

# ***Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association***

## **2025 Tom Schumann Memorial GKAIISA Championship Swim Meet July 10, 11, 12**

### **UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE ALLAN JONES INTERCOLLEGIATE AQUATIC CENTER KNOXVILLE, TN**

In applying for this approved event to be held July 10-12, the Host agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Southeastern Swimming LSC, the State of Tennessee, and Knox County.

The 2025 Tom Schumann Memorial GKAIISA Championship 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 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.

In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

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.

Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), will govern this meet. At all times during City Meet, separate locker rooms will be used for athletes, coaches, workers and officials ages 18-up and for athletes under 18 years of age. Signs will be posted directing participants as to which dressing room may be used.

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 concourse hallway.

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 GKAIISA and will be placed in pre-determined locations prior to the start of the Meet. No private tents are allowed, and there shall be 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 GKAIISA 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.**

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.

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**Meet Entries:**  
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Nick Hall  
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### Important Pre-Meet Deadlines

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025 @ 8:00 PM:**

- Team Registration and Payment as outlined in the Entry Procedure via GKAIISA website
- All entries must be received via email at [gkaisaentries@gmail.com](mailto:gkaisaentries@gmail.com).

**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025 @ 6:00 PM:** Deadline for any entry changes.

## DAILY MEET SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, JULY 10: 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 11: 11 & Older Preliminary Session AND

### SATURDAY, JULY 12: 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 1 GKAIISA Dual Meet 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. Swimmers will swim in boy/girl or men/women divisions according to FINA's Policy On Eligibility For The Men's and Women's Competition Categories. A copy of that policy is available on the GKAIISA website under the Resources tab. 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> and is available on the GKAIISA website under the Resources tab.

GKAIISA teams may enter the GKAIISA Championship Meet by submitting the required forms and payments via the Registration tab on the GKAIISA website by 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 3 AND emailing a SwimTopia file using the Hy-Tek format to [gkaisaentries@gmail.com](mailto:gkaisaentries@gmail.com). There will be no paper entries allowed for this Meet.

**Deadline for receipt of entry files is 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 3, 2025.** 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, 2025. 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](mailto:gkaisaentries@gmail.com).

**Late Entries or changes will be allowed until 6:00 PM on Monday, July 7.** Entries received after the Late Entry deadline may not be accepted. A Psych Sheet will be posted on Tuesday, July 8. 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 or as otherwise published by GKAIISA.

**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**

This meet will be conducted under the auspices of Southeastern Swimming, Inc. of USA Swimming. USA Swimming technical rules and regulations will be followed except for items specifically addressed in the meet information Sanctioned by Southeastern Swimming, Inc.

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.

Pre-session team warmups shall be conducted per the schedule available on the GKAIISA website. Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without the use of the backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

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 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 GKAIISACITYMEET@GKAISAOOfficial

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 unless deemed appropriate by the deck referee. All 10 & Under swimmers are to have their name printed legibly on their shoulder blades for easy identification. Each swimmer should also have their entire swim program printed on their body, visible to the swimmer, in E/H/L format. Lack of compliance may result in denied admittance into Clerk of Course. Any team entering 25 or more 10 & Under swimmers must have a coach present in both the girls and boys tent in order to assist with seating. 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:

Nick Hall  
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### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL:

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All persons working as Referee, Starter, Chief Judge, or Stroke & Turn Judge must have the appropriate GKAIISA certifications for that position. Persons wishing to work at the GKAIISA 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 2:10 PM on Thursday and at 8:10 AM on Friday and Saturday. The uniform for all sessions will be a white polo shirt with collar and sleeves over navy 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 on a protest form at Clerk of Course. 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 (July 27, 2024) and submitted to the SES Swims Chair. Email requests are not acceptable. Forms are available at [www.seswim.org](http://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  
8607 Marlin Place  
Panama City Beach, FL 32408