

**Awards & Social Report, October 2021**  
Cheryl Kupan, Awards+Social Chair

It was determined that rather than let another year go by, that I would temporarily take over the Awards+Social duties. We can all use some good news and celebrate swimmer's accomplishments and those who contribute to their clubs and/or the Florida LMSC.

In February, we will once again have the FL LMSC Awards & Social lunch at the conclusion of the Saturday session of the Clearwater Valentine's Meet in February 2022, provided the meet will take place and that we can continue to use the Brighthouse room at the Long Center. My back up plan will be after the Saturday session of the St Pete Masters – Bob Beach SCY Meet in March/April (to be confirmed) as I know a few people there.

To put a little structure into the process, I've created some forms that will be posted in the next week or so on the FL LMSC website and forms will be due on December 31, 2021.

Last but not least, if you know a USMS registered swimmer or coach in the FL LMSC that would be ideal for this position, please have them read the job description on the website at and have them contact me directly at: [FLChair@usms.org](mailto:FLChair@usms.org).

Any questions regarding Awards and/or Socials, please use the following email:  
[FLAwards@usms.org](mailto:FLAwards@usms.org)

Thank you,  
Cheryl Kupan  
Florida LMSC Chair and Awards & Social Chair

**Newsletter Report, October 2021**  
**Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk, Newsletter Editor**

Our next FL LMSC newsletter is scheduled for February 2022 (oh my).  
So, the deadline for that newsletter is January 15, 2022.

There is still time to submit articles for this quarter by Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>!  
Please email Sheila at: [FLEditor@usms.org](mailto:FLEditor@usms.org)

Our newsletter is published four times each year:

February  
May  
August  
November

The deadline for each would be the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month previous:

January 15  
April 15 (Tax Day)  
July 15  
October 15

Thank you.  
Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk  
FL LMSC Newsletter Editor

**Officials Report, October 2021**  
**Mike Whaley, Officials Chair**

The following activities were completed during the year:

- proactively recruited volunteers to become credentialed USMS Officials
- sought out FL LMSC clubs to help recruit and staff deck position at Sanctioned and Recognized swim Meets with Officials
- supported FL Senior Games Swim Meets with LMSC officials
- supported Special Olympics Swim Meets (x2) with LMSC officials
- distributed USMS Rule Books to Senior Games Qualifier Meet Directors
- acted as an Observer for several SG Qualifiers
- developed 5 proposals supporting officials for the 2022 FL LMSC annual budget and review for the FL LMSC BoD and HoR
- conducted Officials refresher clinic to review and upgrade qualifications
- conducted liaison with LSC Officials to help coordinate deck staffing at Sanctioned and Recognized Meets
- participated as deck official at Spring and Summer Nationals
- submitted USMS and FL LMSC award nominations for LMSC members
- participated as Florida LMSC Delegate to the USMS Convention
  - Awards Committee Meeting
  - Grievance Process Webinar
  - Development Committee Meeting
  - Championship Committee Meeting
  - Officials Committee Meeting
  - New Delegate Orientation
  - South East Zone Meeting
  - Rules Committee Meeting
  - USMS Convention House of Delegates

**Senior Games Liaison Report, October 2021**  
**Mike Whaley, Sr. Games Liaison Chair**

The following activities were completed during the year:

- acted as Observer for several qualifiers
- liaised with several Event Coordinators
- issued several USMS Rule Books to Meet Referees
- coordinated LMSC support to Senior Games swim meets

2021 Florida Senior Games:

Athletes residing in Florida must finish in the top five of their age group at the local FSGs qualifier to qualify for the Florida Senior Games. Out-of-state athletes are not required to qualify.

Pool location: Coral Springs Aquatic Center, 12441 Royal Palm Blvd, Coral Springs, FL 33065

Florida Sports Foundation Events Manager: Karissa Pendleton

Meet Referee: Silky Labie

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 11 & 12 December, 2021

Registration is open as of 1 September

FL Senior Games swim meet qualifiers opportunities between October and December, 2021.

- Broward Senior Games  
October 3-17, 2021
- Tampa Bay Active Life Games  
October 4-12, 2021
- Cutler Bay Senior Games  
October 18-22, 2021
- Ormond Beach Senior Games  
October 23-30, 2021
- Martin County Senior Games  
October 23-31, 2021
- Golden Age Games  
November 5-14, 2021

2022 National Senior Games:

Online registration for the 2022 National Senior Games is open.

Swimming competition is scheduled Thursday, 12 May through Monday, 16 May. A detailed schedule is available on the 'Schedule of Events' page.

Qualifying Rules:

All first-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners or athletes meeting this NSGA's minimum performance standards in competition at a NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2022 National Senior Games.

Pool location: Plantation Central Park Aquatic Complex, 9151 NW Second St, Plantation, FL 33324

PRIORITY REGISTRATION PERIOD

Begins Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 1:00pm ET

Athletes who qualified at a 2020 State Senior Games and/or through the Adjusted Qualification Process adopted in response to the pandemic are eligible to register during the Priority Registration Period.

Once online registration begins athletes who FIRST qualify for a sport/event in 2021 will be eligible to register for the respective sport/event after the state qualifying senior games submits the 2021 results to NSGA, results are verified AND the respective state and sport are listed as verified on the NSGA Registration Webpage.

QUIET REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration UNAVAILABLE Wednesday, December 8 - Monday, December 13, 2021 while NSGA completes Priority Registration and prepares for Open Registration.

OPEN REGISTRATION PERIOD

Begins Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 12:01am ET

In response to the pandemic an Open Registration Period is being offered to accommodate athletes (age 50+ by 12/31/2021) who are unable to qualify.

Teams and doubles partners who are qualified are eligible to register during the Priority Registration Period. Players, team members and partners who are unable to qualify will be eligible to register and join the team or partner during the Open Registration Period.

2023 National Senior Games - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Games returns to "The City of Champions"

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 2022 State Games of America will be held July 27- August 1, 2022 in Ames-Des Moines, Iowa in July, 2022.

**Records Report, October 2021**  
**Nancy Kryka, Records Chair**

Nancy completed the reformatting of the records and updated all the records manually for 2020, which Meegan posted on our website.

During the reformatting work she did, Nancy discovered the SCM individual records were updated to be SCY records in 2005. This required her to go back to 2004 and then go through the yearly update to correct the mistake and the SCM records are now corrected and posted on our website.

Nancy's husband, Jim, has the individual automation code working pretty well, so Nancy was able to use it to update the Florida records at the end of June when the SCY 2021 Top 10 were released.

The relay records code automation is not done and the relays were updated by hand.

Thank-you to Jim and Anna Lea Matysek for their knowledge and advice.

Any questions regarding the FL LMSC records, please use the following email:  
[FLRecords@usms.org](mailto:FLRecords@usms.org)

Thank you,  
Nancy Kryka  
Florida LMSC Records Chair

## Florida LMSC Sanctions & Top 10 Report

Anna Lea Matysek, October 14, 2021

### ***Status of Meets in the Florida LMSC***

We have been lucky to host more meets in 2021 than any other LMSC in the country. (In the two largest LMSCs, there were seven meets held in Southern Pacific, located in Southern California, and only one meet held in Pacific, located in Northern California.

A number of national and world records were set at virtually all of the sanctioned meets, some by swimmers who traveled from other parts of the country to attend.

### ***Meets held in the LMSC over the past year and scheduled for the remainder of 2021***

The Southeast Zone website (<http://southeastzone.org>) has a list of all meets scheduled in our zone.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Title</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Sanction Type</b>
Nov 7-8 (2020)	Shark Tank Intersquad SCM Meet 62 participants	SCM	Sanction
Dec 5-6 (2020)	Florida State Senior Games 170 participants (115 were USMS members)	SCY	Recognition
Dec 20 (2020)	St Pete Masters SCM Intersquad Meet 37 participants	SCM	Sanction
February 6	Gulf Coast Games for Life (Senior Games) 56 participants (52 were USMS members)	SCY	Recognition
February 14	SPM Love of Swimming Intersquad Meet (St. Pete) 26 participants	SCY	Sanction
April 17-18	Sarasota Sharks "Take a Bite out of COVID Invitational" 171 participants	SCY	Sanction
May 4	Capital City Senior Games (Tallahassee) 29 participants (15 were USMS members)	SCY	Recognition
June 5-6	Bumpy Jones Classic Long Course Meet (Sarasota) 153 participants	LCM	Sanction
July 31	Good Life Games/Pinellas County Senior Games (Clearwater) 42 participants (40 were USMS members)	LCM	Recognition
August 14-15	St. Pete Masters Long Course Swimming Championship 171 participants	LCM	Sanction
September 11	Dog Days LCM Meet (Clearwater) 57 participants	LCM	Sanction
September 12	Annual Gainesville Senior Games Swimming 61 participants (40 were USMS members)	SCY	Recognition
October 15-17	Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic XII (Orlando) 306 entrants	SCM	Sanction
October 23	GCST Halloween Meet (dual-sanctioned with USA Swimming)	SCY	Sanction
November 6-7	Shark Tank Meet (Sarasota)	SCM	Sanction

## ***Meet Results and Expectations from Meet Hosts***

As the Top 10 recorder, I am responsible for uploading the meet results files to the USMS database after each meet, and then working to resolve any discrepancies that are found with the final times in a meet. There are always a handful of times that need to be investigated and fixed, which usually require looking at the meet documentation (such as the timer sheets).

This year I experienced difficulties obtaining both the meet results files in a timely manner, as well as the documentation from several meets. To prevent this issue in the future, I have written an agreement document that I will be presenting to a meet director when they apply for a sanction or recognition. The document describes the expectations for data collection during and after the meet and specifies a timeline for delivering that data to the LMSC Top 10 Recorder. The document also explains that the FL-LMSC subsidizes the sanction and recognition fees for all meet hosts, provided that the LMSC's requirements are met, and not meeting the requirements can result in future meets not being subsidized. A draft copy of that agreement document is attached, and I ask that it be approved as part of my report so that I can begin using it for sanction/recognition applications.

(See following pages for draft copy of sanction/recognition agreement document)



# Florida Local Masters Swimming Committee (LMSC)

## Agreement for Hosts of Sanctioned and Recognized Events

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[www.floridalmssc.org](http://www.floridalmssc.org)

Email: [FLsanctions@usms.org](mailto:FLsanctions@usms.org)

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The issuance of a sanction or recognition for a Masters swim meet or open water race in the Florida LMSC is contingent upon the meet host's agreement to the below policy. Agreement may be sent in the form of an email message to the Florida LMSC Sanctions Chair.

In the expectation of a well-run event, the Florida LMSC pays the cost of the USMS event sanction or recognition fee (\$50 for sanctioned meets, \$100 for recognized meets, \$100 for open water) and a portion of the open water insurance fee for event hosts. Upon completion of a successful event, the LMSC will also reimburse the event host \$3.00 per entrant if an online entry system was used to take entries for a sanctioned (not recognized) event.

### Before the event:

- The Event Host agrees to provide the name and contact information (email and phone) for the Meet Referee and the Admin Official (the person running the Hy-Tek computer at a meet or the timing system at an open water race).
- For swim meets, the Event Host agrees to set up the meet in Hy-Tek, to import the USMS national records, and to set the software to flag any new records per instructions from the Florida LMSC Sanctions Chair.

### During the event:

- The Event Host agrees to follow all USMS rules as specified on the Florida LMSC website (<https://floridalmssc.org>), the USMS website (<https://www.usms.org>), and the USMS rule book (<https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/us-masters-swimming-rule-book>). The Florida LMSC Sanctions Chair ([FLsanctions@usms.org](mailto:FLsanctions@usms.org)) will provide guidance as necessary.

### After the event:

- The Event Host agrees to provide the following documentation to the Florida LMSC Top 10 Recorder per the below schedule. To avoid having to ship the documentation, it will usually be possible for the Top 10 Recorder to arrange for a swimmer attending the event to pick up the documents and deliver them to the Top 10 Recorder. Otherwise the documents must be scanned and emailed, or shipped to the Top 10 Recorder. The Florida LMSC will store the documents for a minimum of two years.

Please see the schedule on the next page for a list of items required to be sent to the Florida LMSC.

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<b>Document</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heat Sheet showing lane assignments</li><li>• Pool Measurement Form (if course contains a bulkhead)</li><li>• Full Hy-Tek/Meet Manager backup file (starts with Swmmxxx)</li><li>• Results Export file ( Hy-Tek/MM results for USMS upload; starts with MeetResultsxxx)</li><li>• PDF results (2-column, Publication Order)</li></ul>	Email within 48 hours of meet end to FLTopTen@usms.org
All National Record applications, SIGNED BY meet referee (printed from Hy-Tek/MM), with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicable timing system printouts</li><li>• Applicable backup timer sheets</li><li>• Relay card, if any</li><li>• Applicable heat sheet showing lane assignments</li></ul>	Within 10 days of meet end (may be scanned and emailed, <b>or</b> picked up by a designated swimmer to be delivered to the LMSC Top 10 Recorder, <b>or</b> shipped via mail)
Full meet paperwork, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All timing system printouts or tapes, by event, attached to printed results</li><li>• All timer recorder sheets</li><li>• All relay cards (if any)</li><li>• All DQ slips</li><li>• All split request forms</li></ul>	Within 10 days of meet end (may be scanned and emailed, <b>or</b> picked up by a designated swimmer to be delivered to the LMSC Top 10 Recorder, <b>or</b> shipped via mail)

The failure of an Event Host to follow the above requirements may result in penalties assessed by the LMSC for current or future meet sanction applications, including but not limited to a requirement for the Event Host to pay the USMS sanction fee, withholding of the online entry reimbursement, the assessment of a pre-event Performance Bond for future meets, or the denial of a future meet sanction.

I, the Event Host for the \_\_\_\_\_ event (name and date), agree to comply with the above Florida LMSC Agreement for Hosts of Sanctioned Events.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: The above statement may be sent in an email reply to the Florida LMSC sanctions chair, [FLsanctions@usms.org](mailto:FLsanctions@usms.org), in lieu of signing this document)