

Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association
2022 Championship Swim Meet
July 21, 22, 23

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
ALLAN JONES INTERCOLLEGIATE AQUATIC CENTER
KNOXVILLE, TN

The 2022 GKISA Championship Swim Meet (Meet) will be held at the University of Tennessee Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center (AJIAC) in Knoxville, TN. This facility features a 50-meter by 25-yard competition pool and a separate diving pool. For this Meet, the competition pool will be divided into two 8, 9, or 10 lane 25-yard pools for the Preliminary sessions and one 8 lane 25-yard pool for Finals session. Lanes are 9-feet wide and formed by 6-inch Competitor lane markers. Pool depth is 8-feet at ends, 9-feet in the center. Warm-up/Cool-down pool is located adjacent to the competition pool, with a minimum of 4 lanes available with approval of facility staff. Seating for the 1,284 spectators is available in the balcony overlooking the pool. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

Space surrounding AJIAC and the Student Aquatic Center (SAC) will be provided for teams to place tents for housing their members during competition sessions. Tents must be ordered through GKISA and will be placed in pre-determined locations prior to the start of the Meet. No private tents and no blocking of public sidewalks and streets by chairs, tents or coolers.

Parking will be allowed in the parking garage across from the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center. Parking passes will be sold in advance by GKISA at a cost of \$10 per day. Passes must be pre-ordered and prepaid in advance and will be available for pick-up by the member teams prior to the start of the Meet. **No passes will be sold during the Meet.**

Free parking will be available at the Metron/Kingston Building next to Tyson Park (2309 Kingston Pike.) It is approximately one mile from the AJIAC. *Shuttle service will NOT be provided between the pool and parking area at the Metron.*

No traffic will be allowed on UT Drive between the Student Aquatic Center and the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center.

Drop-off and Unloading will only be allowed in the right lane of Andy Holt Avenue in front of the Student Aquatic Center (SAC). *NO PARKING or leaving an automobile will be permitted there at any time during the Meet.*

ABSOLUTELY NO UNLOADING in front of the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center. The street is not wide enough, and officers **WILL WRITE TICKETS** to persons who block traffic

by stopping there. Police officers will be present to direct traffic and ensure everyone's safety.

Only properly credentialed athletes, coaches, officials, and workers will be allowed on the pool deck. Workers are only credentialed for the shift/session they are responsible for/assigned. Upon completion of the shift, workers must leave the pool deck and forfeit their credentials. All others may view the Meet from the spectator seating areas overlooking the pool. Spectators must be in the seating area and may not spectate from the rails.

Coaches will check-in Thursday beginning at noon to receive their wristbands/credentials at the diving well end of the upper hallway.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the changing areas, locker rooms or behind the starting blocks. Deck changes are prohibited.

Operation of a drone, or other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open-ceiling locker rooms) at any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.

The University of Tennessee follows the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Program. At all times during City Meet, the UT team locker rooms will be used for athletes, coaches, workers and officials ages 18-up. The visiting locker rooms will be used for athletes under 18 years of age. Signs will be posted directing participants as to which dressing room may be used.

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Important Pre-Meet Deadlines

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022 @ 6:00 PM: Entry Meeting at Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center and/or submission of all necessary materials and payments through the GKISA website at www.gkaisa.swimtopia.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022 @ 9:00 PM: All entries must be received via email at gkaisaentries@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022 @ 6:00 PM: Deadline for any entry changes.

DAILY MEET SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 21: 10 & Under Preliminary Session

NOON	Building Open for Spectators and Coaches Hospitality Room Open for Coaches and Officials Coaches Check-in for Deck Access Wristband in the Upper Hallway, Diving Well End
12:30 PM	Coaches Meeting in Hospitality Room
1:00 PM	Warm-up Sessions Begin
2:00 PM	Head Officials Meeting in Hallway Outside Meet Management Room
2:20 PM	Team and Skilled Worker Meetings in the Clerk of Course Tents
2:40 PM	Competition Pools Cleared and Prepared for Competition
3:00 PM	Competition Begins

FRIDAY, JULY 22: 11 & Older Preliminary Session AND

SATURDAY, JULY 23: Finals Session

7:00 AM	Building Open for Spectators and Coaches Hospitality Room Open for Coaches and Officials Coaches Check-in for Deck Access Wristband in the Upper Hallway, Diving Well End
7:15 AM	Coaches Meeting in Hospitality Room
7:40 AM	Warm-up Sessions Begin
8:00 AM	Head Officials Meeting in Hallway Outside Meet Management Room
8:20 AM	Team and Skilled Worker Meetings in the Clerk of Course Tents
8:40 AM	Competition Pools Cleared and Prepared for Competition
9:00 AM	Competition Begins

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

The GKAIISA Championship Swim Meet is open to all swimmers who are members of one of the GKAIISA member swim teams. Swimmers must have participated in at least 2 GKASIA Dual Meets or 1 Triangular Meet during the current season to be eligible for the championship Meet. For purposes of this rule, the Smoky Mountain Invitational Swim Meet shall be considered a GKAIISA Meet.

A Dual or Triangular Meet is defined as a Meet involving at least two GKAIISA member teams. For a Dual or Triangular Swim Meet to be considered valid for establishing eligibility, at least 50% of the members of each team must participate as evidenced by score-sheet entries and one or more team coaches must be present, or the Meet must be one that counts toward league standing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All entries for GKAIISA Championship Meet must be submitted electronically per the current entry procedure. Times submitted for swimmers and relays must have been achieved in a yard pool or converted from times achieved in a meter pool. The prelims/finals format will be used in seeding the Meet.

A swimmer may only be entered in 4 events with a maximum of 2 relays or a maximum of 3 individual events. A Co-ed Relay shall consist of 2 Male and 2 Female members.

GKAIISA adheres to the USA swimming policy regarding Tech Suits for 12 and under swimmers found at <https://www.usaswimming.org/news/2020/08/24/tech-suit-restriction-for-12-and-under-swimmers>.

GKAIISA teams may enter the GKAIISA Championship Meet by attending the City Meet Entry Meeting on Wednesday, July 13 **OR** by submitting the required forms and payments via the Registration tab on the GKAIISA website by 6:00 pm that day AND emailing a SwimTopia file using the Hy-Tek format to gkaisaentries@gmail.com. There will be no paper entries allowed for this Meet.

Deadline for receipt of entry files is 9:00 PM on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The entry file should include information for each athlete that will be participating in the Championship Meet including: Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, Birthdate, and Gender. Only include USAIDs for currently registered USA swimmers. All entered times must have been achieved during the current GKAIISA season which began on June 1, 2022. The Entry File must be emailed to the designated Meet Entries person no later than the entry deadline. If there are questions regarding entries, please contact Sherren Chadwell at gkaisaentries@gmail.com.

Late Entries or changes will be allowed until 6:00 PM on Saturday, July 16. Entries received after the Late Entry deadline may not be accepted. A Psych Sheet will be posted on Tuesday, July 19. Meet Mobile results will be available for the finals on Saturday of the GKAIISA Championship Meet. Heat Sheets will be available on Thursday and Friday with a limited printed number for Saturday. GKAIISA will post the Saturday Finals heat sheet on our website for coaches and spectators to download prior to the start of the Finals session.

Relays must be entered with names. This does not commit those swimmers to a relay. Changes to the members of a relay team can be made up until the relay cards are turned in at the designated time. It shall not count as an entry unless the competitor actually competes in the event. Relay cards must be turned in 30 minutes before competition begins on the day in which the relay will be swum.

AFTER the Preliminary session, a team coach may add one alternate swimmer's name to the four swimmers that participated in the preliminary session, and this alternate may replace any one of the four preliminary team swimmers. The team coach must make any changes in the Relay Team members known to the Meet Referee prior to the stated time to turn in Relay Cards for that particular event. The alternate must be eligible (not swimming in more than three preliminary events but must have swum in at least one preliminary event) and be present at the Meet. The coach will sign the Relay Card indicating any change in membership or order of swimmers on the back of the relay card. The swimmer being substituted for in a relay shall not be allowed to compete in subsequent events at the Meet.

Entry fees for the GKAIISA Championship Meet are \$20 per swimmer entered in the Meet.

MEET RULES AND PROTOCOLS

2022 USA Swimming rules will apply to the GKAI SA Championship Meet except as superseded by GKAI SA Bylaws, General Rules, Championship Rules or this Meet Invitation.

The Meet shall be conducted using fully automatic electronic timing equipment, with timing and place order determined in conformance to the current USA Swimming rules.

A Special Needs Form must be submitted for any athlete having a disability that may require special accommodations during the Meet. It is the responsibility of the athlete's coach to complete this form and notify the Meet Referee of any issue that may require special accommodations.

The Meet will follow a Preliminary session / Finals session format. The Finals session will be swum as two heats, Consolation and Final, for each event. The eight fastest times in each preliminary event will qualify to swim that event in the Finals. The ninth through sixteenth fastest times in each preliminary event will qualify to swim that event in the Consolation finals. The seventeenth and eighteenth fastest times in each preliminary will be listed as alternates in the heat sheet for Finals.

Relay entry cards will be given to coaches prior to the start of each session. It is the responsibility of the coach to enter the names and order of the swimmers in that event and then turn in the cards to the Clerk of Table by the designated time. Once the cards have been turned in to the Clerk, the names and order may not be changed unless approved by the Referee. Cards will be given to swimmers in the Clerk of Course tent prior to the event and the swimmers must give the completed card to the timer at the block prior to their heat.

For Finals session, alternates should report to the Clerk of Course when each event is called.

All announcements outside of the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center will be communicated via radio, Twitter, or some other appropriate means, which will be announced prior to the Meet. Each team should plan to have a responsible person in their team tent to monitor the communications and communicate the announcements.

The Twitter handle is GKAI SACITYMEET@GKAI SAOfficial

All swimmers must report to the Clerk of Course at least by the third call and remain there until the swimmers in the event move as a group to the blocks unless otherwise released at the discretion of the Clerk of Course. Failure to report to the Clerk of Course before all swimmers for the heat have moved into the building will constitute a scratch from the event. The swimmer that misses his/her heat will not be allowed to swim in a heat other than the one designated for that swimmer. In the case of a scratch or no-show in the Finals session, the protocol described in the section "Scratch Procedures" shall apply to place an alternate in the event. . Events in the water will be announced, and it is up to teams to ensure their swimmers report to their finals event on time.

The Meet Referee may grant exceptions to this rule for specific cases, such as a swimmer/coach, back-to-back events, etc.

COVID-19 WARNING

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in a public place where people are present. Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear masks at all times, pursuant to relevant CDC guidelines.

COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can cause severe illness or death. **BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS GKAI SA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN OR ATTENDANCE AT THIS COMPETITION.**

MEET OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

MEET REFEREE:

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All persons working as Referee, Starter, Chief Judge, or Stroke & Turn Judge must have the appropriate GKISA certifications for that position. Persons wishing to work at the GKISA Championship Meet should contact the Meet Referee. Referees, Starters, and Chief Judges should plan to attend the Head Officials Meeting held at 2:00 PM on Thursday and at 8:00 AM on Friday and Saturday. Stroke & Turn Judges should attend the Team and Skilled Workers Meeting held at 2:20 PM on Thursday and at 8:20 AM on Friday and Saturday. The uniform for all sessions will be a white polo shirt with collar and sleeves over khaki shorts/pants/skirt, as appropriate. Each Relay Take-off judge position for each session should be assigned to the same individual.

SCORING and AWARDS

Sixteen places will be scored. The Finals heat will generate places 1 to 8. The Consolation heat will generate places 9 through 16. Medals will be awarded for places 1 through 8 and ribbons will be awarded for places 9 through 16.

Team score points will be awarded as follows:

Place:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Individ. Events:	20	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relay Events:	40	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	18	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Team awards will be given to the first through fifth place teams with Boys and Girls scores combined to determine the team scores. Awards will be presented immediately following conclusion of Finals session.

Medals, Ribbons, and Team Awards for all teams and individuals earning such will be available shortly after conclusion of Finals session. It is the responsibility of each team to arrange for a person to retrieve their awards before leaving at the end of the Finals session

SCRATCH PROCEDURES

A swimmer missing or scratching an event shall not be disqualified from participation in later events.

In the case where there is a scratch or 'No-Show' in the Consolation heat, the first alternate shall take the place of the missing swimmer, and the heat shall not be re-seeded. In the case where there is a scratch or 'No-Show' in the Final heat, the highest placed swimmer in the Consolation heat shall take the place of the missing swimmer. The first alternate shall then take the place of the swimmer moved out of the Consolation heat. Neither the Consolation nor Final heat will be reseeded. If the first alternate is not available, the second alternate will be placed in the Consolation heat. If neither first nor second alternates are available, the Consolation heat shall proceed with an empty lane.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

Protests must be made in writing within one-half hour after posting of the event or occurrence under protest. After Finals, all protests must be submitted within fifteen minutes after the posting of the last event. The Meet Referee, whose decision is final, can only consider protests against judgment decisions of the Referees, Starters, Stroke & Turn Judges, or Relay Take-off Judges. All other protests will be considered by a Meet Jury to be appointed by the Meet Referee. No protests based on inability of the swimmers or coaches to hear event calls or other announcements will be accepted.

USA SWIMMING OBSERVED TIMES

Application for approval for Observation of USA Swimming technical rules has been submitted. If the Meet is approved, those swimmers who are entered into the Meet database with accurate USA-S ID numbers will have all times from legal USA-S swims automatically loaded into the national times database. The athlete's correct USA Swimming ID#, registered full name with middle initial and date of birth must be included in the TM entry file for that athlete.

For those USA-S swimmers without USA-S ID's or inaccurate ID#'s, a written request must be submitted. Leadoff splits for individual events and relays must be specifically requested in writing. Requests must be made by submission of the SES Individual Verification Request Form by the athlete or coach within two weeks of the last day of the Meet (August 6, 2021) and submitted to the SES Swims Chair. Email requests are not acceptable. Forms are available at www.seswim.org. An LSC administrative fee of \$5 per athlete payable to SES, Inc. must be submitted with the request.

Note: Late fees of \$10 per athlete must be submitted for requests after the two-week time limit. Mail completed form and fees to:

SES SWIMS Chair
Attn: Brian Haddad
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Panama City Beach, FL 32408