

The background image shows an indoor swimming pool competition. In the foreground, two swimmers are in the water, splashing. The pool is divided into lanes by blue lane lines. In the middle ground, several officials in light blue shirts and dark pants stand on the pool deck. Behind them, a large crowd of spectators is seated in bleachers. A black banner with various university logos (including Texas A&M, Stanford, and others) runs across the bleachers. A blue banner with the text "2025 NCA" is visible in the background. The overall scene is a busy aquatic center during a competition.

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GAO Briefing

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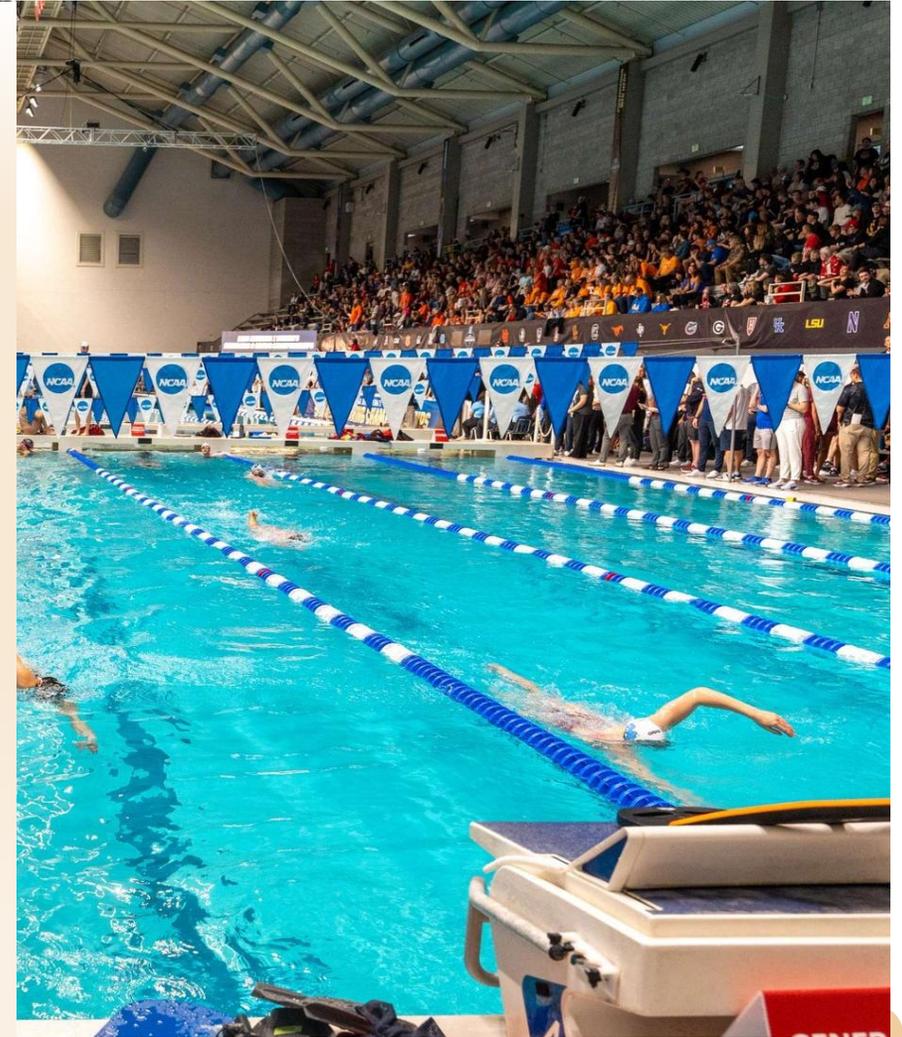
KCAC History & Overview

- Built in 1990 for the Goodwill Games
- Host regional, national and international events
- Aquatic services for the public year-round including public lessons, swim team training, etc.
- Significant investments occurred over 2020-25



KCAC Investments

- 2020-2025 - \$9.2 M in maintenance upgrades and repairs
- 2024 - KCAC Condition Assessment completed
 - Prioritized KCAC project needs
 - Informed the development of the 2026-2031 Parks Levy funding for KCAC Improvements (\$22 M)
- 2026-2031 - \$22 M invested in KCAC

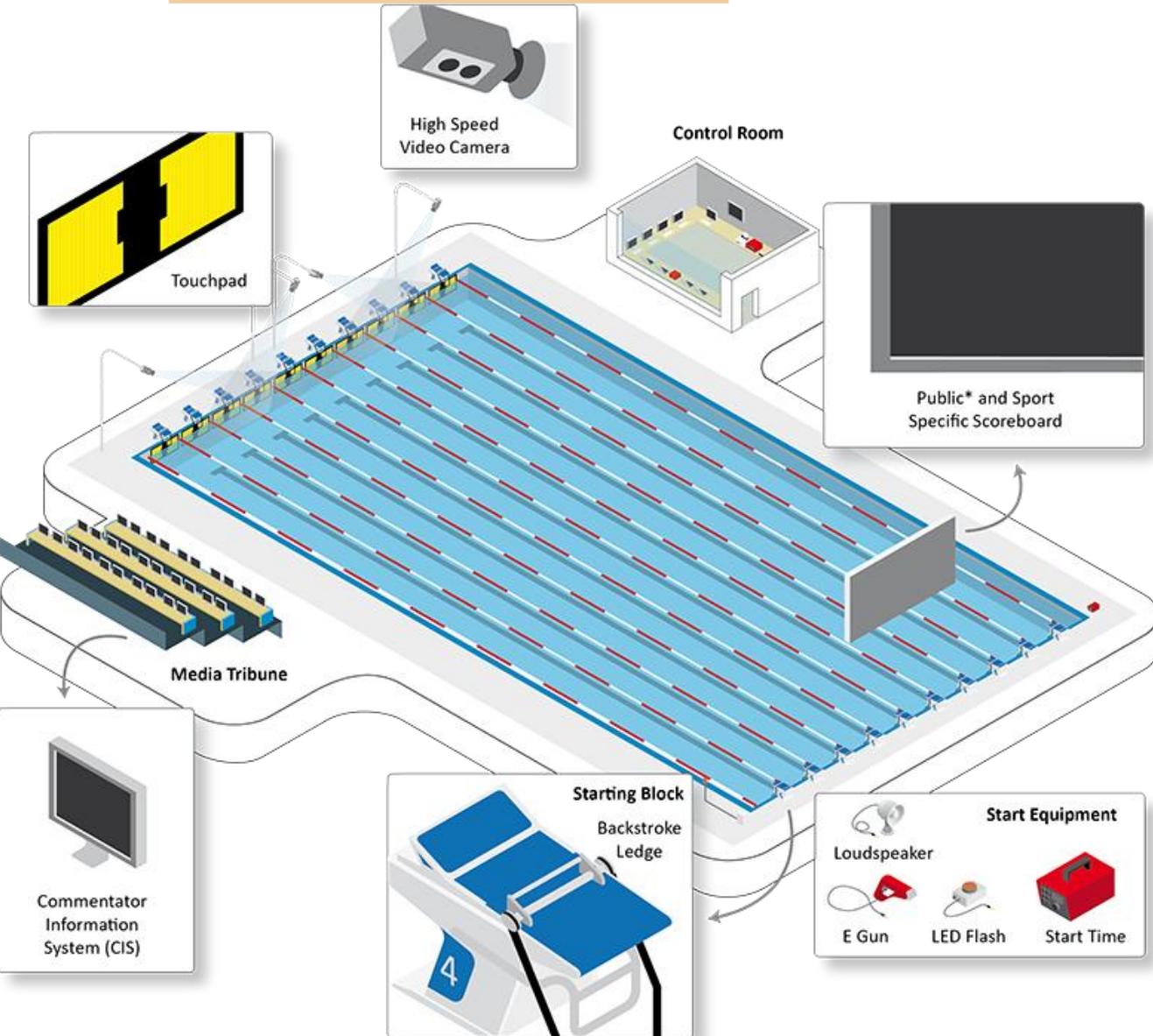


Advantages of Upgrades

- Elite Swimming Venue
- Extend lifecycle of the pool
- More energy efficient and sustainability
- Enhance swimmers training and competing experience
- Improve visitor experience
- Minimize interruptions for maintenance to expand public use



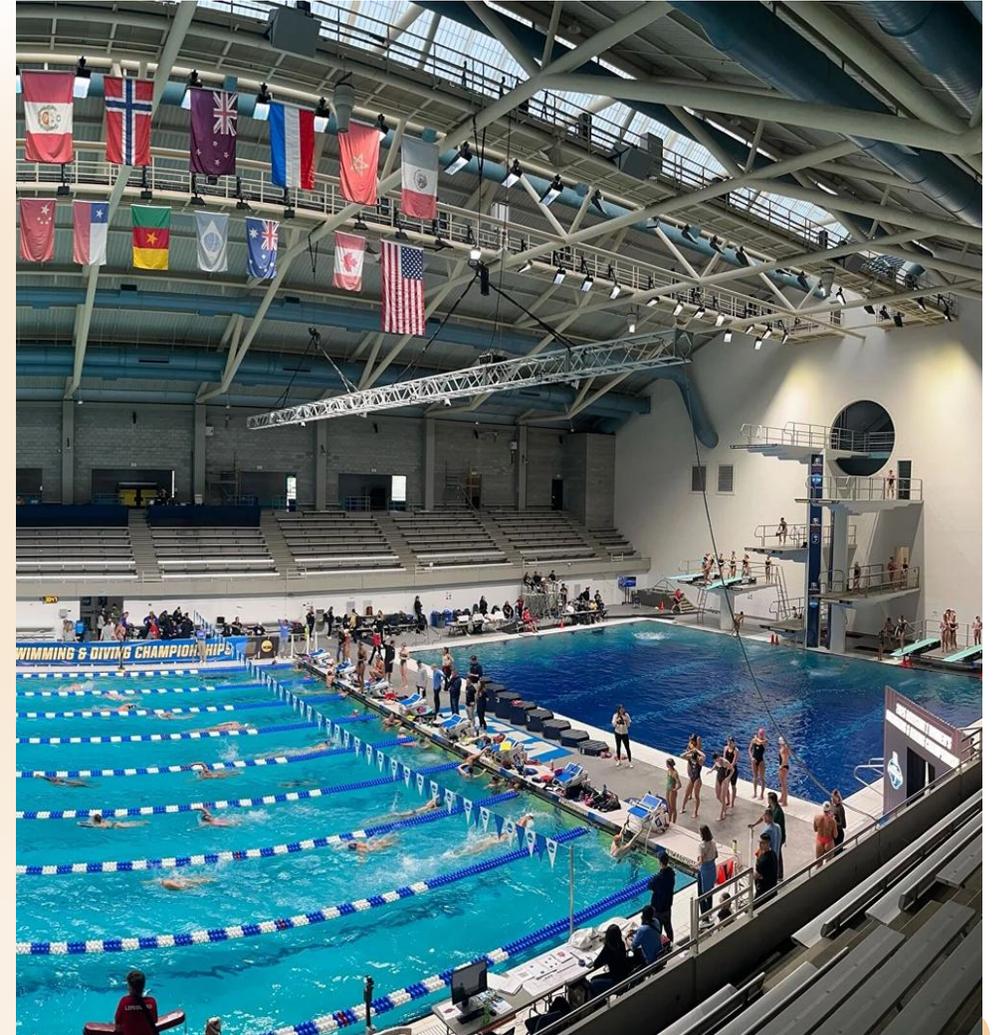
Current Timing Infrastructure Issues



Timing Infrastructure & Tech. Repairs

New Wiring and Cabling Infrastructure for Swiss/Omega Timing System

- Purchase order issued
- Equipment ordered from Switzerland
- Sole service provider will complete work by Q2



Next Steps & Timeline

- 2025-2026
 - RFP Development & Procurement for Consultant Services
- 2026-2027
 - Communication Plan Development (user groups/public)
- 2027-2028
 - Design and permitting for KCAC upgrades
- 2029-2030
 - Anticipated construction
- 2030-2031
 - Bid for National Championships

