USA Diving shall select a team for the FINA Junior World Championships. Team selection will use results from the 2020 USAD Olympic Team Trials which was held June 6 – June 13, 2021, and the 2021 USAD Junior National Championships, to be held July 28-August 3, 2021. Both competitions will be held at IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Team selection shall be done in two phases.

- Phase 1 may fill individual Olympic event spots from the 2020 Olympic Team through the process in 3.1 below.
- Phase 2 will fill any remaining individual event spots through the process in 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5 below.

The maximum number of divers for the FINA Junior World Championship Team shall be 20 divers. However, there are scenarios where a full team may not be fielded as FINA rules permit a maximum of two (2) entries per event per gender in individual events and one (1) synchronized team per event per gender. Additionally, if it is in the best interest of USAD, the team size may be increased for any reason by the HPD in consultation with the CCE.

1. Eligibility to Compete at the 2021 FINA Junior World Championships
   a. Must be a U.S. citizen and not have competed for another Federation any time after June 1, 2020.
   b. Must be a competitive gold member in good standing with USA Diving.
   c. Must have been born between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2006.

2. Competition Format for 2021 USAD Junior Nationals

2.1. Individual Events

   a. USA Diving rules & format governing the 2021 Junior National Championships shall apply.

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3. Team Selection

3.1 Individual 3-meter and Platform (phase 1)

a. 2020 Olympic Games Team Members that are juniors (Group A or B only) in an individual event are eligible for consideration for selection to the 2021 FINA Junior World Championship Team in the corresponding event. *These divers will be considered to fill open events at the 2021 FINA Junior Worlds Championships.

b. If there are two Olympic Team members in the same age group/gender/event, then both spots for that age group/gender/event will be filled and no additional entrants will be selected.

c. If Olympic Team members are in different age groups/events/genders, then one spot for any particular event will be filled in each relevant age group/gender.

d. Olympic team members must confirm their participation in the 2021 FINA Junior World team by the first day of competition of the Junior Nationals.

3.2 Individual 1-meter, 3-meter, and Platform (phase 2)

a. USAD Jr Nationals Group A (16-19)

i. Group A FINA Junior World Championships (17-19)

If spots are available for selection after following the procedures in 3.1(a-d), in any or all of the Olympic events listed above, the top 2 ranked divers that are eligible with the highest total score from finals (semifinal voluntaries + final optionals) in each Olympic event will be selected to the 2021 FINA Junior World Team. Additionally, the 1-meter Champion in each gender will be selected to the 2021 FINA Junior World Team. In the event one or both selected divers decline the next eligible diver(s) shall be selected.

o FINA 16 age divers are not eligible for FINA Junior World Championships Group A (17-19). However, FINA 16 age divers will be eligible for FINA Junior World Championships Group B (15-16).

b. USAD Junior Nationals Group B (14-15)

i. Group B FINA Junior World Championships (15-16)

If spots are available for selection after following the procedures in 3.1(a-d), in any or all of the Olympic events listed above, the top FINA 15 age divers from the 14-15 events will be added to the top FINA 16 age divers from the 16-19 events at the USAD Junior Nationals and the top 2 ranked divers that are eligible with the highest total score in each Olympic event will be selected to the 2021 FINA Junior World Team following the procedures below. Additionally, the top 15-16 1-meter diver following the below procedures will be selected to the 2021 FINA Junior World Team. In the event one or both selected divers decline the next eligible diver(s) shall be selected.

o Scores from both semifinals and finals for FINA 15 and 16 age divers will be considered for selection to the 2021 FINA Junior World Team. The higher score from either semifinals or finals will be used in selection consideration.
- **FINA 16 age boys** will have their two lowest scoring optional dives dropped from their list in all events as long as those dives meet minimum FINA dive requirements for Group B Boys. The highest scoring list that meets these requirements will be used.

- **FINA 16 age girls** will have their two lowest scoring optional dives dropped from their list in all events as long as those dives meet minimum FINA dive requirements for Group B Girls. The highest scoring list that meets these requirements will be used.

- **FINA 15 age girls** will have their lowest scoring optional dive dropped from their list in the springboard events as long as those dives meet minimum FINA standards for Group B girls. The highest scoring list will be used that meets FINA Group B requirements.

  Note: Platform lists used in competition at the USAD Junior Nationals will be used for selection consideration as it is the same as FINA Group B girls requirements.

- **FINA 15 age boys** will use their competition list for selection consideration as it is the same as FINA Group B boys standards.

**NOTE:** FINA 14 age divers are **not eligible** for the 2021 FINA Junior World Championships. FINA has determined that only divers that were eligible for the 2020 Junior World Championships would be eligible in 2021.

### 3.3 Ties

i) In the event of a tie, the diver with the highest score on optionals (finals) will be selected.

ii) If a tie still exists, the diver with the highest on optional in the semifinal will be selected.

iii) If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE shall break the tie using the following procedure.

   - the athlete with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from semifinal and finals) will be selected. For this purpose, an average judge's score of seven (7.0) or above for a dive in the will be considered a "hit," and below a seven (7.0) a "miss."

iv) If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE shall break by selecting the diver that best fits the needs of USA Diving.

### 3.4 Additional team members:

If it is determined to be in the best interest of USA Diving, the team size may be increased by the HPD in consultation with the CCE. In the case of adding additional 1-meter divers the following procedure will be used. For the synchro events potential synchro partners will also be considered.
a) If additional team members are added, the highest ranked 1-meter diver not already on the team will be added using the same procedures in 3.2 above in the following priority order.

   i) Group B boys
   ii) Group B girls
   iii) Group A girls
   iv) Group A boys

b) If an additional member is to be added for synchro, he or she must have competed as a synchro pair in a past competition and/or assessment synchro camp. Every effort will be made to field a competitive team from existing members before an additional member would be considered.

3.5 Synchronized Events: The synchro events will be filled from the members of the team. The High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE and the named Junior World Team coaches, shall select the divers for each event that will best represent Team USA.

Note: If a synchro team cannot be formed from members of the team please refer to 3.4 (b) for the possibility of adding additional divers.

3.6 Open Events: The second 1-meter spot for either age group/gender may be awarded to the highest ranked diver from the 2021 USAD Junior Nationals who is already on the team in that event/gender. If no divers, already on the Team participated in or placed in the 1-meter event at the Junior Nationals, the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE and the named Junior World Team coaches shall determine the spot from the pool of athletes already on the Team.

4. Replacement Athletes

   a) Should a member of the team become unable to attend prior to the deadline for entry submissions, the replacement athlete will be selected on the criteria stated above. The diver with the next best score in the finals at the USAD Jr National Championships will be selected. In case of a tie the above tie breaking procedures shall be followed.

   b) If an athlete is unable to participate after submission of entries to the Local Organizing Committee, the decision regarding replacements will be made by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE with final approval by the Local Organizing Committee and FINA.

   c) If an athlete is unable to participate while at the event, the decision regarding replacements will be made by the head coach in consultation with the coaching staff, High Performance Director, High Performance Manager and/or Team Leader.

5. Coach Selection

Coaches will be selected using the following criteria. The number of coach members to be selected is dependent on funding and coaches available at the time of selection.

   a) Divers must declare their official coach of record prior to the start of the 2021 USAD Junior National Championships. Only coaches designated as a coach of record will be considered for selection to the 2021 FINA Junior World Championships coaching staff. Once declared by
the diver, the coach of record cannot be changed unless approved by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE.

b) Coaches will be ranked based on the number of spots their athletes have earned on the team. The coaches with the greatest number of spots will be selected.
   i) Each athlete through 3.1, 3.2 and/or 3.4 above will count as one spot per event for which they become qualified.
   ii) Any athlete added to an open event or added to a synchro team shall not accrue coaching spots.

c) If there is a tie, the coach with the greatest number of athlete(s) on the team will be selected.

d) If a tie still exists, the coach with the greatest number of first-place finishes will be selected.

e) If a tie still exists, the High Performance Director, in consultation of the CCE will select the coach that best represents the needs of Team USA at the event.

f) The coach with the greatest number of spots on the team will be designated the head coach. If there is a tie, the coach selected first based on the above tie-breaking procedures will be named the head coach. Designated head coach has first right of refusal in potentially accepting this role.

6. Staff Selection

All remaining staff selections shall be made by the High Performance Director in consultation with the CCE.

7. Final Team Approval

USA Diving’s President and AAC Rep shall have final approval of the 2021 FINA Junior World Championship Team, which includes the athletes, coaches, medical personal and staff.