

Florida LMSC Sanctions & Top 10 Report

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Meets in the Florida LMSC for 2026

The Long Center pool in Clearwater is still undergoing a major renovation. The last update I received from Joannie Campbell was that the pool may not be available until May, 2026.

Construction was completed at the Selby Aquatic Center in Sarasota in December, 2025, to add a new 25-meter by 25-yard pool. The pool depth ranges from 4 feet to 5 feet deep and will be used primarily for swim lessons and workouts.

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 of the USMS-sanctioned or USMS-recognized meets scheduled so far in the Florida LMSC in 2026.

Date	Event Title	Course	Sanction Type
January 30-February 1, 2026	Rowdy Gaines Classic, Orlando	SCM	Sanction
February 7, 2026	SwimRise Masters Invite, Jacksonville	SCY	Sanction
February 7, 2026	Gulf Coast Senior Games, Sarasota	SCY	Recognition
March 15-16, 2025	Bob Beach Championship Meet, St. Pete	SCY	Will be sanctioned
April 3-4, 2026	USMS Open Water National Championships (1-Mile and 5K), Sarasota (Note: this event is held in conjunction with the USA Swimming national open water championships)	OW	Sanction
April 12, 2026	6th Annual Show Your SWAG Meet, Gainesville	SCY	Will be sanctioned
April 16-19, 2026	YMCA National Masters Meet, Sarasota	SCY	Will be recognized
June 20-21, 2026	Bumpy Jones Classic, Sarasota	LCM	Will be sanctioned
July 11-12, 2026	St. Pete Masters LCM Championships, St. Pete	LCM	Will be sanctioned
November 7-8, 2026	Shark Tank Meet, Sarasota	SCM	Will be sanctioned

Florida LMSC Meet Stipend Policy

A new meet stipend policy is in effect for 2026 meets. This policy was proposed and approved at the 2025 Florida LMSC Annual Meeting. Upon successful completion of a sanctioned meet, the LMSC will send a stipend to the meet host to cover the costs of financial gifts for the officials, assist with the costs of online meet entry, and any other meet expenses. Details of the policy are posted [in this document on the Florida LMSC website](#) and I am directing meet hosts to that document prior to approving their sanctions.