

USA DIVING
SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE 2012 FINA WORLD CUP
FEBRUARY 20-26, 2012
LONDON, ENGLAND
(THESE PROCEDURES ARE SOLELY TO SELECT THE U.S TEAM
TO THE 2012 FINA DIVING WORLD CUP
Selection of teams to the 2012 AT&T USA Grand Prix and other
international Grand Prix are governed by separate procedures)

1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1 Nature of the Selection Procedures. The procedures that follow will be used to select the Team to represent the United States in the 2012 FINA World Cup competition (the "Selection Procedures" or "Procedures"). These Procedures contemplate the selection of a team based on the results of single selection event where selection for both individual events and synchronized events will occur.

1.2 Team Size. The maximum number of divers which USA Diving may enter in the World Cup competition under the rules established by FINA is as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
3 M Springboard	2	2
Platform	2	2
3M Synchronized Diving	2 (1 team)	2 (1 team)
10M Synchronized Diving	2 (1 team)	2 (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 participate in multiple events.

1.3 Selection Events. There will be one selection event for the 2012 World Cup Individual Events and for the 2012 World Cup Synchronized Events.

1.3.1 Selection for the 2012 FINA World Cup Events will take place at the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships to be held December 17-22, 2011 ("Winter Nationals") at Knoxville, TN. The Winter Nationals will be governed by the Committee for Competitive Excellence ("CCE") and the decisions as to which athletes will attend the Winter Nationals and who will represent the United

States in the individual and synchronized events at the 2012 FINA World Cup will be made in the manner described in these procedures.

1.4 FINA Certified Judges.

1.4.1 By November 1, 2011 the CCE will identify from the pool of FINA Certified Judges, whose names appear in Exhibit A below, the judges who will serve as the Neutral Judges ("the Neutral Judges") for the Winter Nationals. The CCE reserves the right to substitute for any identified Neutral Judge who is unable to participate at the Winter Nationals. An individual is not, however, qualified to serve as a Neutral Judge if he or she is a relative of or is a coach of any athlete who may reasonably be considered to be a candidate for the Team, or otherwise has a relationship with an athlete or an athlete's coach that creates a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict. Additionally, no athlete may serve as a Neutral Judge unless the athlete has been retired from competition for at least two years prior to the event.

1.4.2. The CCE will select at least nine (9) and no more than fourteen (14) individuals to serve as the Neutral Judges at the Winter Nationals.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE.

2.1. General Eligibility. Every candidate for the 2012 FINA World Cup Team must:

- 2.1.1 be a citizen of the United States,
- 2.1.2 not have competed for another country any time after February 1, 2011, and
- 2.1.3 be a member in good standing of USA Diving.

2.2 Winter Nationals Eligibility for individual events.

Attendance at the Winter Nationals is by invitation issued in writing by USA Diving to individuals who qualify for an invitation in one of the following ways:

- 2.2.1. 2010 FINA World Cup Team members in all individual Olympic events.
- 2.2.2. 2011 FINA World Championship Team members in the Olympic Events in all individual Olympic events.

2.2.3. Top six (6) divers in each individual event at the 2010 AT&T National Diving Championships in the Olympic events in which they placed in the top six.

2.2.4. Top twelve (12) divers in each individual event at the 2011 AT&T National Diving Championships in the Olympic events in which they placed in the top twelve.

2.2.5. Top six (6) divers in each individual event at the 2010 Winter National Diving Championships and the top twelve (12) divers at the 2011 Winter National Diving Championships in the Olympic events in which they placed.

2.2.6. Members of the USA Team to the 2010 & 2011 AT&T FINA USA Diving Grand Prix in the individual events in which they participated.

2.2.7. Members of the USA Team to the 2010 & 2011 Canada Cup Grand Prix in the individual events in which they participated.

2.2.8. Divers who are U.S. citizens and finished in the top eight (8) in each individual Olympic event at the 2010 & 2011 NCAA Diving Championships in the events in which they placed in the top eight; provided that, in the Platform events, all dives must have been performed on the 10 Meter platform.

2.2.9. Top six (6) divers in each individual 3 meter and platform event in Group A (16-18) and the top three (3) divers in each individual 3 meter and platform event in Group B (14-15) at the 2010 & 2011 USA Diving Junior National Championships.

2.2.10. Medalists in each individual 3 meter and platform event in the 2010 FINA Junior World Diving Championships in the individual events in which they medaled.

2.2.11. Medalists in Group A and Group B in each individual 3 meter and platform event in the 2011 Junior Pan American Diving Championships in the individual events in which they medaled.

2.2.12. Invitation upon the decision of the Committee for Competitive Excellence ("CCE") subject to review by the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of USD or his/her designee.

2.2.13. Have a petition to participate in the 2012 USA Diving Winter Nationals approved by the CCE subject to the petition procedures set forth below (See 5.1).

2.2.14. (A) Participate in the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championship Preliminary Competition. The number of athletes who may qualify from this meet will be determined by the CCE after all athletes who qualify pursuant to section 2.2.1 through 2.2.13 above have registered for the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships which must occur on or before, November 20, 2011.

(B) The CCE has determined that there will be a targeted maximum of 36 divers in the each of the 3 Meter and Platform individual events.

(C) After the registration deadline of November 20, 2011, USA Diving will announce the number of remaining eligible positions to be filled in each individual 3 Meter and Platform event and the synchronized events that may be earned at the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Preliminary Competition.

2.3 Synchronized Events Eligibility.

The Synchronized Events are open to all teams. However, to participate in a synchronized event a team must have a dive list that meets the minimum degree of difficulty stated in section 3.1.1.2. (Please note that while there is a minimum degree of difficulty to participate in the synchronized events there is a higher degree of difficulty, as stated in 3.1.1.2, to be considered for selection to the World Cup Team.

3. PROCEDURES.

3.1. Events Procedures. The following procedures will apply to the Individual Events:

3.1.1. Minimum Degree of Difficulty

3.1.1.1 There will be no minimum degree of difficulty for a diver to participate in an individual event the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championship. **HOWEVER, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO THE TEAM IN AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT EACH DIVER MUST PERFORM ALL DIVES IN THEIR DIVE LISTS WITH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY.**

Women

Men

3 Meter	14.4	19.2
10 Meter	15.4	20.3

3.1.1.2 To participate in the synchronized events at the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championship teams will be required to have the following minimum degree of difficulty for their dive lists.

	Women	Men
3-Meter Synchro	12.4	16.0
10-Meter Synchro	12.6	16.7

HOWEVER, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO THE TEAM IN A SYNCHRONIZED EVENT EACH TEAM MUST PERFORM ALL DIVES IN THEIR DIVE LISTS WITH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY.

	Women	Men
3-Meter Synchro	13.0	17.3
10-Meter Synchro	13.4	17.4

3.1.2. Individual Events Format

Each diver participating in the Individual Events will perform all dives in their list during the scheduled sessions of the Winter Nationals. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of each event will be scored by the Neutral Judges.

3.1.2.1 Each diver participating in the individual events at the Winter Nationals will perform in quarter-finals for each event. At the conclusion of the quarter-finals of each event the top 18 participants by place finish will move forward to the semi-finals.

3.1.2.2 At the conclusion of the semi-finals in each of the individual events the top 12 individuals by place finish in the semi-finals will move forward to the event Final.

3.1.3 Synchronized Events Format

Each team participating in the Synchronized Events will perform all dives in their list during the scheduled sessions of the Synchronized Events. The Synchronized Events will be scored by the Neutral Judges.

3.2.2.1 Each synchronized team will perform in the preliminaries of the synchronized events.

3.2.2.2. A. At the conclusion of the preliminaries in each of the synchronized events the top 12 teams will proceed to the event Final. In general, teams will compete in reverse order based on results of the preliminaries,

however, in the event there are divers with multiple partners in the Final then the meet referee in conjunction with the meet director may adjust the dive order to provide for an efficient competition taking into account the order of finish of the multiple partner teams.

B. For both the preliminaries and finals of synchronized events, a diver may compete with more than one partner, but in no event on more than two synchronized teams in the same event.

3.3. Scoring

FINA Scoring Rules will apply. Neutral Judges will serve as judges for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of each event. In the individual events all scores **will** carry forward from quarter-finals to semi-finals to finals and the cumulative score from the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will determine place finish. In the synchronized events scores will carry forward from the preliminaries to the finals and the cumulative score from the preliminaries and finals will determine place finish.

4. TEAM SELECTION.

The 2012 FINA World Cup Team is selected as follows:

4.1. Individual Events

The top two (2) place finishers at the conclusion of the finals of the individual events at the Winter Nationals who are eligible for selection (see item 3.1 above) are selected to the Team.

4.2. Synchronized Events

The top team by place finish at the conclusion of the finals of each synchronized event is selected to the Team.

5. PETITION PROCESS

5.1. Petition to Participate in the Winter Nationals.

An individual or a team which has failed to qualify for an invitation to the Winter Nationals may petition to be invited to the Winter Nationals. The petition process is governed by the following rules and procedures.

5.1.1. A petition to be invited to the Winter Nationals may be submitted to the CCE for consideration. The petition must include a detailed statement of the basis for the petition, supported, where appropriate, by performance results from prior competitions. The petition should also identify any extraordinary

circumstances the team believes impacted the team's prior performances or ability to participate in qualifying events. **Petitions to compete in the Winter Nationals must contain a statement by the athlete(s) and the athletes' coach(es) that the athlete(s) is/are prepared to perform a list of dives with the minimum DD stated in item 3.1.1.1 and 3.1.1.2 above.**

5.1.2. Petitions must be submitted in writing **on the form attached hereto as Exhibit B** to the CEO of USA-D or her designee on or before November 20, 2011, or as soon thereafter as is practical given the circumstances that give rise to the petition.

5.1.3. A petition to participate in the Winter Nationals will be considered and acted on by the CCE. Decisions on petitions will be based on the various factors set forth in these Procedures as well as a consideration of the information provided by the athlete in his or her petition.

- 5.1.4. In the case of an injury or illness, the athlete(s) must:
- i. Attach to the petition to be placed on the team the completed "Medical Information in Support of Athlete Petition" form attached to these procedures as Exhibit C; and
 - ii. At petitioner's sole expense, make himself or herself available for examination by a physician selected by USA-D and must also authorize his or her personal physician to discuss the circumstances of the athlete's injury or illness with a physician selected by USA-D.

5.1.5. A petition to participate in the Winter Nationals will be considered and acted on by the CCE.

5.1.6. The CCE will notify the athletes in writing of their decisions on any petition.

5.2. Petition to be selected directly to the Team

An individual or a team which, although otherwise qualified, was unable to participate in the Winter Nationals or was unable to complete their participation in the Winter Nationals process due to injury, may petition to be selected to the 2012 World Cup Team. **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE 2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM WHO FINISHED IN THE TOP THREE (3) PLACES IN AN INDIVIDUAL OR A SYNCHRONIZED EVENT MAY PETITION TO BE PLACED ON THE 2012 WORLD CUP TEAM IN THAT EVENT.** The petition process is governed by the following rules and procedures.

5.3.1. Petitions for selection to the Team may only be granted in the case of:

- i. injury or illness which prevents or limits a diver/team's participation but would not normally be expected to in any way impair the diver/team's ability to perform in the 2012 FINA World Cup competition,
- or
- ii. other extraordinary circumstances (e.g. death of a family member) or act of God that has the effect of preventing a diver or team from participating in all or part of the 2012 Winter Nationals.

5.3.2. Petitions must be submitted in writing to the Vice-Chair, Competitive Excellence no later than one hour after the conclusion of the last event on Friday, December 23, 2011, at the 2012 Winter Nationals.

5.3.3. In the case of an injury or illness, the athlete(s) must:

- i. Attach to the petition to be placed on the team the completed "Medical Information in Support of Athlete Petition" form attached to these procedures as Exhibit C; and
- ii. At the petitioner's sole expense, make himself or herself available for examination by a physician selected by USA-D and must also authorize his or her personal physician to discuss the circumstances of the athlete's injury or illness with a physician selected by USA-D.

5.3.4. A petition to be placed on the Team will be considered and acted on by the CCE. Decisions on petitions will be based on whether the individual finished among the top three (3) places in that individual event or the synchronized team finished in the top three (3) places in that synchronized event at the 2011 FINA World Championships, as well as a consideration of the information provided by the individual/team in the petition.

5.3.5. The CCE will identify in writing the basis of their decisions on any petition.

6. REMOVAL OF A DIVER FROM THE TEAM.

6.1. Removal from the Team

A diver may be removed from the 2012 World Cup Team, or from any step in the process for selecting the Team, if he or she:

- 6.1.1. Voluntarily withdraws from the Team,

6.1.2. Suffers an injury or illness which is likely to inhibit the diver's performance at the 2012 FINA World Cup. Verification of the injury or illness will be by one or more doctors selected by the diver and USA-D. The final determination as to the severity of the injury or illness and the likelihood that it will inhibit the diver's performance in the World Cup is reserved to the discretion of the CCE.

6.1.3. The diver tests positive for a banned substance as defined by and through the testing procedures conducted by either the United States Anti-Doping Agency or the World Doping Agency.

6.1.4. The athlete engages in conduct which is a violation of USA-D's Code of Conduct which may be found on the USA-D website at www.usadiving.org/05redesign/resources/Rulebook/USAD02D08-F.pdf or which is inconsistent with his or her obligation to represent the United States in international competition. The removal of an athlete for misconduct may only occur by action of the CEO of USA-D after consultation with the CCE and an interview with the athlete and his or her coach.

6.1.5. The removal of one member of a synchronized diving team results in the removal of the entire team.

6.2. Grievance Procedures

Any decision initiated by USA-D to remove an athlete from the Team is subject to USA-D's Grievance Procedures and all of the protections afforded an athlete under the Bylaws of the United States Olympic Committee and the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

6.3. Replacement

In the event an athlete is removed from the Team under these procedures - and therefore the entire team - set forth in this section, the CCE, in consultation with the USA Diving High Performance Director, will use the selection procedures set forth above to name a replacement diver/team from among those divers/teams who participated in the finals of the Winter Nationals, provided such a substitution is permissible under FINA rules. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USA Diving has conducted many of its synchronized selections for other events by allowing divers 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 diver 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 as to who the diver will be paired with based on previous selection trials= results and the High Performance Director=s evaluations from the synchronized assessment camps conducted since 2009. The CCE will then make the decision to replace either the single athlete or the entire team.

7. MODIFICATION OF THE RULES IN RESPONSE TO THE ACTIONS OF FINA

These procedures are based on FINA Rules and Regulations and the rules of the USOC as presently known to USA-D. Any change in these Selection Procedures caused by a change in the FINA Rules and Regulations or the USOC's rules will be distributed to the affected athletes and coaches as soon as possible after any such change is made known to USA-D.

EXHIBIT A
FINA CERTIFIED JUDGES

Ahlering Julie
Bagnaschi Luke
Barnes Eric
Bauman Jason
Bergere Chris
Bertram Russ
Bryant Katie Beth
Clark Mary Ellen
Craine Donnie
Darland Michael
Elliot Eric
Fain Kim
Franklin Woody
Greenwell Pat
Huffman Colleen
Johnson Jonathan
Krug Dorothy
Kwan Amy
Louganis Greg
Mason Don
McCormick Robertson Kelly
McFarland Steve
Merriot Ronald
Myer Nancy
Parrington Dave
Potter Cynthia
Ribot-Canales Veronica
Seufert-Sholtis Chris
Siracusano Rob
Soliman Ahmed
Southerland James
Stabile Jeff
Stillson Jim
Taylor Dennis
Trapp Tom
Voellmecke Steve
Wantuck Michael
Wilson Curt
Xie Caiming

EXHIBIT B
PETITION FOR INVITATION TO
2012 USA DIVING WINTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Petitions to be invited to the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championship may be submitted to the CCE for consideration by the set forth in the procedures for the event. Please provide information for all questions/sections, indicating any section which does not apply. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Date _____

Individual or Team Member 1

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Coach's name _____

Coach's phone _____

Coach's email _____

Team Member 2

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Coach's name _____

Coach's phone _____

Coach's email _____

1. Petitioning for admittance into what event (please check)

3M Individual _____ 10M Individual _____ 3M Synchro _____ 10 M Synchro _____

2. State the individual/team's list of dives and total DD for each event being petitioned

3. Provide a detailed statement of the individual/team's most recent performance results

4. Identify any extraordinary circumstances the individual/team believes impacted the individual/team's prior performance or ability to participate in qualifying events.

5. Are you already qualified for any event in the Winter Nationals, and if so, what?

3M Individual _____ 10M Individual _____ 3M Synchro _____ 10 M Synchro _____

By signing this form, the individual/team and the individual/team's coach(es) are verifying that the individual/team can successfully perform the dives listed on the form.

Individual/Team Member 1 signature

Team Member 2 signature

Coach(es) signature(s)

Submit Petition to the Vice Chair, Competitive Excellence, Rick Schavone by email at schavone@gmail.com.

EXHIBIT C
USA DIVING, INC.
Medical Information in Support of Athlete Petition
(Please type or print clearly)

Explanation: Section A is to be completed by the athlete. The remaining sections are to be completed by a licensed and practicing physician (MD, DO) and submitted with the athlete's petition. The report must include a response for each question or category. Written reports, test results, x-rays, etc., may be attached and referenced in response to any section of the form. This form can be copied and typed or printed by hand or used as an outline to guide a written or dictated report. This form must be signed by the athlete and the physician completing the report.

The report will be reviewed by head physician for USA Diving, Inc. or a designated representative. The reviewing physician will then submit a report to the International Team Neutral Judges for the diving event in question and they will ultimately make a decision regarding selection to the team. The Neutral Judges have the option of making additional inquiries to the injured diver, examining physician, the reviewing physician, or any other medical consultants of their choice. Any challenges or appeals to the decision will follow the procedures established for USAD team selection.

A. Background Information (To be completed by Athlete)

Athlete's name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email address _____

Coach's name _____ Phone No. _____

email address _____

Name and medical specialty of examiner _____

Phone No. _____ email address _____

Date of report _____

Date of examination upon which report is based _____

Name and date of competition _____

B. Medical History (To be completed by attending physician or specialist)

Date of injury or date of onset of symptoms _____

Cause or mechanism of injury or condition

Major symptoms associated with injury or condition

Prior history of similar or related condition

History of concurrent injuries; prior unrelated injuries; or other active medical problems; include current status

Physical limitations: which dives and which aspects of training are affected? How? Has it been necessary to cut back or stop training? How much?

C. Physical Examination and Test Results (To be completed by attending physician or specialist)

Physical examination findings, including pertinent positive and negative findings

Diagnostic testing (x-ray, CT scan, MRI, bone scan, laboratory, other); include date of study and results

D. Diagnosis (To be completed by attending physician or specialist)

E. Treatment/rehabilitation (To be completed by attending physician or specialist)

Treatment (medications, injections, splints, braces, tape, physical therapy, surgery, chiropractic, massage therapy); specify which therapies have been done, duration/time of therapy, and results.

Disposition (please check one and provide explanation)

- a. Cleared to train and compete without restrictions on (date):
- b. Cleared to train and compete with the following restrictions (as specified below)
- c. Cleared to train and compete after completing the following course of treatment (as specified below)
- d. Not cleared to train or compete until: (please specify what needs to be done ;i.e, further testing, consultation, second opinions, successful completion of functional testing, etc.)

Prognosis: (please provide narrative statement that addresses expectations for recovery; including whether or not full recovery is expected, when recovery is expected, or if partial or permanent impairment is expected)

Extenuating circumstances (e.g., conflicts with school, work, insurance status RE: receiving medical care; non-medical issues that prohibit training or competition at this time); if “yes,” please explain.

G. Additional Comments (To be completed by attending physician or specialist)

Athlete Physician

Signature _____	Signature _____
Printed Name _____	Printed Name _____
Date _____	Date _____