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# SWIMMING AND DIVING



# PROCESS

- The USI Athletic Department researched swimming and diving programs across the country.
- Plan was developed to start swimming and diving programs and that plan was vetted and approved by the Fiscal Integrity and Facilities subcommittee of the University Athletics Council (UAC)
- In December 2020, the plan was vetted and approved by the full UAC and moved on to the President's Office.



# HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION NUMBERS (2018-2019 DATA)

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- 8<sup>th</sup> most popular sport for girls and 10<sup>th</sup> most popular sport for boys nationwide
- 4,383 girls participate in high school swimming in the state of Indiana (239 teams)
- 3,944 boys participate in high school swimming in the state of Indiana (233 teams)





At the 2021 GLVC Swimming and Diving Championships in Elkhart, IN, 10 men's and 9 women's swimming and diving teams competed for championships



There were 391 total participants at this year's championships. Those numbers were down due to COVID and the expectation would be approximately 425 in 2022.





# NCAA SWIMMING AND DIVING

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There are 105 Division II institutions that sponsor women's swimming and diving and 77 that sponsor men's swimming and diving.



In the state of Indiana, there is one other Division II swimming and diving program, University of Indianapolis. There are seven Division I swimming and diving programs in Indiana and seven Division III programs (men's and women's).



# STUDENT- ATHLETE ROSTER SIZE

- USI would expect to start a program with 25 females and 25 males on the swimming and diving rosters.
- Most of the 50 students would be new to USI.
- Strong retention rates when participating on an athletic team.



# FACILITIES

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- The USI Aquatics Center will be able to host college and high school dual/tri meets. The facility is equipped with team locker rooms and staff offices.
- The Deaconess Aquatic Center, near Bosse Field, will host the 2026 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships and will be a potential host for GLVC Championships and large regional/national meets.



# TIMELINE

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SUMMER 2021 –  
OPEN FACILITY  
AND HIRE FACILITY  
DIRECTOR



FALL 2021 –  
HIRE SWIMMING  
AND DIVING HEAD  
COACH



FALL 2021 –  
BEGIN RECRUITING  
PROSPECTIVE  
STUDENT-ATHLETES



WINTER 2022 –  
FIRST SEASON FOR  
SWIMMING AND  
DIVING PROGRAMS





QUESTIONS?

