

**2017 Winter National Championship Qualification Criteria and Team Selections
December 13-19 / Greensboro, N.C.**

Team and squad selections

- a. 2018 FINA Grand Prix meets (criteria to follow)

Contested events

- a. 1-meter (Prelims and Finals)
- b. 3-meter (Prelims, Semis and Finals)
- c. 10-meter (Prelims, Semis and Finals)
- d. Synchronized 3-meter (Prelims and Finals)
- e. Synchronized 10-meter (Prelims and Finals)

Divers may compete with up to two partners in each synchronized event.

There will be cumulative scoring for all events to determine national champions and selection rankings.

Neutral judges will be used.

Event schedule:

<https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA-Diving/2017-Event-Information/2017-Winter-Nationals-Daily-Schedule-Updated.pdf>

Entry deadline: Registration will be done through Divemeets.com. Registration will close at 5 p.m. ET on Monday, December 4, 2017. If you miss the deadline, late registrations will be accepted until 5 p.m. ET on Thursday, December 7. On-deck registrations will be allowed with a \$100 late fee plus a \$60 fee per event.

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

Individual events/U.S. citizens

Divers must:

- a. Be a member in good standing of USA Diving
- b. Meet standards for eligibility to compete

Qualification criteria:

- a. 2017 High Performance Squad divers (Tier 1 & 2) will be eligible to compete in any event
- b. 2017 Junior Pan American Championships team members and 2016 Junior World Championships team members will be eligible to compete in the specific events they participated in at the Junior Pan American Championships or Junior World Championships.
- c. 2017 Junior National Squad Divers will be eligible to compete at the 2017 Winter National Championships but must meet the following requirements:
 - 1). On springboard events, Junior National Squad members must meet the minimum DD requirements to compete on 1-meter or 3-meter
 - 2) On platform, divers must perform all dives from the 10-meter but do not need to meet the minimum DD requirement. However, no more than two voluntary dives may be included in the diver's list.
- d. 2016 FINA World Cup team members and 2016 U.S. Olympic Team members will be

eligible to participate in any event.

- e. Additional divers will be eligible to compete in a specific event provided they have achieved the minimum score listed in Table 1 at one of the competitions listed in Table 2.
 - i. As a point of clarification, the divers do not need to meet the minimum degree of difficulty when obtaining the qualifying score, but must perform the minimum DD at the Winter National Championships.
 - ii. Divers at NCAA meets or in Group A (optionals only) at Junior Nationals do not need to perform all of their dives on 10-meter when obtaining the necessary score on platform but must compete all dives from 10-meter at the Winter National Championships.
 - iii. If a Group A diver's score from the optional dives in the preliminary, semifinal or final at nationals meets the score in the table, the diver will be eligible for that event only. Divers do not have to meet the minimum degree of difficulty standards when they achieve the score.

Individual Events/Non-U.S. citizens

Divers must:

- a. Meet qualification criteria and standards for eligibility to compete
- b. Be a member in good standing of their home federation and have permission from their federation to compete. A request from the federation must be submitted to USA Diving's Chris Zukas (chris.zukas@usadiving.org) for approval. All requests received by 5 p.m. ET on November 17 will receive full consideration for approval; any requests received after the deadline will be subject to review at USA Diving's discretion. Divers will be notified if their request is approved no later than November 27.

Qualification criteria:

- a. Divers will be eligible to compete in a specific event provided that they have achieved the minimum score in Table 1 at one of the following events:
 - i. 2016 or 2017 NCAA Division I Zone, Conference or National Championship
 - ii. Their home country's national championship (2015, 2016, 2017)
 - iii. A FINA competition (Grand Prix, World Series, World Championship or World Cup) (2015, 2016, 2017)
- b. If the score was achieved at a.) ii or iii above, the diver must submit proof of the score by 5 p.m. ET on November 17 to USA Diving's Chris Zukas (Chris.Zukas@usadiving.org).
- c. Points of Clarification
 - i. Divers do not need to meet the minimum degree of difficulty when obtaining the qualifying score, but must perform the minimum DD at the Winter National Championships.
 - ii. Divers at NCAA meets do not need to perform all of their dives on 10-meter when obtaining the necessary score on platform but must compete all dives from 10-meter at the Winter National Championships.

Note: International divers will be eligible to receive a place finish, but would not displace a U.S. diver from making a cut or earning a medal. For example, if an international diver finishes third, the fourth-place finisher (or next placing athlete who is a U.S. citizen) will be awarded the bronze medal.

Synchronized Events/ U.S. citizens

- a. Both divers must be citizens of the United States
- b. Both divers must be members in good standing of USA Diving
- c. Must meet minimum degree of difficulty standards for eligibility to compete

Synchronized Events/Non-U.S. citizens

- a. Both divers must be citizens of the same country
- b. Both divers must have permission from their home federation to compete in the Winter Nationals. A request from the federation must be submitted to USA Diving's Chris Zukas (chris.zukas@usadiving.org) for approval. All requests received by 5 p.m. ET on November 17 will receive full consideration for approval; any requests received after the deadline will be subject to review at USA Diving's discretion.
- c. Must meet minimum degree of difficulty standards for eligibility to compete

Note: International divers would be eligible to receive a place finish, but would not displace a U.S. team from making a cut or earning a medal. For example, if a team of international divers wins an event, the second-place team (or next placing team of U.S. citizens) will take the gold medal.

STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Table 1: Minimum qualifying score requirements for event eligibility/Winter Nationals

Event	Women (USA Diving Events)	Women (NCAA Events)	Men (USA Diving Events)	Men (NCAA Events)
1-meter	240 (48/opt)	288 (48/opt)	324 (54/opt)	324 (54/opt)
3-meter	270 (54/opt)	324 (54/opt)	384 (64/opt)	384 (64/opt)
Platform	275 (55/opt)	275 (55/opt)	360 (60/opt)	360 (60/opt)

Table 2 Competitions at which a qualifying score may be achieved

NCAA Division I Zone Championships (2015, 2016, 2017)
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NCAA Division I Conference Championships (2015, 2016, 2017)
USA Diving Zone Championships (Senior events) (2015, 2016, 2017)
USA Diving National Championships (Junior group A and senior events) (2015, 2016, 2017)
USA Diving Winter National Championships (2015, 2016)
Last-chance qualifier for Olympic Trials (2016)
U.S. Olympic Team Trials (2016)

Table 3 Eligibility to compete/minimum degree of difficulty for individual events

Event	Women	Men
1-meter	12.0	16.1
3-meter	13.9	18.0
10-meter	14.1	18.6

Table 4 Eligibility to compete/minimum total degree of difficulty for synchronized events

Event	Women	Men
Synchronized 3-meter	12.3 (8.3 for optionals)	16.0 (12.0 for optionals)
Synchronized 10-meter	12.6 (8.6 for optionals)	16.7 (12.7 for optionals)

