



**WORLD  
AQUATICS**

# **DIVING WORLD CUP**

Additional Rules and Regulations

2026

**Purpose of this Document:** This document serves to supplement the World Aquatics Competition Regulations (the “Competition Regulations”) by specifying additional rules, regulations and technical components that are specific to the 2026 World Aquatics Diving World Cup (the “Event”). This document also offers further World Cup-specific operational guidance to support consistent application across all stops of the Event. Unless specified otherwise, all technical components referenced in this document can be found in the Competition Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, if any conflict arises between these additional rules and regulations and the Competition Regulations, the Competition Regulations shall prevail.

Please note that, following the withdrawal of Stop 2, this document has been revised to reflect this change and to incorporate details of the Super Final format.

## **1. PARTICIPATION, COMPETITION FORMAT & REGISTRATION**

### **1.1 Participation**

All World Aquatics Member Federations are eligible to participate at the Diving World Cup Stop 1 and the Super Final, except those under suspension.

### **1.2 Events**

#### 1.2.1 Medal Events (Stop 1 and Super Final):

A total of 9 medal events will be contested:

- Individual Diving (Men/Women):
  - 3m Springboard
  - 10m Platform
- Synchronised Diving (Men/Women):
  - 3m Springboard
  - 10m Platform
- Mixed Team Event

#### 1.2.2. Event Breakdown:

- Individual: 4 events
  - Preliminaries and Finals for Stop 1
  - Head-to-Head Format for Super Final
- Synchronised: 4 events
  - Direct Finals
- Mixed Team: 1 event
  - Direct Final

### **1.3 Competition Schedule**

#### 1.3.1 Stop 1

- Duration: 4-day competition + 2 days of training
- A detailed daily schedule will be communicated in advance
- Medal ceremonies will be held after each session

#### 1.3.2 Stop 3 – Super Final

- Duration: 3-day competition + 2 days training
- A detailed daily schedule will be communicated in advance
- Medal ceremonies will be held after each session

### **1.4 Conditions of Entry**

#### 1.4.1 Stop 1

##### 1.4.1.1 Entry Limits:

- Individual Events: Maximum 2 divers per Federation
- Synchronised & Mixed Team Events: Max 1 team per Federation
- Mixed Team divers must also be entered in Individual or Synchronised Events

#### 1.4.1.2 Qualification Standards:

Divers must meet minimum point standards from the following approved events:

- World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025
- World Aquatics Diving World Cup 2025:
  - Guadalajara, Mexico
  - Windsor, Canada
  - Beijing, China
- World Aquatics Diving Recognised Events 2025:
  - Auckland, New Zealand
  - Rostock, Germany
  - Gatineau, Canada
  - Morgantown, USA
  - Bolzano, Italy
  - Kowloon, Hong Kong China
  - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- PanAm Aquatics Championships – Medellin 2025
- FISU World University Games – Berlin 2025

Note: Recognised Events in 2026 held before the Diving World Cup Stop 1 will not count towards qualification.

Refer to Appendix 1 for the point standards.

#### 1.4.1.3 Exceeded Entry Quotas:

- If more than **30** entries in Individual Events or more than **12** teams in Synchronised Events are received:
  1. Priority is given to participants of:
    - World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025
    - World Aquatics Diving World Cup 2025
  2. If still over quota, final selections are made based on score points from the above events (in that priority order)

#### 1.4.1.4 Host Country Privileges:

- Host Nations may enter up to 3 divers in each individual Event of Stop 1 only, regardless of qualification point standards
- Only top 2 divers from the host nation may advance to the Final (based on ranking)
- The 3rd diver is ineligible for ranking points
- No additional host entries are permitted in Synchronised or Mixed Team Events.

### 1.4.2 Super Final

#### 1.4.2.1 Qualification Criteria:

- Individual Events: **Top 12** divers **by name** from Stop 1 results
  - Max 2 per Federation per event
- Synchronised & Mixed Team Events: **Top 8** teams **by nation** from Stop 1 results

Refer to Appendix 2 for ranking points distribution.

#### 1.4.2.2 Tie-break Procedure:

In the event of a tie in ranking points for Super Final qualification:

- Rankings will be determined using the scores from Stop 1

- Only scores from the furthest level the divers progressed to (preliminary or final) will be considered
- This process ensures a maximum of 12 divers qualify for the Super Final in the Individual Events and 8 teams for the Synchronised Events

#### 1.4.2.3 Host Country Privileges:

- Host Nation cannot add divers for Individual Events if not qualified
- Host Nation may enter 1 team in Synchronised and Mixed Team Events:
  - If not already qualified
  - Regardless of points standards
  - These entries will not be eligible for ranking or prize money

Note: For Stop 1 and the Super Final, World Aquatics reserves the right to invite additional divers in the event of injury and to ensure continental representation and gender balance.

Refer to Appendix 3 for detailed Super Final format.

## **1.5 Competition Rounds**

### 1.5.1 Stop 1

#### A. Individual Events

- Two preliminary rounds (split format)
- Preliminary start list determined via random draw
- Top 12 divers (from merged preliminary results) advance to finals
- In case of a tie to qualify for finals, all tied divers advance

#### B. Synchronised & Mixed Team Events

- Direct Finals
- Start list by random draw

### 1.5.2 Super Final

#### A. Individual Events

- The top 12 divers, based on rankings from Stop 1, will compete in a three-phase format:
  1. Head-to-Head
  2. Semifinal
  3. Final
- Matchups in the Head-to-Head round will follow a seeded format based on rankings (12th vs 1st, 11th vs 2nd, 10th vs 3rd, 9th vs 4th, 8th vs 5th, 7th vs 6th)

#### B. Synchronised & Mixed Team Events

- Top 8 teams
- Direct Final
- Start order: reversed order from rankings of Stop 1

### 1.5.3 Ranking Points

1.5.3.1 For Individual Events, divers placing 13th to 30th will receive ranking points based on their position in the preliminary phase. Divers finishing in the top 12 will earn additional points from the final, which are added to the points earned in the preliminaries.

Example:

If Diver A finishes 11th in the preliminaries, they receive 21 points. After advancing to the final and finishing 8th, they earn an additional 24 points, bringing their total to 45 ranking points.

1.5.3.2 For Synchronised and Mixed Team Events, ranking points are awarded based on the Final results.

1.5.3.3 No ranking points will be awarded for any phase from which a diver (or a team) withdraws, as all dives must be completed to qualify for ranking points. If a diver withdraws in the final of an individual event, they will keep the ranking points earned from the preliminary phase.

1.5.3.4 Ranking points are not awarded at the Super Final, since results are determined solely by performances during the Super Final itself.

Refer to Appendix 2 for ranking points distribution.

## 1.6 Registration, Entries & Team Leaders Meeting

### 1.6.1 Registration

- All participating Federations must register their delegations through the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS):
  - ▶ <https://data.worldaquatics.org>
- Registrations must be completed by the deadlines specified by World Aquatics
- Only National Federations may register a delegation; individual or club registrations are not permitted

### 1.6.2 Entries

- All event entries must be submitted through the GMS by the established deadlines for each Stop
- It is the sole responsibility of each National Federation to:
  - Ensure accuracy of entry data
  - Verify Athlete eligibility and event compliance
  - Submit entries separately for each Stop in which they participate

### 1.6.3 Team Leaders Meeting

- World Aquatics will convene a mandatory Team Leaders Meeting 24 hours prior to the start of the first event at each Stop
- It is mandatory for one representative of each Federation to attend, failing to do so will result in a fine of one-hundred (100) U.S. Dollars (USD)
- The meeting will include:
  - The official competition draw for Stop 1
  - Final updates on schedules, protocols, and operations

### 1.6.4 Online Dive Sheets

The Water Sports Manager platform will be used to submit online dive sheets. Only one person per Federation will get credentials to submit dive sheets electronically on the Dive Sheets Manager.

World Aquatics staff will reach out to each Federation to obtain the contact responsible for the dive sheets. The designated person will receive an email from no-reply@stsoftware.com to log in on the website. They will then have the view of each event to enter their dive sheets. They will only see divers from their own National Federation entered in each event.

A complete list of dives for each competitor must be submitted 24 hours prior to the commencement of their preliminary event session, or final session if the event is a direct final. Each event will then be open until 24 hours before the Preliminaries or direct Finals as per the World Aquatics Competition Regulations.

All phases (Preliminaries and Finals) shall be completed and submitted. After submitting each dive sheet, the owner will get a confirmation email with the dive list.

## **2. SCORING**

### **2.1 Judging Panels**

- Individual & Mixed Team Events:
  - Judged by 7 judges
  - Scoring follows the official World Aquatics Competition Regulations
  - The Mixed Team Event is judged on overall impression for the 2 synchronised dives
- Synchronised Events:
  - Judged by 11 judges
  - Scoring follows the official World Aquatics Competition Regulations

## **3. PRIZE MONEY & TROPHY**

### **3.1 Prize Money**

3.1.1 Prize money will be distributed by the World Aquatics Office to each respective Federation following confirmation of anti-doping results by the International Testing Agency (ITA). This process typically takes place within a few weeks after the conclusion of each Stop. Once received, it is the responsibility of each Federation to allocate the prize money to the eligible Athletes.

3.1.2 In the event of a tie for any prize money position, the total amount allocated to the tied placements will be equally divided among the tied Athletes or teams.

### 3.1.3 Stop 1

Prize money is awarded to the top 3 finishers in each of the 9 medal events as follows:

<b>HOST PRIZE MONEY</b>	
<b>Stop 1</b>	
1st place	\$ 5,000.00
2nd place	\$ 4,000.00
3rd place	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total 9 events</b>	<b>\$108,000.00</b>

### 3.1.2 Super Final

Prize money is awarded exclusively based on the results of the Super Final. World Aquatics will distribute Super Final prize money to the top 12 finishers in the Individual Events and to the top 8 teams in the Synchronised and Mixed Team Event.

<b>WORLD AQUATICS SUPER FINAL PRIZE MONEY</b>	
1st place	\$ 25,000.00
2nd place	\$ 20,000.00
3rd place	\$ 15,000.00
4th place	\$ 10,000.00
5th place	\$ 9,000.00
6th place	\$ 8,000.00
7th place	\$ 7,000.00
8th place	\$ 6,000.00
9th place	\$ 5,000.00
10th place	\$ 4,000.00
11th place	\$ 3,000.00
12th place	\$ 2,000.00
Top 12 x 4 individual Events	\$456,000.00
Top 8 x 5 Synchro/Mixed Team Events	\$500,000.00
Contribution from Stop 3 host	\$108,000.00
Cost on AQUA	\$848,000.00
<b>Total x 9 Events</b>	<b>\$956,000.00</b>

### **3.2 World Aquatics Trophy**

At the conclusion of the 2026 Diving World Cup Super Final, the best male and best female divers will have their names engraved on the World Aquatics Trophy. Each will also receive a personal token of recognition. The winners will be determined based on the cumulative ranking points earned across Stop 1 and the Super Final. As no official ranking points are awarded for the Super Final (see 1.5.3.4), Appendix 2 will be used to allocate ranking points for the Super Final solely for the purpose of the Trophy calculation. For example, 1st place will receive 36 points only, rather than cumulative points from the Head-to-Head, Semi-Final, and Final rounds.

## **4. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

### **4.1 World Aquatics Delegates**

World Aquatics Technical Delegates will oversee judging evaluations during the event.

### **4.2 Technical Officials**

#### 4.2.1 Referees and Assistant Referees

- Each Organising Committee must appoint at least:
  - 1 Referee
  - 1 Assistant Referee
- Officials must be Silver or Gold-level judges from the current [AQUA Officials List](#), subject to World Aquatics approval

#### 4.2.2 Judge Quotas per Federation at Stop 1

- Each Federation may nominate up to 2 judges ([Bronze, Silver, or Gold](#))
- Federations entering 4 or more divers must provide at least 1 judge
  - Failure to do so will result in a USD 500 fine
- All nominations must be approved and registered in the GMS by the deadline

#### 4.2.3 Judge Quotas at the Super Final

- World Aquatics appoints 15 Technical Officials for the Super Final
  - World Aquatics covers their flights and per diem
  - The Organising Committee covers accommodation, meals, and local transport

#### 4.2.4 Conflict of Interest

All Technical Officials are required to submit a duly completed Conflict of Interest form prior to each Stop. If World Aquatics identifies any conflicts, appropriate actions may be taken.

## **5. ACCOMMODATION & MEALS**

All participating National Federations are responsible for covering all expenses related to their delegation, including but not limited to:

- Flights
- Accommodation
- Meals

## **6. MEDICAL SERVICES**

The Organising Committee will provide the following medical services:

- Appointment of a qualified Event Medical Officer/Doctor
- Free medical services for all competitors and officials at the competition venue
- First aid facilities at official hotels
- An ambulance on standby at the competition and training venues
- Designation of a local hospital and provision of local medical contacts (pharmacies, dentists, etc.)
- Dedicated massage rooms at official hotels and the competition venue
- Ice bath facilities available at the competition venue

**APPENDIX 1 – MINIMUM POINTS STANDARDS**

<b>MINIMUM POINT STANDARDS TO PARTICIPATE WORLD AQUATICS DIVING WORLD CUP 2026 STOP 1</b>			
Points standards taken from the preliminary competitions of the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025			
Event	Minimum Required points	Event	Minimum Required points
3m Men	<b>350</b>	3m Women	<b>240</b>
10m Men	<b>350</b>	10m Women	<b>250</b>
3m Synchro Men	<b>330</b>	3m Synchro Women	<b>230</b>
10m Synchro Men	<b>325</b>	10m Synchro Women	<b>240</b>

**APPENDIX 2 – STOP 1 RANKING POINTS 2026**

<b>Individual Events*</b>		<b>Synchro + Mixed Team Event</b>	
<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	36	1	30
2	33	2	25
3	30	3	20
4	28	4	10
5	27	5	9
6	26	6	8
7	25	7	7
8	24	8	6
9	23	9	5
10	22	10	4
11	21	11	3
12	20	12	2
13	19		
14	18		
15	17		
16	16		
17	15		
18	14		
19	13		
20	12		
21	11		
22	10		
23	9		
24	8		
25	7		
26	6		
27	5		
28	4		
29	3		
30	2		

\*Refer to 1.5.3.

**APPENDIX 3 – WORLD AQUATICS DIVING WORLD CUP  
SUPER FINAL 2026  
FORMAT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

**1. FORMAT****1.1. Qualification**

- The top 12 divers qualify for the Super Final based on rankings from Stop 1 (Montreal)
- Seeding is based on rankings: 12th vs. 1st, 11th vs 2nd, 10th vs 3rd, 9th vs 4th, 8th vs 5th; 7th vs 6th

**1.2. Stages of Competition**

The event consists of three consecutive stages:

Stage 1: Head-to-Head

1.2.1. Divers are matched as follows, with Diver 1 being the top ranked diver from Stop 1:

- Diver 12 vs. Diver 1
- Diver 11 vs. Diver 2
- Diver 10 vs. Diver 3
- Diver 9 vs. Diver 4
- Diver 8 vs. Diver 5
- Diver 7 vs. Diver 6

1.2.2. Format:

- Each diver performs 3 dives of their choice from their dive list
- The diver with the higher score in each Head-to-Head advances to the next Stage
- 6 divers progress to the Semi Final

Stage 2: Semi Final

1.2.3. Format:

- Two groups of 3 divers each (based on Head-to-Head results)
- Scoring is cumulative, including Head-to-Head and Semi Final scores
- Starting order is reversed from Head-to-Head results within the same group
- Divers perform the rest of their list:
  - Men: 3 additional dives
  - Women: 2 additional dives
- The lowest final score in each group is eliminated after totals are calculated
- 4 divers progress to the Final, the highest 2 scorers in each of the groups

Stage 3: Final

1.2.4. Format:

- 4 divers perform their submitted full dive list:
  - Men: 6 dives
  - Women: 5 dives
- Starting order is reversed from Semi Final results, where the highest scorer will perform last
- Scoring re-starts from scratch, no previous score is considered in this round

### 1.3. Timing

- All stages take place in a single session lasting approximately 2 hours

### 1.4. Prize Money Eligibility

- Divers must complete all dives in order to advance to the next phase and/or be eligible for prize money within the same phase
- As an example, if diver A withdraws after Dive 2 in Head-to-Head, their opponent must still complete Dive 3 to advance. Diver A will therefore not be eligible for Prize Money

## 2. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS / ROUNDS

### 2.1. Head-to-Head Round

#### 2.1.1. Groups based on seeding:

##### Group 1

- Diver 12 vs. Diver 1
- Diver 9 vs. Diver 4
- Diver 8 vs. Diver 5

##### Group 2

- Diver 11 vs. Diver 2
- Diver 10 vs. Diver 3
- Diver 7 vs. Diver 6

#### 2.1.2. Dive Sequence:

##### Group 1

- Dive 1: Divers 12,1; 9,4; 8,5
- Dive 2: Same divers
- Dive 3: Same divers
- The 3 divers who will qualify for the Semi Final from Group 1 will be announced

##### Group 2

- Dive 1: Divers 11,2; 10,3; 7,6
- Dive 2: Same divers
- Dive 3: Same divers
- The 3 divers who will qualify for the Semi Final from Group 2 will be announced

Only one diver from each pair will move on to the next phase. There will be a short break of a few minutes between the Head-to-Head from Group 1 and Group 2.

### 2.2. Semi Final Round

#### 2.2.1. Format

- 6 divers from Head-to-Head compete:
  - Group 1 qualifiers: Divers 1, 2, 3
  - Group 2 qualifiers: Divers 4, 5, 6
  - For the Semi Final, Divers 1, 2, 3 are the 3 qualified divers from Group 1 Head-to-Head. Divers 4, 5, 6 are the 3 qualified divers from Group 2 Head-to-Head. The number does not match the seeding anymore.
- Divers complete their remaining dive list:

- Dive 4: All divers
- Dive 5: All divers
- Dive 6: Only for Men
- Divers 1–3 compete (Group 1), 2 best divers advance.
- Divers 4–6 compete (Group 2), 2 best divers advance.

The 4 divers who will qualify for the Final will be announced.

All 6 divers from Groups 1 and 2 will dive together in a single session, ensuring sufficient recovery time for the divers between rounds.

### **2.3. Final Round**

#### 2.3.1. Format

- 4 divers from Semi Final
- Divers 1 and 2 are the 2 qualified divers from Group 1 Semi Final
- Divers 3 and 4 are the 2 qualified divers from Group 2 Semi Final
- All scores are reset
- Dive sequence:
  - Dive 1–5: All divers
  - Dive 6: Men only

The Final brings all 4 divers together to compete directly against one another.

### **3. SCORES**

3.1. Head-to-Head scores carry forward to Semi Final.

3.2. All scores are reset in the Final.

### **4. DIVE CHANGE PROCESS**

A dive change is permitted but follows a modified timeline from the Competition Regulations.

#### 4.1. Process:

- During the 15-minute break between Semi Final and Final
- Request must be made after completing the Semi Final and latest 5 minutes before the Final

### **5. RESERVE DIVERS**

#### 5.1. Pre-Super Final Reserves:

- If a Top 12 diver withdraws before the Team Leaders Meeting, the next ranked diver from Stop 1 is invited
- If a withdrawal happens after the Team Leaders Meeting, a diver from the Synchronised Teams already on-site may replace, following the below guidelines:
  - Priority is determined by the Rankings from Synchronised Events at Stop 1
  - Federation may nominate 1 of the 2 Synchronised divers
  - If a Federation already has 2 Individual divers, it's ineligible
  - Change must occur before Head-to-Head begins

Example:

In the Men's 3m Individual Event, if diver #6 from Country G withdraws, the next eligible replacement is determined from the Men's 3m Synchronised Event rankings. If Country C holds the top spot, Country's C Federation may select one of their synchronised divers to join, provided Country C does not already have two other divers in the Individual event. If Country C is ineligible, the next Federation in line may choose one of their two synchronised divers, assuming they have no more than one other diver in the top 12.

- The replacement diver assumes the position of the withdrawn athlete, ensuring that all previously confirmed matchups in the Head-to-Head stage remain unchanged.

5.2. Reserves for Semi Final & Final:

- Highest non-qualifier in each group serves as reserve.

## **6. TIES / DIVE-OFFS**

- A dive-off is held in case of a tie after Head-to-Head or Semi Final.
- Divers choose one previously performed dive.
- Higher score advances.
- Dive-off does not affect official scores.
- No dive-off after the Final results.

## **7. SUPER FINAL INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS**

Final Rankings are determined as follows:

- Positions 1–4: Based on Final stage scores (full dive list)
- Positions 5–6: Based on cumulative scores from Head-to-Head and Semi Final
- Positions 7–12: Based on 3 dives from Head-to-Head only