

Kenneth To Memorial Gator Distance Meet

January 9, 2022

GSC will donate a percentage of the meet proceeds to the American Heart Association in memory of our teammate Kenneth To. Additional donations are also welcome.

Sanctioned by: Florida Swimming, Inc. Sanction # **FL-5904**

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

In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Florida Swimming 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.

Any swimmer entered in the meet 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. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with the requirement.

Use of audio, visual, or cell phone recording devices is permitted only in designated areas. Changing into or out of swimsuits, except in locker rooms, is strictly prohibited.

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.

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.

In applying for this sanction, Gator Swim Club agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Florida Swimming LSC, the University of Florida, and Alachua County.

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. BY ATTENDING THE KENNETH TO MEMORIAL GATOR DISTANCE MEET, YOU MAY BE EXPOSING YOURSELF TO AND/OR INCREASING YOUR RISK OF

CONTRACTING OR SPREADING COVID-19. 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. THEREFORE, IF YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS RELATED TO EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING, FLORIDA SWIMMING, GATOR SWIM CLUB, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICIERS, 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 AND CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UN FORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE TO, INFECTION WITH, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN OR ATTENDANCE AT THIS COMPETITION.

Rules: Current USA Swimming and Florida Swimming rules govern the meet.

Hosted by: Gator Swim Club (GSC)

Location: O’Connell Center Pool, lower level of Stephen C. O’Connell Center on the University of Florida campus, 250 Gale Lemerand Drive, Gainesville, FL.
Tel: (352) 392-5500

Smoking and use of other tobacco products are prohibited throughout the University of Florida campus.

Date & Time:

Date	Warm-up*	Meet Start
Sunday, 1/9	8:00–8:55 am	9:00 am

*No equipment will be allowed in the competition pool at any time during warm-up or competition.

Type of Meet: Timed Finals, Age Groups: Open.

Pool Spec & Timing System: Competition: certified indoor 8-lane 25-yard course with deep/start end water depth of 12 feet and turning end water depth of 5 feet. Non-turbulent lane lines, regulation starting blocks. Warm-up/cool-down pool: 8-lane 25-yard pool with 4 feet of depth.

Timing system: Daktronics, with full video scoreboard and manual backup.

Eligibility: Open to all 2022 USA Swimming registered athletes.

Disability Athletes: GSC encourages the participation of USA Swimming members with disabilities in this meet. The swimmer’s disability must meet the definition of a disability as outlined in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations: “A permanent physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.” Swimmers with disabilities may compete, earn awards, and score points for their team in the same manner as able-bodied swimmers.

The coach or athletes are responsible for notifying the Referee of any accommodations that are required in accordance with USA-S Rule 105.4.

Any athlete with a disability will be accommodated to the best of meet management's ability.

Coach Supervision: Each swimmer participating in a Florida Swimming sanctioned meet must be supervised during warm-up and competition by a currently registered USA Swimming Coach. An athlete not escorted by a coach member must check in with the Meet Referee upon arrival at the meet. Individual athletes must find a substitute coach who will supervise them during warm-up and competition and must submit an Alternate Coach form (signed by the accepting coach) to the Meet Referee prior to beginning any warm-up or competition. Host team is happy to provide such service to any team.

Lap Counters Swimmers in the 500 free and 1650 free must have a teammate or provide a volunteer to count laps for their event(s). We welcome volunteer timers from visiting teams for this meet. Please contact admin@gatorswimclub.com if you wish to be a volunteer timer.

Entry Limit: Entries will be limited to the first 200 swimmers.

Scratches: No penalty for scratching on the block.

Scoring: The meet will not be scored.

Awards: No awards.

Entry Fees: \$45 per athlete (includes event fees, facility fee, and heat sheet)

Travel Surcharge: \$2 per out of LSC athlete

Seeding: Short course yard times will be used. Swimmers with "NT" (no times) will not be accepted. Conversion times will be accepted. Athletes without official competition times for these events will be allowed to swim but only if coaches can enter them with a time equal to or faster than suggested minimum times in the Events section at the end of this file. Coaches please monitor this! We will seed the meet according to these times, fastest to slowest.

Entry Procedure: Entries must be submitted by e-mail in USA Swimming SDIF format or Hy-tek, CL2 format. List all attending coaches with contact phone numbers in the body of the e-mail. Corrupted unreadable or incorrectly formatted files must be corrected within 24 hours. Errors in entries submitted electronically are the responsibility of the applicant. Electronic mail confirmation will be sent upon receipt of the file.

E-mail entries to Scott Rabalais at scottrabalais@comcast.net, in SDIF format or Hy-tek, CL2 format.

Entry Deadline: All entries must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday, January 2, 2021.

Officials: Meet Director: John Hulvey
Meet Referee: Steve Plapp
Starter: Jennifer Hunt
Stroke & Turn: Sue Halfacre
Admin. Referee: Scott Rabalais

***Officials wishing to volunteer at the session please contact: Steve Plapp at seplapp@comcast.net.

Meet Committee: In the event of inclement weather, a meet committee consisting of the Meet Director, Meet Referee, and one volunteer coach will convene to determine postponement, delay, or cancellation of all or part of the meet.

Identification: Coaches and officials will be required to check in at the meet administration table and present their credentials. There will be a sign-in sheet and coaches will be required to sign in after presenting their USA Swimming registration card.

Team Representative: Prior to the start of the meet, the name of one person other than the coach who will check with the Meet Referee about any matter pertaining to the meet may be given to the Meet Referee. The coach(es) and that person only will be recognized.

Spectators: No spectators will be allowed in the building. Athletes, officials, coaches, and volunteers only will be allowed in the natatorium. The meet will be live-streamed and results will be posted on Meet Mobile as the meet progresses.

Heat Sheets: Heat sheets will be printed for coaches and officials only. Electronic heat sheets will be provided to participating teams 24 hours before the start of the meet.

Camera Zones: Per Florida Swimming Rule 223.13, meet management shall designate and inform the public of "Camera Zones" at each swim meet where both still photography and video photography of a race or a competitor in a race may be taken. Acceptable "camera zones" may include, but are not limited to the side courses of a pool, team gathering areas, concession area, turn-end of competition course when not in use as a "start end," etc. Meet management shall also designate "Non-Camera Zones." Under NO circumstances will camera zones include the area immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) while they are in use for "race starting purposes" during competition and warm-ups, locker rooms, restrooms, or any other dressing area. Any individual failing to abide by this rule could be subject to the Florida Swimming Code of Conduct violation as defined in Rule 239.2. Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other governmental authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event.

WARM-UP RULES

- No equipment permitted in any pools during warm-ups.
- Unless doing a racing start in designated lanes, all swimmers must enter pool feet first with at least one hand in contact with the deck of the pool.
- The Meet Referee may alter the warm-up to meet the needs of the competitors.

ORDER OF EVENTS AND QUALIFYING TIMES

#	Event	Qualifying Time
1	Mixed Open 500 Free	Not slower than 7:30.00
2	Mixed 12 & Under 200 IM	Not slower than 4:00.00
3	Mixed Open 400 IM	Not slower than 7:30.00
4	Mixed Open 1650 Free	Not slower than 21:00.00

Notes:

- All events will be swum fastest to slowest to the completion of the event. There will be no breaks.
- If so deemed by the officials, we will “slow the meet down” to accommodate for a more “comfortable” timeline to suit the needs of the swimmers if additional rest is necessary. This will depend in large part on the number of entries in the meet and the timeline.
- If so deemed by the officials, in order to accommodate meet needs we will run the meet men/women is separate events.