

# Florida LMSC Awards Annual Report

Ryan Kloppe, October 2025

## Award Categories:

- Leather Lung Achievement Award
- Florida LMSC Coaches Award
- Sue Moucha Overcoming Adversity Award
- Florida LMSC Service Award
- Florida LMSC Volunteer Award
- Florida LMSC Club Service Award
- Florida LMSC Lifetime Achievement Award

## Nominations:

No nominations received for 2025. Send all Coaches, Leather Lung, and Service Award nominations to Ryan Kloppe by January 31, 2026. Send Sue Moucha Award nominations to Sue Moucha by the same date.

## Recent Recognition:

- 2025 International Swimming Hall of Fame Masters Inductee: Diann Uustal, Sarasota Sharks
- 2025 USMS Club of the Year: Swim Melbourne
- USMS Officials Excellence Award: Richard “Mike” Whaley, Sarasota Sharks

## 2024 Florida LMSC Award Recipients (presented in 2025):

- Coach of the Year: Sean Abbey
- Sue Moucha Overcoming Diversity: Steven Gold
- Service Award: Richard “Mike” Whaley
- Leather Lung Award: Cheryl Kupan, Christopher Stickle, Sarah Swoch, Steven Gold

## Presentation:

2024 awards were announced online. The 2025 awards will be presented at the 2026 Social event and featured in a newsletter.

## Budget vs Actual

Hasty Awards was paid \$242.95 (Bobble Heads for Leather Lung and Acrylic awards for others) (budget of \$350.00). Social was budgeted at \$600 vs actual spend \$0.

**Challenges & Recommendations:**

- Improve nomination visibility and outreach.
- Schedule the 2025 Awards Social—add info to the 2026 meet sign-up increase attendance.
- Work with club reps for better coordination.

**Next Awards Social:**

Proposed in coordination with the 2026 St Pete Masters SCY/Bob Beach Championship (mid-March 2026)

## **Florida 2025**

- **2,454 Members Registered**
  - 1,286 Men
  - 1,168 Women
  - 2 today
  - 35 this month

## **Florida 2024**

- 2,721 Members Registered
  - 1,402 Men
  - 1,319 Women
  - 2 today
  - 57 this month

## **Florida Clubs**

- 65 registered clubs for 2026
  - 67 registered clubs for 2025
- 105 self-identified coaches for 2025
  - 79 self-identified coaches for 2024

## **On This Date Today vs Last Year 2024**

- Total 2186
  - Female 1054
  - Male 1132

# Florida LMSC Sanctions & Top 10 Report

Anna Lea Matysek, October 17, 2025

## Meets in the Florida LMSC for 2025

The Southeast Zone website (<http://southeastzone.org>) contains a list of all meets scheduled in our zone as they become available. Below is a list of all USMS-sanctioned or USMS-recognized meets already held or scheduled in the Florida LMSC in 2025.

| Date                        | Event Title                                                                                                             | Course | Sanction Type          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| January 11, 2025            | Good Life Senior Games, Clearwater<br><b>51 participants</b> (48 USMS member, 2 nonmember, 1 foreigner)                 | LCM    | Recognition            |
| February 8, 2025            | Gulf Coast Senior Games, Sarasota<br><b>36 participants</b> (29 USMS member, 7 nonmember)                               | SCY    | Recognition            |
| January 31-February 2, 2025 | Rowdy Gaines Classic (rescheduled from October 2024), Orlando<br><b>349 participants</b> (342 USMS member, 7 foreigner) | SCM    | Sanction               |
| March 12, 2025              | Capital City Senior Games, Tallahassee<br><b>33 participants</b> (13 USMS member, 20 nonmember)                         | SCY    | Recognition            |
| March 15-16, 2025           | Bob Beach Championship Meet, St. Pete<br><b>108 participants</b> (all USMS member)                                      | SCY    | Sanction               |
| April 4-5, 2025             | USMS Open Water National Championships (1-Mile and 5K), Sarasota<br><b>233 entrants</b> (229 USMS member, 4 foreigner)  | OW     | Sanction               |
| April 23-24, 2025           | The Villages Senior Games, The Villages<br><b>95 participants</b> (52 USMS member, 43 nonmember)                        | SCY    | Recognition            |
| April 27, 2025              | 5th Annual Show Your SWAG Meet, Gainesville<br><b>90 participants</b> (all USMS member)                                 | SCY    | Sanction               |
| May 8-11, 2025              | YMCA National Masters Meet, Orlando<br><b>311 participants</b> (275 USMS member, 36 nonmember)                          | SCY    | Recognition            |
| June 7-8, 2025              | Bumpy Jones Classic, Sarasota<br><b>104 participants</b> (103 member, 1 foreigner)                                      | LCM    | Sanction               |
| June 7, 2025                | Bolles June LCM Jamboree<br>Canceled                                                                                    | LCM    | Sanction               |
| July 12-13, 2025            | St. Pete Masters LCM Championships, St. Pete<br><b>95 participants</b> (92 USMS member, 3 foreigner)                    | LCM    | Sanction               |
| September 14, 2025          | Gainesville Senior Games, Gainesville<br><b>77 participants</b> (57 USMS member, 20 nonmember)                          | SCY    | Recognition            |
| September 21, 2025          | Rob Curry Pancake Pentathlon, Clermont<br><b>89 participants</b> (all USMS member)                                      | SCY    | Sanction               |
| October 12, 2025            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual SWAGtoberfest Masters Meet, Gainesville<br><b>78 participants</b> (all USMS member)              | SCY    | Sanction               |
| November 15-16, 2025        | Shark Tank Meet, Sarasota                                                                                               | SCM    | Sanction               |
| December 6-7, 2025          | Florida State Senior Games, Temple Terrace                                                                              | SCY    | Working on recognition |

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## ***A Description of the Sanctioning and Top 10 Process in the LMSC***

The Florida LMSC is the third-largest LMSC (by member size) in the country and we're fortunate to have a dedicated group of meet directors who host one or more Masters meets every year. The LMSC's members are also fortunate to have so many events to attend. In 2025 there were 10 sanctioned swim meets, seven recognized swim meets, and one open water event.

The rest of this report contains a description of some of the tasks performed by the LMSC Sanctions Chair and the LMSC Top 10 Recorder.

### ***Process for Issuing a Sanction or Recognition to a Meet***

Meet directors are referred to the [Instructions for USMS-Sanctioned Meets](#) or [Instructions for USMS-Recognized Meets](#) documents on the [Florida LMSC website](#). The sanctions chair then works with the meet director to educate and assist them on USMS meet requirements, some of which include:

- Meet announcement contains the appropriate statements as required in the USMS rule book, per the [USMS meet announcement template](#)
- Pool course has been measured, is in the USMS measured pool list, and is long enough for the number of touchpads that will be used per lane
- Meet referee is certified to that level by a USMS-approved body
- For sanctioned meets, all swimmers must be verified as current USMS members (allowing non-USMS members invalidates the USMS insurance coverage for the meet). Recognized meets do not receive insurance coverage from USMS and are allowed to include non-USMS members.
- Instructions for national records and documentation, including requirement for a copy of the timing console printout
- Agreement to send all paperwork to Top 10 Recorder after the meet
- Sanctions chair works with meet director to find an Observer for the meet

### ***Post-Meet Tasks for the LMSC Top 10 Recorder***

After the meet, the meet director is required to email the electronic results files (from the HyTek Meet Manager software that was used to run the meet) to the LMSC Top 10 Recorder. They are also required to mail or deliver all of the meet paperwork, including timer lane sheets, DQ slips, timing console printouts, relay cards, record applications, etc. to the Top 10 Recorder.

The Top 10 Recorder uploads the electronic results to the USMS meet results database after sometimes reviewing them in the HyTek Meet Manager software. If discrepancies are later reported by swimmers (who sometimes notice them while reviewing the USMS event rankings pages), they are investigated using the submitted documentation and corrected if necessary.

A Florida LMSC member who is also a member of USA Swimming and competes in USA Swimming meets may submit their results from a USA Swimming meet for inclusion in the USMS meet results database. In this situation, the Top 10 Recorder needs both the USA meet announcement and the

USA meet results file and confirms that the pool is listed in the USMS measured pools database. The results are then uploaded to the USMS meet results database and included in the end-of-season Top 10 submittal to the USMS national office.

### ***End-of-Season Top 10 Submission Process***

There are three swim “seasons” each year. They are:

- Short-Course Meters (SCM), which runs from January 1 to December 31
- Short-Course Yards (SCY), which runs from June 1 to May 31
- Long-Course Meters (LCM), which runs from October 1 to September 30

At the end of each season, the LMSC Top 10 Recorder is required to send a data submission to the USMS national office for all of the meets held in that course during the past swim “season” for that course. Additional documents may also need to be submitted from meets that had an assigned observer or meets that required bulkhead course confirmation measurements at the meet. Below is an example of the checklist items that the Top 10 Recorder verifies before performing their submittal:

- All bulkhead confirmation measurement forms included
- Observer Reports included where appropriate
- Pools are OK on the [list of USMS pools](#)
- Relays have no errors when running the relay check (step 1 of creating relay top ten report)
- Requested splits verified that if from a DQ swim, it wasn't DQ'd due to leadoff person
- Splits checked for anything odd
- Primary timing system is NOT a single watch/lane
- Swims from a USA meet have a link to the official results or the results are in the USA-S SWIMS database
- Any USA meets are entered as Recognized by USMS
- Swims entered manually (vs. uploading a results file) have a link to the official results
- One-Event swimmers marked as nonmembers

Three Top 10 submittals were performed on time in 2025 by the Top 10 Recorder. A list of the meets included in those submittals is on the next pages. As mentioned earlier, there are some Florida LMSC members who also swim in USA Swimming meets and submit their times to the LMSC Top 10 Recorder; those meets were included in the submittal files, as well.

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## Florida LMSC 2024 Top 10 Submission Summary - SCM Course

The 2024 SCM season ran from January 1 to December 31, 2024

Electronic tabulation files, plus indicated documents, submitted to USMS in January, 2025

| Meet Date    | Year | Meet Name       | Status     | Observer Report | Bulkhead Measurement Form |
|--------------|------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| November 2-3 | 2024 | Shark Tank Meet | Sanctioned |                 |                           |

## Florida LMSC 2024-2025 Top 10 Submission Summary - SCY Course

The 2024-2025 SCY season ran from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025

Electronic tabulation files, plus indicated documents, submitted to USMS in June, 2025

| Meet Date      | Year | Meet Name                                                 | Status         | Observer Report | Bulkhead Measurement Form |
|----------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| July 27        | 2024 | ATAC Summer 2024 Masters Meet                             | Sanctioned     |                 |                           |
| September 21   | 2024 | 2024 ROB CURRY PANCAKE PENTATHLON                         | Sanctioned     |                 |                           |
| September 22   | 2024 | 2024 Gainesville Senior Games Swimming                    | Recognized     | yes             | yes                       |
| September 22   | 2024 | FAST Pentathlon 2024                                      | Sanctioned     |                 |                           |
| October 26     | 2024 | Bolles Masters Spooky Splashdown                          | Sanctioned     |                 |                           |
| November 15-17 | 2024 | Patriot Aquatics Short Course Winter Invitational (USA-S) | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| November 23-24 | 2024 | BASS Turkey Classic                                       | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| December 7-8   | 2024 | 2024 Florida Senior Games                                 | Recognized     | yes             |                           |
| December 14-15 | 2024 | 2024 FAST December Invite (USA-S)                         | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| January 5      | 2025 | Kenneth To Memorial Gator Distance Meet (USA-S)           | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| February 8     | 2025 | 2025 Gulf Coast Games for Life (Senior Games)             | Recognized     | yes             |                           |
| February 15-16 | 2025 | 2025 PA Sweetheart Special (USA-S)                        | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| March 12       | 2025 | 2025 Capital City Senior Games                            | Recognized     | yes             |                           |
| March 15-16    | 2025 | 2025 St Pete Masters SCY/Bob Beach Championship           | Sanctioned     |                 |                           |
| April 11       | 2025 | 2025 GTSA Spring Championship (USA-S)                     | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| April 23-24    | 2025 | The Villages Senior Games                                 | Recognized     | yes             |                           |
| April 27       | 2025 | 5th Annual Show Your SWAG SCY Meet                        | Sanctioned     |                 | yes                       |
| May 8-11       | 2025 | YMCA National Masters Meet                                | Recognized     | yes             |                           |

## Florida LMSC 2024-2025 Top 10 Submission Summary - LCM Course

The 2024-2025 LCM season ran from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

Electronic tabulation files, plus indicated documents, submitted to USMS in October, 2025

| Meet Date  | Year | Meet Name                                 | Status         | Observer Report | Bulkhead Measurement Form |
|------------|------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| January 11 | 2025 | Good Life Games (Senior Games)            | Recognized     | yes             |                           |
| May 23-25  | 2025 | T2 Norris Foundation Meet (USA-S)         | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| June 7-8   | 2025 | Bumpy Jones Classic Long Course Meet      | Sanctioned     |                 | yes                       |
| June 7     | 2025 | Bolles June LCM Jamboree                  | Sanctioned     |                 |                           |
| June 12-15 | 2025 | RAFC Summer Solstice Invitational (USA-S) | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| June 21    | 2025 | T2 Saturday Showcase Meet (USA-S)         | Recognized USA |                 |                           |
| July 12-13 | 2025 | 2025 St Pete LCM Championship             | Sanctioned     |                 |                           |

### **Florida State Senior Games**

The **Florida State Senior Games** are upon us. Local qualifying events were held across the state during the summer and early fall. The swimming portion of the State Games is scheduled for December 6-7, 2025. Check out the Florida Senior Games website (<https://floridaseniorgames.com/swimming/>) for registration information. The location is (same location as 2024):

Temple Terrace Aquatic Center  
6610 Whiteway Drive  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617



### **Qualifying Rules**

The meet will be conducted in accordance with USMS rules. To qualify for the State Games, swimmers must have finished in the top 5 in at least one event at a local qualifying meet. Participants that qualify for one event are eligible for all (up to a maximum of six, excluding relays) events at the State Games.

Unfortunately, registration for the remaining local qualifying meets has closed. But there is always next year! Good luck to all participating athletes!

### **National Senior Games**

The National Games are biennial. The next national meet will be held in 2027 in Tulsa, OK. The 2025 state meet is NOT a qualifying event for that meet.

Carter Elliott  
Senior Games Liaison

## **Florida LMSC Newsletter Editor Report**

**Annual meeting, October 30, 2025**

**Meegan Wilson**

I was elected Newsletter Editor in 2025 and have published three Florida LMSC newsletters so far this year, [February](#), [May](#), and [August](#). Thanks to the members, club contacts, and Board of Directors for sending me submissions. They are important and greatly appreciated.

The last newsletter for this year will be published in November. The deadline for submission was extended to October 30, so that highlights from our October 30 Annual meeting can be included. I have already received a few submissions, so it should be an informative and interesting newsletter.

## **Florida LMSC Webmaster Report**

**Annual meeting, October 30, 2025**

**Meegan Wilson**

I try to keep the [Florida LMSC Website](#) updated as I receive information as well as adding new material. A huge thanks to Jim Matysek for keeping our domain name, certificate, server, and software of our website up to date.

This year I added a [Club Information](#) page, the link is located on the [Contacts](#) and [Registration](#) page located on our website. This should help our members and future members find information about the registered clubs in the Florida LMSC. On the [Newsletter](#) page I have added links to all of the USMS In Memoriam Videos from 2020 – 2025 to make it easier to find our past members and see their accomplishments. Also on the Newsletter page I recently added an [Articles](#) page which so far has a Coaches Corner with some past articles from our coaches over the years. More will be added. I am also in the process of adding more Awards Stories, etc. on the [Awards](#) page. Please keep checking back from time to time.