

2022 MIAC Men's Swimming & Diving Championship Preview

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MINNEAPOLIS – For the first time in two years, the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) is set to host its Swimming and Diving Championships.

Six men's teams from around the MIAC will compete in a four-day meet held Wednesday, February 16 through Saturday, February 19 at one of the nation's premier facilities, the University of Minnesota's Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center in Minneapolis.

Gustavus Adolphus College will enter the conference meet as the reigning conference champion once again. The Gusties - winners of the last two men's conference championship meets - took home their 23rd MIAC title overall in men's swimming and diving in 2019-20 by a margin of 207 points. St. Olaf holds the conference record for total MIAC championships in men's swimming and diving with 30, followed by Gustavus' 23, Macalester's 17, St. Thomas' 15, and Hamline's seven.



The 2022 MIAC Swimming and Diving Championships will begin on Wednesday night with a preliminary round of the men's one-meter diving competition at 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:00 p.m.), followed by finals of that event, plus the men's and women's 200-yard medley and 800-yard freestyle relays. Finals will begin at 7:30 p.m. Morning prelim sessions will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, all beginning at 10:30 a.m. (doors open at 9:00 a.m.). The evening championship sessions on those days will all begin at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open on Thursday and Friday at 5:00 p.m., with doors opening for Saturday's finale at 2:00 p.m.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

All tickets will be sold and purchased online via HomeTown Ticketing. There will not be cash sales at the venue; however, spectators can purchase tickets using a mobile device at any time, including while at the venue. To purchase tickets at any time, click the [MIAC's HomeTown Ticketing site](#).

"All-session" tickets will grant admission to all seven sessions of the Championships. Adult passes are \$65 and student passes are \$25. Children ages five and under do not require a ticket. Those eligible for student tickets include individuals currently enrolled in undergraduate college, high school, middle school, and elementary school. Student ID is required where applicable.

Single-session tickets are also available for purchase online only. Single-session adult tickets are \$12 each, while student tickets are \$6. Children ages five and under do not require a ticket.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Per University of Minnesota Campus Policy, all in attendance are required to properly wear a face covering inside the Aquatics Center.

GOING PAPERLESS

Printed heat sheets will no longer be available at the venue; instead, fans will be able to download the information directly from the [championship home page](#) to their smart devices or print at home ahead of time. QR codes will be posted at the venue for fans to scan as needed and links will be updated with the latest information as soon as it is determined after each session.

WATCH FROM HOME

All sessions of the championships will be streamed by School Space Media. Fans unable to attend the championships in person will be able to register for a PrepSpotlight.TV account and purchase the stream(s) online for \$10 per session or \$40 for the entire championship meet. All purchased streams will remain available to re-watch on PrepSpotlight.TV at any time.

Package details and purchasing information can be found [here](#).

If you need help creating an account, click [here](#).

If you need help making a purchase, click [here](#).

If you encounter any issues with your stream or have any questions, click [here](#).

FOLLOW THE ACTION

The [2022 MIAC Swimming and Diving Championship homepage](#) features the complete event schedules, psych sheet, venue information, health and safety protocols, ticket pricing, and streaming links. The site will be updated throughout the event with heat sheets, results,

recaps, and photos. Fans can also monitor MIAC men's and women's swimming and diving on-the-go via the MIAC Front Row app, which is a free download for both Apple and Android devices.

| [Championship Schedule](#) | [Psych Sheet](#) | [MIAC Leaderboard](#) | [Live Results](#) | [Video](#) |

HANDING OUT THE HARDWARE

A short awards ceremony will follow each event during the four evening sessions. The top three finishers in each event, including relays, will be named to the All-Conference Team, while individual finishers #4-6 and relay finisher #4 will receive honorable mention distinction.

On the final day of the championship, MIAC head coaches will also select the Male and Female Swimmers and Divers of the Year, representatives for the All-Sportsmanship Team, and the MIAC Coach of the Year honorees for both Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.

Individual award recipients will be recognized at the conclusion of the final session on Saturday evening. MIAC championship plaques will then be presented to the first-place women's and men's teams.

IN THE POLLS

Gustavus came in at No. 25 in the first [College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Top 25 Poll](#) of the season back in October.

NATIONAL NOTABLES

St. Olaf sophomore [Oscar Hanifi](#) (Farmington, Minn. | Northfield) ranks 25th in NCAA Division III this season with an 11-dive score of 363.65 off the 3-meter board.

DEFENDING THE CROWN

Despite the cancellation of the 2021 conference championships due to COVID-19, a handful of reigning MIAC champions will be back in the pool to defend titles won in 2020.

Gustavus junior [Andrew Becker](#) (Northfield, Minn.) swam on the Gusties' 200-yard freestyle relay squad that won the conference championship in 1:22.68 two seasons ago. He and Gustavus senior [Dutch Franko-Dynes](#) (Minneapolis, Minn. | South) also comprised half of the Gusties' 400-yard freestyle relay team that won the MIAC crown in 3:00.94.

Gustavus junior [Erik Small](#) (Hudson, Wis.) helped the Gusties set the MIAC record in the 800-yard freestyle relay with a time of 6:40.27 to open the 2020 conference meet.

St. Olaf junior [Tim Rizzo](#) (St. Paul, Minn. | Woodbury) won the 500-yard freestyle as a first-year swimmer in 2020 with a time of 4:32.31. Rizzo also claimed the conference title in the 1650-yard freestyle two years ago, touching the wall in 15:41.64.

AROUND THE MIAC

Carleton sophomore [Ethan Tun](#) (Potomac, Md. | Landon) enters the 2022 MIAC Championships with top-six seed times in four individual events the 100 and 200 backstrokes and 200 and 400 individual medleys. Tun made an impressive collegiate debut in October, winning three events (both backstrokes and the 200 IM) at the Augsburg Invitational.

Gustavus junior [Dane Hudson](#) (Eden Prairie, Minn.) has five top-four conference times heading into the MIAC Championships. He leads the MIAC with a seed time of 51.46 in the 100 fly, ranks second in the 100 back (51.98) and 200 IM (1:57.60), third in the 200 back (1:58.45), and fourth in 100 free (47.50). Hudson starred in a dual meet against UW-Stevens Point in January, placing among the top three in three individual events and four relays.

Hamline junior [George Hubbard](#) (Orange City, Iowa | MOC-Floyd) ranks second in the MIAC in the 200 freestyle (1:43.57) and third in the 50 freestyle (21.43) this season, while his 100 freestyle time (47.99) is good for eighth in the conference. He won all three events at the Roger Ahlman Invitational at Macalester in December.

Macalester first-year [Charles Batsaikhan](#) (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia | East Chapel Hill) has put the league on notice this season, clocking in the second-fastest 200 breaststroke time in the conference at 2:13.74 and the third-fastest 100 breaststroke time at 1:00.18. He also ranks seventh in the MIAC in the 200 IM at 2:01.69. Batsaikhan had a breakout performance at the Roger Ahlman Invitational in December, winning a trio of individual events and helping the Scots to four of their five relay victories.

Saint John's junior [Joe Koller](#) (Savage, Minn. | Shakopee) etched his name into the Johnnie record book back in December when he broke the five-year-old program mark in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:54.24 at the Rochester Invitational. That time remains the best in the MIAC this season. Koller also boasts the top seed time in the 100 backstroke (51.62) and ranks fourth in the 200 IM (1:59.61).

St. Olaf junior [Tim Rizzo](#) (St. Paul, Minn. | Woodbury) holds the MIAC's top time this season in three individual events, including the 400 IM (4:03.78), 500 free (4:34.10), and 1650 free (16:00.13). His 1650 time was good for a first-place finish at December's Rochester Invitational and qualified for an NCAA B Cut.

FOR THE RECORD

The 2021-22 MIAC Men's Swimming & Diving Record Book contains annual Conference championship information, all-time award winners, MIAC and program record-holders, and more. The information included in the record book is based on available data and research for additional historical documents is ongoing.