

2014 Spring Junior East and West National Championships Memorandum



From: USA Diving
Re: General Info/ Rules for Spring Junior East/West National Championships

1. A platform event is optional since there is no qualification required for a Summer Zone platform event. No team points will be awarded for any optional platform events. The inclusion of an optional platform event does not preclude a diver from participating in Regional competition on springboard at one Regional meet and competing on platform in a different Regional meet. Variations from the normal platform competition requirements, such as combining age groups or the number of dives, etc., are permitted as long as they are listed in the meet information for the optional platform events.
2. The entry fee for the Spring Junior Regional Championships and the East/West National Championships is **\$30** per event. Entry forms, Fees, and Dive Sheets are to be submitted directly online to divemeets.com. Entries received after the Early Entry Deadline date (listed below) at **5 p.m. Eastern Time**, will be assessed a **\$100 penalty fee in addition to the \$30 per event**, and will be accepted online at divemeets.com until the final online cut off of **5 p.m. Eastern Time 2 days prior to the event**. At this time, all other entries must be made on deck. **On-deck entries are \$60 per event in addition to the \$100 penalty fee. Late on-deck entries will not be accepted after 3 hours prior to the scheduled start of the event as this is the dive sheet deadline.**

If a diver has already registered for the meet by entering at least one event online and wishes to add additional event(s) once online registration has closed (on-deck), the diver must only pay the \$60/event late fee, as opposed to an additional \$100 and the \$60 late fee per event, as in the past.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINES

Date	Event	Early Entry Deadline	Time
April 25-27	Junior East National Championships	Thursday, 4/17/14	5 PM Eastern
April 25-27	Junior West National Championships	Thursday, 4/17/14	5 PM Eastern

ONCE A DIVER SUBMITS AN ENTRY FOR AN EVENT, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION IS BASED ON WHEN THE TRANSACTION IS COMPLETED, NOT WHEN IT IS STARTED.

3. The top six (6) finishers in 11&U, 12-13, 14-15, and 16-18 springboard events at the Spring Junior Region I, II, III, IV, and VII Championships who are U.S. citizens shall qualify in that event only for the East Junior Championships. No diver who fails two or more dives may advance to the Spring East Junior National Championships.
4. The top six (6) finishers in 11&U, 12-13, 14-15, and 16-18 springboard events at the Spring Junior Region V, VI, VIII, IX, and X Championships who are U.S. citizens shall qualify in that event only for the West Junior Championships. No diver who fails two or more dives may advance to the Spring West Junior National Championships.
5. Should one of the qualifiers from a Spring Junior Regional Championship be unable to participate in the East/West Junior Championships, the meet director of that Regional meet shall contact the next eligible diver in order of finish in that event. This could include divers who choose not to advance to the Spring Junior East/West National Championships, injured divers, foreign divers who are registered with USA Diving (please note that foreign divers may not advance at the East/West Nationals) and divers who will turn 19 before the Spring Junior East/West National Championships. If a diver is not a U.S. citizen and placed in the top six, they will need to notify the Meet Director of the Region where they competed so

the Meet Director can contact the next placing diver to move forward to the East/West Championships. No diver who finishes below 12th place shall be eligible.

6. Meet directors must make cuts at Regional Championships if over 40 divers are registered in any 16-18 age group event. If the projected finish time of the meet runs past dark in outdoor pools or unreasonably late into the evening, or if an unusual delay prevents timely completion of the meet, meet directors may impose cuts in the 16-18 events according to the following procedure:
- (1) If cuts are made, optional dives will be performed first, followed by voluntaries.
 - (2) After completion of the optional rounds, a cut to 24 divers will be made.
 - (3) When cuts are necessary, meet directors shall utilize the following procedures

In Girls' 16-18 Springboard contests, the panels will rotate as follows:

Panel A: rounds 1, 2, 3, and 7, 8

Panel B: rounds 4, 5, 6, and 9, 10

In the unlikely event that the optionals must be performed first in a 10-dive springboard contest, the panels shall rotate as follows:

Panel A: 1, 2, 3 and 6, 7

Panel B: 4, 5 and 8, 9, 10

In Boys' 16-18 springboard contests, the panels will rotate as follows:

Panel A: rounds 1, 2, 3, and 7, 8, 9

Panel B: rounds 4, 5, 6, and 10, 11

In the unlikely event that the optionals must be performed first in an 11-dive springboard contest, the panels shall rotate as follows:

Panel A: 1, 2, 3 and 7, 8, 9

Panel B: 4, 5, 6 and 10, 11

In the Girls' 16-18 platform contests, the panels will rotate as follows:

Panel A: rounds 1, 2 and 5, 6, 7

Panel B: rounds 3, 4 and 8, 9

In the unlikely event that the optionals must be performed first in a nine- dive platform contest, the panels shall rotate as follows:

Panel A: 1, 2, 3, and 6, 7

Panel B: 4, 5, and 8, 9

(ix) In the Boys' 16-18 platform contests, the panels will rotate as follows:

Panel A: rounds 1, 2 and 5, 6, 7

Panel B: rounds 3, 4 and 8, 9, 10

In the unlikely event that the optionals must be performed first in a 10-dive platform contest, the panels shall rotate as follows:

Panel A: 1, 2, 3, and 7, 8

Panel B: 4, 5, 6, and 9, 10

7. Divers that qualify for the East and West Junior Championships should register online at www.divemeets.com by the Early Entry Deadline date listed on page 1 at **5 p.m. Eastern Time**. Entries received after **the listed date and time**, will be assessed a **\$100 penalty fee in addition to the \$30 per event**, and will be accepted online at divemeets.com until the final online cut off of **5 p.m. Eastern Time 2 days prior to the event**. At this time, all other entries must be made on deck. **On-deck entries are \$60 per event in addition to the \$100 penalty fee. If a diver has already registered for the meet by entering at least one event online and wishes to add additional event(s) once online registration has closed (on-deck), the diver must only pay the \$60/event late fee, as opposed to an additional \$100 and the \$60 late fee per event, as in the past.**

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****REGIONAL MEET DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FORWARDING ALL QUALIFIED DIVERS REGISTRATION FORMS TO THE EAST/WEST JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, UNLESS DIVEMEETS.COM IS BEING USED TO RUN THE MEET.****

8. The top three (3) place finishers in each individual (**official/springboard**) event from the Spring East and West Junior National Championships shall be considered prequalified to the preliminaries of the Summer Age Group or Junior National Championships **in the same event**. If a diver placing in one of the top three (3) places does not participate in Summer Age Group or Junior National Championships, no other diver can be substituted. **The top 3 place finishers in “exhibition events”, such as a platform events, will NOT be prequalified to the Summer Junior National Championships or Summer Age Group National Championships.**

The top three (3) place finishers in each springboard event from the Spring East and West Junior National Championships that become pre-qualified to the preliminaries of the Summer Junior National Championships in the same event shall also be prequalified to the preliminaries of the **Summer Junior Zone Championships in all other events**. If a diver placing in one of the top three (3) places does not participate in the Summer Zone Championships, no other diver can be substituted.

9. Throughout the year a diver **MUST** dive in his or her FINA-defined age group (i.e. his or her age on Dec. 31 of that year). In individual events a diver may continue to dive as a 16-18 year-old until he or she celebrates his or her 19th birthday.
10. **Order of Dives.** The order of dives to be performed by all divers in a contest is determined by the age group and the height of the springboard or platform.
11. **Springboard Competition**

(a) **9 & Under Boys and Girls (five dives).** The contest shall consist of three voluntary dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not more than 5.0 on one meter and not more than 5.4 on three meter, followed by two optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.

(b) **11 & Under Boys and Girls (six dives).** For one meter and three meter springboard, divers will perform three voluntaries from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not more than 5.0 on one meter and not more than 5.4 on three meter, followed by three optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.

(c) **12/13 (FINA Group C) Girls (seven dives).** For one meter and three meter springboard, divers will perform five (5) voluntaries from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 9.0 on one meter and 9.5 on three meter, followed by two (2) optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.

(d) **12/13 (FINA Group C) Boys (eight (8) dives).** For one meter and three meter springboard, divers will perform five (5) voluntaries from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 9.0 on one meter and 9.5 on three meter, followed by three (3) optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.

(e) **14/15 (FINA Group B) Boys (nine dives).** For one meter and three meter springboard, divers shall perform five voluntary dives, one from each group, with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 9.0 for one meter and 9.5 for three meter, followed by four optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.

(f) **14/15 (FINA Group B) Girls (eight dives).** For one meter and three meter springboard, divers shall perform five voluntary dives, one from each group, with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 9.0 for one meter and 9.5 for three meter, followed by three optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.

(g) **16-18 (FINA Group A) Girls (ten (10) dives).** For one and three meter springboard, divers shall perform five voluntary dives, one from each group, with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 9.0 for one meter and 9.5 for three meter, followed by five (5) optional dives from five (5) groups without limit of degree of difficulty.

(h) **16-18 (FINA Group A) Boys (eleven (11) dives).** For one meter and three meter springboard, divers shall perform five voluntary dives, one from each group, with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 9.0 for one meter and 9.5 for three meter, followed by six (6) optional dives from five groups, with one group being repeated, without limit of degree of difficulty.

Platform.

- (a) **9 & under Boys and Girls (4 dives on 5-meter only).** Divers shall perform two (2) voluntary dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 3.4, followed by two (2) optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.
- (b) **11 & Under Boys and Girls (five dives on 5-meter only).** Divers shall perform three voluntary dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 5.4, followed by two optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.
- (c) **12/13 (FINA Group C) Girls (six (6) dives on 5- or 7.5-meter only).** Divers shall perform four (4) voluntary dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 7.6, followed by two (2) optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.
- (d) **12/13 (FINA Group C) Boys (seven (7) dives on 5- or 7.5-meter only).** Divers shall perform four (4) voluntary dives from different groups with a total degree of difficulty not to exceed 7.6, followed by three (3) optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.
- (e) **14/15 (FINA Group B) Boys (eight dives on 5-, 7.5-, or 10-meter).** Divers shall perform four voluntary dives with total degree of difficulty not to exceed 7.6, followed by four optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty. At least five different groups must be used in the competition.
- (f) **14/15 (FINA Group B) Girls (seven dives on 5-, 7.5-, or 10-meter).** Divers shall perform four voluntary dives with total degree of difficulty not to exceed 7.6, followed by three optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty. At least five different groups must be used in the competition.
- (g) **16-18 (FINA Group A) Girls (nine (9) dives on 5-, 7.5-, or 10-meter).** Divers shall perform four voluntary dives from different groups with a total maximum degree of difficulty of 7.6, followed by five (5) optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty.
- (h) **16-18 (FINA Group A) Boys (ten (10) dives on 5-, 7.5-, or 10-meter).** Divers shall perform four voluntary dives from different groups with a total maximum degree of difficulty of 7.6, followed by six (6) optional dives from different groups without limit of degree of difficulty. All six dive groups must be used in the competition.
- (i) Any minimum degree of difficulty for optional dives in the Summer Zone Championships, Age Group National Championships, and the Junior National Championships shall be determined by the Junior Rules Subcommittee.

- 12. **Choice of Dives.** The optional dives may be from the same groups as the required dives or the voluntary dives.

Spring Regional Championships

(a) Each Region shall conduct an open Spring Regional Championships during March or April for the purpose of qualifying divers for the East or West Spring Junior National Championships.

(b) Platform events are optional. No team points will be awarded for any optional platform events. The inclusion of an optional platform event does not preclude a diver from participating in Regional competition on springboard at one Regional meet and competing on platform in a different Regional meet. Variations from the normal platform competition requirements, such as combining age groups or the number of dives, etc., are permitted as long as they are listed in the meet information for the optional platform events.

(c) Awards

(1) Medals will be awarded to the top 12 finishers in each of the events at the Spring Regional Championships.

(2) Team awards will be given for the Spring Regional Championships. Points shall be awarded to the top 12 places in each event as follows: 15-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-4-3-2-1. 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) (1) The top six finishers in each springboard event who are U.S. citizens shall be eligible to compete in that event only at the East or West Spring Junior National Championships.

(2) Notwithstanding (e)(1) above, only divers who compete a full list are eligible to advance to an East or West Spring National Championships. Any diver who has a total score of zero (fails a dive and/or elects to take zeros) on two or more dives may not advance to an East or West Spring National Championships.

(e) There shall be no pre-qualified divers for the East or West Spring National Junior Championships.

(f) Athletes competing in Regions I, II, III, IV, and VII (as defined in Article 24, Section 124.7) at the Spring Regional Championships and qualifying for the East/West Spring Junior National Junior Championships shall compete in the East

Spring Junior National Championships. Athletes competing in Regions V, VI, VIII, IX, and X (as defined in Article 24, Section 124.7) at the Spring Regional Championships and qualifying for the East/West Spring Junior National Championships shall compete in the West Spring Junior National Championships.

(g) Divers may compete in only one age group per event.

(h) Meet directors must make cuts at Regional Championships if over 40 divers are registered in any 16-18 age group event.

(i) If the projected finish time of the meet runs past dark in outdoor pools or unreasonably late into the evening, or if an unusual delay prevents timely completion of the meet, meet directors may impose cuts in the 16-18 events according to the following procedure:

(1) If cuts are made, optional dives will be performed first, followed by voluntaries.

(2) After completion of the optional rounds, a cut to 24 divers will be made.

(3) When cuts are necessary, meet directors shall utilize the procedures outlined in Article 26, Section

(j) Whenever possible, 1- and 3-meter springboard and/or platform events may be run simultaneously.

(k) Divers may compete in the Regional Championship meet of their choice.

Judge Selection.

(a) Judges may be selected either by a blind draw, a sign-up sheet, endorsement of a list prepared in advance by the meet director or the director's designee, or by requiring potential judges to enter online with the designated meet management system. Insofar as possible, the pool of available judges shall be distributed so as to provide relatively equal geographic representation of the athletes and must be designated by team names or by coach name if diver is unattached.

(b) Certification shall not be required in order to serve on a judging panel.

Referees.

(a) All events at the Regional Championships shall have three referees.

(b) A head referee, who must be Safety Certified and who may be on the judging panel.

(c) Two assistant referees, one of whom shall be on the judging panel and who shall be seated on the opposite side of the pool from the head referee when appropriate. 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.

(d) The second assistant referee, who is the announcer, shall notify the head referee of all observed errors.

13. **The deadline for making changes to diving sheets without a penalty is 6 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled start of the first event and noon on subsequent days at Regional Championships and at the East and West Junior National Championships.** A fee of \$15 per sheet may be assessed for those not meeting the sheet submission deadline (this applies to those athletes who register on deck, as those who register via DiveMeets have already submitted dive sheets online). A diver may make a change to their diving list (dive number, position, or order) at any time prior to three hours before the start of the competition with the \$15 penalty fee. No dive sheet shall be accepted or changed with less than three hours before the competition. It remains the diver's responsibility to conform to the competition parameters, such as degree of difficulty limits or minimums, and to satisfy dive group requirements.
14. **EACH DIVER MUST HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION A CURRENT USA DIVING REGISTRATION NUMBER. COACHES MUST BE ON THE WEBSITE LIST OF CURRENT USA DIVING COACH MEMBERS TO BE ON THE POOL DECK. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.**
15. **COACH REGISTRATION** – Please see section 105.15 (b) for the Coach Registration process. "In a competition where computerized or electronic meet entry procedures are used for diver registration (DiveMeets, etc.), each coach desiring to participate in any manner in the competition must register for the meet.

The Senior and Junior Diving Committee Chairs and the Board of Directors have determined the following policy per the above stated rule: **Coach Registration is required for all events.** A coach member who fails to register before the (online registration) deadline may still participate in the competition by registering at the meet site and paying a **\$20 penalty fee** (payable to the local hosts). Coaches should be sure to bring proof of their USA Diving membership, CPR, First Aid and Safety Certifications if registering on-deck.

16. **Team Award Clarification:** If optional events are being run (9&U events, platform events, etc.), the points earned cannot be included in the team scoring totals since they are optional events. Exhibition diver's points also cannot be added to team award point totals. The meet director is responsible for subtracting the points earned by optional events and/or exhibition divers from the event totals provided by divemeets.com to ensure the team awards are distributed correctly. If pre-qualified divers participate, the team points they earn will be included in the team scoring.

In order to be awarded the team champions banner, **the club/team must be a current USA Diving member club**. It will be the meet director's responsibility to confirm that the team champion is on the current member club list provided by USA Diving. If not, the top placing team that **is** a current USA Diving club shall be awarded this banner.

17. As per the USA Diving Code – “An athlete registered as Competitive Gold who participates in any of the Junior Spring or Summer Regional, Zone, East/West Spring National, Age Group National, or Junior National Championships may change club affiliation at any time up to 30 days prior to the Spring Regional Meet or 30 days prior to the Summer Regional Meet. An athlete registered as Competitive Gold participating in such meets may not change club affiliation from 30 days prior to the Spring Regional Meet through the end of the Spring East/West Nationals or from 30 days prior to the Summer Regional Meet through the end of the later of the Junior National Championship or the Age Group National Championship.” **Therefore, Meet Directors ARE NOT permitted to change Team/Club Affiliation on deck. The only exception to this Rule is to allow an athlete to change from a Club Affiliation for “Unattached.”**

PLEASE NOTE: If “optional” events are being offered at an East/West National (ie platform or synchro), participants in these events **MUST** be qualified to the respective East or West meet in either 1M or 3M.

If you have any questions regarding any of these policies, procedures, or rules please contact the USA Diving National Office for clarification.