



**Selection Procedures:
2022 FINA World Championships
Fukuoka, Japan
May 13-20, 2022**

INTRODUCTION.

Nature of the Selection Procedures. The procedures that follow will be used to select the TEAM that will represent USA in the 2022 FINA World Championships competition (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures").

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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	
1M Springboard	2	2	
3M Springboard	2	2	
10M Platform	2	2	
Synchronized 3M	2 (1 team)	2 (1 team)	
Synchronized 10M	2 (1 team)	2 (1 team)	
Mixed Synchro 3M	1	1	(1 team)
Mixed Synchro 10M	1	1	(1 team)

Through the application of these Selection Procedures, USA Diving reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum number of athletes allowed by FINA because some members of the team may participate in multiple events or USA Diving may elect not to enter specific events.

1/ ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM:

1.1 / General Eligibility. Every candidate for the 2022 FINA World Championships Team must:

- A) Be a citizen of the United States,
- B) Not have competed for another country any time after May 1, 2021
- C) Be a member in good standing of USA Diving.
- D) Have a current passport that does not expire for a minimum of 6 months after the conclusion of the World Championships.

Selection Events. USA Diving will select its team for the 2022 FINA World Championships at the USA Diving Winter National Championships to be held December 13-18 in Bloomington, Indiana at Indiana University. The selection events will be governed by FINA Rules.

Note: For all events except mixed synchro, a combined score from the prelims and the finals will be used to determine the team. Mixed synchro is a finals event only.

2/ INDIVIDUAL NON-OLYMPIC & OLYMPIC EVENTS – (1 meter, 3 meter & platform)

- 2.1 A) There will be a preliminary round with a cut to the top 12 for finals. Both prelims and finals will be combined for the purpose of selecting the World Championship team.
- B) The two divers with the highest cumulative scores will be selected to the team.
- C) In the event of a tie,
- i) the athlete with the highest single list score in the finals among such athletes shall be selected; and if a tie still exists,
 - ii) the athlete with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) for the two lists (from prelims 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)

- 3.1 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 Championships 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."

- 3.2 Divers may compete with a maximum of 2 partners.

4/ NON-OLYMPIC SYNCHRONIZED EVENTS – (3 meter & platform)

- 4.1 A) There will be a finals round only.
- B) The team with the highest cumulative score will be selected.

- C) In the event of a tie,
- iv) the team with the highest score on optionals in the finals shall be selected, and if a tie still exists,
 - v) the team with the highest percentage of consistency (hit dives) will be nominated to the World Championships 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."

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5 / Replacement Athletes:

5.1 Individual Events –

If an athlete member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdrawal **prior to FINA deadline** of submission of entry names, the next placed athlete will be selected. Only the finalist for each event will be considered.

If an athlete member voluntarily withdraws or is injured or due to illness and cannot compete **after the FINA** deadline for submission of names, 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 the diver following the above procedures. If it is not possible, the High Performance Director, in consultation with the CCE and the World Championship Team coaches, will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of Team USA based on divers who are *already* on the World Championship Team.

5.2 Synchronized Events –

If a synchronized team member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdraw **prior to FINA deadline** for submission of entry names, then the next placed team from the 2021 USA Diving Winter Nationals 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 synchronized assessments 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 or voluntary withdraw **after the deadline**, for submission of entry names 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 Championship coaches will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of the team based on divers who are *already* on the World Championship Team.

Coach Selection Procedures: Fukuoka, Japan

Coach of Record:

A coach member may be considered for selection as a World Championships 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 Winter National Championships. Once declared by the diver, the “coach 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 Championships coaches selected will be dependent on funding.

World Championships coaches will be selected in the following manner:

1/ Select the coach member with the greatest number of spots in Olympic events on the team. Olympic 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 Championships Head Coach.

2/ If there is a tie

- a) Select the coach member with the greatest number of Olympic event athletes

3/ If a tie still exists –

- a) Select the coach member with the greatest number of non-Olympic event athletes

3/ If a tie still exists –

a) Select the coach member with the highest point score based on finishes in the Olympic 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 CEO and AAC Rep will pick the coach member that best serves the needs of the team.

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