



**Selection Procedures  
2022 World Universiade Games  
Chengdu, China  
June 26-July 7, 2022**

***1. SELECTION EVENT & General Eligibility***

1.1 The 2021 USA Diving Winter Nationals to be held December 13-18 at Indiana University - Bloomington will serve as the selection trials for the 2022 World University Games (WUG) for both individual and synchronized events.

1.2 To be eligible to enter and compete at the 2021 USA Diving Winter Nationals in an individual or synchronized event, divers must meet both the eligibility criteria and the competition requirements as set by the High Performance Director in consultation of the CCE. Please see competition requirements for the 2021 USA Diving Winter Nationals on the USA Diving website.

1.3 To be eligible for the 2022 World University Games each athlete must meet the following criteria:

- a. Must be a member of USA Diving in good standing.
- b. United States citizen and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months beyond the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.
- c. Must be born January 1, 1996 and December 31, 2004. (18-26 years old)
- d. Must meet at least one of the following: The standard is that the athlete must be “progressing towards a degree.”
- e. Currently officially registered at a university or have taken at least one 3-credit course progressing towards a degree or diploma within the last year before the Games.
- f. Incoming freshmen, transfers and graduate students are usually eligible.
- g. Sign the “Team USA Honor Code and Code of Conduct” form.
- h. Sign the “Team USA Authorizations, Waiver and Release Form”.

1.4 To be eligible for the 2022 World University Games each coach/staff member must meet the following criteria:

- a. Must be a member of USA Diving in good standing.
- b. Have or obtain and hold a valid passport that will not expire for six months beyond the Closing Ceremonies of the Games;
- c. Sign the “USA Team Honor Code and Code of Conduct” form;
- d. Sign the “USA Team Authorizations, Waiver and Release” form; and
- e. Complete SafeSport training and submit current certificate.

## ***2/ACCEPTANCE OF POSITIONS TO THE TEAM:***

2.1 The 2021 World University Games **is a self-funded trip**. Historically the NCAA has allowed universities to help with the cost associated with participation in the event, but USA Diving cannot assure divers of assistance from their institutions.

2.2 It is projected that the cost for each participant (divers/coaches) will be approximately \$5,000 per person. All potential participants, including alternates, must provide all required paperwork and proof of funding (letter from college, personal credit card details) to USA Diving by *February 1, 2022*.

2.3 Once the pools of participants who meet the eligibility and minimum requirements have been exhausted, emergency changes after May 7, 2022 may be allowed only for injury (or other extraordinary circumstances) at a cost of \$100 per change and must be approved by the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence and the Local Organizing Committee. All added persons must come from people that have previously submitted all forms by May 7, 2022 and designated as reserves.

## ***3/ TEAM SELECTION***

A maximum of ten (10) men and ten (10) women may be named to the team. Those divers will be selected in the following manner:

### ***3.1 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (1-meter, 3-meter and platform):***

- a. Divers must meet eligibility requirements as set by FISU.
- b. The 2021 USA Diving Winter Nationals competition will begin with a preliminary round and will then cut to the top 12 for the finals. The two divers with the highest cumulative scores after two lists that meet all the requirements will be eligible for selection to the 2022 World University Games Team.

- c. If one or more of the divers meeting the criteria declines selection, the next eligible diver will be asked to fill the spot in order of the cumulative scores. There will be no selection of divers who did not participate in the finals. If no divers in an event meet the criteria, the entries for that event may remain unfilled.

### ***3.2/ SYNCHRONIZED EVENTS – (3-meter and platform)***

- a. Both members of a synchronized team must meet the eligibility requirements criteria set by FISU.
- b. The 2021 Winter Nationals competition will begin with a preliminary round, with the top 12 teams advancing to the finals. The scores from preliminary and finals will be added together, and the team with the highest cumulative score will be eligible for selection to the 2022 World University Games Team.
- c. If a synchronized team meeting the criteria declines selection, synchronized teams in order of the cumulative scores will be asked to fill the spot. There will be no selection of synchronized teams who did not participate in the finals. If no synchronized team meets the criteria, the entry in that event will be determined by the High Performance Director, in consultation with the coaching staff, from divers already selected to the team for other events or the position will remain unfilled.

### ***4/ ADDITIONAL DIVERS***

4.1 If there are fewer than ten (10) men or ten (10) women on the team after following the procedures above, additional divers will be added until there are ten divers or all spots on the team are filled.

Divers will be added in the following manner:

- a. If there are seven (7) or fewer divers on the team in a gender, the next highest placed diver in each of the three (3) individual events will be selected.
- b. If there are eight (8) divers on the team in a gender, the next highest placed divers in each of the Olympic individual events will be selected.
- c. If there are nine (9) divers on the team in a gender, the next highest diver with the closest percentage in final points to the winner in one of the Olympic individual events will be selected.
- d. If the above process does not result in ten divers of the same gender, the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence will determine if it is in the best interest of the team

to add any additional divers or the team will remain with less than ten divers.

## ***5/ REPLACEMENT ATHLETES***

5.1 If an athlete member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdrawal, **prior to the deadline** of submission of entry names, the next place athlete member will be selected based on the above criteria.

- Please note: If a diver needs to be replaced or withdraws in more than one event and adding the next-ranked alternate in each of those events would result in more than ten divers on the team, the High Performance Director with consultation of the Committee for Competitive Excellence will select the diver(s) that best meets the overall needs of the team. Priority will be given to Olympic events.

5.2 If an athlete member needs to be replaced due to injury, illness or voluntary withdrawal, after the deadline for submission of entry names, it is handled on a case-by-case basis based on logistics, budget restraints and the Organizing Committees approval.

- Please note: 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 WUG Team coaches, will make a selection decision that is in the best interest of Team USA based on divers who are already on the WUG Team.

## ***6/ INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (Additional entrants into individual events):***

6.1 The U.S. may enter up to three divers in each individual event. The additional spots in individual events will be filled from among the divers already on the team. The team members with the highest cumulative score on each individual event will be selected to fill any open spots until three divers are named to each event.

6.2 If no team member meets the requirements, the entry in that event shall be determined by the High Performance Director in consultation with the coaching staff from divers already selected to the team for another event or the position will remain unfilled.

## **7/ MIXED SYNCHRONIZED EVENTS – (3-meter and platform)**

7.1 Because of the limited number of athletes allowed, the entry for both mixed synchro events will be determined by the High Performance Director and the World University Games coaching staff from divers already selected to the team for other events or the event(s) will remain unfilled.

## **8/ TEAM EVENT**

8.1 Because of the limited number of athletes allowed, the entry for the team event will be determined by the High Performance Director and the World University Games coaching staff from divers already selected to the team for other events or the event will remain unfilled.

## **9/ STAFF POSITIONS**

9.1 Each diver that is selected to the team will earn one spot for the official coach of record. There is no guarantee on the number of credentials that USA Diving will be able to secure for coaches.

### **Selection Process**

1. The number of official coach members shall be determined by the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence and will be dependent on funding.
2. Positions Selected on the following formula:
  - a. Select the Coach members with the greatest number of spots on the team (one spot is awarded for each event an athlete is participating in)
3. If there is a tie, the following procedures will be followed in order until the tie is broken:
  - a. Select the coach member with the greatest number of athletes.
  - b. Select the coach member with the highest point score based on finishes in the event(s) their athletes were selected (first place is worth two points; second place is worth one point).
    - i. *Note:* A synchronized event will be worth two points in total if one coach has both athletes or two coaches will split and receive one point each if the divers have different coaches.
  - c. Select the coach with the largest score margin between first (1<sup>st</sup>) place and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place for individual events.
  - d. The High-Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence will pick the coach they believe best serves the needs of the team.
4. The coach in the first position after application of the formula will be the Head Coach.

5. If needed, a team leader will also be selected by the High Performance Director in consultation with the Committee for Competitive Excellence.
6. A FINA certified judge will be selected by the Judges Commission. The WUG counts for two observations for FINA, which can help to maintain the judge's certification without having to attend a FINA Judges School.