



Florida Gold Coast Coaches' Corner

March 2021

Hello Coaches & Officials of the Florida Gold Coast!

Championship Season

What a solid and well run Spring championship season in the Florida Gold Coast! Hats Off to all the teams that have successfully hosted these meets from the BC Meets thru BB Champs, Jr. Olympics, and the Sr. Champs. We have seen a bunch of smiling happy athletes competing and we are definitely the envy of many parts of the country and have much to be thankful for.

Need for New Officials

On a short note the need for officials is a great one....like us coaches we all grow older, wiser, and eventually retire and the same goes for officials who oftentimes are in it for the love of Volunteerism, supporting of their kids and teams, and the love of competitive swimming. The trend of volunteer officials leaving their duties when their kids leave the sport is real and thus the need for 'new blood' is always present. The desire should be greater then ever with the 'no spectator' rule in effect for those teams hosting meets.

Pls see this note from our Officials Chair Steven Goldman:

This is a great time to think about building our supply of officials.

The swimmers need officials, our teams need officials and the officials always need more. Whether you host meets or not you can help by encouraging parents to become involved. Especially now when parents cannot get on deck during a meet unless they volunteer. So how does a volunteer become an official? I'm glad you ask.

1. You provide the volunteer and we will do the training and mentoring.

2. We have in person training once we are allowed to post pandemic. We have Zoom Stroke and Turn Clinics on a need to be basis. I am announcing for the

first time that I have created a Stroke and Turn Self Clinic. Yes a self Clinic that a volunteer can do at their own pace from the comfort of anywhere. If you have a parent interested in a Zoom Stroke and Turn Clinic or a Self Clinic have those volunteers email me at gold438@gmail.com and we will get them started.

Long Course Time Standards

As we navigate the upcoming LCM season make sure we begin to recognize the new LCM Standards that are out there. Check them out at: <https://bit.ly/2P1Oc3S>

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, April 20th 7:30pm via Zoom. Look for an invite