

SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR
2012 AT&T USA GRAND PRIX AND
2012 INTERNATIONAL GRAND PRIX EVENTS
(THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE USED TO SELECT THE
U.S TEAM TO THE 2012 AT&T USA GRAND PRIX
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL GRAND PRIX
Selection of the team to the 2012 FINA Diving World Cup
is governed by separate procedures)

The USA Diving (USA-D) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) upon recommendation from the Committee for Competitive Excellence (CCE) and the USA-D High Performance Director (“HPD”) has determined that the Teams to represent the United States at the 2012 AT&T USA Grand Prix and other 2012 Grand Prix Events to be determined will be selected by competition from the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships.

SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR 2012 AT&T USA GRAND PRIX

A. Team Size. The maximum number of divers which USA-D may enter in the individual and synchronized events at the 2012 AT&T USA Grand Prix competition under the rules established by FINA is 32, 16 women and 16 men (the Team), with the events as follows:

Event	Women	Men
3 Meter Springboard	4	4
10 Meter Platform	4	4
3 M Synchronized (2 Teams)	4	4
10 M Platform Synchronized (2 Teams)	4	4

B. Selection for Individual Events

Using the results of the individual competition in the 3 Meter and Platform events at the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships USA-D will select 16 athletes to participate in the individual events at the 2012 AT&T USA Grand Prix in Ft. Lauderdale, FL (four men and four women in each of the individual Olympic events).

Based upon the cumulative results of the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals of the individual Olympic events, the top four (4) place finishers following the 2012 Selection Procedures are selected to the Team.

If any of the top 4 divers decline selection, then the next ranked diver will be selected. The positions will be offered only down to 8th place from cumulative scores. Divers must have achieved the minimum score with the minimum degree of difficulty in the Finals listed in section D below to be eligible for consideration for selection.

C. Selection for Synchronized Events

Using the results of the competition in the 3 Meter Synchronized and Platform Synchronized events

at the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships, USA-D will select 16 (8 teams) athletes to participate in the synchronized diving events at the 2012 AT&T USA Grand Prix in Ft. Lauderdale, FL (two men's teams and two women's teams in each of the synchronized diving events).

Based upon the cumulative results of the preliminaries and finals of the synchronized diving events, the top two (2) team place finishers who have performed lists of dives with the minimum degree of difficulty and have achieved the minimum score in the Finals as listed in section D below are selected to the Team. However, if the second place team consists of one partner who is a member of the winning team, the next placed team that does not have a member of the winning team will be selected.

If a team declines selection, then the next placed team will be selected down to 6th place from cumulative scores. Teams must have achieved the minimum degree of difficulty and minimum score listed in Section D below in the finals to be eligible for consideration for selection.

D. Minimum Requirements.

To be eligible for consideration an athlete in an individual event or synchronized team for the 2012 AT&T USA Grand Prix Team must achieve in the finals the following scores and degrees of difficulty as minimum qualifications to be placed on the team.

Event	Min. Score	Minimum DD
Men's 3m	360 points	18.0
Men's 10m	372 points	18.6
Men's 3m Synchro	350 points	16.1
Men's 10m Synchro	350 points	16.4
Women's 3m	290 points	13.9
Women's 10m	280 points	14.0
Women's 3m Synchro	255 points	12.4
Women's 10m Synchro	250 points	12.6

E. General Eligibility

Every candidate for the Team must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States,
2. Not have competed for another country any time after May 1, 2011 and
3. Be a member in good standing of USA-D.

D. Removal of a Diver from the Team.

A diver may be removed from the Team if the diver:

1. Voluntarily withdraws from the Team,
2. Suffers an injury or illness that is likely to inhibit the diver's performance at the Grand Prix event. 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 Grand Prix event is reserved to the discretion of the CEO in consultation with the High Performance Director and the CCE.
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.

4. The athlete engages in conduct that 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 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 the athlete's coach.

5. The removal of a member of a synchronized team results in the removal of the synchronized team. 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..

6. 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.

7. In the event an athlete is removed from the Team under the procedures set forth in this section, the CCE, with the approval of the CEO, will name a replacement from among those who participated in the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships, provided such a substitution is permissible under FINA rules.

E. Modification of the Rules in Response to the Actions of FINA.

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

SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR 2012 INTERNATIONAL GRAND PRIX EVENTS

NOTE: At the date of publication of these selection procedures it is unclear if adequate funding will be available to send a team to other 2012 Grand Prix events to be determined. The procedures that follow are based upon the expectation of minimum funding to send a team, however, USA Diving reserves the right to send a different number of athletes to these events than provided below or, in the event that there is not sufficient funding, not to send a team. USA Diving expects that the funding will be resolved by January 31, 2012.

I. Individual Events

Using the results of the individual competition in the 3 Meter and Platform events at the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships USA-D will select athletes to participate in the individual events at other 2012 Grand Prix Events to be determined.

Based upon the results of the cumulative scores from the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of the individual Olympic events, divers who place between 5th and 12th and who achieved the minimum score with the minimum degree of difficulty in the final listed in section III below are eligible for consideration for selection

II. Synchronized Events.

Using the results of the competition in the 3 Meter Synchronized and Platform Synchronized events at the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships USA-D will select athletes to participate in the synchronized diving events at other 2012 Grand Prix Events to be determined.

Based upon the cumulative scores from the preliminaries and finals of the synchronized diving events, teams placing third to sixth in each synchronized event that have performed lists of dives with the minimum degree of difficulty and have achieved a score in the finals listed in section III are eligible for consideration for selection.

III. When considering an athlete in an individual event or synchronized team to be eligible for selection to the International Grand Prix Event, the diver or team must achieve in the finals both the following minimum scores and degrees of difficulty as minimum qualifications to be placed on the team

Event	Min. Score	Minimum DD
Men's 3m	360 points	18.0
Men's 10m	372 points	18.6
Men's 3m Synchro	350 points	16.1
Men's 10m Synchro	350 points	16.4
Women's 3m	290 points	13.9
Women's 10m	280 points	14.0
Women's 3m Synchro	255 points	12.4

IV. Complete Team

As stated above, the size of the teams for other 2012 Grand Prix Events to be determined will depend upon available funding. Once the team size is determined, the available team slots will be filled according to the above procedures, provided, however, that if the eligible athletes who agree to join the team do not fill the available slots, then the HPD, with the approval of the CCE, will select athletes to fill the remaining available slots on the team based upon performance in the 2012 Winter National Championships and other national and international events and who will benefit from the experience of participating in international competition with the Olympic Performance Squad divers taking precedence due to USOC funding requirements.

V. Removal of a Diver from the Team

A diver may be removed from the teams selected for the International Grand Prix Events of Canada, Spain or Italy if the diver:

- A. Voluntarily withdraws from the Team,
- B. Suffers an injury or illness that is likely to inhibit the diver's performance at the Grand Prix event. 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 Grand Prix event is reserved to the discretion of the CCE.
- C. 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.
- D. The athlete engages in conduct that 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 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 Chief Executive Officer of USA-D after consultation with the CCE and an interview with the athlete and the athlete's coach.
- E. The removal of a member of a synchronized team results in the removal of the synchronized team.
- F. 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.
- G. In the event an athlete is removed from the Team under the procedures set forth in this section, the CCE will name a replacement team from among those who participated in the 2012 USA Diving Winter National Championships, provided such a substitution is permissible under FINA rules.