

# Open Water Festival 10K

- Sanctioned by:** Florida Swimming Inc. Sanction # A-4345  
“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 ([www.gcst.org](http://www.gcst.org))
- Meet Director:** Gregg Cross. Phone 239-462-3322, or <mailto:coachgregg55@aol.com>
- Officials:**
- Referee: Mark McCaw  
Assist Referee: Tim Jacobson  
Starter: Scott Jamieson  
Admin Referee: Dick Brewer  
Admin Officials: Adele Woodrow, Mary Ann Nielsen  
Safety Official: Nancy Apperson  
Medical Official: Lee County Parks and Recreation
- Location:** Miromar Lakes, Miromar Lakes, FL 33965
- Date:** April 14, 2018
- Pre-race Meeting:** 8:30 a.m.
- Course:** The event takes place in Miromar Lake Course will be a 1250 mtr oval with the start and finish in water. Finish will be video-taped by a minimum of 3 video cameras (no chips). Swimmers will do 8 laps. Water Stations will be pontoon boats set up on course. Swimmers must provide own feeder and equipment. All applicable USA Swimming open water rules apply (no wet suits, paddles, or use of flotation devices).  
The course will be open for practice on Friday, April 13, from 3-5 PM.

- Start:** Race check in: 7:00 AM  
Men's race start: 9:00 AM  
Women's race start: 9:10 AM  
Awards for men and women will be immediately following the conclusion of the women's race.
- Eligibility:** **USA Athletes** - Open to all 2018 registered swimmers with USA Swimming.
- Safety:** Safety boats (both power and paddle craft) will monitor the course. To see safety plan go to [openwaterfestival.org](http://openwaterfestival.org) website.
- Entry Fee:** \$60 USD per competitor. Athletes must be entered by March 1, 2018 via OME.
- Training:** **Long Course training available at Florida Gulf Coast University. Contact FGCU directly at 239-590-7700.**
- Entry Contact Information:**  
**Don Henshaw – 239-560-4820 or [gcst@comcast.net](mailto:gcst@comcast.net)**
- Registration:** **USA Swimming OME for USA Swimming Athletes.  
Entry deadline is April 4, 2018 at 9 PM EST.**