



## 2017 Open Water Festival Race

**This event is for non-Florida Swimming registered swimmers, One Event USA Swimming Members (USMS members), and will swim in conjunction with the Florida Swimming OW Championships.**

**Sanctioned by:** Florida Swimming Inc. Sanction # A-3983

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

**Condition of Sanction:** Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA-S member coach must be certified by a 2016 USA-S member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.

**Hosted by:** Gulf Coast Swim Team

**Location:** Miromar Lakes  
Miromar Lakes, Florida



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<b>Date and time:</b>	<b>Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 AM - Registration and check in for all events 11:00 AM - 10 and under 4 X 200 OW relay, Mixed 11:30 AM – 14 under 1.5k Team Pursuits, Mixed 12:30 PM – , Open, 2.5K team pursuits, Mixed																		
	<b>Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 AM - 5k Check-in opens 7:45 AM - 5K Check-in closes 8:00 AM –5K Race Starts 8:30 AM – 11-12, 10 & under check-in opens 9:15 AM – 11-12, 10 & under check-in closes. 10:00 AM – 11-12 Race starts 11:00 AM - 10 & under Race starts																		
<b>Timing system:</b>	Chip timing with video camera (2) backup																		
<b>Eligibility:</b>	All swimmers must be 2017 athlete members of USA Swimming. <b>A One Event USA Swimming Membership is required for any USMS member that wants to compete in this event.</b>																		
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### Relays/Team Pursuits

**10 & Under Relays:** Teams will be made up of 4 swimmers. Teams may enter a maximum of 2 teams mixed genders and age groups 10 & under, 14 & under, and Open. Each swimmer will swim 200 yards on a rectangular OW course and by hand touch will pass off to next swimmer.

**14 & Under, and Open Team pursuit:** Teams will be made up of a minimum of 3 swimmers with a maximum of 5. Teams may enter a maximum of 2 teams mixed genders and age groups 14 & under, and Open. 14 and under's will swim a 1.5K course while open division will swim a 2.5 K course. Finish is based on the time of your third place swimmer.

### Entry Procedures:

Entry by USA Swimming **OME** only.  
One Event Members (USMS members) must register at Active.com to be entered.

**Paper, FAX or e-mail entries will NOT be accepted.**

### Deck Entries:

Individual Deck Entries will be accepted up to one half hour before check-in closes for the respective event entered with a \$66 entry fee paid at the time of entry. **New 2017 USA Swimming Registrations will be accepted at the meet.**

### Entry deadline:

11:00 PM EST Wednesday, April 19, 2017

### Entry fee:

\$50 per individual swimmer. (cap, shirt and goodie bag).  
\$8 per relay entered.

### Rules:

Current USA Open Water Swimming Technical rules will govern. For the safety of swimmers, fingernails and toenails must be clipped. Officials will check fingernail length prior to the events, clippers will be available, and they will be used. Please plan ahead.

### Apparel note:

All suits must conform to current USA Swimming rules. No wet suits



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**Courses:** All courses are in Miromar Lake (fresh water). Water starts and finishes are on land.  
10 & under: 800 meter swim on a loop course  
11-12: 2 laps of 1250 meter loop course  
13-14, 15-16, and Senior: 4 laps of 1250 meter loop course

**Scoring:** Championship meet scoring: Top 8 male and female swimmers in each age group will be scored as follows: 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Relay scoring is Top 8 male and female teams in each age group awarded points as follows 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 1.

**Awards:** Top 8 male and female of each age group (ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>-8th places).  
Relays, Top 3 ribbons mixed relay.  
**Awards must be picked up at the event, and will not be mailed.**

**Hotels:** For hotel and other local information please call 1-888-529-6588

**Meet director:** Gregg Cross, 239-462-3322, coachgregg55@aol.com

**Event web site:** [www.openwaterfestival.org](http://www.openwaterfestival.org)

**Officials:**  
Referee: Mark McCaw  
Assist Referee:  
Starter: Scott Jamieson  
Admin Referee: Dick Brewer  
Safety Official: Nancy Apperson  
Medical Official: Lee County Parks and Recreation