

## SUBPART F - POLICIES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF DIVING COMPETITIONS

### Article 35 — Application

#### 135.1 USA Diving Administered Competitions

(a) All meets hosted by USA Diving and administered directly by the Staff of USA Diving shall be administered in compliance with the Policies of this Subpart F. However, such policies may be modified on a case-by-case basis by the CEO, the High Performance Director or their designee to accommodate local conditions and any competition specific requirements.

(b) USA Diving Staff will make reasonable efforts to conform the administration of USA Diving administered competition to the Policies of this Subpart F.

**135.2 USA Diving Competitions Not Administered by USA Diving** The administration of all Region, Zone, and National Championship competitions not administered by the USA Diving Staff will be administered in accordance with the Policies set forth in this Subpart F. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the appropriate Board Member, committee chair, or other designated official may make adjustments to the administration of a diving competition as provided elsewhere in the Rules or Bylaws for local conditions or circumstances.

**135.3 Other USA Diving Sanctioned Competitions** All other USA Diving Sanctioned competitions are to be administered in accordance with the Policies of this Subpart F. Deviations from these Policies should be noted in all meet information to avoid confusion and conflict amongst athletes, coaches, officials and other interested persons.

**135.4 General Policies** Except as provided elsewhere in this Subpart F, General Policies shall be applicable to all Senior and Junior Diving Competitions.

#### 135.5 Amendment of Subpart F

(a) The Board of Directors has the sole discretion to amend the policies of Subpart F and may do so at any time, either upon its own motion or as result of proposal submitted by the National Office Staff or any member of USA Diving.

(b) All changes made to Subpart F by the Board shall be communicated to the membership by prominent posting of the information on the USA Diving website within ten (10) business days.

### Article 36 — Policies Applicable to all Diving Competitions

**136.1 Proof of Athlete Registration.** If requested to do so, a diver must present a current USA Diving registration card (hard copy or electronic version) to the meet director in order to participate in any diving competition sanctioned by USA Diving.

**136.2 Review of Dive Sheets.** The appropriate Chair of the Senior or Junior Diving Subcommittee, or the Chair's representative, meet director, or designated representative in other meets shall inspect all diving lists. All diving sheets found to be in error shall be publicly announced, and a list of such sheets publicly posted, if time permits. Any errors not detected are the responsibility of the diver.

**136.3 Posting Diving Order.** A written or printed list of the diving order shall be posted by the meet secretary before each event starts in a place convenient for the divers' observation.

**136.4 Simultaneous Events.** At all meets, the 1-meter, 3-meter, and/or platform events may be run simultaneously. At junior level meets, multiple events may be run if the pool configuration allows.

#### 136.5 Competition Practice Schedules and Policies.

(a) Practice schedules for all National Championship meets shall be set by the National Office with consultation from the Chair of the Senior or Junior Diving Committee and the meet director.

(b) For USA Diving National Championship meets, only athletes entered in the meet may use the diving boards or platforms for workout during scheduled practice times, including open workout times. An exception to the above is that a U.S. diver qualified for an upcoming international meet may be allocated workout time or allowed to participate in open warmups provided a designated coach for the athlete is present, at such time as the Chair of the Junior Diving Committee and the Senior Diving Committee may deem appropriate. Such workouts must not interfere with practice times for the athletes competing in the National Championships. The Chairs of the Junior Diving Committee and Senior Diving Committee will enforce this policy.

(c) For diving meets other than the Regional Championships, the Zone Championships, the Spring or Winter National Championships, or the USA Diving National Championships, the use of the pool before competition and practice times shall be at the discretion of the pool management and meet director. The practice times shall be stated on the entry information form.

(d) For platform practices at a facility in which the landing zones for various levels overlap:

(1) One coach or official member of USA Diving must be assigned responsibility for calling the towers.

(2) The person calling towers should use a microphone.

(3) Divers must be instructed to dive only when their tower level is called and to immediately swim from underneath the platform back to the pool deck.

### **136.6 Confirmation of Coach Registrations.**

(a) At the Regional Championships, the Zone Championships, and all National Championships, the meet director will ascertain that each coach participating in any manner in the competition as a coach is currently registered and certified with USA Diving as a coach member. The National Office will provide the meet director of each such meet an up-to-date list of coach members of the Corporation not earlier than three days before the competition. Any person not on the list of coach members shall be conclusively presumed not to be registered currently and will be refused participation in the competition as a coach. It is the responsibility of the person seeking to be recognized as a coach member of the Corporation to comply in a timely manner with the requirement of 2.1(b) in the Bylaws in order that the coach's name will appear on the current list of registered coach members prior to the competition.

(b) In competitions where computerized or electronic meet entry procedures are used for diver registration, coaches desiring to participate in any manner in the competition must register for the meet. The specific registration procedure will be approved by the appropriate Chair of the Senior or Junior Diving Sub-Committee for use in such competitions, and the procedure shall be communicated to all coaches and participants prior to the registration deadline. A coach member who fails to register before the deadline may still participate in the competition by registering at the meet site and paying a late registration fee as determined by the Board of Directors, provided that the coach member can offer proof to the meet director of compliance with the requirement of Article 2, Section 2.1(b) of the Bylaws.

(c) Coaches who register for a meet must have an athlete competing in the event.

(d) Late fees will go into effect no sooner than 14 days (or the last weekday prior to 14 days) prior to the start of the competition.

**136.7 Designation of Coaches.** The deadline for designating a diver's coach of record is the start of the first event of the first day of competition. The designated coach of record is the name listed on the dive sheet. There can be no changes of the coach after the start of a competition.

### **136.8 Meet Personnel.**

(a) In each diving contest, there shall be a referee, judges, a secretary, two or more scoring table clerks, and an announcer. The use of a computerized scoring system may alter the number of scoring table personnel needed. Any individual serving as a judge or referee in a USA Diving National Championship or qualifying meet must be a USA Diving registered coach or official.

(b) In platform diving contests, a balk judge shall be designated and charged with observing the divers' takeoffs and notifying the referee when a balk has occurred. The balk judge must be positioned to have a clear and unobstructed view of the divers and the platform surface throughout the takeoff. A camera and monitor may be used to fulfill this requirement.

### **138.9 Referees.**

(a) All events at Region Championships, Zone Championships, National Championships and their qualifying meets shall have at least two referees: A head referee, who must be Safety Certified and who may be on the judging panel, and at least one assistant referee, one of whom shall be on the judging panel and who shall be seated on the opposite side of the pool from the head referee when appropriate.

(b) This assistant referee will be responsible for indicating to the head referee by a raised hand that a diver has failed a dive. When the head referee concurs with this assistant referee's judgment then a failed dive shall be declared.

**136.10 Number of Judges.** It is recommended that three judges be used for dual meet competition and five judges be used for Association and Regional meets.

**136.11 Tobacco, Intoxicants Prohibited.** During all USA Diving sanctioned meets, no official (referee, judge, secretary, table official, etc.), coach or diver will be permitted to smoke or use tobacco in any other way or to consume any intoxicant while on the pool deck area as defined by the meet director.

**136.12 Competition/Rules Manager.** The appropriate Chair of the Senior or Junior Diving Sub-Committee, the Meet Director, or the Meet Director's designee shall manage the rules of the competition and ensure that all regulations are observed. This person shall confer with the judges before the meet begins to review appropriate rules.

**136.13 Pre-event Rules Review.** During the all Regional Championships, Zone Championships, and all National Championships, the appropriate Chair of the Senior or Junior Diving Sub-Committee, the Rules Chair, or one of the meet referees shall confer with the judges before each event, in addition to the meeting of all judges before the meet begins. If the following points have not been emphasized to all of the judges present, these points must be explained to the group:

- (a) The elements of each individual dive to be judged as described in 107.4(a)(4);
- (b) There is a range of awards as emphasized in the table of scoring appearing in 107.4(a)(1);
- (c) In the synchronized events, the judges who are judging synchronization shall judge only the synchronization of the efforts of the two divers as described in 107.5, and the judges judging execution shall judge only one diver as described in (a) and (b) above; and
- (d) That the judges are dressed appropriately (at a minimum footwear, shirt, and shorts), both before the event and while they are judging. A judge who is not dressed appropriately shall be removed from the judging panel and replaced by an alternate.

**136.14 Judge Replacement.** Judges who are selected for a contest are responsible for judging that entire contest. If a judge needs to be replaced for any reason, a replacement will be selected from a pool of alternates named by the appropriate Chair of the Senior or Junior Diving Sub-Committee, the Rules Chair, one of the meet referees, or a designee selected by the national office. Every effort shall be made to replace a FINA certified neutral judge with another judge of the same qualifications.

**136.15 Displaying Judges' Awards.**

- (a) A scoring device that shows the judges' awards to the public is desired.
- (b) After each dive, all of the judges shall immediately and simultaneously flash their awards without communicating with any other judge.

**136.16 Awards Presentation.** The meet director shall be responsible for the awards presentations.

- (a) Within 10 minutes after completion of a contest, the awards will be presented.
- (b) The finalists who are to receive awards will gather at a site designated by the meet director.

**136.17 Disruptive Activities.** Any spectator, coach, official, diver, or support personnel who is disruptive or detrimental to the conduct of the diving competition may be removed from the facility or asked to relocate.

**136.18 Fees and Entry Procedures.**

- (a) Fees.

(1) The entry fee to be charged for each event entered at Regional Championships, Zone Championships, and all National Championships shall be recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, and provisions regarding the division of the fees are modified to be consistent with the actions of the Board of Directors. No other fee or surcharge may be charged to a diver for entering an event.

(2) Entry fees for all other meets will be established by the meets' directors and must be listed on the meet information material.

- (b) Entry Procedures.

(1) Entry procedures for the Regional Championships, Zone Championships, and all National Championships shall be determined by policy established by the Board of Directors and implemented and enforced by the National Office. These shall include entry forms, entry fees, late entry fees, deadlines, late sheet fees and the distribution of those fees, and such other matters that are deemed appropriate.

(2) In the event divers do not register online prior to the established deadline, they may still enter the meet on deck by paying a penalty fee which shall be established by the Board of Directors after recommendation by the Finance and Audit Committee. This penalty fee is to be paid in addition to the regular entry fee for each event entered.

- (3) Late fees will go into effect no sooner than 14 days (or the last weekday prior to 14 days)

prior to the start of the competition.

(4) Entry deadlines for any other diving competition are at the discretion of the meet director for that competition and shall be so specified on the entry form.

**136.19 Reporting of Results.** As soon as possible following the completion of the meet, the meet director of a Regional Championships, Zone Championships, or National Championships must upload the results using an online scoring system.

**136.20 Financial Reports.** For all USA Diving National Championships, Zone Championships and Region Championships:

(a) **Preliminary Report.** Meet Directors are required to submit preliminary financial reports of the meet to the National Office so that the reports are received by the National Office no later than 60 days before the start of the meet.

(b) **Final Report.** Meet Directors are required to submit a final financial report to the National Office so that the reports are received by the National Office no later than 60 days after completion of the meet.

**136.21 Disbursement of Funds.**

(a) For all Regional Championships, Zone Championships, and National Championships, a percent of each entry fee shall be distributed as specified by the Board of Directors.

(b) Complete information on the fees to be charged shall be included in the meet information.

(c) Distribution of additional funds from the USA Diving National Championships may be determined per contract between the meet host and USA Diving. A copy of this contract may be obtained at any time from the National Office.

**136.22 Site Selection.**

(a) **Zone Championships, National Preliminaries and National Championship Meets at the Junior and Senior level**

(1) A prospective host must submit a completed bid application form by the deadline designated for each particular event.

(2) Facilities must meet or exceed requirements set forth for each specific meet to be considered as a host site

(3) The National Office will review bid applications and select host sites.

(b) **Junior Regional Championships.** Each year, the site for the Regional Championships two years hence will be voted on by the clubs that are geographically located within the Region being selected. The Meet Host, or designee, will have minutes of the selection process submitted to the National Office no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the current year's Regional Championships. The procedure for selecting a host site shall be as stipulated below:

(1) Each club shall receive one vote

(a) Votes shall be publicly recorded in the minutes.

(2) The host site will be the first site which indicates a willingness to host and which receives affirmative votes from a majority of the coaches present.

(3) Should the Regional Championships primary site and backup site not meet the facility site selection requirements or are unable to confirm availability one year prior to the scheduled start of the Regional Championships, the USA Diving National Office reserves the right to select another host.

**136.23 Meet Information.** For all Regional Championships, Zone Championships and National Championships, the Meet Director shall prepare meet information material as requested by the National Office and send it to the National Office for posting on the website. Ideally, this information should be sent no later than 120 days before the first event.

**136.24 Submission of Diving Sheets.**

(a) All competitors at the Regional Championships, Zone Championships and all USA Diving National Championships must submit a complete and final list of dives by the deadline provided by the National Office for that particular meet. The list must be submitted using the designated online registration service provider offering dive sheet submission.

(b) At all of the above-mentioned competitions, no changes are allowed to the dive sheets after three hours prior to the start of the event. It remains the diver's responsibility to conform to competition parameters, such as degree of difficulty limits, and to satisfy dive group requirements.

(c) Each competitor in all diving competitions is entirely responsible for the accuracy of the statements on this list.

(d) This list of dives must be signed or approved electronically by the competitor. The signed portion of the score sheet shall be considered the competitor's official list of dives. Failure to sign or check off the list of dives shall be an indication that the diver agrees with the list and plans to perform the dives as listed.

(e) When dive sheets are entered online, divers must verify and certify with their signature that the diving list is accurate. Divers may change the dives on the list up to the time specified for submitting dive lists without penalty, and after that time up to three hours prior to the start of the event with a penalty as prescribed elsewhere in these rules. Failure to verify and certify that the list submitted online is accurate will be verification in itself that the dives on the list are those that the divers wish to perform.

(f) Dive sheets submitted after the sheet entry deadline and before the three-hour deadline will be considered late entries. Late entry divers may still compete by paying a fine as determined by the Board of Directors and, at the discretion of the meet director, dive first in the diving order. Late entry fees should be made payable as directed by the Meet Director.

(g) In all other diving meets, the Meet Directors, at their own discretion, may arrange for a deadline for turning in diving lists different from that stated above, for the convenience of meet procedure and/or the Meet Secretary. The deadline should not be less than one hour before the particular event and in all cases this information must be clearly stated on the entry information form.

(h) When the next session of an event is on the same day, the divers in the next session may submit new lists of dives within 30 minutes of the end of the completion of the previous session.

(1) When the finals are conducted on a later date, new lists of dives may be submitted up until three (3) hours prior to the start of the finals.

(i) If a new list of dives is not submitted by a diver within the time provided, the diver shall perform the same dives performed in the previous session.

**136.25 Correction of Dive Sheets.** Changes to dive sheets are permitted at no charge prior to the deadline communicated by the Meet Host. Changes may be made after the deadline until three hours prior to the scheduled start of the event with a fee set forth by the USA Diving Board of Directors. In person and/or online dive changes are permitted.

**136.26 Regional Alignment.** The following areas comprise the 12 Diving Regions.

Region I: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont

Region II: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia as well as the District of Columbia

Region III: Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina

Region IV: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas (excluding the portion of the North Texas Association that is west of I-35 [for regional purposes, the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area is considered east of I-35])

Region V: Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia

Region VI: Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee

Region VII: Illinois and Missouri

Region VIII: Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin

Region IX: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming

Region X: Alaska, parts of California (Northern and Central California Associations), Idaho, Nevada (minus Clark County/Las Vega), Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington

Region XI: Arizona, New Mexico and a portion of the state of Texas (the portion of the North Texas Association that is west of I-35 [For regional purposes, the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area is considered east of I-35])

Region XII: The portion of California that is in the Southern Pacific Association, Hawaii, and the portion of Nevada that is within Clark County (Las Vegas area).

**136.27 Zone Alignment.** The following comprise the six Diving Zones:

Zone A: Regions 1 and 2

Zone B: Regions 3 and 4

Zone C: Regions 5 and 6

Zone D: Regions 7 and 8

Zone E: Regions 9 and 10

Zone F: Regions 11 and 12

**136.28 Future Alignment.** At the beginning of each Olympic Quadrennial, or as needed, the Regional demographic data shall be reviewed and the Regions realigned if necessary. This realignment would establish the Junior Regions for that quadrennium.

**136.29 USA Diving Zone Championships.**

The USA Diving Zone Championships will be held in each of the six diving Zones. The dates will be selected by the Committee for Competitive Excellence and National Office.

**136.30 USA Diving National Championships.**

(a) In the event a corporate partnership is secured for the USA Diving National Championships meets any or all of these meets may bear the name of such partner, i.e., "The XYZ USA Diving National Championships." The name will be approved by the CEO.

(b) All diving equipment so approved by the Committee Chair shall be inspected one week before the USA Diving National Championships by the meet director or an appointed representative. The facilities shall not be changed or altered after inspection except when a springboard is broken or should repair or modification be necessary as directed by the Chair of the Senior or Junior Diving Subcommittee or the Chair's designee.

**136.31 Awards and Team Scoring**

a) Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event at Region Championships, Zone Championships and the USA Diving National Championships. In junior events only, places 4-12 will receive an item of recognition.

b) At each Region Championship, a team award will be given to the team that scores the most combined points.

c) At each Zone Championship, the three teams with the most points in the junior events will receive team awards. Additionally, an overall team award will be presented to the team that scores the most combined points in junior and open events.

d) At the USA Diving National Championships, the five teams with the most points in the junior events and the three teams with the most points in the open events will receive team awards. Additionally, team awards shall be given the top boys' team and the top girls' team in the junior events as well as to the top men's team and the top women's team in the open events.

e) Team points shall be awarded to the top 12 places in each event as follows: 15-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-4-3-2-1. In the event of a tie, the points allocated to the tied place shall be added to those allocated to the next place or places, the sum divided by the number of divers who have tied, and that amount added to the score for each team.

**Article 37 — Policies Applicable to Senior Diving Competitions****137.1 Judging Panels.**

(a) Judges at Senior National Championships will be selected based on recommendations of the Judges Commission.

(b) At the quarterfinal of each individual event at the USA Diving National Championships, there may be two panels of five judges or two panels of seven judges. Panels shall rotate according to the schedule referenced in (d) below. In the final, there shall be one panel of seven judges (when possible), drawn from all available certified judges by the Judges Commission.

(c) In the USA Diving Zone Championships, there shall be two panels of five judges for each individual event. If such panels are not possible, one panel of five or seven judges shall be used. Panels shall rotate according to the schedule referenced in (d).

(d) Panels shall rotate according to the following schedule:

(1) Women's 1-meter, 3-meter, and 10-meter (five-dive contests):

Panel A: rounds 1, 2, and 3

Panel B: rounds 4 and 5

When the same panels are used for the preliminary or quarterfinal and semifinal, panels A and B shall be reversed. However, when neutral judges are provided by USA Diving, panels A and B may be adjusted as necessary.

(2) Men's 1-meter, 3-meter, and 10-meter (six-dive contests):

Panel A: rounds 1, 2, and 3

Panel B: rounds 4, 5, and 6

When the same panels are used for the preliminary or quarterfinal and semifinal, panels A and B shall be reversed. However, when neutral judges are provided by USA Diving, panels A and B may be adjusted as necessary.

(3) For synchronized diving events, there shall be eleven (11) judges, when possible, at the USA Diving National Championships and there may be nine or seven judges at the USA Diving National Preliminaries.

**137.2 Selection of Judges at the USA Diving National Championships.**

(a) In the unlikely event neutral judges are not selected by the Judges Commission, the necessary number of judge names shall be drawn consecutively from three containers representing the three geographic areas listed in the table below. Not more than one judge from a State and/or Local Diving Association (unless an LDA contains more than one state, then not more than one judge from the

same state within the LDA) may judge on the same panel, whenever possible. The remaining names shall be drawn to serve as alternates. Replacement by alternates from the same area shall be made whenever possible. The same procedure shall be used for each event. This selection may also be made electronically.

(i) The areas for judge selection shall be:

EAST	CENTRAL	WEST
New England	Ohio	Gulf
Northern New York	Lake Erie	South Texas
Southern New York	Indiana	Northwest Texas
Connecticut	Michigan	Rocky Mountain
New Jersey	Illinois	New Mexico
Potomac Valley	Wisconsin	Arizona
Pennsylvania	Iowa	Idaho/Utah
Carolinas	Minnesota	Nevada
Georgia	Missouri Valley	Washington
Florida	Arkansas	Montana
Florida Gold Coast	Oklahoma	Oregon
Southern Virginia	Nebraska/Dakotas	Northern California
	Southeastern	Central California
	Southern	Southern Pacific
		Hawaii
		Alaska

(b) When necessary, the Chairman of the Judges Commission will appoint judges from the people present at the meet and willing to judge. This shall happen as soon as possible before the start of each event, but no later than the performance of the first dive.

(c) Parents, spouses, offspring, or siblings will not be permitted to judge or be a referee in an event in which an offspring, spouse, parent, or sibling competes. Two members of the same family will not be permitted to judge and/or be a referee in the same event. The announcer/third referee shall be exempt from this provision.

**137.3 Schedule for the USA Diving National Championships.**

The schedule for each National Championship event shall be set by the CCE with consultation from the Chair of the Senior Diving Sub-Committee, the Meet Director, the High Performance Director and the National Office.

**137.4 Schedule for the Zone Championships.**

The schedule for each Zone Championship shall be set by the meet director.

**137.5 USA Diving Spring or Winter National Championship.**

(a) USA Diving shall conduct the USA Diving Spring or Winter National Championship.

(b) The USA Diving Spring or Winter National Championship may include 1-meter and 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform individual events, and 3-meter springboard and platform synchronized events, for men and women. Specific competitive requirements will be established by the Committee for Competitive Excellence.

(c) The Committee for Competitive Excellence shall set specific criteria for competitor eligibility.

**137.6 Association Championships.**

(a) It is recommended that Association Championships be conducted as closely as possible to all the rules governing the USA Diving Championships.

(b) In Association Championships, fees to be charged and any differences in the rules, such as the number of dives to be performed, the order of dives, the delivery of the diving list, or the number of finalists must be clearly stated on the entry blanks.

(c) Association Championships are open to both Competitive Blue and Competitive Gold registered athletes.

**137.7 Invitational Meets.**

(a) Local meets may be modified to accommodate local conditions, preferences, limited facilities and personnel.

(b) Eligibility for participation is open to all USA Diving registered athletes in accordance with the

USA Diving Bylaws.

(c) It is recommended that invitational meets be conducted as closely as possible to all the rules governing the USA Diving Championships.

(d) In Invitational meets, fees to be charged and any differences in the rules, such as the number of dives to be performed, the order of dives, the delivery of the diving list, or the number of finalists, must be clearly stated on the entry blanks.

(e) In Invitational meets, Junior divers (not Limited Athlete) are permitted to compete in Senior events as long as they meet the competition requirements.

(f) Invitational meets may be open to both Competitive Blue and Competitive Gold registered athletes.

## Article 38 — Policies Applicable to Junior Diving Competitions

**138.1 Structure.** Each Local Diving Association should conduct an Association Junior Championships. These meets may be combined with Invitational meets, including Senior and Masters events, within the Association or with another Association Championships. The Association Championships shall be open to all USA Diving Competitive Blue and Competitive Gold registered athletes of the Association and may include Future Champions events (Limited Athletes may not participate).

**138.2 Competition Formats.** The competition formats for each age group shall be as outlined in Article 21.

**138.3 Eligibility Requirements for the Zone Championships.** Any citizen of the United States who meets one of the following standards for an event is eligible to compete in the Zone Championships.

(a) The top fifteen (15) finishers in any springboard event in a Region Championships who are U.S. citizens shall be eligible to compete in that event only at the Zone Championships, provided the divers have competed full lists of dives. Any diver who has a total score of zero (fails a dive and/or elects to take zeros) on two or more dives may not advance.

(b) Any diver achieving the recalculated average score or higher for Regional events will also qualify for the appropriate Zone Championships. The procedure for calculating this average follows: the scores of the 15<sup>th</sup> diver (or the last diver if there are fewer than 15 event entries) in each event from each Region will be averaged and that average will be considered a possible qualifying score. Any region score not within one standard deviation (as per [divemeets.com](http://divemeets.com) calculation) of the average will be deleted and the average will be recalculated.

(c) Divers who are U.S. citizens and meet appropriate age requirements may submit an entry to dive in the platform event at the Zone Championships. Divers who compete in a Region Championships are only eligible to compete in the Zone Championships determined by the Region Championships in which they participated. This restriction applies even if a diver fails to qualify for springboard competition from the Region Championships to a Zone Championships. Divers who do not compete at a Regional Championships may participate in the platform event at the Zone Championships of their choosing.

(d) **Alaska and Hawaii.**

(i) Alaska. One male and one female diver per age group, registered and training in the state of Alaska, may compete without attending a Regional Championships. These divers must be designated by the Chair of their Association and submit their qualifications to the Junior Rules Subcommittee Chair no fewer than 30 days prior to the Zone Championships.

(ii) Hawaii. One male and one female diver per age group, registered and training in the state of Hawaii, may compete without attending a Regional Championships. These divers must be designated by the Chair of their Association and submit their qualifications to the Junior Rules Subcommittee Chair no fewer than 30 days prior to the Zone Championships.

(e) A pre-qualified diver for a National Championship who is participating in a Zone Championship shall not take a qualifying position. The qualifying spot will be awarded to the next placing diver. [See Article 2, Section 102.8]

(f) There shall be no exhibition divers in Zone Championships. [See Article 2, Section 102.5 and Section 102.8]

**138.4 Regional Championships.** The Regional Committees in each of the 12 Diving Regions shall organize and conduct a Junior Region Championships. These meets shall be open to all USA Diving Competitive Gold registered athletes who are junior divers.

(a) Regional Championships shall be conducted in each of the 12 Junior Diving Regions simultaneously at least five weekends prior to the Zone Championships. The dates for the Regional Championships will be one of the weekends in the period starting the last weekend in April and ending during the second weekend in May, at the discretion of the meet host.



(b) Divers may compete in the Regional Championships of their choice.

(c) Additional optional events may be added to the schedule of events with the approval of the USA Diving National Office. No team points will be awarded for any optional events. The inclusion of approved additional optional events does not preclude a diver from participating in the Regional competition on springboard at one Regional and competing on additional optional events in a different Regional meet. If a diver then competes at zones, he or she must attend the zone meet that corresponds to the region meet in which the diver competed in the springboard events, not the optional events.

(d) (1) The top fifteen (15) finishers in a springboard event who are U.S. citizens shall be eligible in that event only to compete at a Zone Championships. (Rules 102.9 and 120.2 shall apply)

(e) Meet Directors must make cuts at Regional Championships if more than 40 divers are registered in any 16-18 age group event. If the projected finish time of the meet runs past dark in outdoor pools, or unreasonably late into the evening, or if an unusual delay prevents timely completion of the meet, Meet Directors may impose cuts in the 16-18 events according to the following procedure:

(1) If cuts are made, dives without limit of DD will be performed first, followed by voluntaries.

(2) After completion of the dives without limit of DD, a cut to 24 divers will be made.

(3) When cuts are necessary, meet directors shall utilize the procedures outlined in Article 22, Section 122.1(e)(4)(vi)-(ix).

(f) Divers must compete in the Zone Championships determined by the Regional Championships at which they qualified. Athletes competing in Regions I and II qualify for Zone A, Regions III and IV qualify for Zone B, Regions V and VI qualify for Zone C, Regions VII and VIII qualify for Zone D, Regions IX and X qualify for Zone E, and Regions XI and XII for Zone F.