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PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS
2020-21 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

Sections one through eight apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

Section 1.1 Definitions

Pre-championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.1.5 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.](#)

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a

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single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Division II

Section 9•1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern. (Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division's priorities and emphasize the division's position within the Association: Learning, Service, Passion, Sportsmanship, Resourcefulness and Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

- a. Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the

development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II also believes in the following principles, which assist in defining the division: *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

- b. Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- c. That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- d. Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution's mission and philosophy; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- e. That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions; *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*
- f. Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- g. Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- h. That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student-athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at large; *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*
- i. Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit; *(Revised: 1/14/97)*
- j. Recognizing the need to "Balance" the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state); *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- k. Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*
- l. That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget, and compliance with and self-enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- m. That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II. *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

Section 9•2 Division II Code Of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit a complete and accurate Division II Code of Conduct form before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university president, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 defines misconduct as: “... **any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.**”

EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.3). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sport committee.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Submit an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct Form before the start of the first competition of the championship.
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship events.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all members of the travel party.
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in an honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship site.
- Abide by state and federal laws and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Bylaw 31.1.8.3, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more future championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individual involved;
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;
- g. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and
- h. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding a violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the president/chancellor of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such.

Section 9•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences, pre-championship meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable).

If no one is sent or identified, the site representative is to notify the NCAA championship manager and Division II Championships Committee liaison to administer a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university president/chancellor, university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director. The NCAA championship manager will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

Section 9•4 Religious Conflicts

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office prior to Sept. 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (*Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01*)

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

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Section 1 • General Administration

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Section 1•3 Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 7	Qualifying period begins Sept. 7 or on institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only, whichever is earlier.
Wednesday, March 3	Last day of qualification for men's and women's championships (through 11:59 p.m. local time).
Thursday, March 4	All results for swimming and diving submitted by 5 p.m. Eastern time. Online entries for swimming and diving due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. The entry review and challenge period begins as soon as the entry list is posted.

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Friday, March 5	Entry challenges are due by 3 p.m. Eastern time. Coaches who entered more than 18 swimmers must be available to receive communication from the NCAA championships administrator between 8 and 10 a.m. Eastern time. Noon Eastern time deadline for coaches to inform, in writing, Macie McNichols (mmcnichols@usaswimming.org ; office – 719-866-3506; cell – 719-351-6511) of any swimmers who became unavailable for championships competition after entries were submitted.
Saturday, March 6	Official qualification lists, including alternates, will be posted on ncaa.com by 5 p.m. Eastern time.
Monday, March 8	Pre-championships teleconference with participating coaches - 1 p.m. Eastern time. Relay confirmation must be submitted in writing to NCAA championship manager by 5 p.m. Eastern time.
Tuesday, March 16	Diving qualification meet at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama.
Wednesday-Saturday, March 17-20	Men's and women's championships at the Birmingham CrossPlex, hosted by the University of Montevallo and the city of Birmingham.

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Wednesday-Saturday, March 17-20	Men's and women's championships at the Birmingham CrossPlex, hosted by the University of Montevallo and the city of Birmingham.
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Note: The 2021 championships originally were scheduled to be part of the NCAA Division II National Championships Festival. However, due to concerns related to COVID-19, it will now be a stand-alone championship.

DATE FORMULA

[Reference: Annual Forms in this handbook and Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

The championships are held the second Wednesday through Saturday in March.

Note: The 2021 championships were moved to the third Wednesday through Saturday in March due to circumstances related to COVID-19.

FUTURE DATES

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March 9-12	Greensboro Aquatic Center, Greensboro, North Carolina; Queens University of Charlotte and Greensboro Aquatic Center, hosts.
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March 8-11	IU Natatorium, Indianapolis; University of Indianapolis and Indiana Sports Corp, hosts.
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March 13-16	SPIRE Institute - Aquatics Center; Lake Erie College and Greater Cleveland Sports Commission; hosts.
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2025 (Festival)

March 12-15	IU Natatorium, Indianapolis; University of Indianapolis and Indiana Sports Corp, hosts.
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Section 1•4 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with the NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

All NCAA swimming and diving championships will be administered and conducted according to the rules and procedures in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules. Questions regarding the interpretation of rules should be addressed to Greg Lockard, secretary-rules editor, at greg@swimdiverules.com or by phone at 973-486-5501.

Section 1•5 Squad Size

An institution shall be allowed not more than 18 competitors, who will be counted as follows:

An entrant who swims will be counted as one competitor; an entrant who swims and dives will be counted as one competitor. An entrant who only dives will be counted as one-third of a competitor in the total team limit. A diver may only swim in an event in which he or she has achieved an established "A" and/or "B" qualifying time per the current standards in that event and is selected to the championships. For relays, only actual participation in the preliminary heats and/or finals of an event shall be counted against the 18 competitors allowed.

Section 1•6 Uniforms and Swimsuits for Swimmers

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

Competitors' uniforms must be characterized by conformity to recognized standards of propriety. No swimmer is permitted to wear or use any device or foreign substances to help his or her speed, pace, buoyancy or body compression in competition. Temporarily applied adhesives shall not be used to assist the backstroke start. Goggles may be worn, and rubdown oil can be applied if not considered excessive by the referee.

During the awards ceremonies, participants must wear their institution's official warmup uniform.

LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#).

An institution's official uniform, swimsuit or any other items of apparel (e.g., drag suits, socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, swim caps, and towels) worn by student-athletes in competition shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches in area, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal label or trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram).

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes only during the conduct of competition, which includes any pre-meet or post-meet activities.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships

Order of Events for 2021

Four-Day Common-Site Format Without Platform Diving

[Note: In odd championships years, the women's diving events will go first; in even championships years, the men's diving events will go first.]

Wednesday, March 17

10 a.m.

Trials

200-yard individual medley (W)

200-yard individual medley (M)

50-yard freestyle (W)

50-yard freestyle (M)

1,000-yard freestyle (W) — All but last heat of time finals

1,000-yard freestyle (M) — All but last heat of time finals

2 p.m.

1-meter diving (W)

6 p.m.

Finals

200-yard medley relay (W) - Time finals

5-minute intermission

200-yard medley relay (M) - Time finals

5-minute intermission

1,000-yard freestyle (W) – Last heat of time finals

1,000-yard freestyle (M) – Last heat of time finals

200-yard individual medley (W)

200-yard individual medley (M)

50-yard freestyle (W)

50-yard freestyle (M)

1-meter diving (W)

200-yard freestyle relay (W) - Time finals

5-minute intermission

200-yard freestyle relay (M) - Time finals

Thursday, March 18

10 a.m.

Trials

100-yard butterfly (W)

100-yard butterfly (M)

400-yard individual medley (W)

400-yard individual medley (M)

	200-yard freestyle (W)
	200-yard freestyle (M)
2 p.m.	3-meter diving (M)
6 p.m.	Finals
	100-yard butterfly (W)
	100-yard butterfly (M)
	400-yard individual medley (W)
	400-yard individual medley (M)
	200-yard freestyle (W)
	200-yard freestyle (M)
	3-meter diving (M)
	400-yard medley relay (W) - Time finals
5-minute intermission	
	400-yard medley relay (M) - Time finals

Friday, March 19

10 a.m.	Trials
	500-yard freestyle (W)
	500-yard freestyle (M)
	100-yard backstroke (W)
	100-yard backstroke (M)
	100-yard breaststroke (W)
	100-yard breaststroke (M)
	200-yard butterfly (W)
	200-yard butterfly (M)
2 p.m.	3-meter diving (W)
6 p.m.	Finals
	500-yard freestyle (W)
	500-yard freestyle (M)
	100-yard backstroke (W)
	100-yard backstroke (M)
	100-yard breaststroke (W)
	100-yard breaststroke (M)
	200-yard butterfly (W)
	200-yard butterfly (M)
	3-meter diving (W)
	800-yard freestyle relay (W) — Time finals
5-minute intermission	
	800-yard freestyle relay (M) — Time finals

DIVISION II SWIMMING AND DIVING

Saturday, March 20

10 a.m.

Trials

100-yard freestyle (W)

100-yard freestyle (M)

200-yard backstroke (W)

200-yard backstroke (M)

200-yard breaststroke (W)

200-yard breaststroke (M)

20-minute intermission

1,650-yard freestyle (W) - all but last heat of time finals

1,650-yard freestyle (M) - all but last heat of time finals

2 p.m.

1-meter diving (M)

6 p.m.

Finals

1,650-yard freestyle (W) — Last heat of time finals

1,650-yard freestyle (M) — Last heat of time finals

100-yard freestyle (W)

100-yard freestyle (M)

200-yard backstroke (W)

200-yard backstroke (M)

200-yard breaststroke (W)

200-yard breaststroke (M)

1-meter diving (M)

400-yard freestyle relay (W) - Time finals

5-minute intermission

400-yard freestyle relay (M) - Time finals

TRAVEL PARTY

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division II General Section.]

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided to only those competitors who have been invited to the meet and who then participate in one or more of those event(s). In diving, transportation expenses and per diem will be provided to only those competitors who qualify for the national championships as described in the diving qualification section of this manual. **The qualification meet, which is held at the site of the national championships the day before it starts, is not considered a part of the national championships; therefore, per diem and transportation will not be paid. [Note: Institutions will be responsible for paying student-athletes' transportation costs and per diem to the diving qualification meet in the event those student-athletes do not advance to the championships.]**

Transportation reimbursement and per diem will be provided for the participants, as noted above, and for one non-athlete for institutions with one to four individuals selected, and for two non-athletes for institutions with more than four individuals selected per team, per gender.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Transportation. All airline reservations and arrangements must be made through Short's Travel Management (866-655-9215). Please identify yourself as an NCAA Division II swimming and diving participant. Teams located within 500 ground miles of the competition site are required to travel via ground transportation. For additional information specific to NCAA travel, refer to the "Travel and Reimbursement Information" located at ncaa.org.

Section 2•2 Results

Team Information Forms. Institutions must update and submit the team information documents at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa. Team information must be updated by Sept. 11, before submitting team rosters. If you have questions about the team information forms, please contact USA Swimming at 719-866-3506 or ncaa@usaswimming.com.

Swimming Team Roster Forms. NCAA Division II men's and women's swimming and diving programs will be required to register and maintain their official team roster, for swimmers, with USA Swimming's SWIMS database before entering their first competition. Each student-athlete will be assigned a unique SWIMS tracking ID that will identify the student-athlete throughout his or her collegiate and USA Swimming career. This ID will not change from season to season; however, institutions will be required to register their rosters each year to confirm eligibility status. Access to and instructions for roster submission can be found at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa.

Institutions must submit rosters by their first competition but not later than Wednesday, Sept. 16. Failure to follow the roster and/or meet results-reporting procedures could jeopardize a team's or individual's eligibility for championships selection. **Institutions failing to adhere to the procedures outlined above for the submission of an institution's roster information may be assessed a financial penalty of \$200 per team or individual. The maximum penalty amount is up to the Swimming and Diving Committee's discretion, subject to approval by the NCAA Division II Championships Committee.** If you have questions about submitting team roster forms, please contact USA Swimming at 719-866-3506 or ncaa@usaswimming.com.

Swim Results Reporting. In order to be considered for selection to the 2021 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, all institutions must ensure that the electronic submission of results from any competition in which their student-athletes compete is reported by the meet host and/or the competing institutions to USA Swimming's SWIMS database. Only the official electronically reported meet results as submitted by the meet host and/or the competing institutions in the SWIMS database will serve as proof of performance for all NCAA Division II swimming times and marks. Season-best performance lists by event, as approved by the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, will be made available on a real-time basis at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa.

Meet Results. It will be the responsibility of the meet host and/or the competing institutions to submit meet results, inclusive of specific names of student-athletes on relays, to the SWIMS database within 72 hours after the completion of each competition. Marks may not be considered for championships selection if meet results are not received from the host and/or the competing institution within the designated time period. Failure to follow the roster and/or meet results-reporting procedures could jeopardize a team's or individual's eligibility for championships selection. **Institutions failing to adhere to the procedures outlined above for the submission of an institution's regular-season results may be assessed a financial penalty of \$400 per team or individual. The maximum penalty amount is up to the Swimming and Diving Committee's discretion, subject to approval by the NCAA Division II Championships Committee.** An institution assessed such a financial penalty must make payment to the national office by the specified deadline. Detailed account information and instructions to set up meets and download team rosters in preparation for uploading 2020-21 swimming and diving results is available for meet hosts, meet directors and timers at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa. Take particular note of the following:

- The qualifying window for the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships is Monday, Sept. 7, or on the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only, whichever is earlier, through Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (11:59 p.m. local time).
- Participating institutions must ensure that the electronic submission of results from any competition in which their student-athletes compete is reported by the meet host and/or the competing institutions within 72 hours of the performance and not later than Thursday, March 4, 2021 (5 p.m. Eastern time.) Coaches must contact USA Swimming at ncaa@usaswimming.com within the reporting deadline to request the use of split times.
- For the purpose of running a meet, any meet director can download the rosters of entering teams from www.usaswimming.org/ncaa at no cost to the meet director.
- If you have problems using the SWIMS Database and results submissions, please contact USA Swimming at 719-866-3506 or ncaa@usaswimming.com.

Diving Results. The results-reporting process for diving during the 2020-21 season will be as follows: Each diving coach is required to send his or her first diving qualifying scores via the [official diving results form](#) along with score sheets within 72 hours after conclusion of each diving competition and not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, March 4, to Kerstin Hunter, via email. In order to participate in the qualification meet and the national championships on 1-meter and/or 3-meter boards, a diver must have achieved the minimum point total along with the established minimum degrees of difficulty on the six optional and/or 11 dives within the qualifying period in bona fide competition, per the 2020-21 qualifying standards. Ms. Hunter's contact information is as follows: email: khunter@ncaa.org; phone: 317-917-6645.

The www.divemeets.com diving management system will be used for the qualification and championships meets. Each qualifying diver must register online with divemeets.com by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, March 4, 2021. More information regarding the DiveMeets registration process will be posted on the NCAA website in January (ncaa.org, Championships, Division II, Swimming and Diving).

Section 2•3 Determination of Participants

ENTRIES

[Reference: Results, Qualification Procedures and Optional Entries in this manual.]

Championships Online Meet Entry. The NCAA national office and USA Swimming will provide information regarding the online meet entry procedures. Information regarding online meet entries can be found at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa and ncaa.org. At the end of the season's qualifying period, the final performance lists will be posted at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa and coaches will enter student-athletes for the championships through the online meet entry process. Student-athletes may be entered in up to a maximum of four individual events in which they qualified with an "A" or "B" standard.

To be accepted, all online entries for the championships are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time Thursday, March 4, 2021.

No telephone or fax entries will be accepted. Late Online Meet Entries may not be considered for championships selections and may result in a financial penalty of \$200 per team or individual, up to a maximum penalty of \$600. An institution assessed such a financial penalty must make payment to the national office before the institution's team or individual(s) will be allowed to compete in the national championships.

Coaches should note that there is no longer an application and certification process for approval of championships qualification meets for Division II institutions that sponsor swimming and diving. Division II institutions should refer to Bylaw 17 for playing and practice seasons regulations that govern the 16 maximum allowable dates of competition. Furthermore, all countable contests must be conducted per established bona fide competition rules as outlined in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules book; and all meet results must be submitted to USA Swimming within 72 hours of completion of the competition and before the end of the established qualifying period, which is Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (11:59 p.m. local time).

To be eligible to compete in the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, the following criteria must be met:

1. Each team, by gender, must meet sport sponsorship requirements (NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3).
2. Each participant must meet the established minimum time standard for at least one event in which he or she enters.
3. All times (optional-entry times and those that meet a time standard) must be made during the appropriate qualifying period. Primary times must be used to achieve time standards and optional-entry standards (see NCAA Rule 4-21-2-a through d). A secondary time may be used only if the primary equipment that is employed fails to record a valid time. A tertiary time may be used only if both the primary and secondary timing systems fail to provide valid times. Only times that are obtained with timing systems having priority levels of one through three in NCAA Rule 4-21-2-a through d may be used to achieve time standards and optional-entry standards.
4. Student-athletes must be eligible when a time standard is achieved.
5. Up to 18 eligible student-athletes may be listed on the entry form; however, no team shall be allowed more than the squad size of 18. [Note: Refer to Squad Size for the manner in which swimmers and divers are counted.]
6. The fastest times must be submitted for all individual-event entries. Relays must be entered but will not be selected.
7. A competitor, once officially entered in an event in any championships meet, must complete that event, including any heats, swim-offs, trials (diving) and finals for which the competitor qualifies. Failure to compete in a preliminary heat for any reason other than medical cause, disqualification under the false-start rule, declared false start or disqualification under Rule 6-3-2-c shall disqualify the competitor(s) from that event. Failure to compete in a final heat except for medical cause shall disqualify the competitor from that event and prohibit further competition in the meet.

Event Limit. A student-athlete is permitted to compete in a maximum of seven events, of which not more than four may be individual events.

A student-athlete who swims more than the allowable number of individual or total events will be disqualified and prohibited from participating in the remainder of the meet at such time as they exceed the allowable limit.

Individual Events. Each entry in individual swimming events must be accompanied by an entry time, which must be certified by the coach through the use of the online meet entry process to be the best time made by the swimmer(s) during the designated qualifying period. A swimmer who has achieved an “A” or “B” standard in an individual event is required to submit a time via USA Swimming. Relay split times may be submitted only when made on the first leg of a relay.

Coaches or their representatives will not be allowed to change this official entry time. If it has been determined by the meet committee that the fastest time submitted by an institution did not meet bona fide competition requirements, the entry time will be disallowed and the coach does not have the option to submit an alternate time.

Relay Events. Detailed instructions for entering relays will be posted online (ncaa.org, Championships, Division II Swimming and Diving) in January. Coaches must enter all relays for which their teams have achieved a provisional time and in which they want to participate by the deadlines noted above. Coaches may enter the fastest actual relay time, or an aggregate relay time if it is faster, achieved by the institution. After the field has been filled with individual events, a list of institutions that may participate in relay events and were properly entered in the OME system will be posted online.

Institutions must confirm all relays for which they met the provisional standard and want to participate. Confirmations must be emailed to the NCAA championship manager by 5 p.m. Eastern time within two days after the list of provisional entries has been posted. Coaches of teams entered for relay events also will receive a reminder email from the NCAA to confirm the relays in which they intend to participate.

Per a decision from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee, relay-only swimmers will NOT be permitted at this year’s championships for health and safety and venue capacity reasons.

Names of relay competitors must be submitted to the appropriate official at a designated time before the start of the race. Changes in names of participants are permitted up until the start of the event (the start is considered to be when the referee calls the first heat of the event to the starting blocks). When the actual contestants in a relay are different from those listed on the official relay entry form, the competing relay shall be disqualified and all student-athletes involved (competing and listed) shall be charged with participation in an event, but no further penalty will be assessed. Order change for swimmers two, three and four is permitted at any time without penalty. Please inform the meet administration of said changes for the accuracy of the results.

Racing Course. For the 2020-21 academic year only, time standards may be achieved in 25-yard, 25-meter or 50-meter racing courses.

Entry Challenges. For a time to be considered for entry into the NCAA championships, it must have been achieved using priority level one through three (see NCAA Rule 4-21-2 a through d) equipment (automatic equipment). The NCAA Swimming and Diving Committee will review any non-automatic times. If any competitor’s qualifying standard is challenged by a formal written protest, the coach involved must provide proof of performance at the time of the challenge (e.g., official meet results, computer printout showing all three computer times for level two times, contemporaneous completed timing card with three separate stopwatch times for level three times. All meet information must be retained by meet administrators in the event challenges are submitted). If verification is not forthcoming, copies of the protest will be sent to the directors of athletics of the parties involved, and the involved student-athlete(s) may be disqualified from the championships. Entry challenges must be made at least 72 hours before the scheduled start of the first championships event. Relay optional-entry challenges will be accepted from the time of posting until 10 p.m. local time the night before the championships begin.

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Qualifying Standards. The 2021 men’s and women’s qualifying standards, along with the conversion tables and altitude adjustment tables, are included in this manual.

Bona Fide Competition. Time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards for all events must be achieved in bona fide competition. The definition and requirements for meeting bona fide competition are detailed in Rule 9 of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book. Any attempt to circumvent either the intent of a bona fide competition or the application of the NCAA-approved starting, judging and timing procedures is prohibited. Such an attempt may result in a severe penalty to both the competitor(s) and the institution(s) involved. Violations of ethical conduct are subject to NCAA bylaws.

Conversion Table. To convert a metric time achieved in a 25-meter or 50-meter racing course to an equivalent time for a 25-yard racing course: (a) transform the achieved metric time into seconds; (b) carrying the calculation out to five decimal places, multiply the transformed time in seconds by the appropriate following conversion factor; (c) drop, without rounding, all units smaller than a hundredth of a second; and (d) finally, transform the resultant value in seconds back into minutes and seconds to obtain the converted time.

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Short-Course Conversion Factors (Men and Women)

Event	Factor
400 meters to 500 yards 800 meters to 1,000 yards	1.143
1,500 meters to 1,650 yards	1.003
All other events	.896

Long-Course Conversion Factors (for 2020-21 only)

Women's Factor	Event	Men's Factor
0.871	50 Freestyle	0.860
0.874	100 Freestyle	0.863
0.874	200 Freestyle	0.865
1.112	400 meter Freestyle to 500 yards	1.105
1.112	800 meter Freestyle to 1,000 yards	1.105
0.975	1500 meter Freestyle to 1,650 yards	0.965
0.853	100 Backstroke	0.835
0.857	200 Backstroke	0.849
0.870	100 Breaststroke	0.856
0.878	200 Breaststroke	0.858
0.877	100 Butterfly	0.868
0.881	200 Butterfly	0.866
0.867	200 Individual Medley	0.857
0.876	400 Individual Medley	0.865
0.871	200 Freestyle Relay	0.860
0.874	400 Freestyle Relay	0.863
0.874	800 Freestyle Relay	0.867
0.869	200 Medley Relay	0.858
0.868	400 Medley Relay	0.856

Note 1. The time submitted with each entry must be the fastest time achieved in bona fide competition by the competitor or by the institution in the case of a relay entry during the specified qualifying period as defined in the meet entry information (see Rules 5-2-1 and 8-4-8-c). Coaches may enter the fastest actual relay time, or an aggregate relay time if its faster, achieved by the institution. If it has been determined by the meet committee that the times submitted by an institution did not meet bona fide competition requirements, the entry time will be disallowed and the coach does not have the option to submit an alternate time. The entry time(s) for each institution must be certified to be accurate in a manner as dictated by the meet entry information.

Note 2. If any entry time is challenged, the coach involved must provide proof of performance per the request of the meet committee. If verification is not forthcoming, copies of the challenge will be sent to the directors of athletics, and/or designee, of the parties involved.

Note 3. Times achieved at an altitude of 3,000 feet or higher may be adjusted according to the chart below.

	Elevation (Feet)		
	3,000-4,250	4,251-6,500	Above 6.500
100 Yards/Meters (Individual Events)	0	.10	.15
200 Yards/Meters (Individual Events)	.5	1.2	1.6
400-500 Yards/Meters (Individual Events)	2.5	5.0	7.0
1,000 Yards	6.3	11.4	18.5
1,650 Yards/1,500 Meters	11.0	20.0	32.5

Subtract the time in the chart from the actual time achieved. A relay team may use a conversion that is four times the appropriate figures. This is the time to be used on the entry form.

Information relative to the adjustment must be shown in a separate statement and returned with the official entry blank. The statement must include the name of the competitor(s), event, date of performance, elevation location, actual time, corrected time and signature of the coach. For championships conducted at an altitude of 3,000 feet or higher, records set must be actual times, not altitude-adjusted times.

Note 4. The championships meet point standard for 1-meter diving may be achieved in a non-championships meet that includes two 1-meter events (see Rule 6-1-2-a) if the diver's total award for both 1-meter events equals or exceeds the point standard.

Diving Qualification. To advance to the national championships, a diver must participate in a qualification meet, which will be conducted at the respective championships site the day before the start of the championships. To participate in the qualification meet and the national championships on 1-meter and/or 3-meter boards, a diver must have achieved the minimum point total along with the established minimum degrees of difficulty on the six optional and/or 11 dives within the qualifying period in bona fide competition. Divers who achieve the qualifying standard on one board may compete on both boards in the qualification meet. Six optional dives will be performed by each diver in the event in which the student-athlete participates. For the 2021 championships, up to 16 divers for each gender will advance to the national championships. The time schedule for the qualification meet will be included in the championship participant manual. All divers must register using www.divemeets.com by the entry deadline.

The qualification meet is not considered a part of the national championships; therefore, per diem and transportation will not be paid.

[Note: Member institutions will be responsible for paying student-athletes' transportation costs and per diem to the diving qualification meet in the event those athletes do not qualify for the championships.]

OPTIONAL ENTRIES - INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING EVENTS

A student-athlete who is selected for the championships in one or more individual swimming events may participate in other individual swimming events on an optional-entry basis, provided that the student-athlete competes in at least one of the events in which they have qualified for the championships. Optional entries for individual swimming times must be entered in the OME system, must be achieved during the qualifying period and must meet the "B" standard. An optional entry constitutes an official entry unless scratched by the appropriate deadline.

If, at the conclusion of the championships meet, a student-athlete has competed in one or more individual events on an optional-entry basis but has not competed in at least one event in which he or she qualified for the championships, that competitor will be disqualified from the optional event(s). In the case of such disqualification(s), the points scored by other teams shall be altered.

Student-athletes who do not meet the optional-entry participation requirement will not receive transportation and per diem reimbursement as outlined in this manual.

Swimming. Optional entries will be accepted and shown on the official national qualification lists in all swimming events (individual and relay events); however, all such entries must meet the respective "B" standards.

NOTE: Teams with four invited swimmers at the championships whose relays have not met the respective "B" standards can enter relays as optional entries. These entries can be made the week of the championships beginning at check-in Sunday. Entries will be closed Tuesday, at the conclusion of the administrative meeting. These optional-relay entries will be seeded with no times.

Diving. The committee has approved optional entries for the diving qualification meet before the championships. Student-athletes who have qualified on one board will automatically be entered on the other board in the qualification meet. Divers must be properly entered in divemeets.com for both boards and have sent their official diving results form and qualification scoresheets to Kerstin Hunter at the NCAA.

ENTRY PROCESS

The entry procedures for the 2021 championships will be as follows:

1. All schools will be required to submit complete team contact information to USA Swimming by Sept. 11, 2020.
2. All schools will be required to complete team roster information via the roster maintenance tool at [USAswimming.org/ncaa](https://usaswimming.org/ncaa) by Sept. 16, 2020.
3. Complete results from all meets must be emailed by the host and/or competing institutions to USA Swimming as an SD-3 compatible results export file (e.g., Hy-Tek, TeamUnify) within 72 hours after each competition, and all diving national qualification score sheets, along with the [official diving results form](#), must be sent to Kerstin Hunter via email (khunter@ncaa.org) within 72 hours after each competition.
4. Team roster updates for spring semester must be submitted to USA Swimming by Jan. 15, 2021, or before competition starts for spring semester, whichever comes first.
5. The qualification period ends by 11:59 p.m. local time, Wednesday, March 3, 2021.
6. All results must be submitted for swimming and diving by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, March 4, 2021.
7. **The final deadline for online entries for swimming (USA Swimming) and diving (DiveMeets) is 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, March 4, 2021.**
8. USA Swimming will post an official qualification list, including alternates, by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Saturday, March 6, 2021.

Fines. Failure to follow the roster, meet results-reporting and/or entry procedures could jeopardize a team's or individual's eligibility for championships selection. Institutions failing to adhere to the procedures outlined above for the submission of an institution's roster information may be assessed a penalty of \$200 per team/individual. Failure to submit regular-season results as outlined above may be assessed a financial penalty of \$400 per team/individual. The maximum penalty amount is up to the Swimming and Diving Committee's discretion, subject to approval by the NCAA Division II Championships Committee. An institution assessed such a financial penalty must make payment to the national office by the specified deadline.

Diving. The results-reporting process for diving during the 2020-21 season will be as follows: Each diving coach is required to send his or her first [official diving results form](#) and national qualifying score sheets within 72 hours after conclusion of the diving competition to Kerstin Hunter, via email at khunter@ncaa.org. In order to participate in the qualification meet and the national championships on 1-meter and/or 3-meter boards, a diver must have achieved the minimum point totals along with the established minimum degrees of difficulty on the six optional and/or 11 dives within the qualifying period in bona fide competition, per the 2020-21 qualifying standards.

The www.divemeets.com diving management system will be used for the qualification and championships meets. Each qualifying diver must register online with [divemeets.com](https://www.divemeets.com) by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, March 4, 2021. Additional information will be provided to diving head coaches in January regarding the DiveMeets registration process.

QUALIFYING STANDARDS

(see following pages)

2020-2021 Division II Men's Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards

MEN'S SWIMMING STANDARDS		
25-Yard Course		
EVENT	A Standard	B Standard
50 Freestyle	19.73	20.72
100 Freestyle	43.36	45.52
200 Freestyle	1:35.51	1:40.29
500 Freestyle	4:21.76	4:34.84
1000 Freestyle	9:04.45	9:31.67
1650 Freestyle	15:14.61	16:00.35
100 Backstroke	46.86	49.20
200 Backstroke	1:44.25	1:49.47
100 Breaststroke	52.91	55.56
200 Breaststroke	1:55.12	2:00.87
100 Butterfly	46.79	49.13
200 Butterfly	1:44.89	1:50.13
200 Individual Medley	1:45.99	1:51.29
400 Individual Medley	3:48.97	4:00.42

MEN'S RELAY STANDARDS		
25-Yard Course		
EVENT	QUALIFYING	PROVISIONAL
200 Freestyle Relay	N/A	1:21.20
400 Freestyle Relay	N/A	2:59.60
800 Freestyle Relay	N/A	6:36.58
200 Medley Relay	N/A	1:28.65
400 Medley Relay	N/A	3:16.22

MEN'S DIVING STANDARDS		
* A minimum degree of difficulty on the 1-Meter six optional dives shall be a 14.0		
# A minimum degree of difficulty on the 3-Meter six optional dives shall be a 15.0		
EVENT	Dual-6 Optionals	Championship-11 Dives
1-Meter Diving Points *	285	440
3-Meter Diving Points #	295	460

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING STANDARDS		
25-Yard Course		
EVENT	A Standard	B Standard
50 Freestyle	22.80	23.95
100 Freestyle	49.63	52.11
200 Freestyle	1:47.70	1:53.09
500 Freestyle	4:50.30	5:04.82
1000 Freestyle	9:54.77	10:24.51
1650 Freestyle	16:31.17	17:20.72
100 Backstroke	53.74	56.42
200 Backstroke	1:57.03	2:02.88
100 Breaststroke	1:01.03	1:04.08
200 Breaststroke	2:13.06	2:19.71
100 Butterfly	53.37	56.04
200 Butterfly	1:59.37	2:05.34
200 Individual Medley	1:59.39	2:05.36
400 Individual Medley	4:17.69	4:30.57

WOMEN'S RELAY STANDARDS		
25-Yard Course		
EVENT	QUALIFYING	PROVISIONAL
200 Freestyle Relay	N/A	1:34.15
400 Freestyle Relay	N/A	3:25.35
800 Freestyle Relay	N/A	7:29.84
200 Medley Relay	N/A	1:42.98
400 Medley Relay	N/A	3:45.96

WOMEN'S DIVING STANDARDS		
* A minimum degree of difficulty on the 1-Meter six optional dives shall be a 13.0		
# A minimum degree of difficulty on the 3-Meter six optional dives shall be a 13.3		
EVENT	Dual-6 Optionals	Championship-11 Dives
1-Meter Diving Points *	255	390
3-Meter Diving Points #	265	420

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

The following selection process as outlined will be implemented for determining participants to the finals site for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships:

Sport Sponsorship. An institution must meet the sport sponsorship requirements of Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3 to be eligible to be selected to the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

Number of Participants. The number of participants selected to the 2021 NCAA Division II championships cannot exceed the following limits: Men – 146 participants (130 swimmers/16 divers); and women – 146 participants (130 swimmers/16 divers). All swimmers and divers who are invited to the meet will be counted toward the 292 total number of participants allowed.

Selection Process for Divers and Swimmers in Individual Events

Step 1. A total of up to 16 spots for men's divers and up to 16 spots for women's divers will be allotted. Divers qualify to the championships through performances at the qualification meet.

Step 2. All individual swimmers who have achieved "A" time standards will be selected to the meet.

Step 3. If after Step 2 the number of swimmers in each event is unequal, one entry will be added to each event in event order (excluding those already populated by "A" qualifiers) until each event has the same number of swimmers. Once all events are equal in number, the process of adding one entry to each event in event order will be repeated as long as each individual event in the entire order of events can receive an additional entry and the number of total competitors will remain below the participant subcap (130 swimmers for the men's meet and 130 swimmers for the women's meet).

Step 4. At some point, the addition of one entry per event to the entire order of individual events will cause the individual subcap to be exceeded. At this point, the spots filled in the incomplete row will be removed and the remaining spots will be filled by comparing a student-athlete's individual event times to the Division II championships "A" time standard by percentage (Division II championships "A" time standard for that event divided by entry time). The competitor whose percentage is greatest will be taken first until the subcap is reached. No event will receive more than one entry during this step, unless there is a tie in one event.

Note 1: This process will continue in the same row in which the subcap was exceeded. For example, if the subcap is exceeded while filling the 16th individual row, all individual events in the 16th row will be compared to the corresponding "A" time standards and chosen in descending order based on percentages.

Note 2: In the rare instances of a tie for the last entry to the championships, all individuals tied for the last entry will be allowed to participate in the championships.

Step 5. Enter optional entries for those individuals who are invited to the meet.

Step 6. An alternate list of individual qualifiers will be created using the same process above. This list will be used in case a swimmer who has been invited to the championships has become ineligible or unavailable before the first event of the championships. Alternates will be listed in the order in which they would be selected to the meet.

Relay Qualification Procedures

Step 1. Each institution with at least four invited swimmers will be eligible to swim relay events.

Step 2. Each institution with at least one invited swimmer who meets a Provisional Standard for a relay event and properly entered that relay through the Online Meet Entry system will be eligible to participate in that relay. Only student-athletes who were invited in individual events may be used for relays.

Step 3. The entry/confirmation process for relays will be as follows:

- Coaches must enter all relays for which they want to be eligible to swim through the OME process by the appropriate deadlines. Coaches may enter the fastest actual relay time or an aggregate relay time, if it is faster, achieved by the institution.
- The list of institutions eligible for each relay event will be posted at the same time as the list of selected swimmers in individual events.
- Institutions must confirm all relays for which they are eligible and in which they want to participate. Confirmations

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must be emailed to the NCAA championships manager by 5 p.m. Eastern time within two days after the list of eligible institutions is posted.

Note: Institutions that are eligible for relays are not required to swim the four student-athletes who achieved the relay standard.

Detailed instructions for entering relays will be posted online (ncaa.org, Championships, Division II Swimming and Diving) in January. Coaches with institutions eligible for relay events also will receive a reminder email from the NCAA to confirm in which relays they intend to swim.

Diving Qualification Meet. Qualifying diving competition will take place Tuesday before the start of the championships at the finals site. In order to participate in the qualification meet and the national championships on 1-meter and/or 3-meter boards, a diver must have achieved the minimum point totals indicated on the current qualifying standards along with the established minimum degrees of difficulty on the six optional dives, and/or 11 dives, within the qualifying period in bona fide competition. Divers who achieve the qualifying standard on one board may compete on both boards in the qualification meet.

Selection of Diving Participants. A maximum of 16 divers will be selected for the men's championships and a maximum of 16 divers will be selected for the women's championships.

Step 1. The top eight male and top eight female divers on each of the two boards will qualify for the national meet.

Step 2. If there are divers who qualify on both boards, then additional divers will be added one at a time, based on the qualification meet place finish, alternating boards beginning with 1-meter, until a total of 16 male and 16 female positions are filled.

In the rare instance of a tie for the last entry to the championships, all individuals tied for the last entry will be allowed to participate in the championships.

Step 3. All diving qualifiers will compete on both boards at the national meet provided they successfully complete the qualification rounds on both boards. If a diver does not enter, scratches or is disqualified from one of the boards during the qualification round, he or she will advance only on the qualifying board.

Step 4. An alternate list of divers will be created using the same process as above. The list will be used in case a diver who qualified for the championships has become ineligible or unavailable and withdraws before the first event of the championships. Alternates will be listed in the order in which they would be selected to the meet.

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