



Florida Swimming mandates that all persons on the pool deck or in the facility during a Florida Swimming sanctioned/approved meets must wear a mask at all times and is enforceable by meet management and/or facility.

2021 Florida Swimming Open Water Championship and Zone Team Selection Event

Sanctioned by: Florida Swimming Inc. Sanction # **FL-5570**

“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:

1. Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming 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.
2. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.
3. Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and prohibited.
4. Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the USA-S Vice President of Program Operations.
5. All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

COVID:

In applying for this sanction, West Florida Lightning agrees to comply and enforce all health and safety guidelines of USA Swimming, Florida Swimming and the City of Clearwater. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious

disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND FLORIDA SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR 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 THIS COMPETITION.

- Hosted by: West Florida Lightning Aquatics and Carlouel Yacht Club
- Age Determination: Swimmers age group is determined on the first day of competition.
- Pre Race Meeting: Mandatory meeting for coaches and athletes Saturday evening 4/10 at Southwest Recreation Complex (13122 Vonn Road, Largo, FL 33774)
13 and older Girls 6:00 p.m.
13 and Older boys 6:30 p.m.,
11-12 Boys and Girls 7:00 p.m.
10 and under boys and girls 7:30 p.m.
Coaches required to be present at minimum of one meeting.
- Athletes need to be present at appropriate age group meeting. Swimmers will have their finger nails checked and numbers marked on them at the meeting. Race course and rules will be presented at the meeting.
- Date and time: Sunday, April 11, 2021
Times are approximate and may change based on entries
7:00 AM - Chip Tent Opens for 5K Boys and Girls/ Warm Up in Pool open
7:45 AM - Pre Race Officials meeting with Swimmers in 5K

8:00 AM – Boys 5K race starts.
8:15 AM - Girls 5K race starts
8:00 AM - Chip Tent Opens for 11-12 Girls and Boys/ Warm Up in Pool Open
9:15 AM – Pre Race Officials Meeting with 2K boys and girls.
9:30 AM – Boys and Girls 2K Race Starts (11-12)
9:15 AM Chip Tent Opens for 10 and Under Swimmers/ Warm Up in Pool open
10:30 AM – Pre Race Officials Meeting for 10 and Under Swimmers
10:45 AM – Boys and Girls 10 and Under 800 Starts

Location: Carlouel Yacht Club Beach
1091 Eldorado Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33767

Timing system: Video at finish/Timing chips

Eligibility: All swimmers must be 2021 athlete members of USA Swimming that can meet the following time standards:

10 & under (800m swim): National BB time in any event 200 yards or over (time entered in USA Swimming database or in results section of Florida Swimming web site); or proof of completion of a sanctioned open water swim.

11-12 (2K): National BB times in any event 400 meters or more (time entered in USA Swimming database or in results section of Florida Swimming web site); or, proof of completion of a sanctioned open water swim.

13-14 (5K): National BB time in any event 400 meters or more (time entered in USA Swimming database or in results section of Florida Swimming web site); or, proof of completion of a sanctioned open water swim.

15 & up (5K): National BB time in any event 400 meters or more (time entered in USA Swimming database or in results section of Florida Swimming web site); or, proof of completion of a sanctioned open water swim.

NOTE – All races, in water starts, land finish.

| G / B | Event Description |
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| 1-2 | 13 & over 5K* |
| 3-4 | 11-12 2K |
| 5-6 | 10 & Under 800 Meter |

* 13 & over 5K will swim all ages together by gender and scored separately by age groups, 13-14, 15-16, and Open.

Entry Procedures: Entry by Hytek / TeamUnify file - William Gauzens
microphonejr@gmail.com

Entry Deadline: 11:00 PM EST Friday, March 26th, 2021

Deck Entries: There will be no Deck Entries allowed for this event.

Individual entries: Use any time in the national database for entry that is faster than the BB qualifying time. Swimmers may enter using an "override Time" for times that are not in the national database. Override times must include the meet name and date. Times that are missing from the National Database should be requested through the Florida LSC National Times Coordinator of the meet at which the time was achieved.

Teams with Un-attached athletes: Teams may enter athletes with an Un-attached status.

Entry fee: \$60 per individual swimmer. (cap included with entry fee).

Make checks payable to

West Florida Lightning Aquatics
Mail payment to: WFLA PO Box 1134, Indian Rocks, FL 33785

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.

Courses: All courses are in Gulf of Mexico, Carlouel Beach, Water starts and land finishes..

10 & under: 800 meters parallel beach

11-12: 2K course

13 & over: 5K course

Zone Selection: This event will be a selection meet for the Florida OW Zone Team Trip to the SZ OW Championships (June 4-6 at Chattanooga, TN). The top 4 Florida LSC finishers in each group will be considered for the Florida Zone Team. Florida Swimming swimmers competing in the Junior and National Championships in Ft. Myers the following weekend will also be considered. Applications must be completed electronically by Monday, April 13th at 12:00 p.m.

The age of the swimmer for the Southern Zone Open Water Championships will be based on FINA rules. The age of a swimmer will be their age on December 31, 2021.

If a 12 year old turning 13 before December 31st and wants to be considered for selection for 13-14 roster, the athlete must swim in the Senior 5K division. The swimmer will be scored in the Senior age group but the times will be considered in the 13-14 age group selection.

Scoring: Florida LSC registered swimmers will be scored separately from non-Florida LSC swimmers. 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.

Awards: Top 8 male and female of each age group (medals for 1st 3rd places, ribbons for 4th-8th places). Awards must be picked up at the event, and will not be mailed.

Team Awards: Championship and Runner-Up

Hotels: Holiday Inn Harborside, Indian Rocks Beach (15 minute from race site 5 minutes from meeting site) 727-595-9484
Fairfield Inn by Marriott Clearwater Beach (\$259/night) 727-510-7817
REF: Florida Swimming Open Water Championships

Meet director: Cashel Mack, 727-686-6418

Entries: Cashel Mack, 727-686-6418 zookeeper5721@gmail.com

Event web site: floridaswimming.org

Officials: Referee: Mike Brewer
Starter: Molly Roberts
AO: William Gauzens
Safety Official: Ian O'Neil
Medical Official: City of Clearwater Fire Rescue/ EMT