



POWER 4

DUAL MEET CHALLENGE



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CSCAA Dual Meet Challenge

Date & Location

November 21-23, 2025
University of Tennessee - Allan Jones Aquatic Center
2200 Andy Holt Ave SW, Knoxville, TN 37916

Links

Meet Entries: UTADswim@utk.edu
Pre-event meeting Zoom link - TO BE DETERMINED

Meet Staff & Personnel

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Meet Committee

A meet committee shall be designated for each meet. This committee shall have authority to act in any situation not specifically covered by the rules of procedure.

An appeal before, during or immediately after a race should be resolved at the earliest opportunity, and not later than immediately following the current session; and the decision of the meet committee shall be final.

The committee will consist of both the meet admin and coaches not directly affiliated with the team/meet in question. The four individuals on the committee will be comprised of:

- The Local Meet Director - Marshall Goldman
- A head meet official that does not have oversight of the specific dual meet in question (Doug Orton or Nick Hall)
- Two coaches from non-participating teams
 - Each team will designate a representative for this role at the beginning of the championship event.



Event Facility

The Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center elevates Tennessee's status among the nation's elite swimming and diving programs.

The facility boasts a 50-meter competition pool, a separate competition diving well, a strength training center, sports medicine facility and high-tech team room. The diving well features five platforms with heights varying from one to ten meters.

The facility has permanent seating for 1,800 spectators with a spacious deck area to accommodate up to 2,000 individuals, teams and other personnel during meets.

Invited Teams

Four elite teams, one from each NCAA Power Four Conference has been invited to participate in the inaugural CSCAA Dual Meet Challenge. Each team will field a men and a women's team.

- University of Michigan (Big Ten) – Head Coach: Matt Bowe
- Arizona State University (Big 12) – Head Coach: Herbie Behm
- University of Virginia (ACC) – Head Coach: Todd DeSorbo
- University of Tennessee (SEC) – Head Coach: Matt Kredich

Invitations for 2026 have not been announced and will be made at a later date.

Official Rules

The 2025-2026 NCAA rules will govern this meet.

Conduct of The Dual Meet Challenge and Scoring

The event will follow a 3-day, 4-team, double-elimination style bracket format. Each team will enter three athletes/relays per event to compete head-to-head against their opponent.

Each individual event is worth one (1) point per head-to-head matchup. A team can enter a maximum of 3 athletes and they should be seeded in rank order first, second or third. Teams can earn a maximum of three (3) points per individual event.

Relay events are valued at two (2) points per head-to-head matchup. A team can enter a maximum of 3 relays and they should be seeded in rank order first, second or third. Teams can earn a maximum of six (6) points per individual event.

If a team does not enter an athlete/relay in a head-to-head matchup that point is forfeited to the other team. If both teams do not enter an athlete/relay in a head-to-head matchup that point is void.

If an athlete or relay is disqualified, the points will be awarded to the opposing team. If both athletes or relays are disqualified, the points for that matchup will be void.



Points will be evenly split if a tie occurs.

Scores will be updated after each event, announced and/or published on the video board in the Allan Jones facility.

Bracket boards will be published and updated following each dual meet.

Tiebreakers

Should a dual meet result in a tie, the winner will be decided as follows:

Days 1 and 2:

1. The team with the most wins in the highest-ranked races.
2. The team with the most wins in the second-highest-ranked races.
3. The team with the most wins in the third-highest-ranked races.
4. A relay swim-off will determine the meet winner:
 - The relay procedure will be conducted by the Head Official
 - The higher-ranked team will call heads or tails.
 - The Head Official will conduct a coin flip.
 - The winner of the coin flip will choose either the relay distance (200, 400, or 800) or the relay discipline (freestyle or medley) and share it with the head official and opposing coach.
 - The loser of the coin flip will choose the remaining category (distance or discipline).
 - The Head Official will confirm the relay with both head coaches and it will be announced over the public address system.
 - The relay will then be contested to determine the meet winner.
 - i. Coaches will have 10 minutes from the time the relay is confirmed by the head official to submit their relays to the head meet referee.
 - ii. At the end of the 10 minute window athletes will be called to the blocks.
 - iii. Relays will take place in the center two lanes.

Day 3 (or when a tournament outcome is being determined (i.e. champion):

5. A relay swim-off will be conducted to determine the final outcome of the meet, establishing either the event champion or the final placement in the challenge.
6. The relay swim-off process shall follow the process as outlined above.



Event Order

Event order is included in the addendum portion of the manual.

Rosters

Teams may travel with their full roster, as eligible by their institution. All eligible athletes are able to participate in the event and in time trials.

Entries

Entries are due at 9:00 a.m. local time for that team's first meet of the day. If a team is scheduled to compete in a second meet of the day they should provide their meet entries 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet.

Entries can be changed up until the start of the race.

Entries will be submitted to the Meet Administrator at TADswim@utk.edu.

Each athlete can be entered in an unlimited number of events, without restriction.

Timeouts

Each team is permitted one (1) five-minute timeout per dual meet. The timeout may be used at the team's discretion but must be communicated to a meet official on deck prior to the start of the official's pre-race protocol (i.e., before the series of five consecutive whistles calling athletes to the blocks).

Upon receiving the timeout request, the head official will confirm it and notify the meet management table to begin the five-minute countdown. The meet announcer will alert the teams and fans of the timeout, noting which team called the timeout. At the conclusion of the timeout, the head official will resume competition by calling the next event to the blocks.

Timeouts that are not used during a meet are forfeited; they do not carry over to subsequent meets. Timeouts expire at the conclusion of the final regularly scheduled event and are not available during a tiebreaker scenario.

Time Trials

Time trials will be offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at times noted in the addendum portion of the manual.

Co-ed time trials are not permitted.

All time trials will be conducted in accordance with NCAA rules to ensure times are considered bona fide and eligible for NCAA Championship qualifications.

Event order will be determined on site.



Awards

Team Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the winning and runner up teams of each gender after the conclusion of the final dual meet.

Dual Meet Athlete of the Meet will be awarded for each gender as determined by the coaches vote.

Seeding & Bracket

Teams will be seeded first through fourth based on their CSCAA dual meet ranking published in the most recent polls. Updated polls can be found at: <https://www.cscaa.org/top25>

Men and women's teams are not required to follow the same bracket starting position or advancement and can be split (i.e. Team "A" men can be seeded 2nd while team "A" women are seeded 3rd)

Brackets will be published and updated in venue and on the CSCAA website.

Media

Social Media

The official hashtag for the Dual Meet Challenge event is: #CSCAADuals

Results

Results of each session will be posted on the CSCAA website as soon as possible after each dual meet.

Applications for media credentials will be made available through the University of Tennessee. Designated seating for media will be made available in the stands and on deck.

Coaches should make themselves available for interviews by media.

Facility

Team Seating

Each team will be assigned a designated team area on the pool deck, located away from the race course. Teams may store their equipment bags in this space for the duration of the event. Massage areas will be clearly identified and marked. A deck map is provided in the Addendum section of this manual.

The race course must remain clear of all team equipment and signage to ensure unobstructed access for athletes and teams competing in the current dual meet.

Sixty (60) minutes prior to the start of each dual meet, the head referee will conduct a coin toss. The higher-ranked team will call "heads" or "tails." The winner of the coin toss will select which side of the race course their team will occupy for the duration of that meet.



- **Day 1 and Day 3:** The coin toss will be conducted first for the women's meet, followed by the men's meet.
- **Day 2:** The coin toss will be conducted first for the men's meet, followed by the women's meet.

Lockers

Teams will use the general locker rooms. The CSCAA and the University of Tennessee are not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Valuables should not be kept in the locker rooms. Glass bottles are not permitted anywhere within the aquatic center.

Banners

Official event signage will have priority placement throughout the facility and may not be covered by team banners or other unofficial signage.

Official team banners are permitted to be displayed and will be hung by the facility directors in designated areas.

- Meet staff reserves discretion in the placement of banners based on size so as not to interfere with signage, media or other deck activities.
- Any other team posters or signs in the pool area will be removed.
- Helium balloons are prohibited from the pool area.
- Teams will be responsible for removing their banners at the conclusion.

Spectators & Admission

Credentials

Coaches, participants, managers, trainers, administrative staff, officials and meet personnel will receive credentials to gain access to the facility.

Spectator Seating

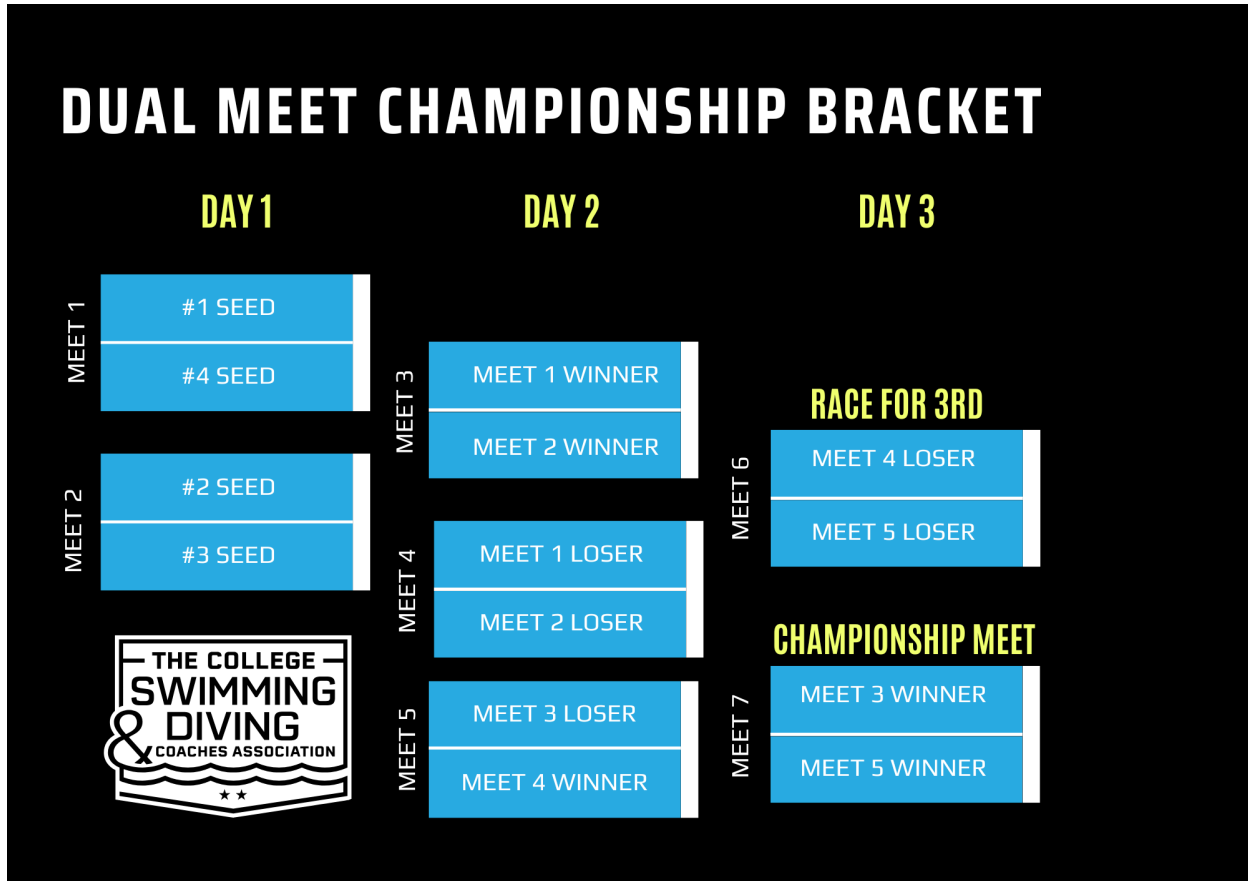
The CSCAA Dual Meet Challenge is a non-ticketed event with all seating designated as general admission. A select area will be reserved for donors and or sponsors.

Addundums

- Bracket
- Meet Event Order & Time Trial schedule
- Order for Events
- Deck Map



Dual Meet Bracket and Meet Times



Day 1
 Meet 1: 3:00 p.m.
 Meet 2: 6:00 p.m.

Day 2
 Meet 3: 12:00 p.m.
 Meet 4: 3:00 p.m.
 Meet 5: 6:00 p.m.

Day 3
 Meet 6: 10:00 a.m.
 Meet 7: 1:00 p.m.

***All meet times are local**



Dual Meet Challenge Event Line Up

Events alternate women and then men.
Only one heat of each race will be conducted.

Day 1 Order of Events

400 Medley Relay
200 Freestyle
50 Freestyle
400 Individual Medley
100 Butterfly
100 Freestyle
100 Backstroke
100 Breaststroke
400 Freestyle Relay

Meet 1: #1 vs. #4
Meet 2: #3 vs. #2

Day 2 Order of Events

200 Medley Relay
200 Freestyle
50 Freestyle
200 Individual Medley
200 Butterfly
500 Freestyle
100 Freestyle
200 Backstroke
200 Breaststroke
200 Freestyle Relay

Meet 3: Meet 1 Winner vs.
Meet 2 Winner
Meet 4: Meet 1 Loser vs.
Meet 2 Loser
Meet 5: Meet 3 Loser vs.
Meet 4 Winner

Day 3 Order of Events

200 Medley Relay
200 Freestyle
100 Backstroke
100 Breaststroke
200 Butterfly
50 Freestyle
100 Freestyle
200 Backstroke
200 Breaststroke
500 Freestyle
100 Butterfly
200 Individual Medley
200 Freestyle Relay

Meet 6: Meet 4 Loser vs.
Meet 5 Loser
Meet 7: Meet 3 Winner vs.
Meet 5 Winner

Time Trial Schedule

Time trials will be conducted on the following days and times.
The 1,650 freestyle will be offered at the (time) season on (day).
Schedule of events will be organized by the meet referee and entrees should be submitted

Thursday, November 20:

9:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m.

Friday, November 21:

9:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22:

9:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 23:

As requested



ORDER OF EVENTS

DAY 1:

- 400 Medley Relay
- 200 Free
- 50 Free
- 400 IM
- 100 Fly
- 100 Free
- 100 Back
- 100 Breast
- 400 Free Relay

DAY 2:

- 200 Medley Relay
- 200 Free
- 50 Free
- 200 IM
- 200 Fly
- 500 Free
- 100 Free
- 200 Back
- 200 Breast
- 200 Free Relay

DAY 3:

- 200 Medley Relay
- 200 Free
- 100 Back
- 100 Breast
- 200 Fly
- 50 Free
- 100 Free
- 200 Back
- 200 Breast
- 500 Free
- 100 Fly
- 200 IM
- 200 Free Relay

