



EVENT PERMIT

Ordinance 17-08



2025 Florida Swimming Open Water Championship

PERMIT NUMBER: TMP2025-00070

Date(s) of Event: April 6, 2025

Property Owner: LEE COUNTY

Applicant: Don Henshaw
239-560-4820

Description: April 6th, 2025 from 6:30AM-12:30PM. Lee County Parks & Recreation is partnering with Gulf Coast Swim to host open water swim races.

Location of event: 950 ESTERO BLVD, FORT MYERS BEACH, FL 33931
Lynn Hall Memorial Park

Will the event be attended by 1000 or more people ? No

Will the event be held on County Owned Property ? Yes


Will there be alcohol consumed or sold at the event ? No

Will a bond be posted for this event ? No

Permit Conditions:

- * Applicant must meet all event application requirements, including requirements of the sign-off agencies.
- * The premises is to be left in the same condition as it was prior to the event.
- * The permit is to be readily available for inspection during the entire event.
- * If this approval includes the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages, no alcoholic beverages may be consumed 1 1/2 hours prior to the conclusion of the event and vacating the facility/property.

Board of County Commissioners
Lee County, Florida

 3/10/25
County Manager Date



Lee County
Southwest Florida

Event Application

Special Event

Use of
County
Property

Alcohol
within Lee
County
Facilities

Film, Video
&
Photography

2025 FLORIDA
SWIMMING OPEN
WATER CHAMPIONSHIP

Trp2025-
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Check the appropriate box(es) below:

- ☐ SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
☒ USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PERMIT
☐ PERMIT TO SELL AND CONSUME ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN LEE COUNTY FACILITIES
☐ FILM PERMIT

Section I - GENERAL INFORMATION (All Permit Types)	
Title of Event / Name of Production	2025 Florida Swimming Open Water Championship
Date(s) of Event / Production:	4/6/2025
Location(s) of Event:	Lynn Hall Memorial Park, Fort Myers Beach
Name of Applicant:	Don Henshaw
Applicant Address:	20560 Rookery Dr. Estero, FL 33928
Applicant Phone Number:	239-560-4820
Contact Person: (If different from applicant)	
Contact Phone Number: (If different from applicant)	
Email Address:	gcst@comcast.net
Estimated Attendance:	200
Event Description: Include each activity, when activities take place, etc.	Lee County Parks and Recreation is partnering with Gulf Coast Swim Team to host open water swim races on April 6th only. April 5th registration off property. April 6th on site check in begins at 6:30 AM. races expected to conclude by 12:30PM. Further details attached.
Hours of Operation:	
STRAP # of Parcel:	24-46-23-W3-00023.0000
Owner of Premises*:	Lee County Parks and Rec

*Notarized statement from the property owner specifically consenting to the proposed use required.

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What is the Zoning Classification of the premises? County Park

Are any temporary structures to be installed for the event? ☒ Yes ☐ No Type: 4 10x10 tents

Do you have the appropriate permits for the temporary structures? ☒ Yes ☐ No

* For a 'Special Event' and 'Use of County Property' permit, submit a site plan with all proposed facilities and activities identified, including all parking areas.

Insurance Company Insuring the Event: USA Swimming Risk Management

Note: Certificate of Insurance must be submitted at time of application

Surety Company Bonding this Event (Name and Address): _____

Will Vehicles be Used as Part of This Event?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, automobile coverage must be included on the certificate of insurance.

Will Food be Available at this Event?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, products liability coverage must be included on the certificate of insurance.

Will Alcoholic Beverages be served/consumed at this Event?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, liquor liability coverage must be included on the certificate of insurance.

Name & Address of Organization
Providing Food: _____

Type of Food being Served: _____

Section II - USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PERMIT

Organization Sponsoring the Event: Gulf Coast Swim Team / SW Florida Swim Club, Inc

Section III - SALE/CONSUMPTION OF ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMIT

Is alcohol being sold/consumed on County Property? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, then a "Lee County Alcohol Permit" is required. Only non-profit organizations can sell alcohol on County Property.

Non-profit certificate/registration number:

(Required if alcohol is to be SOLD at the event)

Please note: A permit from the State of Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco may also be required; please call (239) 344-0885 for further details

☐ TV Movie or Special ☐ TV Series / Pilot ☐ TV Commercial ☐ Still Photos
☐ Public Service Announcement ☐ Industrial / Documentary ☐ Other: _____

Street Closure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Traffic / Crowd Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fire or Burning	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Explosives or Pyrotechnics	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Animals, Large or Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Construction of Any Kind	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Large and/or Numerous Vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Helicopters, Boats, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Stunts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Number in Cast: _____ Number in Crew: _____ Number of locals hired: _____

Total budget: _____ Estimate amount spent in Lee County: _____

Hotel room nights: _____ Number of shooting days: _____
number of rooms x number of nights

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SECTION I - SAFETY

The Applicant agrees to provide adequate traffic and crowd control, emergency medical services and any other items, at the Applicant's expense, required by Lee County to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. Lee County shall have the power to review the proposal and require, as necessary, detailed plans, diagrams, and explanations to clearly outline to Lee County, exactly what the Applicant is proposing.

SECTION II - INSURANCE

The Applicant, at its sole expense, agrees to procure and maintain in force during the entire term of the application, liability insurance in the amounts determined by Lee County Risk Management to protect against damages or other claims arising from use of County property by the applicant or its guests. Other limits may also be established by Lee County Risk Management for events which will be serving or consuming alcoholic beverages at approved County property. The insurance policy must also include coverage for Applicant's contingent liability on damages, claims or losses. "Lee County Board of County Commissioners" must be named as "additional insured" on the Certificate of Insurance, and the Certificate must be delivered to Lee County prior to Applicant's use of the property. The Insurance may not be canceled during the term of the event, if this occurs, the County has the right to revoke approvals related to use of the County property for the event, without recourse by the applicant.

SECTION III - INDEMNIFICATION

The Applicant agrees to indemnify, release and save harmless Lee County against any and all claims, costs, demands, damages, judgments or injuries of any nature arising from the conduct or management of, or from any work or thing whatsoever done in or about said Lee County property or any building or structure appurtenant thereto or equipment thereof during the term of this Permit, or arising during such term from any act of negligence of the Applicant, Applicant's agents, contractors, or employees, or arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, however caused, to any person or persons, or to any property of any person, persons, corporation or corporations, occurring during the term of this agreement on, in, or about said Lee County property, and from and against all costs, attorney's fees, expenses and liabilities occurring in connection with any such claim or any action or proceeding brought thereon.

For film permit applicants: The permittee shall have on-site a responsible representative empowered with authority over the filming director, filming crews, participants and filming operation. Permittee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the county, its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, suits, actions, damages, liabilities, expenditures or causes of action of any kind arising out of or occurring during the activities of the permittee, and resulting or occurring from any negligent act, omission or error of permittee, resulting in or relating to injuries to body, life, limb or property sustained in, about or upon the permitted premises or improvement thereto, or arising from the use of the premises.

SECTION IV - DELIVERY, ACCEPTANCE AND SURRENDER OF PREMISES

The Applicant agrees to accept the County property on possession as being in a satisfactory state of repair and in sanitary condition.

The Applicant must surrender the premises to Lee County in the same condition as when Applicant takes possession, allowing for reasonable use and wear, and damage by acts of God. Applicant agrees to remove all business signs or symbols placed on the premises by the Applicant before redelivery of the premises to Lee County, and restore the premises to the condition in which it existed before their placement. Any signs and markings created or used in connection with this event must be temporary and removable; painting roadways, trees or any other fixed object is strictly prohibited. Applicant agrees to clear the Lee County property of litter at the close of the event.

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SECTION V - AGREEMENT

The Applicant agrees that Lee County can, at its sole discretion, terminate and cancel its permit to use Lee County property at any time without prejudice. Applicant further agrees to waive, release, save and hold harmless Lee County from any and all claims, demands or cause of actions based upon Lee County's cancellation or termination of said permit.

The Applicant agrees that the Lee County permit does not provide Applicant with any property rights in the County property in question or in the permit itself.

The applicant does acknowledge and hereby affirms that any and all information is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge.

Donald M. Henshaw Jr
Signature of Applicant

Heather M. Ford
Witness

Donald M. Henshaw Jr
Print Name of Applicant and Title

Heather M. Ford
Print Name of Witness

11/23/24
Date

11/23/24
Date

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LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
14750 SIX MILE CYPRESS PARKWAY
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33912
(239) 477-1199

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AFTER REVIEWING THE APPLICATION, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW WHAT ARRANGEMENTS YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH FOR THEIR EVENT.

Parking:

Parking in authorized areas only. Right-of-way should not be impeded.

Deputies (How Many?):

None

Fee for Services:

None

Special Arrangements:

LCSO Marine Unit will provide assistance during the event for safety and security. Vendor will need to follow all special arrangements with Parks & Rec as indicated on their permit page. All amplified sounds must adhere to the Town of Ft Myers Beach noise ordinance.

Print Name:

P Cummins

Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]

Title:

Commander

Date:

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

*The Fire Department serving the area where the event is to be held signs this form.
Please see User's Guide for contact information and Fire District Map.*

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Fire Guards (How Many?)

NA

Fee for Services:

Invoiced

Flammable Vegetation:

Not Permitted

First Aid Equipment:

Transport unit on standby

Fire Extinguishing:

NA

Special Arrangements:

NA

Print Name: Jennifer Campbell

Signature:

Jennifer Campbell

Title:

Fire Official

Date:

3-3-2025

**Lee County Event Permit Application****EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / PUBLIC SAFETY****2000 Main St., Suite #100****FORT MYERS, FL 33901****(239) 533-3911***Check the appropriate box(es) below:*

- ☐ SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
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AFTER REVIEWING THE APPLICATION, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW WHAT ARRANGEMENTS YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH FOR THEIR EVENT.

Treatment Facilities: See Special Arrangements below.

Medical Personnel: See Special Arrangements below.

Medical Supplies /
Equipment: See Special Arrangements below.

Safety Requirements: See Special Arrangements below.

Fee for Services: See Special Arrangements below.

Special Arrangements: EMS defers to Fort Myers Beach Fire District for specifying EMS coverage for this event, as it falls within their response district. Their department can be contacted at (239) 590-4200.

Print Name: Douglas B. Higgins

Signature: Douglas B. Higgins

Digitally signed by Douglas B. Higgins
Date: 2025.01.21 12:07:25 -05'00'

Title: Captain, EMS Operations

Date: January 21, 2025

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1500 MONROE STREET
FORT MYERS, FL 33901
(239) 533-8580

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Parking:

No event parking is permitted in Lee County maintained road right of ways.

Ingress and Egress:

Please use all established means of ingress and egress.

Special Arrangements:

Shall use Lee County Sheriff's Office for assistance with traffic control as needed. Emergency vehicle access and public vehicular access shall be maintained on all surrounding Lee County maintained roads.

Print Name: Nathan Thoman

Signature: Nathaniel C. Thoman

Digitally signed by Nathaniel C. Thoman
Date: 2025.01.21 08:11:58 -05'00'

Title: Project Manager

Date: 01/21/2025

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LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
3410 PALM BEACH BOULEVARD
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33916
(239) 533-7275

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Illumination:

Supplemental lighting (head lamps) may be used during pre-dawn hours for set up as needed.

Parking Areas:

Participants will utilize the Lynn Hall parking lot on a first come, first served basis. Any overflow parking will be guided to the Towns paid parking lots under the bridge and the private lots on the Island. Many participants will be staying on the beach and will walk to Lynn Hall Park.

Special Arrangements:

Events organizer must provide adequate events staff/volunteers/parks staff throughout the day for safety/first aid stations, course monitoring, litter control and debris cleanup during and after the event. Work with on-site County parks staff for debris collection area.

Participants and spectators must disperse and leave the park/beach area to seek shelter in their vehicles during lightning alerts and threatening weather.

Print Name: Colleen Via

Signature:

Colleen Via

Title:

Countywide Services Manager

Date:

4/13/2025

*Lynn Hall - Open Water Swim
Championships
4/16/2025*

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LEE COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - 4TH FLOOR
2115 SECOND STREET
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33901
(239) 533-2221

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Insurance Requirements:	<p>Commercial general liability insurance to include participant legal liability coverage with minimum limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence to protect against bodily injury and/or property damage relative to applicants use of aforementioned event within Lee County.</p> <p>Certificate Must Read As:</p> <p>Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials are automatic additional insureds and includes an automatic waiver of subrogation with regard to general liability. The certificate holder is an additional insured on a primary and noncontributory basis with regards to general liability.</p>
Special Arrangements:	<p>A Certificate of Insurance shall be submitted as evidence of the required coverage listing Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902 as the certificate holder and as an additional insured as listed above.</p> <p>Subject to proof of insurance.</p>

Print Name: Valerie Miller

Signature:

Valerie Miller

Title:

Risk Manager Analyst

Date:

1.13.25



ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

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AGENCY Insurance Office of America		NAMED INSURED USA Swimming, Inc.; USA Swimming Foundation, and USA Swimming Local Swimming Committees & Member Clubs 1 Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs CO 80909-5780	
POLICY NUMBER		EFFECTIVE DATE:	
CARRIER	NAIC CODE		

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,

FORM NUMBER: 25 FORM TITLE: CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

Covered Activities (For Commercial General Liability Coverage)

With respect to USA Swimming, Inc. Member Clubs, Group Members, Member Coaches, and Member Officials (all if in good standing); volunteers and additional insured owner/lessors of premises, sponsors and co-promoters, coverage hereunder for these entities applies only to:

1) Swimming meets that have been issued a written Sanction (pursuant to USA Swimming Rule 202.4 and Rule 202.5) or Approval (pursuant to USA Swimming Rule 202.6). Approved meets means a competition where an Approval is issued by USA Swimming, Inc., or one of the USA Swimming, Inc. Local Swimming Committees for swimming meets conducted in conformance with USA Swimming, Inc. technical rules in which members and non-members may compete, including foreign meets under the USA Swimming, Inc. open border policy. USA Swimming, Inc. member clubs that either host or participate in a swimming meet that has been issued a Sanction or Approval or participate in an open border competition will be considered an insured provided that all of its athletes competing and coaches on deck are members of USA Swimming, Inc. in good standing.

2) Swimming practices, dry land training activities, camps, and learn to swim programs where all swimmers are members of USA Swimming, Inc. or U.S. Masters Swimming, Inc. and are conducted under direct and active supervision of a USA Swimming, Inc. member coach in good standing. Dry land training activities mean weight training, running, calisthenics, and exercise machine training, and any other training activities for which an insured has received approval from USA Swimming, Inc. or its authorized representative.

3) USA Swimming, Inc. Swim-A Thons sponsored by or registered with USA Swimming, Inc.

4) Social events and fund-raising activities that are events or activities for which an insured has received approval from USA Swimming, Inc. or its authorized representative.

5) Swimming tryouts. Swimming Tryouts mean swimming practices where a swimmer(s) who is not and who has never been a member of USA Swimming, Inc. participates in swimming activities with a USA Swimming, Inc. member club for a period not to exceed thirty days from the first day of practice to determine the swimmer's interest in becoming a member of USA Swimming, Inc. Tryout swimmers may not participate in more than one tryout period within the same twelve month span.

6) Safety Training for Swim Coaches, CPR, and Lifeguard Certifications of USA Swimming, Inc. member coaches and/or USA Swimming, Inc. members completing requirements to become member coaches, conducted by USA Swimming, Inc. member coaches that are member representatives of one of the approved agencies listed on the USA Swimming, Inc. Swim Training for Swim Coaches In-Water Skills Checklist.

7) USA Swimming official members in good standing attending an Observed Swim Meet (pursuant to USA Swimming Rule 202.8). An Observed Swim Meet is defined as a swim meet observed by an assigned USA Swimming, Inc. official(s) for conformance with USA Swimming, Inc. technical rules in a meet conducted under rules other than USA Swimming rules.

8) "Organized practices" that have been reported and a premium has been paid for. Organized practices are defined as recreation league meets hosted by USA Swimming member club with community teams that are not USA Swimming member teams.

The Certificate Holder is included as an Additional Insured on a Primary and Non-Contributory basis as required by written agreement. Waiver of Subrogation applies per written agreement.

Member Club: Gulf Coast Swim Team

RE: FL OPEN WATER CHAMPS / SZ OPEN WATER CHAMPS

Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials are additional insured on a primary and non contributory basis with respect to General Liability when required by written agreement. Waiver of Subrogation with respect to General Liability applies when required by written agreement.

(6) With respect to architects, engineers or surveyors, coverage does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering or failure to render any professional services by or for you, including:

(a) The preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders, or drawings and specifications;

(b) Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering services.

However, if an Additional Insured endorsement is attached to this policy that specifically names a person or organization as an insured, then this subsection **2.e.** does not apply to such person or organization.

POLICY NUMBER: 1-RSL-CO-17-01538639-00

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY
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THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

PRIMARY AND NONCONTRIBUTORY – OTHER INSURANCE CONDITION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

The following is added to the **Other Insurance** Condition and supersedes any provision to the contrary:

Primary And Noncontributory Insurance

This insurance is primary to and will not seek contribution from any other insurance available to an additional insured under your policy provided that:

- (1) The additional insured is a Named Insured under such other insurance; and

- (2) You have agreed in writing in a contract or agreement that this insurance would be primary and would not seek contribution from any other insurance available to the additional insured.



2025 Florida Swimming Open Water Championship

Zone Team Selection Even

April 6, 2025

Host: Gulf Coast Swim Team

Sponsored: Florida Swimming and GCST

Sanctioned By: Issued by Florida Swimming, Inc. Sanction #

This meet will be conducted under the auspices of Florida Swimming, Inc. of USA Swimming. USA Swimming technical rules and regulations will be followed except for items specifically addressed in the meet information Sanctioned by Florida Swimming, Inc.

In applying for this sanction (ed event), the Host, Hydro4 Swimming (specifically named Club or other entity) agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Florida Swimming, the State of Florida and Volusia County (local jurisdiction).

COVID-19:

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.

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. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND FLORIDA SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, 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 ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.



Location:

Lynn Hall Memorial Park, Fort Myers Beach, FL

Eligibility:

All swimmers must be 2024 athlete members of USA Swimming that can meet the following time standards:

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 (2K): 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 & up (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.

Disability Swimming:

Florida Swimming 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-Swimming Rule 105.4.

Events:

Friday

Check in 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Lee County / FGCU Aquatic Center

Saturday

Check in 6:30 a.m. at Lynn Hall Memorial Park, Fort Myers Beach, FL



Saturday Events:

13 & O 5K**

11 & 12 – 2K****

10 & U – 800 Meter***

** 13 & over 5K will swim all ages together by gender and scored separately by age groups, 13-14, 15-16, and Open.

***If a 10-year-old turning 11 before June 2nd and wants to be considered for selection for the 11-12 Zone roster, the coach must contact Mica Lill <MLill@vfymca.org> for entry. Athletes will be scored in their 'new' age group.

****If a 12-year-old turning 13 before June 2nd and wants to be considered for selection for the 13-14 Zone roster, the coach must contact Mica Lill <MLill@vfymca.org> for entry. Athletes will be scored in their 'new' age group.

Course:

5K/2K/800m - Rectangular (see attachment)

Multiple buoys will be placed on course to identify on course boundaries.

Pyramid buoys are 7 ft. in height; Round buoys are 4 ft in height.

Water depth - Varies

Conditions

Water temperatures should range from 72-78 degrees F

Air temperature range is 75-85 degrees F.

FL Awards:

Top eight medals for individual events for competing Florida Swimming athletes.

FL Team Awards:

FL Championship & FL Runner Up

Scoring:

Top 8 Finishers in each division Score

Individual events 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Entry Format:

Hy-Tek Team Manager or Team Unify. Entries should be submitted to Don Henshaw (gcst@comcast.net)



Entry Fee:

Entry fee will include cap and Saturday Brunch.

Check-in: All swimmers must be checked-in before the pre-race meeting. Check-in will begin once the preceding race has started. GPS race chips will be issued to swimmers at check-in. Coaches should apply race number tattoos on their swimmers prior to arriving at the race. Numbers go on both arms and right shoulder.

Pre-Race Meetings:

Swimmers 'Pre-Race meeting will be held for swimmers on the morning before the start of races on Saturday.

Swimmer briefings will be held 15 minutes prior to each race for race officials to review the course diagram with all the swimmers in that race.

Race Countdown: 30 minutes prior to each race, the announcer will count-down the start of the race in 5-minute intervals. 1-minute intervals will be announced for the last 5 minutes until the start of the race. Before each race, swimmers will be counted as they walk down to the start line. At the finish, each swimmer will be checked in as they exit the course, in accordance with USA Open Water Swimming Safety guidelines. Any swimmer missing this check in will be disqualified.

Start: The start will be an in-water start.

Finish: The finish will be a beach finish.

Time Limit: Swimmers who are unable to complete the course within 30 minutes of the first place finisher in their age group/gender may be picked up and taken off the course.

Protests: Must be filed in writing on the designated form with the Clerk of Course within 45 minutes from the time unofficial results are posted.

Escorts: Paddlers and escort boats will be spaced throughout the course under the supervision of the race committee to provide help to swimmers as needed. USA Swimming Rules will govern any interaction with escort crafts.

Race Committee: Consists of OW Referee, Independent Safety Monitor, Meet Director, Safety Officer, and three coaches appointed by the OW Referee.

Event Administration:

OW Referee:

Meet Director: Don Henshaw

Independent Safety Monitor: Mike Hammond

Medical Officer:

Admin Official: Maria Medina (gcst@comcast.net)

Independent Safety Officer: John Zavacki

Course Officer:

Clerk of Course:

Starter:

Rules:

Current USA Open Water Swimming Technical rules will govern. For the safety of the swimmers, fingernails and toenails must be clipped. Officials will check fingernail length prior to the events. Non-conformation will result in disqualification.

Current USA Swimming Rules, including Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), will govern this meet.

No USA Registration will be allowed at the meet.

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 without the use of the backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

NOTE: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms.

Deck changing is prohibited.

Safe Sport:

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Safety:

Safety is of paramount consideration during this competition. Safety provisions contained in the USA Swimming Open Water Meet Directors Guidelines will be strictly followed. All applicable USAS rules, regulations and safety requirements will be enforced for the well-being of the swimmers. USA Swimming, Inc., Florida Swimming, Lee County Parks and Rec, and GCST shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event. Safety boats will be provided in accordance with the FL Swimming Open Water Championships Safety Plan. If the swimming conditions are not deemed safe, the meet will be rescheduled or canceled.

Safety Information

Safety Authority

- Emergency Services will be provided by Lee County Lifeguards, Paramedics and Medical Staff on-site
- Lee County Lifeguards will be located throughout the course and venue areas. AED's, First Aid kits, and Basic Life Support gear will be available on-site.
- Race Operations will be manned by the Race Director, Administrative Referee, and LG Representative
- The race is held within Ft. Myers Beach, FL

Communications Plan

Primary - There will be two separate radio networks using two different frequency plans. The radios are not interchangeable.

Communication across radio networks will be coordinated through Race Operations. Personnel using GCST VHF radios include the Race Director, Race Operations, Race Referees, Safety Officer, Course Officer, Spare vessels, Feed Station Referee, Administrative Referee, Turn Judges, and event announcers.

Staff will utilize their own radios, and will be in contact with Race Operations, Life Guard Supervisors, and On-Water Life Guard.

Secondary communications between all parties will be via cellular telephones. The following positions will be issued a phone number listing:

Race Director
Meet Referee
Safety Officer
Race Referees
Course Officer
LG Supervisors

Swimmer in Distress

- Lee County Lifeguards will activate their water rescue protocols.
- Any swimmer withdrawing from the race must report to the Officials Tent for identification. Lifeguard will radio race-control with the competitor number and direct the swimmer to return to the start area.
- A First Aid tent will be maintained on site in the Start/ Finish area.
- Swimmers needing emergency medical care will be administered care in the nurse's station and if transportation needed by calling 911 for EMS transportation.
- Swimmers requiring evacuation via ambulance will be transported to HealthPark Emergency approximately 6 miles away from Lynn Hall Memorial Park.

Missing Swimmer

- All swimmers will be issued a "Race Ticket" with their competitor number during the registration process. This "Ticket" will be collected as the swimmers enter the water.
- All swimmers will be required to provide a personal cell phone contact and a coach/handler cell phone contact at registration.
- All swimmers will be videotaped during the final inspection/accounting prior to the start.
- If a swimmer is reported missing and last seen in the water: Lee County Lifeguards will activate their underwater search and recovery protocol. Concurrently, meet operations will attempt contact with the coach/handler and swimmer via cell phone. Meet Operations will also review the start list, withdrawal list, site race tickets, and view the pre-race video tape to confirm the swimmer actually started the race. All swimmers are reminded before the race start that they must report to the nearest lifeguard if they withdraw from the race. All swimmers who depart from the water will be identified by their race number.

Support Vessels

The following vessels will be used:

- Boats
- Jet-skis
- Kayaks/Paddlecraft
- All vessels Captains will attend a briefing by the Safety Officer.
- Spare vessels will remain clear of the vessel exclusion zone unless summoned on to the course by race control.
- Once the course has been set, the Course Officer vessel will remain clear of the vessel exclusion zone unless summoned to the course by the Referee or race control.
- All official's boats will be equipped with VHF radios on the race control network.

Parameters for Abandoning the Race

Any one of the following individuals are empowered to independently order the race abandoned due to unsafe course or other conditions.

- Meet Referee
- Safety Officer
- Meet Director

If the race is to be abandoned, Race Control will relay via radio to all vessels to signal abandonment. Simultaneously, the Lee County Lifeguard Supervisor will signal via their radio net to signal abandonment. The abandonment signals will be:

- From Officials Boats – 5 short blasts followed by one long blast.
- From the Lifeguards – 5 short blasts of the whistle followed by one long blast.
- Swimmer actions are to:
 - * Discontinue swimming
 - * Look for directions from the Officials or water safety personnel
 - * Once safe on land, proceed to the start/fish area and check-in.

Contingency Plan

- Due to venue restrictions, it is unlikely any change to the shape of the course will be possible.
- If weather conditions require, the directions of swim (CW/ CCW) and the location of the start/finish structure may be changed.
- If the race is abandoned, it will be postponed until later the same day. If the race must be abandoned for the entire day, the race will be cancelled.
