

Emergency Management Plan

Tom Schumann Memorial GKAIISA Championship Meet

Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center – University of Tennessee

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Emergency Management Plan is to ensure the safety of all swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators during the Tom Schumann Memorial GKAIISA Championship Meet. The health and well-being of all participants is our highest priority. This document outlines procedures for responding to weather-related threats, medical issues, and other emergency situations.

II. Weather-Related Emergencies

A. Lightning and Tornado Warning Protocol

1. Monitoring Phase – Lightning Within 20 Miles

- If lightning is detected within a 20-mile radius of the Allan Jones Aquatic Center, GKAIISA officials and facility staff will initiate weather monitoring protocols.
- Weather conditions will be tracked in real-time using radar, lightning detection systems, and updates from the National Weather Service.
- Communication will be ongoing between GKAIISA officials and facility staff.

2. Action Phase – Lightning Within 10 Miles or Active Tornado Warning

- If there is an active tornado warning or if lightning is detected within 10 miles, all meet activity will be suspended immediately.
- The Emergency Preparedness Plan will be executed:
 - Direct athletes, coaches, and spectators to designated shelter areas.
 - Suspend warm-ups and competition until relocation procedures are complete (at least 30 minutes).

3. Athlete Relocation Procedures

- Clerks of Course will move swimmers from the Clerk of Course tents to the pool deck.
- Coaches should gather all remaining swimmers into assigned team areas on the deck and ensure they remain seated and quiet. A map with the designated locations is attached.
- All coaches on deck must be wearing a valid coach wristband and assist with supervision of the swimmers.

4. Spectator Relocation Procedures

- **Allan Jones Aquatic Center:** Parents and spectators in tents around AJAC should return to their vehicles.
- **Student Aquatic Center:** Parents and spectators with team tents around the SAC may shelter in the SAC lobby or upstairs meeting area. Locker rooms are closed due to construction.
- **Gulfwood and Pilot Family Y:** Spectators should proceed to the TRECS building. Note that youth camps currently being held may limit space.

5. Facility Access and Capacity Control

- Parents should **not attempt to enter the pool deck** during delays.
- If AJAC nears capacity, the front doors may be temporarily monitored and closed to avoid overcrowding.
- **The Fire Marshal has instructed that the facility cannot exceed capacity.** All emergency exits must remain clear and unobstructed at all times.

6. Meet Resumption Protocol

- During Emergency Protocol: The meet will resume within 30 minutes after relocation procedures have begun. Events will be called from the meet management booth and announced over the loud speaker. The assistance of coaches to get swimmers to the blocks is vital.
- After the Emergency Has Passed: Normal meet protocol will resume after 30 minutes have passed since the last detected lightning strike within 10 miles.
- Once the all-clear is given:

- Swimmers, coaches, and spectators will return to their tents or designated areas.
 - Additional instructions will be communicated via PA system, X (formerly Twitter), and Livestream.
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III. Communications and Notifications

During any emergency or delay, GKAIISA will issue official updates through the following channels:

- **PA system** at Allan Jones Aquatic Center
- **GKAIISA X feed** (formerly Twitter): @GKAISAOOfficial
- **Official Livestream broadcast**, including on-screen updates
<https://www.youtube.com/@AllanJonesAquaticCenter/streams>

Team coaches and parent coordinators are expected to monitor these channels and assist in relaying instructions to their teams.

For questions before or during the meet, please direct inquiries to the Meet Director (Angelia Nystrom at 865.851.0262).

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping this event safe and successful.