification purposes. Failure by HOSTS on behalf of the competing institutions to submit the completed form by no later than noon (Central time) Monday, February 26, 2018 for women and Monday, March 5, 2018 for men will be subject to a fine of \$400 with potential additional fines for repeated violations.

REGULATIONS FOR END-OF-SEASON MEET COMPETITION

Division I institutions choosing to participate in end-of-season meets should refer to NCAA Bylaw 17 for playing and practice seasons regulations that govern the 20 maximum allowable dates of competition. Further, all countable contests must be conducted per established bona fide competition rules as outlined in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 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/or before the end of the established qualifying period, which is Sunday February 25, 2018, for the women and Sunday, March 4, 2018, for the men.

All meets must be held according to the following regulations. Failure to follow these regulations will result in the disqualification of any time standards achieved at the end-of-season meet.

- **End-of-season meets must follow the regulations of bona fide competition as outlined in Rule 9 of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Swimming and Diving Rules Book.** USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets may be approved by the NCAA swimming and diving committee as end of season meets if they follow the rules of bona fide competition, appear on the calendar and meet the requirements outlined in this document.
- It is preferred that hosts secure at least four officials for end-of-season meets. **All officials must be present during all competition including preliminaries, finals and time trials.** It is strongly recommended that all four officials secured be NCAA registered officials.
- Relay takeoff pads are required for relays to attain a qualifying standard. Hosts must have relay takeoff pads to host a meet with relay events. If hosts do not have relay takeoff pads, they may still host an end-of-season meet, but results from any relay events will not be used when determining whether institutions are eligible to swim in relays at the championships.

PLEASE NOTE: All time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards may be achieved only in 25-yard and 25-meter racing courses. Times achieved in 25-meter racing courses will be converted to an equivalent time for a 25-yard course.

Institutions should refer to the 2018 Qualifying Standards posted on www.ncaa.org that reflect what will be used for selection to and seeding at the 2018 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

After the conclusion of the meet per the information above, **the Head Referee** should sign and date the form below certifying that the end-of-season competition application requirements have been completed in full and that the end-of-season meet adhered to all regulations and formats outlined in this document. Failure to follow these regulations will result in the disqualification of any time standards achieved at an end-of-season meet competition.

Head Referee's Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE END-OF-SEASON MEET COMPETITION FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING NCAA STAFF MEMBERS.

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