

SUBPART B — SENIOR COMPETITION

Article 11 — Structure; Awarding Of USA Diving National Championships

111.1 Structure of Senior Diving.

(a) **Program Goals.** USA Diving, Inc. conducts a Senior diving program to provide a competitive diving program for the athletes of the United States.

(b) **Program Structure.** The U.S. Senior diving program is conducted at five levels of competition

- (1) International,
- (2) National,
- (3) USA Diving National Preliminaries,
- (4) Association, and
- (5) Invitational.

(c) The control of these various levels is vested to different committees, associations and other groups as established by the General Assembly of USA Diving, Inc. in its Code of Regulations.

(d) All events whether sponsored by the Corporation, the Local Diving Association or any member club or other entity must be sanctioned by the Corporation and such sanction shall be obtained by following the procedures as outlined in Article 61 of the Code of Regulations.

(e) **International Competition.** The International Diving Committee of the Committee for Competitive Excellence has been established to have the responsibility of overseeing international competitions and exhibitions for Junior and Senior divers.

(f) **National Competition.** The Senior Diving Committee of the CCE, under the leadership of the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee, has been established to have the responsibility of overseeing competition within the United States, especially with relationship to the USA Diving National Championships and the USA Diving National Preliminaries.

(g) **National Championships.** The USA Diving National Championships have been established to give Senior divers who have developed their diving skills to a very high competitive level the opportunity to perform their skills in competition against other divers from throughout the country. Direction for this competition has been vested with the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee.

(h) **USA Diving National Preliminaries.** The Preliminary rounds may be held at different sites. Preliminaries have been established to provide competition for the highly skilled diver in four large areas of the United States. These competitions are used as a method for progressing to the quarter finals of the USA Diving National Championships and are under the direction of the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee. The USA Diving National Preliminaries are preliminary to and part of the USA Diving National Championships.

(i) **Association Competition.** Each Local Diving Committee is responsible for the conduct and/or supervision of Senior Diving in their Local Diving Association.

(j) **Invitational Meets.** Invitational Meets may be set up by Club Members and must be sanctioned online by the USA Diving National Office in cooperation with the Local Diving Association in which they are geographically located and which have been established to have responsibility of overseeing competition within their geographical location. Invitational meets may be combined with other meets as long as each controlling organization carries out its responsibilities for the conduct or control of its individual portion of the competition.

111.2 Awarding of USA Diving National Preliminaries.

(a) The USA Diving National Preliminaries will be awarded to sites in each of the four diving Zones. The dates will be selected by vote of the Committee for Competitive Excellence. The sites will be determined by the CEO after recommendation by the Site Selection Committee.

(b) For the USA Diving National Preliminaries, competition will be held for men and women on the 1-meter springboard, 3-meter springboard, 10-meter platform, and synchronized 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform. Meet directors will have the option of conducting these meets on Thursday through Saturday, Friday through Sunday, or Friday through Monday.

(c) A prospective partner must submit a completed "Application for USA Diving National Event" form, which is available from the National Office. A partner for a USA Diving National Preliminaries cannot repeat as a partner for two consecutive years unless there are no other bids from that Zone.

(d) For the USA Diving National Preliminaries, a written bid must be delivered to the National Office of USA Diving, Inc. **by the posted date on the USA Diving web site.** [Refer to Article 45, Section 245.13 of the Code for information on how to submit a bid for these meets.]

(e) Facilities at host sites must meet or exceed the requirements specified in 101.1, 101.2, and 101.3.

111.3 USA Diving National Championships.

(a) The sites of the USA Diving Spring or Winter and Summer National Championships are to be selected by the CEO after recommendations from the Site Selection Committee.

(b) The quarter finals of the Summer National Championships will be held no sooner than eight days following the USA Diving National Preliminaries. It is recommended that the Championships be held in June, July, or August when possible.

(c) In the event a corporate partnership is secured for the USA Diving National Championships meets any or all of these meets may bear the name of such partner, i.e., "The XYZ USA Diving National Championship." The name will be approved by the CEO.

(d) The Site Selection Committee shall consist of members as detailed in Article 45, Section 245.13 (a) of the Code.

(e) The Site Selection Committee must approve the diving facilities and equipment before making a recommendation to the CEO

(f) All diving equipment so approved by the Committee Chair shall be inspected one week before the USA Diving National Championships by the meet director or an appointed representative. The facilities shall not be changed or altered after inspection except when a springboard is broken or should repair or modification be necessary as directed by the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee or the Chair's designee.

111.4 Zone Alignment.

ZONE A: New England, Northern New York, Southern New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Potomac Valley, Pennsylvania, Southern Virginia

ZONE B: Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Southeastern, Southern, Ohio, Lake Erie, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan

ZONE C: Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Arkansas, Gulf, South Texas, Northwest Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska/Dakotas

ZONE D: Rocky Mountain, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho/Utah, Nevada, Washington, Montana, Oregon, Northern California, Central California, Southern Pacific, Hawaii, Alaska

Article 12 – Entry Forms And Fees

112.1 Entry Forms for USA Diving National Preliminaries.

(a) For USA Diving National Preliminaries, the meet director shall prepare meet information material and send it to the National Office at least 120 days before the first event. The information shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number(s) of the meet director;
- (2) Exact name and location of the facility;
- (3) Description of the diving equipment;
- (4) Practice times;
- (5) Starting times of events;
- (6) Transportation to the city (airlines and/or highways);
- (7) Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least five hotels or other housing facilities and their distance from the pool;
- (8) Sanction number; and
- (9) A designated online meet management system.

(b) The general information page, including other necessary information, shall be prepared by the National Office and approved by the appropriate Chair and Rules Chair as follows:

- (1) Eligibility for participation
- (2) Competition requirements for all events;
- (3) Schedule of events;
- (4) Degree of difficulty minimums;
- (5) Degree of difficulty table to be used;
- (6) Entry deadline dates;
- (7) Diving score sheet deadlines;
- (8) Description of penalties relating to deadline infractions;
- (9) Special rules that may pertain, i.e. rule changes; and
- (10) Sanction number.

(c) Meet information and entry forms will be distributed by the National Office at least 60 days prior to the USA Diving National Preliminaries. The distribution list will include all pre-qualified divers.

112.2 Entry Forms for USA Diving National Championships.

(a) For the USA Diving National Championships the meet director shall prepare meet information material and send it to the National Office, at least 120 days prior to the first event of the USA Diving National Preliminaries as described in Section 112.1 (a).

(b) The general information page, including other necessary information, shall be prepared by the National Office and approved by the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee and Rules Chair.

(c) Meet information and entry forms will be distributed by the National Office at least 60 days prior to the meet. The distribution list will include all pre-qualified divers.

(d) The deadline for synchronized diving team registration shall be six hours before the start of the contest. Entries that are submitted after the deadline will be assessed the late fee per rule 112.3.

112.3 Fees and Entry Procedures.

(a) **Fees.** The entry fee to be charged for each event entered shall be recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors and provisions regarding the division of the fees are modified to be consistent with the actions of the Board of Directors.

(b) **Entry Procedures.** Entry procedures are to be determined by policy established by the Board of Directors and implemented by the National Office and shall include entry forms, entry fees, late entry fees, deadlines, late sheet fees,

the distribution of those fees, and such other matters that are deemed appropriate.

(c) Enforcement of this rule is the responsibility of the National Office.

(d) In the event of a conflict, included but not limited to any statements about, copies of, or representations of the Corporation's *Competitive and Technical Rules* and *Code of USA Diving* appear in any document or article, or on any website, the provisions of the printed *Technical Rules of Diving* and the official version of the *Code of USA Diving* appearing on the Corporation's website shall prevail.

112.4 Submission of Diving Sheets.

(a) (1) Each competitor at the USA Diving National Championships must deposit in a designated entry box at pool side by noon on the day prior to the scheduled start time of the event, a complete and final list of dives the competitor plans to perform in the contest.

(2) Each competitor at the USA Diving National Preliminaries must deposit in a designated entry box at pool side by 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled start time of the 1st day's event, a complete and final list of dives the competitor plans to perform in the contest.

(3) These dives are to be listed on an official form as distributed by the meet director and filled out in pen or through an online registration service provider which offers dive sheet submission.

(4) Synchronized diving sheets for the preliminary contest are considered late if submitted less than six hours before the scheduled start of the contest and will be assessed the late sheet fee.

(b) At the USA Diving National Championships and the USA Diving National Preliminaries no changes are allowed to the dive sheets after three hours prior to the start of the event. It remains the divers responsibility to conform to competition parameters, such as degree of difficulty limits, and to satisfy dive group requirements. Event results are unofficial until compliance with all requirements is confirmed except that results are final one hour after the completion of the last event each day.

(c) Each competitor in all diving competitions is entirely responsible for the correctness of the statements on the list.

(d) This list of dives must be signed by the competitor or checked off at registration if submitted electronically. The signed portion of the score sheet shall be considered the competitor's official list of dives. Failure to sign or check off the list of dives shall be an indication that the diver agrees with the list and plans to perform the dives as listed.

(e) When dive sheets are entered online the diver must verify and certify with their signature that the diving list is accurate. The diver may change the dives on the list up to the time specified for the dropping of dive lists without penalty and after that time up to three hours prior to the start of the event with a penalty as prescribed elsewhere in these rules. Failure to verify and certify that the list submitted online is accurate will be verification in itself the dives on the list are those that the diver wishes to perform.

(f) In all other diving meets, the meet directors, at their own discretion, may arrange for a time different from that stated above for turning in the diving list for the convenience of meet procedure and/or the meet secretary. The deadline should not be less than one hour before the particular event and in all cases this information must be clearly stated on the entry information form.

(g) No changes may be made after the three-hour deadline before the scheduled start time of the event.

(h) The meet director or his or her representative shall check the designated entry box at noon (6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the first day of competition and 12 noon on subsequent days for USA Diving National Preliminaries) to determine

that all diving lists have been submitted. A grace period of 30 minutes will given for entered divers to turn in completed diving sheets.

(i) Any time after 12:30 p.m. (6:30 p.m. for USA Diving National Preliminaries) the drawing can be made.

(j) Dive sheets submitted after the sheet entry deadline and before the three hour deadline will be considered late entries. The diver may still compete by paying a fine as determined by the Board of Directors and, at the discretion of the meet director, dive first in the diving order. The fee should be made payable to the meet director of host club.

(k) A diving list score form listing dives and signed by the competitor may be mailed by certified mail (return receipt as proof) with the entry form, or separately, to the meet director who will deposit it into the designated entry box if the mailing meets with the deadline requirements.

112.5 Correction of Dive Sheets. The meet director shall have someone available more than three hours before the start of the USA Diving National Championships and the USA Diving National Preliminaries each day to allow the divers the opportunity to check and/or change their diving sheets.

Article 13 – Senior Competitions

113.1 International. All International Diving competition, including the World Swimming Championships, Pan American Games, Olympic Games, the FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix, and any other international competition held in the United States is governed by and conducted under FINA Rules and Regulations (FINA Handbook 2009-2013, as amended).

113.2 USA Diving National Championships. Annually, USA Diving will conduct one or more national diving championships. To compete in any of these events, including the USA Diving National Preliminaries, the registered athlete must be a citizen of the United States of America unless a Spring or Winter National Championship is organized as an international event.

113.3 Competition Requirements for Springboard Events.

(a) Men's 1-Meter Competition:

(1) The men's 1-meter springboard semifinal competition shall comprise six dives with a minimum degree of difficulty of **15.4**, of which one shall be selected from each group plus an additional dive which may be selected from any group.

(2) The top eight divers shall qualify for the finals, which may be a repeat of the same six optional dives or, at the discretion of the diver, a different list that satisfies all the requirements.

(3) The final places of the finalists shall be determined by their score achieved in the final only. The final places of the semifinalists who do not qualify for the final will be determined by their score achieved in the semifinal only.

(b) Men's 3-Meter Competition:

(1) The men's 3-meter quarterfinal, semifinal and final competition shall comprise six dives with a minimum degree of difficulty of **16.8**, of which one dive shall be selected from each group plus an additional dive which may be selected from any group.

(2) The top 18 in the quarterfinal shall advance to the semifinal. In the semifinal, the divers shall compete in reverse order of their ranking determined by the total scores at the end of the quarterfinal competition.

(3) The top 12 divers shall advance to the final. Divers shall compete in reverse order of their scores after the semifinal ranking determined by the total scores from the semifinal competition.

(4) The ranking of the finalists shall be determined by the total points scored in the final competition.

(c) Women's 1-Meter Competition:

(1) The women's 1-meter springboard semifinal competition shall comprise five dives from different groups with a minimum degree of difficulty of **11.4**.

(2) The top eight divers shall qualify for the finals, which may be a repeat of the same five optional dives or, at the discretion of the diver, a different list that satisfies all the requirements.

(3) The final places of the finalists shall be determined by their score achieved in the final only. The final places of the semifinalists who do not qualify for the final will be determined by their score achieved in the semifinal only.

(d) Women's 3-Meter Competition:

(1) The women's 3-meter quarterfinal, semifinal and final competition shall comprise five dives from different groups with a minimum degree of difficulty of **13.1**.

(2) The top 18 in the quarterfinal shall advance to the semifinal. In the semifinal the divers shall compete in reverse order of their ranking determined by the total scores at the end of the quarterfinal competition.

(3) The top 12 divers shall advance to the final. Divers shall compete in reverse order of their scores after the semifinal ranking determined by the total scores from the semifinal competition.

(4) The ranking of the finalists shall be determined by the total points scored in the final competition.

(e) If the tournament/cup system is used in the Senior National Championship the Senior Rules Subcommittee shall establish the format for the competition.

113.4 Competition Requirements for Platform Events.

(a) Men's Platform:

(1) The men's platform quarterfinal, semifinal and final competition shall comprise six dives from different groups with minimum degree of difficulty of **16.3**.

(2) The top 18 in the quarterfinal shall advance to the semifinal. In the semifinal the divers shall compete in reverse order of their ranking determined by the total scores at the end of the quarterfinal competition.

(3) The top 12 divers shall advance to the final. Divers shall compete in reverse order of their scores after the semifinal ranking determined by the total scores from the semifinal competition.

(4) The ranking of the finalists shall be determined by the total points scored in the final competition.

(b) Women's Platform:

(1) The women's platform quarterfinal, semifinal and final competition shall comprise five dives from different groups with a minimum degree of difficulty of **13.2**.

(2) The top 18 in the quarterfinal shall advance to the semifinal. In the semifinal the divers shall compete in reverse order of their ranking determined by the total scores at the end of the quarterfinal competition.

(3) The top 12 divers shall advance to the final. Divers shall compete in reverse order of their scores after the semifinal ranking determined by the total scores from the semifinal competition..

(4) The ranking of the finalists shall be determined by the total points scored in the final competition.

(c) If the tournament/cup system is used in the Senior National Championship the Senior Rules Subcommittee shall establish the format for the competition.

113.5 Competition Requirements for Synchronized 3-Meter and Platform Events.

(a) (1) The synchronized diving competition involves two divers diving simultaneously from the springboards or platforms. The competition is judged on how the two divers individually perform their dives and how the two divers as a team synchronize their performance.

(2) In the three-meter and platform events a team is composed of only two divers with no substitutes.

(3) In the combined synchronized event a team may be composed of any number of divers with two competing at a time and may be either or both sexes as determined by the meet director.

(b) Synchronized competition format:

(1) The synchronized diving competition for women on 3 meter springboard and platform shall comprise five (5) rounds of dives from five (5) different groups. Two (2) rounds of dives with an assigned degree of difficulty of 2.0 for each dive regardless of the formula followed by three (3) rounds of dives with a minimum total degree of difficulty of 7.5 for 3 meter, and 8.0 for platform. All forward facing dives on springboard shall be done with a running approach.

(2) The synchronized diving competition for men on 3 meter springboard and platform shall comprise six (6) rounds of dives from five (5) different groups. Two (2) rounds of dives with an assigned degree of difficulty of 2.0 for each dive regardless of the formula followed by four (4) rounds of dives with a minimum total degree of difficulty of 11.1 for 3 meter, and 11.2 for platform. All forward facing dives on springboard shall be done with a running approach.

(3) In each round the two divers must perform the same dive (same dive number in the same position). No dive number may be repeated from the same height.

(4) At the National Championships there shall be preliminary and final competition. The preliminary shall consist of five or six rounds of dives as stated in 113.5(b)(1) and (2). The top six pairs shall advance to finals, which shall consist of five or six dives as stated in 113.5(b)(1) and (2). The ranking of the finalists shall be determined by the total points scored in the final competition.

(5) In the event there are 16 or more synchronized teams entered in the semifinals of the USA Diving National Championship (when combining the men's and women's team entrants on one level – i.e. 3m or platform), the event will be two separate events in the schedule of events. If there are fewer than 16 combined total entries, both events will be run concurrently as one event with the men going first followed by the women.

113.6 Dual Citizenship Divers.

(a) If any of the qualifiers for the quarterfinals, semifinals, or finals are divers with dual citizenship and who have declared their "sport nationality" for their other country **and have competed for their other country**, the number of competitors in the quarterfinals, semifinals, or finals shall be increased by the number of such dual citizenship divers who have qualified for the quarterfinals, semifinals, or finals.

(b) This rule does apply to the synchronized diving events if one or both divers have declared their "sport nationality" **and have competed** for their other country.

(c) This rule does not apply in meets in which foreign divers are permitted to compete.

(d) The Dual Citizen diver will affect the results in this manner for the time specified in the FINA rules applying to changing sport nationality (currently 1 year after changing declaration).

*Note: Dual citizenship alone does not make this rule applicable. The diver must have declared their "sport nationality" for another country **and have competed***

for their other country. *If the diver is still eligible to represent the United States in international competition then this rule does not apply.*

113.7 Diving List.

(a) Except as provided in Section 104.4, the deadline for depositing the list of dives shall be noon on the prior to the competition. Diving sheets submitted after the drawing for diving order shall be considered late entries. The diver may still compete by paying a fine as specified by the Board of Directors and, at the discretion of the meet director, diving first in the diving order.

(b) **When the competitive session are on the same day** the divers in the finals of 1-meter springboard, 3-meter springboard and platform may submit a new list of dives within 30 minutes after the end of the completion of the previous session. **When the finals are conducted on a later date a new list of dies may be submitted up until three (3) hours prior to the start of the finals.** If a new list of dives is not submitted by the diver within the time provided, the diver shall perform the same dives performed in the previous session.

(c) In the 1-meter springboard competition the diver may change their dive list before the commencement of any segment in the tournament provided the amended list is lodged with the secretary within 30 minutes of the completion of the previous session of the competition. If a new list of dives is not submitted by the diver within the time provided, the diver shall perform the same dives performed in the previous session.

113.8 Designation of Coaches.

(a) **The deadline for designating a diver's coach of record is the first day of competition of a meet. The designated coach of record is the name listed on the dive sheet. There can be no changes of the coach after the start of competition.**

(b) Any diver listing one or more coaches at the Age Group Nationals Championships or the Junior National Championship must list the same one or more coaches at the Senior National Championship. Any coaches' points shall be equally divided between the listed coaches for that calendar year.

(c) If an athlete leaves a club team to enter college, coaches' points shall be split, on an event-by-event basis, between the club coach and the college coach as follows, regardless of whether both coaches are listed on the diver's entry form.

(1) If the athlete has not qualified for the USA Diving National Championships prior to entering college, all points shall accrue to the college coach.

(2) If the athlete qualified for the USA Diving National Championships prior to entering college and:

(i) Finished no higher than ninth place, any coaches' points associated with that athlete's performance shall be split for a period of one year subsequent to that athlete entering college; or

(ii) Finished in places one through eight, any coaches' points associated with that athlete's performance shall be split between the club coach and the college coach for a period of two years subsequent to that athlete entering college.

(3) If two coaches associated with different teams agree to jointly or alternately coach an athlete, any coaches' point accruing from that athlete's performance during the time of the agreement will be split.

113.9 Individual and Team Scoring.

(a) **Individual events.** Points shall be awarded to the top 16 places in each event. Points will be awarded as follows: 24-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-4-3-2-1.

(b) **Synchronized events.** Points shall be awarded to the top 16 places in each event. Points shall be awarded as follows: 24-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-4-3-2-1. When synchronized team members are not from the same club, the points will be split evenly between team members.

(c) **Ties.** In the event of a tie, the points allocated to the tied place shall be added to those allocated to the next place or places, the sum divided by the number of divers who have tied, and that amount added to the team score for each team.

(d) **Individual High Point Awards.** There will be individual High Point Awards given for Men and Women. Individual High Point Awards will use half of the allotted points for position finish in the Synchro Events.

(e) **Team Awards.** There will be First, Second, and Third place Championship Team Awards for Men and Women. There will be a Championship Team Award for the most combined total points.

113.10 USA Diving National Preliminaries for the USA Diving National Championships.

(a) Competition Requirements for Springboard Events.

(1) **Men's 1-Meter:** The preliminary shall consist of all contestants doing six optional dives, at least one from each group, in any order with a minimum degree of difficulty of **15.4**. The 12 highest finishers not previously qualified plus the number of divers previously qualified who have placed in the top 12 shall continue the contest which may be a repeat of the same six optional dive list or, at the discretion of the diver, a different list that meets all requirements. The final places shall be determined by the total scores from the performance of the second list of optional dives.

(2) **Men's 3-Meter:** The preliminary shall consist of all contestants doing six optional dives, at least one from each group in any order, with a minimum degree of difficulty of **16.8**. The 12 highest finishers not previously qualified plus the number of divers previously qualified who have placed in the top 12 shall continue the contest which may be a repeat of the same six optional dive list or, at the discretion of the diver, a different list that meets all requirements. The final places shall be determined by the total scores from the performance of the second list of optional dives.

(3) **Women's 1-Meter:** The preliminary shall consist of all contestants doing five optional dives, one from each group, in any order, with a minimum degree of difficulty of **11.4**. The 12 highest finishers not previously qualified plus the number of divers previously qualified who have placed in the top 12 shall continue the contest which will be a repeat of the same five optional dive list or, at the discretion of the diver, a different list that meets all requirements. The final places shall be determined by the total scores from the performance of the second list of optional dives.

(4) **Women's 3-Meter:** The preliminary shall consist of all contestants doing five optional dives, one from each group, in any order, with a minimum degree of difficulty of **13.1**. The 12 highest finishers not previously qualified plus the number of divers previously qualified who have placed in the top 12 shall continue the contest which may be a repeat of the same five optional dive list or, at the discretion of the diver, a different list that meets all requirements. The final places shall be determined by the total scores from the performance of the second list of optional dives.

(b) Competition Requirements For Platform Events:

(1) **Men's 10-Meter:** The contest shall consist of all contestants doing six optional dives, at least one from each group in any order, with a minimum degree of difficulty of **16.3**. The 12 highest finishers not previously qualified plus the number of divers previously qualified who have placed in the top 12 shall continue the contest which may be a repeat of the same six optional dive list or, at the discretion of the diver, a different list that meets all requirements. The final places shall be determined by the total scores from the performance of the second list of optional dives.

(2) **Women's 10-Meter:** The contest shall consist of all contestants doing five optional dives from different groups with a minimum degree of difficulty of **13.2**. The 12 highest finishers not previously qualified plus the number of divers previously qualified who have placed in the top 12 shall continue the contest which may be a repeat of the same five optional dive list or, at the discretion of the diver, a different list that meets all requirements. The final places shall be determined by the total scores from the performance of the second list of optional dives.

(c) Competition requirements for synchronized events shall be the same as described in 113.5.

113.11 Degree of Difficulty Requirements. Once an event has begun, a diver participating in a USA Diving National Preliminaries or USA Diving National Championships who does not meet the minimum degree of difficulty for the optional dives shall be disqualified from the event.

113.12 Judging Panels.

(a) At the USA Diving National Championships there may be two panels of five judges or two panels of seven judges in the quarterfinal of each individual event. Panels shall rotate according to the schedule in 113.12(c). In the final there shall be one panel of seven judges (when possible), drawn from all available certified judges by the Judges Selection Committee.

(b) In the USA Diving National Preliminaries there shall be two panels of five judges for each individual event. If not possible, one panel of five or seven judges shall be used. Panels shall rotate according to the schedule in 113.12(c).

(c) Panels shall rotate according to the following schedule:

(1) Women's 1-meter, 3-meter, and 10-meter (five-dive contests):

Panel A: rounds 1, 2, and 3

Panel B: rounds 4 and 5

When the same panels are used for the preliminary or quarterfinal and semifinal, panels A and B shall be reversed.

(2) Men's 1-meter, 3-meter, and 10-meter (six-dive contests):

Panel A: rounds 1, 2, and 3

Panel B: rounds 4, 5, and 6

When the same panels are used for the preliminary or quarterfinal and semifinal, panels A and B shall be reversed.

(3) For synchronized diving events there shall be eleven (11) judges at the USA Diving National Championships and there may be nine or seven judges at the USA Diving National Preliminaries.

113.13 Referees.

(a) All events at the USA Diving National Championships and its qualifying meets shall have three referees, a head referee, who must be Safety Certified and who may be on the judging panel, and two assistant referees, one of whom shall be on the judging panel and who will be seated on the opposite side of the pool from the head referee when appropriate.

(b) This assistant referee will be responsible for indicating to the head referee by a raised hand that a diver has failed a dive. When the head referee concurs with this assistant referee's judgment then a failed dive shall be declared.

(c) The second assistant referee, who shall be the announcer, shall notify the head referee of all observed errors. [See also 240.1(c) in USA Diving Code]

113.14 Selection of judges at the USA Diving National Championships.

(a) The necessary number of judge names shall be drawn consecutively from three containers representing the three areas. Not more than one judge from a State and/or Local Diving Association (unless an LDA contains more than one state, then not more than one judge from a state within the LDA) may judge on the same panel, whenever possible. The remaining names shall be drawn to serve as alternates. Replacement by alternates shall be by area whenever possible. The same procedure shall be used for each event. This selection may also be made electronically.

(b) When necessary the Chairman of the Judges Selection Committee will appoint judges from the people present at the meet and willing to judge. This will happen as soon as possible before the start of each event, but no later than the performance of the first dive.

(c) Parents, spouses, offspring, or siblings will not be permitted to judge or be a referee in an event in which an offspring, spouse, parent, or sibling competes. Two members of the same family will not be permitted to judge and/or be a referee in the same event. The announcer/third referee shall be exempt from this provision.

(d) The areas for judge selection shall be:

EAST	CENTRAL	WEST
New England	Ohio	Gulf
Northern New York	Lake Erie	South Texas
Southern New York	Indiana	Northwest Texas
Connecticut	Michigan	Rocky Mountain
New Jersey	Illinois	New Mexico
Potomac Valley	Wisconsin	Arizona
Pennsylvania	Iowa	Idaho/Utah
Carolinas	Minnesota	Nevada
Georgia	Missouri Valley	Washington
Florida	Arkansas	Montana
Florida Gold Coast	Oklahoma	Oregon
Southern Virginia	Nebraska/Dakotas	Northern California
	Southeastern	Central California
	Southern	Southern Pacific
		Hawaii
		Alaska

113.15 Conditions for Performance. For USA Diving National Championships only:

(a) The dive shall be executed after a signal given by the referee, preferably by whistle.

(b) After the competition is started, a diver may bounce the springboard after scores of the previous dive have been announced and before the next whistle.

(c) The dive number and position shall be displayed to the diver before the dive is executed in the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. If an electronic device is not available, a blackboard or some other visual aid is acceptable.

(d) During the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals at the USA Diving National Championships, the announcer shall read the diver's name, dive number and degree of difficulty. The announcer also may announce a description of the dive and the judges awards.

113.16 Bonus Points.

(a) **Calculation.** Bonus points will be added to the score of each diver who performs a qualified dive. The total score for each such dive, including the bonus points, will be calculated by multiplying the standard score, as specified in 106.13, by 1.25; provided, however, that the total score, including bonus points, shall not exceed the standard score by more than 15 points. This provision shall apply only during the first three years of the Olympic quadrennium.

(b) **Qualified dives.** The minimum DD for a qualifying dive will be determined by the CCE.

(c) **Amending List.** Dives may be added to or subtracted from this list at the direction of the Committee for Competitive Excellence. The CCE also may adjust the multiplier and the maximum points to be awarded. Requests to change the list, including elimination of dives that meet or exceed the DDs listed in (b) above, should be submitted to the CCE for consideration and vote. No changes may be made to the bonus point system after the meet information is mailed. Bonus point information shall be included with the meet information.

Article 14 – Eligibility

114.1 Eligibility Requirements for Individual Springboard and Platform Events at USA Diving National Championships. Divers who are U.S. citizens and who meet one of the following standards for an event are eligible to compete in that event at the USA Diving National Championships (Summer).

(a) In a year when the U.S. Nationals follow the Olympics, members of the most recent USA Olympic Diving Team shall be qualified directly to the finals in his or her Olympic event.

(b) A champion in an event at one of the previous four years' USA Diving Championships (Spring, Winter, or Summer).

(c) A member of the U.S. Diving team to the most recent Olympic Games in his or her Olympic event.

(d) A diver who has finished in places two through 12 at one of the previous two USA Diving National Championships in 3-meter or platform events, or two through eight in 1-meter events (Spring, Winter, or Summer).

(e) The top five finishers on 3-meter or platform and the top five (5) finishers on 1-meter from each USA Diving National Preliminary who are not otherwise eligible are eligible for the USA Diving National Championships that immediately follows that meet in that event only. If one, or more, of these qualified divers cannot compete in the quarter finals of the Nationals, the next place finisher, up to the eighth place finisher, may compete. No further search for a replacement will be permitted.

(f) The top five (5) U.S. citizens in the previous NCAA Division I National Championships are eligible for that event.

(g) When a diver with dual citizenship (U.S. citizen and some other country) has declared their "sport nationality" for the other country, **and has competed for their other country**, as described in FINA GR 2.6, and finishes in the top eighteen (18) in the quarterfinals or top twelve (12) in the semifinals of the 3-meter springboard or the platform or the top eight (8) in the semifinals of the 1-meter springboard at the USA Diving National Championships (Summer), in the top five (5) on the 1-meter springboard, 3-meter springboard, or platform at the

USA Diving National Preliminaries, the next diver in finish order beyond those described above shall receive the eligibility qualification as provided for above.

(h) In extenuating circumstances the CCE may name additional individual divers and synchronized diving teams, who miss the USA Diving National Preliminaries, which they feel have a possibility of placing in international competition.

(i) Eligibility requirements for the Spring or Winter USA Diving National Championships will be determined by the CCE. [see Article 16, Section 116.1]

114.2 Alaska and Hawaii.

(a) **Alaska.** One man and one woman in each event who are registered and training in the state of Alaska are eligible to compete in the quarter finals of the Summer USA Diving National Championships without attending a USA Diving National Preliminary. These divers must be designated by the Chair of their state's LDA and must submit their qualifications for approval to the Rules Chair not less than 30 days prior to the Summer National Championships.

(b) **Hawaii.** One man and one woman in each event who are registered and training in the state of Hawaii are eligible to compete in the quarter finals of the Summer USA Diving National Championships without attending a USA Diving National Preliminary. These divers must be designated by the Chair of their state's LDA and must submit their qualifications for approval to the Rules Chair not less than 30 days prior to the Summer National Championships.

114.3 International Competition, National Championships. A diver who, by virtue of his or her performance at a prior National Championship is pre-qualified to a National Championship and misses that Championship because he or she is representing the United States in international competition during a USA Diving National Championship, or who has competed in an international meet three days prior to the Championship and does not compete in the Championship, does not lose any eligibility for future Championships.

114.4 International Competition, USA Diving National Preliminary Meets. For conflicts between participating in international competition and attending USA Diving National Preliminary meets see 102.8.

114.5 Eligibility Requirements for Synchronized Events at USA Diving National Championships.

(a) Any team of divers who meet one of the following standards for a 3-meter or platform event are eligible to compete in that event at the USA Diving National Championships (Summer).

(1) A Synchro team that represented U.S.A. Diving to the most recent Olympic Games in their Olympic event (qualification is for the team, not the individuals) is qualified to the Finals. This may allow additional teams in the Finals.

(2) The champion in an event at one of the previous four USA Diving National Championships (the two previous Spring or Winter or the two previous Summer).

(3) A second through sixth place finish at one of the two preceding USA Diving National Championships (the previous Spring or Winter or the previous Summer).

(4) The top 3 non-pre-qualified places in the three meter and platform synchronized diving events from the previous preliminary meets.

(5) The CCE may name additional synchronized teams which they feel have the possibility of placing in international competition.

(b) A diver may not compete on more than one synchro team in a single event.

Article 15 – Schedule Of Events And Practice Times

115.1 Schedule for the Summer USA Diving National Championships.

(a) No diving event shall start earlier than 9:00 a.m.

(b) The diving facilities shall be available exclusively to the contestants for practice from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for three full days before the first day of competition for the USA Diving National Championships and for one full day before a USA Diving National Preliminary.

(c) For the USA Diving National Championships there must be sign-up sheets posted on the deck for all sessions that the pool is to be available for the divers, beginning two days prior to and during the meet. A public drawing for these workout times will be made by the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee, or the Chair's representative, and posted by noon before each practice day.

(d) The schedule for competition at the USA Diving National Championships in odd-numbered years shall be:

First Day:

Event 1, Men's 3-Meter Synchro Preliminaries; followed by
Event 2, Women's 10-Meter Synchro Preliminaries; followed by
Event 3, Women's 3-Meter Synchro Preliminaries; followed by
Event 4, Men's 10-Meter Synchro Preliminaries.

Second Day:

Event 5, Noon, Men's 3-Meter Quarterfinal; followed by
Event 6, Men's 3-Meter Semifinal.
Event 7, Noon, Women's 1-Meter Quarterfinal; followed by
Event 8, Women's 1-Meter Semifinal A and B
Event 9, Women's 1-Meter Final.

Third Day:

Event 10, Noon, Women's 3-Meter Quarterfinal; followed by
Event 11, Women's 3-Meter Semifinal.
Event 12, Noon, Men's 1-Meter Quarterfinal; followed by
Event 13, Men's 1-Meter Semifinal A and B; followed by
Event 14, Men's 1-Meter Final.

Fourth Day:

Event 15, 10:00 a.m., Men's 10-Meter Quarterfinal; followed by
Event 16, Men's 10-Meter Semifinal.
Event 17, 3:00 p.m., Women's 10-Meter Quarterfinal; followed by
Event 18, Women's 10-Meter Semifinal.

Fifth Day:

Event 19, 12:00 p.m., Men's 3-Meter Final; followed by
Event 20, Women's 10-Meter Final.
Event 21, 3:00 p.m., Men's 3-Meter Synchro Final; followed by
Event 22, Women's 10-Meter Synchro Final.

Sixth Day:

Event 23, 11:00 a.m., Women's 3-Meter Final; followed by
Event 24, Men's 10-Meter Final.
Event 25, 2:00 p.m., Women's 3-Meter Synchro Final; followed by
Event 26, Men's 10-Meter Synchro Final.

(e) At a USA Diving National Championships for which there is no television contract (or for which there is some latitude), the schedule shall be established by the Rules Committee upon recommendation from the meet director and Chair of the Senior Diving Committee.

(f) In even-numbered years, the genders of each event will be reversed.

(g) The starting time of a finals may be changed to fulfill a television commitment.

(h) In the event that U.S. Diving Championships are held at an outdoor facility, the starting times for all events may be changed as influenced by the local conditions.

(i) The meet director has the option to recommend changes in the national championship schedule based on local conditions and circumstances. This recommendation must be approved by the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee and the Diving Rules Chairman. This information will be included in the meet brochure.

115.2 Practice Schedule For Summer USA Diving National Championships.

(a) Only athletes entered in the meet may use the diving boards or platforms for workout during scheduled practice times including open workout times at the Summer USA Diving National Championship; except that a U.S. athlete qualified for an upcoming national or international meet may be allocated workout time or allowed to participate in open warmups provided a designated coach for the athlete is present, at such time as the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee, in consultation with the Chair of the Junior Diving Committee, may deem appropriate. Such workouts must not interfere with practice times for meet competitors. The Chair of the Senior Diving Committee, or a designated agent, will enforce this policy.

(b) The practice schedule for the USA Diving National Championships should be:

- (1) Two days prior to the start of the competition, practice times shall be:
 - 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
 - 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 - 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. are open.

(2) The Chair of the Senior Diving Committee is authorized to adjust the practice to accommodate orderly administration of the meet and the event schedule, provided the available amount of practice time is equally and fairly divided.

(3) For all drawn group practices, divide the number of contestants by the number of groups to determine the size of the groups. The drawn practice times shall be posted by 12 noon the day before each practice session.

(4) **Day One:** These groups are drawn for all levels. There must be at least ½ hour workout time prior to the start of synchronized diving events for synchronized teams only. The drawing for warmup times will be made by the meet director with the approval of the Chair of the Senior Diving Committee, based on the start time for synchronized events.

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. open to all competitors

(5) **Day Five and Day Six** require no training groups but the pool shall be available for open practice from 8:00 a.m.

Note: In any facility where other levels may cause a delay in the training period for an upcoming event, that level will be closed.

115.3 Schedule for the USA Diving National Preliminaries.

(a) The recommended schedule for competition of the USA Diving National Preliminaries in odd-numbered years shall be:

First Day: Event 1. Women's 1-Meter, Event 2. Men's 3-Meter, Event 3. Men's Synchronized 3-Meter.

Second Day: Event 4. Men's 1-Meter, Event 5. Women's 3-Meter, Event 6. Women's Synchronized 3-Meter.

Third Day: Event 7. Women's platform, Event 8. Men's Platform, Event 9. Women's Synchronized Platform, Event 10. Men's Synchronized Platform.

(b) Each day's events may be run simultaneously or combined at the discretion of the meet director.

(c) In even-numbered years the gender of each event will be reversed.

(d) Meet directors, with the approval of the Chair of Senior Diving, and the Rules Committee Chair, may modify the schedule above to accommodate local sites and conditions, provided that any such changes are reflected accurately in the official meet information mailed to athletes and coaches.

Article 16 – Other Competitions

116.1 USA Diving Spring or Winter National Championship.

(a) USA Diving shall conduct the USA Diving Spring or Winter National Championship.

(b) The USA Diving Spring or Winter National Championship may include 1-meter and 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform individual events, and 3-meter springboard and platform synchronized events, for men and women. Specific competitive requirements will be established by the Committee for Competitive Excellence.

(c) Eligible competitors may include top finishers in the previous Senior National Summer Championships, the previous NCAA Championships, the 16-18 events of the previous Junior National Championships, Group A events of the previous World Age Group Championships, the previous World Cup, the previous World Championships, the previous Olympic Games, the previous World University Games, designated FINA Grand Prix events, other international or national events that seem appropriate, or other individual divers which the Committee for Competitive Excellence determines are appropriate.

(d) The Committee for Competitive Excellence shall set specific criteria for competitor eligibility, including but not limited to the number of competitors to be invited from the meets listed above.

(e) U.S. citizenship or declared U.S. sports nationality shall not be a condition for participation.

116.2 Association Championships.

(a) For Springboard competition in Senior Association Championships, see 113.3.

(b) For Platform competition in Senior Association Championships, see 113.4.

(c) For Synchronized competition in Senior Association Championships, see 113.5.

(d) For Association Championships for Junior divers, see Article 23.

(e) For Future Championships competition, see Article 28.

(f) For Masters competition, see Articles 30 - 32.

(g) Association Championships must be sanctioned by the Corporation as outlined in Article 61 of the USA Diving Code.

(h) It is recommended that Association Championships be conducted as closely as possible to all the rules governing the USA Diving Championships.

(i) In Association Championships, fees to be charged and any differences in the rules such as the number of dives to be performed, the order of dives, the delivery of the diving list, or the number of finalists must be clearly stated on the entry blanks.

(j) Association Championships are open to both Competitive Blue and Competitive Gold registered athletes.

116.3 Invitational Meets.

(a) Local meets may be modified to accommodate local conditions, preferences, limited facilities, and personnel.

(b) Invitational meets must be sanctioned by the Corporation as outlined in Article 61.

(c) Eligibility for participation is open to all USA Diving registered athletes in accordance with Part II, Subparts A, B, and C of the USA Diving Code.

(d) It is recommended that invitational meets be conducted as closely as possible to all the rules governing the USA Diving Championships.

(e) In invitational meets, fees to be charged and any differences in the rules such as the number of dives to be performed, the order of dives, the delivery of the diving list, or the number of finalists must be clearly stated on the entry blanks.

(f) In invitational meets, Masters divers are permitted to compete in Senior events. Junior divers (not Limited Athlete) are permitted to compete in Senior events as long as they meet the competition requirements.

(g) Invitational meets may be open to both Competitive Blue and Competitive Gold registered athletes.