INTRODUCTION.

Nature of the Selection Procedures. The procedures that follow will be used to select the team to represent the United States in the 2021 FINA World Cup competition (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

Selection Event. USA Diving will select its team for the 2021 FINA World Cup at the USA Diving World Cup Trials to be held December 15-20 in Greensboro, North Carolina. The selection events will be governed by FINA rules unless otherwise noted.

Team Size. The maximum number of athlete members that USA Diving may enter in the World Cup competition under the rules established by FINA is two per gender in each of the individual events and one team per gender in each of the synchronized events.

Through the application of these Selection Procedures, USA Diving reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum number of athlete members allowed by FINA.

Reserves. For the 2021 World Cup ONLY, FINA has granted the right for each federation to bring up to two (2) reserve divers (any gender). Based on the results of the 2021 World Cup Trials, USA Diving will determine if it is in Team USA’s best interest to name up to two (2) reserves to the team. If it is determined to bring reserves, the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE will determine which events and which athlete members shall be named to the team.

1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO 2021 WORLD CUP TEAM:

1.1 / General Eligibility. Every candidate for the 2021 FINA World Cup Team must:

A) Be a citizen of the United States,

B) Not have competed for another country any time after April 1, 2020

C) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving.
2/ INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC EVENTS – (3 meter & platform)

A. There will be a preliminary round with a cut to the top eighteen (18) for semifinals. The top twelve (12) from semifinals by cumulative score will advance to the finals. All 3 scores will be combined for the purpose of selecting the World Cup team.

B) The two athlete members with the highest cumulative scores will be selected to the team.

C) In the event of a tie,
   i) the athlete member with the highest single list score in the finals among such athletes shall be selected; and if a tie still exists,
   ii) the athlete member with the highest semifinal and final list cumulative score shall be selected; and if a tie still exists,
   iii) the athlete member with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from semifinals and finals) will be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of seven and one-half (7.5) or above for a dive in the women's events will be considered a "hit," and below a seven and one-half (7.5) a "miss." In the men’s events, an average judge's score of eight (8) or above will be considered a “hit” and below an eight (8) a "miss."

3/ OLYMPIC SYNCHRONIZED EVENTS – (3 meter & platform)

A) There will be a preliminary round with twelve (12) teams advancing to the finals. The scores from the preliminaries and finals will be added together.

B) The team with the highest cumulative score will be selected.

C) In the event of a tie,
   i) the team with the highest single list score in the finals among such teams shall be selected. If a tie still exists,
   ii) the team with the highest score on optionals in the finals shall be selected, and if a tie still exists,
   iii) the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from preliminaries and finals) will be nominated to the World Cup Team. For this purpose, an average judge's score of seven and one-half (7.5) or above for a dive in the women's events will be considered a "hit," and below a seven and one-half (7.5) a "miss." In the men’s events, an average judge's score of eight (8) or above will be considered a “hit” and below an eight (8) a "miss."

4/ Replacement Athletes:

Individual Events – If an athlete member voluntarily withdraws or is injured/illness and cannot compete prior to FINA deadline of submission of entry names, the next placed athlete will be selected.
If an individual team member needs to be replaced due to injury/illness after the closing deadline, it is to be handled on a case by case basis based on logistics, budget restraints and FINA approval.

Every effort will be made to replace a diver following the above procedures. If it is not possible, the High Performance Director and World Cup coaches will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of the team based on divers who are already on the World Cup Team.

**Synchronized Events** – If a synchronized team member needs to be replaced due to injury/illness prior to FINA deadline of submission of entry names, then the next placed team from the 2021 USA Diving World Cup Trials will be the replacement synchronized diving team unless the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE makes a determination to replace only one athlete pursuant to the following: Notwithstanding the foregoing, USA Diving has conducted many of its synchronized selections for other competitive events by allowing athletes to compete with multiple partners. For this reason and in the event that one member of a synchronized team has to be replaced, USA Diving’s High Performance Director (HPD) will make a recommendation to the CCE as to whether another athlete can replace the removed athlete without having to replace the entire synchronized team or whether it will be necessary to replace the entire team. If the decision is to replace only one athlete, the HPD will make a recommendation to the CCE as to who the remaining athlete will be paired with based on previous selection trials' results and the High Performance Director's evaluations from the High Performance Squad ("HPS") synchronized assessment camps conducted since 2017. The CCE will then review the HPD's recommendation and make the final decision to replace either the single athlete or the entire team.

If a synchronized team member needs to be replaced due to injury/illness after the deadline, it is to be handled on a case by case basis based on logistics, budget restraints and FINA approval.

Every effort will be made to replace diver/team following the above procedures. If it is not possible, the High Performance Director and World Cup coaches will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of the team based on divers who are already on the World Cup Team.

2/ Please note: If for some unforeseen reason the 2021 World Cup Trials are postponed or cancelled, the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE will determine the method of selecting a team that is in the best interest of Team USA.

3/ In the event the 2021 FINA World Cup is postponed, USA Diving has the right to select a new team if that is in the best interest of Team USA.
Coach Member Selection Procedures

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Coach Member of Record:
A coach member may be considered for selection as a World Cup coach only if a diver in the selection events declares his or her “coach of record” prior to the start of the 2021 USA Diving World Cup Trials. Once declared by the diver, the “coach member of record” cannot be changed unless approved by the HPD. Coach members must be in good standing with USA Diving to be considered.

The number of official World Cup coaches selected will be dependent on funding. However, every effort will be made to fund all coaches with divers on the team.

Official World Cup coaches will be selected in the following manner:

1/ Select the coach member with the greatest number of spots on the team. Individual and synchro events will count as one spot per diver. (NOTE: Synchronized events will be worth 2 points in total if one coach member has both athletes. If the two divers have different coaches, the points will be split with each coach member receiving one point apiece.) The coach member with the greatest number of spots shall be named the World Cup Head Coach.

2/ If there is a tie -
   a) Select the coach member with the greatest number of athletes

3/ If a tie still exists –
   a) Select the coach member with the highest point score based on finishes in the event(s) their athletes were selected (first place is worth 2 points, second place is worth 1 point)

4/ If a tie still exists –
   a) The High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee of Competitive Excellence and final approval from the President/CEO and AAC Rep will pick the coach member that best serves the needs of the team.

Team Leader(s), Team Manager(s) and the Medical staff shall be selected by the HPD in consultation of the CCE with final approval from the President/CEO and AAC Rep.

BACKGROUND CHECK and SAFE SPORT TRAINING

All selected coach members and staff must have cleared a background check and completed safe sport training.