

You just dove an All America Submission score. Now what?
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First and foremost: Congratulations! Submitting an application to the All America Selection Committee is no small privilege, and it's an honor to be in consideration.

Before you leave the meet (where you made the consideration score), it's important to get a copy of your diving sheet (with scores), diving meet results and have the referee and meet manager sign the AA Verification form. You can find the form at this link: https://niscaonline.org/images/Documents/AllAmerica/Diving/AA_Verification.pdf. If your meet was run with eDive, Divemeets, or DiveLive you can print your diving sheet and meet results from their website.

Now that you've got the Diving AA Verification form signed and the required paperwork, the committee will need to be able to watch your dives. Each application for Diving AA consideration must include one continuous video for each application you submit. Each video should consist of all 11 dives you performed in the order you performed them. The committee re-judges each video from start to finish. Editing is allowed but please make sure that you include the approach and continue until the dive is underwater. The entire video should be around 2 minutes long.

Before proceeding to the online application, make sure you watch your video to ensure the dives are in the correct order. The video should have all 11 dives from your meet in chronological order, matching your dive list from the meet. Once you've verified the order of your dives, keep your list handy! You will use this list to enter your dives on the online application. Please make sure that the dive order entered during the application process is correct.

You will need to input your name, grade, address and email, your school, your coaches name and email (and your coaches NISCA membership number if you want a discount). Additionally, you will need to include the meet name, date, score obtained, and place. During the process you will be able to include a link to your meet video (YouTube is preferred). At the end of the process you can upload your AA Signature Verification form, diving sheet (with scores), and diving meet results (all the divers). Note: Entering the diving list is confusing. Enter the dive number (103), tab to the next box then enter the position (B), tab again to indicate voluntary or optional. Please make sure this list matches the paperwork that has been submitted. There are only two ways to qualify to submit an application. First, make the proper score (375 points) with the proper Degree of Difficulty (13.0 for girls, 13.2 for boys). The only other way is using the exception for

the State Championship. Any diver finishing in the top 8 at their State Meet (with the required D.D.) can also submit an application, regardless of score achieved.

Before adding a link to your video you should check your video again to ensure it is a continuous video with all 11 dives performed, in correct meet order and that it matches the order of dives you entered in your application process. Once you have checked it again, you can get your video to us using one of two methods.

1. YouTube Link – The easiest way to get your video to the committee is via a YouTube link, which the committee can use to view the video. This simplifies the process on our end as well, since YouTube is viewable on all devices used by the committee. Applicants are encouraged to post the video as “unlisted” if you want the video to only be viewed by the committee.
2. Mailing a USB drive or DVD – you can mail a copy of your video to the committee at 7101 Cathedral Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48301.

Here are some tips to make your submission even better for the committee and the diver.

Always submit two applications if possible. It’s easy to feel like one application is enough, especially if the diver scored well, and did their dives to the best of their ability. However, it’s always best to have a second application for a number of reasons.

1. When submitting applications, it is impossible to predict the committee’s scores. Submitting a second tape allows the diver to have a safety net in the event that one tape didn’t score as well as expected.
2. Application mistakes are unlikely to be the same, twice. If an error is made on one application (misordered dives or an error in editing), the second application can serve as another opportunity, in the event that something goes wrong with the first or the score does not put the diver in the qualification range.
3. Better safe than sorry! Once your first qualifying meet is completed, you may be inclined to stop filming every dive. Keep filming! You never know when a meet can turn out really well, and there is no worse feeling than wanting to submit a list for consideration, but not having all the dives taped to assemble video for your submission.

Triple-check your video(s). One of the largest sources of error in applying for All America consideration is the video component. Use the following tips to ensure your video is ready for All America consideration.

1. Make sure the dive order is correct, and that what you entered into the application system matches the video, which should also match the dive sheet.

2. The committee considers *only* continuous videos that include the whole meet. We cannot accommodate 11 separate videos of individual dives, as that does not meet the requirements for consideration.
3. Ensure the video is properly uploaded to YouTube, and that you have provided the correct link so that we can view your submission. Background music is not required on your video, the standard meet audio is desirable. Also, if you add dive numbers please put them in a corner that does not prevent the committee from seeing the dives.

Double-check your application. Before you submit the application, please take a minute to ensure all the documents you uploaded are correct, the video is correct, and that the dive list (including positions) on your application screen match what the diver is executing in the video. *If you are reviewing your application after submission and you notice a clerical error (ex: two dive numbers are switched, or you put an incorrect position for a dive) you may reach out directly to the committee chair by email (NISCA.AADiving@gmail.com) to have this clerical error corrected prior to the beginning of selection. Please note that once the selection process begins, no further changes can be made.*

Remember, there are many good divers in our country. It is often difficult to achieve the top 100. It is our goal to ensure a fair evaluation and selection process that honors and respects all applications submitted to the committee. We sincerely appreciate your help in preparing the materials to best position your diver for success!