



2018 Florida Swimming Open Water Championships

Sanctioned by: Florida Swimming Inc. Sanction # A-4343

“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 not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2(C).
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.

Hosted by: Gulf Coast Swim Team

Date and time: **Saturday, April 14th**
10:00 AM - Registration and check in for all events
12:00 PM - Men, Open 2.5k team time trial
12:45 PM – Womens, Open 2.5k team time trial
1:00 PM – , Mens, 14 under 1.2k team time trial
1:45 PM - Womens, 14 under team time trial
2:30 PM – Men/Womens 10 under ow relay



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Sunday, April 15th

7:30 AM - all events Check-in opens
8:30 AM - 5K, open Check-in closes
9:00 AM –Mens, open, 13/14 5K race starts
10:30 AM - Womens, open, 13/14 5k race starts
11:15 AM – 11-12, 10 & under check-in closes.
12:00 PM – Mens, 11-12, 2.5k race starts
1:00 PM – Womens, 11-12, 2.5k race starts
2:00 PM – Mens/Womens 10 under 1000

Location: Miromar Lakes Beach Club
10160 Miromar Lakes Blvd.
Miromar Lakes, Florida

Timing system: Video at finish.

Eligibility: All swimmers must be 2018 athlete members of USA Swimming. Open only to Florida Swimming, Inc. LSC swimmers who have achieved the following qualifying times.
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 (2.5K): 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.
15-16, Open (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.



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Events:	G-B Event	Event Description
	1-2	Open 5K
	3-4	15-16 5K
	5-6	13-14 5K
	7-8	11-12 2.5K
	9-10	10 & Under 800 Meter
	11	10 & Under Relay
	12	14 & Under Team Pursuit
	13	Open Team Pursuit

Relays/Team Pursuits

10 & Under Relays: Teams will be made up of 4 swimmers. Teams may enter a maximum of 2 teams male and 2 teams female, for age groups 10 & under. 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.
Paper, FAX or e-mail entries will NOT be accepted.

OME Entry deadline: 11:00 PM EST Wednesday, April 4th, 2018

Deck Entries: Individual Deck Entries will be accepted up to 45 minutes before check-in closes for the respective event entered. The team will be charged a one-time \$100 processing fee, plus event fee at 2x the regular rate. Entry Fees must be paid at the time of entry. On deck registration with Florida Swimming will not be allowed.



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- 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.
- Relay entries:** Relays must be made up with swimmers entered into an Individual event in the Florida Open Water Championships only.
- Teams with Un-attached athletes:** Teams may enter athletes with an Un-attached status.
- Entry fee:** \$60 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
- 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 Open: 4 laps of 1250 meter loop course
- Selection Meet:** This event will be a selection meet for the Florida OW Zone Team Trip to the SZ OW Championships.
- 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 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 (medals for 1st 3rd places, ribbons for 4th-8th places).



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Relays Top 3 Ribbons.

Awards must be picked up at the event, and will not be mailed.

Team Awards: Top Male, Top Female, Top Combined.

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

Officials:
Referee: Mark McCaw
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Safety Official: Nancy Apperson
Medical Official: Lee County Parks and Recreation