Petitions COVID Clause – Temporary

Petition Process 2021: Temporary “COVID Clause” shall be in place for consideration of admission to the 2021 Junior Zones due to COVID related training restrictions.

Regarding COVID related Petitions to the Junior Zones - 2021:

- The CCE is working with the CAC to manage any potential need and/or Petition Process addendum to consider Petitions to attend Zones for those who due to COVID training restrictions at their home venue(s) have not been able to prepare for and participate safely at the currently scheduled Regionals.

- USA Diving has no intention of providing or promoting a Petition approval process to “green light” athletes to attend a Zones who've not been safely and regularly training at home for a target of 8 weeks prior to the Zone Championships - for safety reasons.

- The petitioner (for springboard events only) must provide justification for NOT attending a regional event - validate that the reasons are COVID related. Criteria examples may be (A.) because of COVID restrictions, athlete had less than 8 weeks of regular training available to him/her prior to the schedule dates of Regional events in the area; (B.) because of athlete testing positive for COVID and in quarantine – reason for not being able to attend a Regional event, (C.) because of any specific COVID restrictions, PETITIONER MAY INSERT THEIR OWN SPECIFIC CASE SCENARIOS for consideration. NOTE: It is recommended that a coach submit a COVID Clause Petition on behalf of all their competitive divers under their care who may have COVID related reasons for not attending a Regional event - this will help streamline the Petition Process and provide universal rationale for a particular group/team of divers under equal circumstances as presented by the coach.

- Primary priority would be validated COVID affected population that was a ZONE QUALIFIER in the 2019 USA Diving Junior Zones (specific events).

- Secondary priority would be validated COVID affected population that was NOT a QUALIFIER to the 2019 USA Diving Junior Zones. If an athlete was NOT a Zone Qualifier in 2019... Petitioner is to write up list of dives per 1m/3m springboard and make a case that the diver would be competitive at the Zone level, having not been at the Zones in 2019.

- CCE will continue to receive all Petitions, and forward all COVID related petitions to the appropriate party for review and processing. If COVID related Petition easily fits into the standard Petition Process as “illness” category would normally do so – such as if the athlete tested positive for COVID before the Regional and was therefore quarantined during the Regional event – these shall be managed by the CCE as a “normal” petition should the Petitioner reach the normal threshold of consideration.
Petitioner to fill out answers to the below questions, in addition to the standard Petition Process form:

1. Is this Petition due to COVID circumstances? ________________

2. If so, please explain COVID related circumstances that restricted the diver’s ability to attend a standard USA Diving Regional Event in 2021?

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3. Did the diver test positive for COVID anytime within 8 weeks of the scheduled start of the Regional Event for which they were training or at the Regional event? If so, please validate and provide date of positive test. _____________________________

4. Did the diver have training/school/other related COVID restrictions that affected the diver’s capacity to attend Regionals? If so, explain:

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5. A. Did the diver participate in the 2019 USA Diving Junior Zones? If so, what places were taken in what events? _____________________________________________________________________________

       B. If not, why not? _______________________________________________________________________

6. What dives/skills/potential does this diver have that suggests he/she will be competitive at the Zone level?

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