

# 2015 National Age Group Open Water Invitational

**Sanctioned by:** Florida Swimming Inc. Sanction # OW-3277

“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 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.

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

**Hosted by:** Gulf Coast Swim Team

**Date and time:** Saturday, April 25th

Start times are approximate and may change.

7:30 AM - Age Group Invitational Check in opens for all age groups

8:15 AM - Men’s 13-14, 15-18 5K check-in closes.

8:45 AM – Men’s 13-14, 15-18 pre race briefing

8:55 AM – Men’s 13-14, 15-18 Roll Call

**9:00 AM - Start of Age Group Invitational, Men’s 13-14, 15-18, 5K**

9:45 AM - Women’s 13-14, 15-18, 5K Check-in closes

10:15 a.m. – Women’s 13-14, 15-18, pre race briefing

10:25 a.m. – Women’s 13-14, 15-19 Roll Call

**10:30 a.m. – Start of Age Group Invitational Women’s 13-14, 15-18 5K**

11:00 a.m. – Men’s 11-12 2.5K check in closes

11:45 a.m. – Men’s pre race briefing

11:55 a.m.- Men’s 11-12 Roll Call

**12:00 p.m. – Start of Age Group Invitational Men’s 11-12, 2.5K**

12:00 p.m. – Women’s 11-12, 2.5k check in closes

12:30 p.m. – Women’s 11-12, 2.5k pre race briefing

12:40 p.m. Women’s 11-12 Roll Call

**12:45 p.m. – Start of Age Group Invitational, Womens’s 11-12, 2.5K**

**Location:** Miromar Lakes, Florida

**Timing system:** Chip timing with video camera (2) backup

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**Eligibility:** All swimmers must be 2015 athlete members of USA Swimming.

Open only to swimmers who have achieved the following qualifying times.

11-12, men / women National AAA times 400 meters or above

13-14, men / women National AAA times 400 meters or above

15-18 (5K): men / women National AAA 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.**

**Entry Procedures:** Entry by USA Swimming **OME** only.

**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 \$60 entry fee paid at the time of entry.

**OME Entry deadline:** 11:00 PM EST Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**Individual entries:** Use any time in the national database for entry that is faster than the AAA 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:** \$45 per individual swimmer. (cap, shirt and goodie bag).

**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 Miromar Lake (fresh water). Water starts and finishes are on land.

11-12: 2.5K-2 laps on a 1250 mtr OVAL shaped course, with a water depth of 3-25 feet and approximately 25-50 yards off shore

13-14, 15-18, 5K swim– 4 laps on a 1250 mtr OVAL shaped course, with a water depth of 3-25 feet and approximately 25-50 yards off shore.

**NOTE – ALL RACES, IN WATER START, LAND FINISH**

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**Awards: Individual awards:** Top 8 male and female of each age group, medals for 1st-8<sup>th</sup> place.

**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, [coacgregg55@aol.com](mailto:coacgregg55@aol.com)

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

**Officials:** Referee: Mark McCaw

Assist Referee: Matt Wilson

Starter: Scott Jamieson

Clerk of Course: Gregg Cross

Safety Official: Alise Flanjack

Medical Official: Lee County Parks and Recreation