

Regulation 12

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

12.1 General Rules. Women's swimming and diving Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the Mountain West Handbook and the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship Handbook.

12.2 Championship Meet. The team Conference champion and individual event champions in women's swimming and diving shall be determined at a Conference championship meet. *(Revised December 2010)*

12.2.1 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of women's swimming and diving shall take a minimum of 11 participants to the Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner. *(Revised December 2010)*

12.3 Conference Swimming and Diving Championship Policies.

12.3.1 Date and Site. The Conference championship shall be held a minimum of four weeks prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Championship during dates that do not conflict with the WAC Men's Swimming & Diving Championships. It is recommended that the Conference championship be conducted only in indoor facilities that provide adequate length and width as well as adequate competition areas for all events in both swimming and diving. Additionally, it is recommended that the facility have locker rooms as well as spectator facilities. *(Revised October 2001, October 2006; November 2018, October 2023)*

12.3.2 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship meeting shall be held the day prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions shall attend the meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-championship meeting shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence at the meeting, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall attend the meeting. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised May 2017)*

12.4 Site Responsibilities. The Conference office, in conjunction with the Championship site, shall notify the participating institutions of the time schedule for the meet, giving details on the meet and related information regarding hotel headquarters and the coaches' meeting. This shall be done at least one month in advance of the Championship.

12.5 Playing Rules. The Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship shall be conducted according to the NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Rules except as modified by Conference regulations. *(Revised December 2010)*

12.6 Competition Roster. Regulations for competition rosters are set forth in Regulation 1.14.

12.6.1 Additional Student-Athletes at Swimming Championships. Student-athletes who are not a part of the championship squad shall not travel to the site of the Conference championship at their own expense to compete in time trials to qualify for the NCAA championships. Participation in the Conference championship by student-athletes who are not a part of the institution's championship squad is prohibited.

12.7 Awards. The Conference women's swimming and diving coaches shall select recipients for all women's swimming and diving awards. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for any of their student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Co-awards for the individual awards are permitted, but there shall not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches shall re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients. Additional information regarding awards policies and procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship Handbook. *(Revised December 2010)*

12.7.1 Coach of the Year. The Swimming Coach of the Year and the Diving Coach of the Year shall be voted upon during the week following the NCAA championships. *(Revised April 2016; Clarified August 2017)*

Only head coaches are viable coach of the year candidates. There shall not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches shall re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers.

12.7.2 Outstanding Performer of the Meet. The Outstanding Swimmer, Diver and Freshman of the Meet shall be awarded at the conclusion of the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. *(Revised April 2016; Clarified August 2017)*

12.7.3 Individual Awards. The Swimmer of the Year and Diver of the Year shall be voted upon during the week following the NCAA championships. The Senior Recognition Award shall be based on performance during the entire academic year and will be presented at the conclusion of the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship. Additional information regarding awards policies and procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Swimming and Diving Championship Handbook. *(Revised October 2001, December 2010, October 2013, April 2016; Clarified August 2017)*

12.7.4 All-Conference Team – Individual. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top eight finishers in each event. *(Revised April 2005)*

12.7.5 All-Conference Team – Relays. The All-Conference team shall consist of the top three finishers in each relay. *(Revised April 2005)*

12.8 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual meeting of the women's swimming and diving coaches to be held each year on a date to be determined in consultation with the administrative

liaison. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory. (*Revised December 2010, May 2017, July 2021*)