

2020 Annual Report
From your FL LMSC Membership Coordinator, Meredith Moore

As of October 11, 2020, we have 2118 swimmers registered in the FL LMSC for 2020.
(November 1, 2019 - October 11, 2020)

We are about 9% behind last years final October 2019 figure of 2374.

*1,569 were RENEWING members registered in 2019 (74%)

*187 were RETURNING members registered anytime between 1999-2018 (9%)

*362 were brand NEW members (17%)

53% are male, 47% are female.

Almost all registrations were done online.

This year, Late Season Registrations started in late May instead of July. In response to COVID-19, USMS offered the rest of this year and all of 2021 for the single year price of \$60. A savings of over \$45. So far, the FL LMSC has had 253 registrations (May 26 - Oct 11) from the date they registered thru the end of 2021.

We had 64 Clubs registered in 2020; 74 Clubs in 2019.

We had many new Clubs register this year:

Bolles Sharks Masters	BSSM	Jacksonville
Fishhawk Masters	FHM	Lithia
Florida Elite	FE	Lutz
For Fun, For Fitness, For Life	FFFL	Wildwood
Miracle Swimming for Adults	MSSA	Sarasota
Sea Dragon Aquatics	SDAMS	North Port
SKY Family YMCA	SFYH	Venice
St Augustine Aquatic Team	STAT	St Augustine
Suncoast Y Masters Swimming	SYMS	Clearwater

Our 10 largest clubs in 2020 were:

UC14 - 450 members

SHARK - 305 members

SPM - 233 members

CAM - 149 members

FACT - 106 members (largely made up of Workout Groups from the Villages Swim Team and Clearwater Long Center)

SRQM - 72 members
T2NM - 71 members
YCFM - 70 members
HLJ - 69 members
GSC - 45 members

We had 2 active Workout Groups of FACT: CLCF (Clearwater) and VASF (The Villages)

Club registration for 2021 started on October 1st. So far, only 18 Clubs have registered for 2021, including one new Club. All Clubs **MUST** be registered by October 31st.

2021 swimmer registration begins on November 1st. Clubs must be registered in order for swimmers to register for a particular Club. We have around 47 Clubs that still need to register for 2021. Also, a Parent Club must register before any Workout Group can register with a parent Club.

I so enjoyed my time as your LMSC Registrar/Membership Coordinator. It's amazing how fast 15 years go by. I want to thank all our Board Members, the FL LMSC, our Club Reps and all our swimmers for their encouragement and support!!! And I THANK YOU you all again for your roll in my receiving the very prestigious Dorothy Donnelly Service Award for my contribution to the growth, improvement or success of our LMSC. That was such an honor. She was an amazing woman as I knew her in my Connecticut Registrar days back in the late 1990's. We were still writing out our USMS cards then. I know I will see you all in the future at meets. Stay healthy, stay well, and keep swimming.

Happy Laps, Meredith Moore

Newsletter Report
Shelia Carpenter-van Dijk
October 2020

The next FL LMSC Newsletter is scheduled to be in your inbox and on our website in November.

Therefore, please send any news to me (FLEditor@usmastersswimming.org <FLEditor@usmastersswimming.org>) by October 15.

Meredith (Our Membership Coordinator) usually sends out a reminder a few days before. So I would ask that a reminder be sent out again.

There's not much going on, but any news is good news.

Thanks, Sheila

Senior Games Liaison Report
Mike Whaley
October 2020

2020 Florida Senior Games

- Florida Senior Games (FSG) is opening its Games for all participants to compete at its 2020 competition set for December 5-13, eliminating the requirement of competing at and finishing in the Top 5 of an individual's respective age group at one of its local series qualifiers.
- Anyone aged 50 and above can register for the 2020 Florida Senior Games without a qualifying performance, in previous years, a Top 5 finish, in the athlete's respective age division was required.
- The 29th Annual Florida Senior Games will be held December 5-13, for athletes age 50 and over.
- Individual event registration will open in the near future as facilities and competition dates are finalized.
- Participants are encouraged to check the FloridaSeniorGames.com website regularly for updated event information, locations, and registration.
- The Florida Sports Foundation Events Manager confirmed the 2020 Florida Senior Games Swim Meet on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 & 6, at Cocoa Beach Aquatic Center, 4800 Tom Warriner Blvd, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. Registration deadline is November 2, 2020.

2021 National Senior Games

- While many State Games were unfortunately unable to conduct events this year, there are still 2020 Qualifying Games that are currently scheduled to happen in the next three months. Some can only host limited events, and conditions may change, please refer to the Florida State Games Information page for state contacts/websites and for the most up-to-date calendar.
- As a result of the shutdowns, NSGA established an Adjusted Qualification Process for the 2021 National Senior Games, coming to sunny Greater Fort Lauderdale in 2021. The information can be accessed on the How To Qualify page of NSGA website. NSGA will send notices to all qualified athletes later this year.

ADJUSTED QUALIFICATION:

- If a state qualifying senior games is able to conduct Games or specific sports/events in 2020, the qualification standards for the sports/events as specified in the 2021 NSGA Rulebook will determine qualifiers. In addition, athletes from that state's senior games who qualified for the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM will also qualify in the respective sports/events for the National Senior Games in 2021 (i.e., qualifiers from 2018 respective sports/events from that state's senior games).
- If a state qualifying senior games is unable to conduct Games or specific sports/events in 2020, athletes from that state's senior games who qualified for the 2017 National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL and/or 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM will qualify in the respective sports/events for the 2021 National Senior Games (i.e., qualifiers from 2016 and/or 2018 respective sports/events from that state's senior games).

2022 State Games of America

- The State Games of America is an Olympic-style event featuring competition between State Games medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) from across the nation. There are currently 30 states conducting or organizing statewide sports festivals known as State Games. The State Games of America is an event of the National Congress of State Games.
- The Iowa Games, in collaboration with, Iowa State University, Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau and Catch Des Moines announced that the 2021 State Games of America will be moved to 2022. The rescheduling of the event comes in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused many state games to cancel or modify their games this summer. The 2022 State Games of America will be held July 27-31.
- Qualifying requirements for Non-Iowa Residents:
 - 2019 (after July 1): All gold, silver and bronze medalists qualify from National Congress of State Games (NCSG) Member State programs, both Winter and Summer.
 - 2020: All athletes who participated in an NCSG Member State event, both Winter and Summer, qualify.
 - 2021: All gold, silver, and bronze medalists qualify from NCSG Member State programs, both Winter and Summer.
 - 2022 (before July 1): All gold, silver, and bronze medalists qualify from NCSG Member State programs, both Winter and Summer.
 - Any medalists from the 2019 State Games of America are eligible to compete in 2022 if they participate in a NCSG Summer or Winter Games event in their state between July 1, 2019 - July 1, 2022.
- The National Congress of State Games will be hosting its first State Games of America Virtual Games starting September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The sporting events featured are cycling, disc golf, duathlon, figure skating, fishing, footgolf, golf, rowing, running, swimming and taekwondo. Athletes regardless of age or ability level are eligible to participate in the Virtual Games. Registered athletes will receive a medal and a t-shirt for each event in which they are registered. Participants' results and finishing photos/videos are submitted to the State Games of America website where participants will be featured on a virtual leaderboard. Each sporting event costs \$30 except for figure skating which is \$50.
- The State Games of America Virtual Games provide a safe, grassroots opportunity for athletes of all ages and abilities to compete in the sports they love and qualify for the 2022 State Games of America. All participants competing in the State Games of America Virtual Games (except for those registered for swimming & figure skating) will qualify for the 2022 State Games of America – in the sport in which they competed. The 2022 State Games of America will be held in Ames / Des Moines, Iowa.
- According to a FSF Event Manager, the FSF links results of the Florida Sunshine Games to the State Games of America but not the Florida Senior Games.
- For more information on the State Games of America Virtual Games, please visit www.StateGamesofAmerica.com/virtualgames

Florida LMSC Sanctions & Top 10 Report

Anna Lea Matysek, October 9, 2020

2020 Long Course Top 10

USMS will be publishing a 2020 Top 10 listing. There are only two Masters meets that will be included: the Good Life Games senior games meet, held in Clearwater in February, and the IGLA championships that were held in Australia. This means that all USMS members who participated in the Good Life Games should make the Top 10 listing!

USMS COVID-19 "Return to Competition" Guidelines

The USMS Board of Directors has issued recommendations for hosting meets beginning November 1, 2020. The guidelines include distancing protocols and attendee screening recommendations. All information can be found at this link: <https://www.usms.org/events/covid-19-event-resources>. This page will be updated on a regular basis.

Status of Meets in the Florida LMSC

Most of the scheduled meets and open water races in the LMSC were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sarasota Sharks have scheduled the SCM Shark Tank Meet for the weekend of November 7-8, but are restricting it to an intersquad meet to comply with USMS recommendations on meet size.

Here are the meets that have been held so far in 2020:

Start Date	End Date	Event Title	Course	Sanction Type
01-25-2020	01-25-2020	Circus Town Classic Mini-Meet (Sarasota)	SCY	Sanction
02-01-2020	02-01-2020	Gulf Coast Games for Life (Senior Games)	SCY	Recognition
02-08-2020	02-09-2020	28th Annual Masters SCY Valentine's Meet (Clearwater)	SCY	Sanction
02-29-2020	02-29-2020	Good Life Games (Clearwater)	LCM	Recognition
03-11-2020	03-11-2020	2020 Capital City Senior Games (Tallahassee)	SCY	Recognition

These meets and races were canceled due to the pandemic:

Start Date	End Date	Event Title	Course	Sanction Type
03-21-2020	03-22-2020	CANCELED: 50th Annual SCY/Bob Beach Championship Meet 2020 (St Pete)	SCY	Sanction
04-04-2020	04-04-2020	CANCELED: Marlins Spring Invitational (Ocala)	SCY	Sanction
04-22-2020	04-23-2020	CANCELED: The Villages Senior Games 2020	SCY	Recognition
04-25-2020	04-25-2020	CANCELED: 6th Annual Swim Around Lido Key (Sarasota)	OW	Sanction
05-02-2020	05-02-2020	CANCELED: 17th Annual Daiquiri Deck Tropical Splash Open Water Swim (Sarasota)	OW	Sanction
05-02-2020	05-02-2020	CANCELED: Hurricane Man 2.4 Mile & Pass-A-Grille Challenge 1000 Meter Swim (St Pete)	OW	Sanction
05-07-2020	05-10-2020	CANCELED: 2020 YMCA Masters Nationals (Orlando)	SCY	Recognition

08-2020?	08-2020?	CANCELED: 2020 Bumpy Jones Classic Long Course Meet (Sarasota)	LCM	Sanction
07-11-2020	07-12-2020	CANCELED: 2020 St. Pete Masters Long Course Swimming Championship	LCM	Sanction
09-13-2020	09-13-2020	POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS FALL: 20th Annual Gainesville Senior Games Swimming	SCY	Recognition
10-09-2020	10-11-2020	CANCELED: Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic XII (Orlando)	SCM	Sanction

Sanction fees waived for remainder of year

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, USMS is waiving sanction fees for meets (\$50) and open water events (\$100) (including the open water insurance surcharge, up to \$900 depending on number of entrants) for the remainder of 2020. Recognition fees (\$100) will still be charged.