



## 2014 Florida Swimming Open Water Championships

**Sanctioned by:** Florida Swimming Inc. Sanction # OW-2917

"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.

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

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:** Sunday, April 13, 2014  
Start times are approximate and may change.  
8:00 AM - 10 & Under check-in opens.  
8:30 AM - 10 & Under check-in closes.  
**9:00 AM - Start for Florida Swimming 10 & Un 800m**  
8:30 AM - 11-12 Check-in opens  
9:30 AM - 11-12 Check-in closes  
**10:00 AM – Start for Florida Swimming 11-12 2.5K**  
9:30 AM – 5K check-in opens.  
10:30 AM – 5K check-in closes.  
**11:00 AM – Start for Florida Swimming Open, 15-16 and 13-14 5K**



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- Location:** Miromar Lakes  
Miromar Lakes, Florida
- Timing system:** Chip timing with video camera (2) backup
- Eligibility:** All swimmers must be 2014 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.
- 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. New 2014 USA Swimming Registrations will be accepted for Deck Entries.
- OME Entry deadline:** 11:00 PM EST Tuesday, April 8, 2014
- Individual entries:** Use any time in the national database for entry that is faster than the BB qualifying time. Swimmers may enter using an



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“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.  
10 & under: 800 meter swim on a loop course  
11-12: 2 laps of 1250 meter loop course  
13-14, 15-16, and Senior: 4 laps of 1250 meter loop course

**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.

**Awards: Individual awards:** Top 8 male and female of each age group (medals for 1st-3rd places, ribbons for 4th-8th places).

**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



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**Meet director:** Gregg Cross, 239-462-3322, [coachgregg55@aol.com](mailto:coachgregg55@aol.com)

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

**Officials:**  
Referee: Mark McCaw  
Assist Referee: Matt Wilson  
Starter: Scott Jamieson  
Admin Referee: Dick Brewer  
Safety Official: Alise Flanjack  
Medical Official: Lee County Parks and Recreation