

Florida Gold Coast Board of Directors Meeting February 27, 2024 via Video Conferencing

I. Call to Order- Bruno Darzi at 7:31am

II. Roll Call/Excused Absences

Chair-	Bruno Darzi-P
Vice-Chair-	Allan Williams-P
Senior. Vice-Chair-	Chris Anderson-P
Age Group Vice-Chair-	Mike Averett-P
Coaches Rep	Christi Wathen-P
Treasurer/Registration Chair-	Richard Cavanah-P
Secretary-	Lori Bosco-P
Officials Chair	Steven Goldman-P
Finance Vice-Chair	Dave Gibson-P
D.E.I Chair	Jack Davies-A
Op Risk/Safe Sport Chair	Ashley Wilson-P
Athlete Sr. Rep	Ari Villar-E
Athlete Jr. Rep	Reese Balkcom-P
Athlete Rep	Andres El Khauoli-A
Athlete Rep	Reese Rosenthal-P
Athlete Rep	Gabby Bolivar-A
Athlete Rep	Sara Mendoza-P
Athlete Rep	Amelie Biscerne-P
At-Large-(1yr)	Jennifer Gibson-P
At-Large-(1yr)	Rodrigo Mendes da Silva-A
At-Large-(1yr)	Hannah Molden-P
Chair Advisor	Jim McCombs-A

****(**Technical planning committee members:** Vice-Chair –Allan Williams, Senior Chair- Chris Anderson, Age Group Chair-Mike Averett, Coaches Rep.-Christi Wathen, Officials Rep-Steven Goldman, and Two Athlete Reps).

****(**Executive Board:** General Chair-Bruno Darzi, Administrative Vice-Chair-Allan Williams, Senior Chair-Chris Anderson, Age Group Vice Chair-Mike Averett, Finance Vice Chair-Dave Gibson, Coaches Rep-Christi Wathen and Two Athlete Reps)

III. Approval of FGC Board Meeting minutes-

Motion: *To approve meeting minutes from January 23, 2024.* Allan Williams.
Second Christi Wathen. **Passed.** *No Opposed.*

IV. Consent Agenda.

A. General Chair-Bruno Darzi

1. **FGC Mission Statement:** Florida Gold Coast Swimming promotes the growth and development of a diverse swimming community through education, innovation, and by supporting a safe environment and a commitment to excellence.

Vision Statement: To create an environment which develops excellence and life fitness through competitive swimming in the Florida Gold Coast.

2. Announcements/Updates

- a. South Zone Athlete Summit-Update (under athletes)
- b. Age Group Championships Update-

Email vote: Change of venue and session for Age Group Champs from Bruno Darzi: *The Coral Springs Swim Club will be hosting this year's Age Group Champs in Plantation due to the delay of our pool renovation.*

*I would like to request for the FGC Board approval to run Thursday's session in one course versus two courses. **Passed.** No Opposed.*

B. Admin Vice Chair-Allan Williams

- 1. No Report Submitted
- 2. BB Champs-numbers very well balanced with North and South swimmers. Discussion of how to extend OME for teams that miss deadline for entering a meet and age of swimmers at meet. Work with Technical Planning committee and revisit how to improve.

C. Senior: Chris Anderson

- 1. No Report Submitted
- 2. Sectionals-next meeting to be held at the end of April. For February-Warm-ups for meet was short course not long course. Meet held Thursday to Saturday. Meet timelines-from officials' standpoint great job with chase starts. Some coaches had issues with the order of events. Venue easy to get there, but a more expensive meet for FGC teams as needed to travel on Wednesday for the meet to begin on Thursday. Same format will be at next meet in Ocala (in the summer).

D. Age Group: Mike Averett

- 1. See Attached reports: Age Group, Sunshine State, Coach Application
- 2. Sunshine State Showcase- everything set up and ready to go on the FGC website. 6 coaches applied; names will be announced soon.

E. Coaches: Christi Wathen

- 1. Review of items that have gone to in recent Coaches Reports.

F. Treasurer/Registration/Club Liaison: Dick Cavanah

1. See attached two reports: Registration and Treasurer.
2. Talked about issues with on-line registration with some team links.

Make sure to check your team links you send out to your swimmers. Membership numbers are about the same as last year. Clubs registration-where always been-around 55.

G. Secretary/Swimposium: Lori Bosco

1. BOD minutes-approved

H. Officials: Steven Goldman

1. See Attached Reports. As of Feb 1-have a new program of becoming an Official. Starting April 1-clinics will be online. As of Oct 1-starter clinic and test and shortly after the AO online and then some time next year the Referee. Any apprentice has one year from the day they start to get their certification. Referees will be a “certifier” and determine if the apprentice is ready, if not will need to do an action plan for the apprentice. Will have a Chief Judge position-driven by FGC versus USA swimming.

2. FGC Policies and Procedures update officials’ procedures (Allan Willaims to update)

I. Finance/Investments: Dave Gibson

1. No report Submitted.

J. DEI: Jack Davies

1. No Report Submitted

K. Safe Sport/Safety Chair: Ashley Wilson

1. No Report Submitted.

L. Athletes: Ari Villar-report at beginning of meeting.

1. Southern Zone Athlete Summitt-will send a message out to encourage more to attend. Have 7 presently.

Committee Reports-

A. FGC Swim Meets/Sanctioning/Updates: Allan G/Christi W/Mike A

1. No Report Submitted

B. Governance: Kathleen Prindle

1. No Report Submitted

C. Scholarship: Kathy Fish

1. No Report Submitted

V. Old Business-

1. FGC Social Media Position-Jennifer to update on Job Description-met with Liz Kershaw and Mike Averett to finalize description talk about where post and look back at budget to ensure handled correctly. See Attached.

VI. New Business-(introduced No Later than 9:30pm)

1. FGC Board members-FGC Board emails—if board member does not have one, then will establish for them. Make sure actively using this email for FGC business. Discussion about adding Sr and Jr athletes-Mike Averett to create.
2. SWIMS-access to upload meet results. Have 3 people who can upload.

Motion: To grant LSC level OME access to senior AO's and National level AR's- Felix Gonzalez, Rodolfo Manrique, and Christine Palumbo. Steven Goldman. Second. Allan Williams Passed. No Opposed.

3. FGC records to be updated and will be posted on FGC website.

VII. FGC B.O.D 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

A. Meeting Dates 2023 and 2024 (Subject to change)

1. No March Board Meeting
2. Tuesday, April 30, 2024-FGC Board Meeting @ 7:00pm place-TBA (in person)
3. No May Board Meeting
4. Tuesday, June 11, 2024-FGC Board Meeting @12 Noon via ZOOM
5. No July Board Meeting
6. Tuesday, August 20 (or 27), 2024-FGC Board Meeting @12 Noon via ZOOM
7. Wednesday-Saturday, September 4-7, 2024-ASCA Coaches Clinic-Orlando, FL
8. Tuesday, September 24, 2024-FGC Board Meeting @ 7:30pm via ZOOM
9. Thursday-Saturday, September 26-29, 2024-USA Swimming Combined Workshop/ABM/ HOD-Denver, CP
10. Tuesday, October 15, 2024-FGC Board Meeting @ 7:30pm-ZOOM
11. Saturday, October 19, 2024-FGC Swimposium & HOD-Details to follow
12. No November Meeting
13. No December Meeting

VIII. Adjournment – at 8:58pm

Motion: To adjourn. Allan Williams Second Lori Bosco. Passed. No Opposed.



AGE GROUP CHAIR REPORT (2-27-24)

2024 Sunshine State Showcase:

- Formerly “All-Stars”
- March 22-23, 2024
- Located in Fort Pierce
- Same 4-Team format as 2023 (Combined teams of FGC & FL Swimming)
- Updated Meet Info and Coaches Application attached & posted on FGC site.
- The meet is now 2 days instead of 3 (Fri & Sat)
- Coaches’ applications due Sunday, 2/25
- FGC Athletes working on logos for shirt/cap designs

2024 Open Water Zones

- Working on getting info/criteria and applications up on the FGC site.
- May 31-June 2 in Kentucky

2024 – Sunshine State Showcase
Indian River State College, Ft. Pierce, FL
Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23, 2024

Sanctioned By: Florida Swimming Member of USA Swimming Sanction # **FL-6656**

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Florida Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims from damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

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. 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.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone is permitted only in designated areas.

Condition of Sanction:

The competition course has been certified in accordance with 1042.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

Changing into or out of swimsuits other than the locker room or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged.

All adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

Sponsored By: Florida Swimming, Inc. and Florida Gold Coast.

Hosted By: River Rats Swim Team and Indian River State College

Type of Meet: 25-Yard Short Course;
10 & U, 11 & 12, and 13 & 14. All events are Timed Finals.

Date & Time:	Session I	Friday, March 22, 2024	5:00 PM	(Warm-up 3:45 PM)
	Session II	Saturday, March 23, 2024	9:00 AM	(Warm-up 7:45 AM)
	Session III	Saturday, March 23, 2024	3:00 PM	(Warm-up 2:00 PM)

Location: Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34981

Pool Specs: Ten (10) lane certified 25-yard course with non-turbulent lane lines.
Warm-up/down is available during competition.
The pool depth at the competition starting end of the pool is 5 ft and 8 inches & turn end 5 ft.

Medical: The host facility will have lifeguards on duty and an AED device available.

Timing Equipment: Colorado 6000 timing system with viviLED 10-lane video display board.

Warm-up: One hour fifteen minutes (1:15) before each morning session/One hour (60') for Saturday pm session.
Warm up schedule is attached.

Eligibility: Open to 2024 USA Swimming registered swimmers of FGC and Florida Swimming Committees' All-Star teams as selected by their respective LSC's. There is no time standard limitation on eligibility. **On deck registration with USA/Florida/Florida Gold Coast Swimming will not be allowed.**

Entry Limit: Six (6) individual events for the meet. No more than three (3) individual events per session or six (6) per day. Swimmers over entered will be considered as entered in their first events for that session and/or first six (6) individual events for the meet.

Relay Entries: Teams may enter as many relays as desired for each relay event. All relay swimmers must appear on the entry form.

Entry Forms: Entries must be submitted on the enclosed entry form or in the SDIF or CL2 format. Swimmers current USA Swimming registration number must be listed on the entry form and a current USA Swimming Non-Athlete Member must sign the form. The Master Entry Form must accompany the proof of entries.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 facility fee
\$5.50 per individual event
\$6.00 per relay

Seeding: Use short course yard times. Swimmers from any heat are eligible to score.

Entry Deadline: All entries must be received by Tuesday, March 12, 2024 by 5:00 PM.

Mail Entries to:
Scott Kimmelman
3209 Virginia Avenue
Ft. Pierce, FL 34981

Make check payable to:
Indian River State College

E-mail all entries to: irscswim@gmail.com

Scratches: No penalty for scratching on the blocks.

Awards: Top 8 Individual awards and Top 3 Relay awards.

Scoring: Each Team may only score 2 places for both individual and relay events.

Individual Events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Relay Events: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Rules: Current USA Swimming Technical rules will govern this meet.

Team Representative: Other than the coach, only the LSC Executive Director or General Chairman will check with the referee about any matter pertaining to the meet. For each team, the coach and only those people will be recognized.

Officials: Meet Referee: Susan Nesper
Administrative Referee: Joseph Massimino
Team Lead Chief Judge: TBA
Head Stroke and Turn: TBA
Head Starter: TBA
Meet Manager: Scott Kimmelman
Head Marshall: Manny Noguchi & Sion Brinn

For Information: Scott Kimmelman (772) 462-7760

Identification: Coaches and Officials shall wear their current USA Swimming registration card in a conspicuous manner on their person at all times while on the deck during the meet.

Deck Restriction: USA Swimming Insurance Safety Regulations require the swimming pool deck, during the operation of Florida Swimming, Inc. sanctioned meets, be closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials and meet personnel. Credential tags must be presented to enter the pool deck area.

Camera Zone: Per Florida Swimming Rule 223.13, Meet Management shall designate and inform the public of "Camera Zones" at each swim meet where both still photography and video photography of a race or a competitor in a race may be taken. Acceptable "Camera Zones" may include, but are not limited to the side courses of a pool, team gathering areas, concession area, turn-end of competition course when not in use as a "start-end." Etc. Meet Management shall also designate "Non-Camera Zones." Under NO circumstances will Camera Zones include the area immediately behind the starting blocks at each end of the racing course(s) while they are in use for "race starting purposes" during competition and warm-ups, locker rooms, rest rooms, or any other dressing area. Any individual failing to abide by this rule could be subject to the Florida Swimming Code of Conduct violation as defined in Rule 239.2.

No Equipment During Warm-Up at any Time

All swimmers must have one hand on the deck prior to entering the water for warm-up unless they are entering from a racing start during controlled warm-up.

Friday, March 22, 2024:	3:45 PM – 4:30 PM 4:30 PM – 4:50 PM	General Warm-up Lanes 1 – 5, pace Lanes 6 – 8, one-way sprint Lanes 9 – 20, general warm-up
Saturday, March 23, 2024: (Morning Session)	7:45 AM – 8:30 AM 8:30 AM – 8:50 AM	General Warm-up Lanes 1 – 4, one-way sprint Lanes 5 – 8, pace Lanes 9 – 20, general warm-up
Saturday, March 23, 2024: (Afternoon Session)	2:00 PM – 2:30 PM 2:30 PM – 2:50 PM	General Warm-up Lanes 1 – 4, one-way sprint Lanes 5 – 8, pace Lanes 9 – 20, general warm-up

*The competitive pool will close 10 minutes prior to each session beginning to prepare for competition. The warm-down facility will be available for any additional general warm-up.

TEAM SEATING:

The lower pool deck of the aquatic facility will be used for all team seating. Florida Swimming and Florida Gold Coast coaches will work together to split the deck into appropriate sections for athlete seating. Teams will need to provide tents/shade for their team's members should it be wanted. The host facility, Indian River will provide tents when possible; however, the number of tents is LIMITED.

COMPETITION POOL AREA:

The south side of the competition pool will be for coaches and officials only. Athletes MAY NOT be seated in the bleachers in this area. Athletes may ONLY come speak to coaches prior to or after a race in this portion of the deck area. At no time should there be a gathering of athletes on the south side of the competition pool.

ORDER OF EVENTS

SESSION I Fri.-5:00 PM

1	10 & Under	200 Medley Relay, Mixed Gender
2	11 & 12	200 Medley Relay, Mixed Gender
3	13 & 14	<u>200 Medley Relay, Mixed Gender</u>
5 – 6	10 & Under	50 Backstroke
7 – 8	11 & 12	50 Backstroke
9 – 10	13 & 14	<u>100 Backstroke</u>
11 – 12	10 & Under	100 Freestyle
13 – 14	11 & 12	100 Freestyle
15 – 16	13 & 14	<u>100 Freestyle</u>
17 – 18	10 & Under	100 Breaststroke
19 – 20	11 & 12	100 Breaststroke
21 – 22	13 & 14	<u>100 Breaststroke</u>
23 – 24	10 & Under	200 Ind. Medley
25 – 26	11 & 12	200 Ind. Medley
27 – 28	13 & 14	<u>400 Ind. Medley</u>
29 – 30	10 & Under	200 Free Relay
31 – 32	11 & 12	200 Free Relay
33 – 34	13 & 14	200 Free Relay

SESSION II Sat.-9:00 AM

35 – 36	13 & 14	200 Ind. Medley
37 – 38	11 & 12	100 Ind. Medley
39 – 40	10 & Under	<u>100 Ind. Medley</u>
41 – 42	13 & 14	50 Freestyle
43 – 44	11 & 12	50 Freestyle
45 – 46	10 & Under	<u>50 Freestyle</u>
47 – 48	13 & 14	100 Butterfly
49 – 50	11 & 12	100 Butterfly
51 – 52	10 & Under	<u>100 Butterfly</u>
53 – 54	13 & 14	200 Freestyle
55 – 56	11 & 12	200 Freestyle
57 – 58	10 & Under	<u>200 Freestyle</u>
59 – 60	13 & 14	200 Medley Relay
61 – 62	11 & 12	200 Medley Relay
63 – 64	10 & Under	200 Medley Relay

SESSION III Sat.-3:00 PM

65 – 66	10 and Under	100 Backstroke
67 – 68	11 & 12	100 Backstroke
69 – 70	13 & 14	<u>200 Backstroke</u>
71 – 72	10 & Under	500 Freestyle
73 – 74	11 & 12	500 Freestyle
75 – 76	13 & 14	<u>500 Freestyle</u>
77 – 78	10 & Under	50 Breaststroke
79 – 80	11 & 12	50 Breaststroke
81 – 82	13 & 14	<u>200 Breaststroke</u>
83 – 84	10 & Under	50 Butterfly
85 – 86	11 & 12	50 Butterfly
87 – 88	13 & 14	<u>200 Butterfly</u>
89	10 & Under	200 Free Relay, Mixed Gender
90	11 & 12	200 Free Relay, Mixed Gender
91	13 & 14	200 Free Relay, Mixed Gender

MASTER ENTRY FORM

Name of Meet: Sunshine State Showcase

Course: 25 Yard Short Course

Date of Meet: March 22 & 23, 2024

Team Name _____ Call Letters _____

Address _____

Coach _____ LSC _____

Home Phone # (____) _____ Office Phone# (____) _____

E-mail _____

Swimmer/Coach Registration

I certify that all individuals listed on the attached entry forms are currently registered members of USA Swimming and are eligible to compete in this meet. I further certify that one or more of the following coaches will be on-deck supervising the activities of these individuals during all warm-up and competitive sessions at the meet.

Name of Coach	Team
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I certify that the individuals listed above are currently registered USA Swimming Coach Members, and that I am a Current USA Swimming non-athlete member.

Signature (must be USA Swimming Member)

Date

Entry Deadline

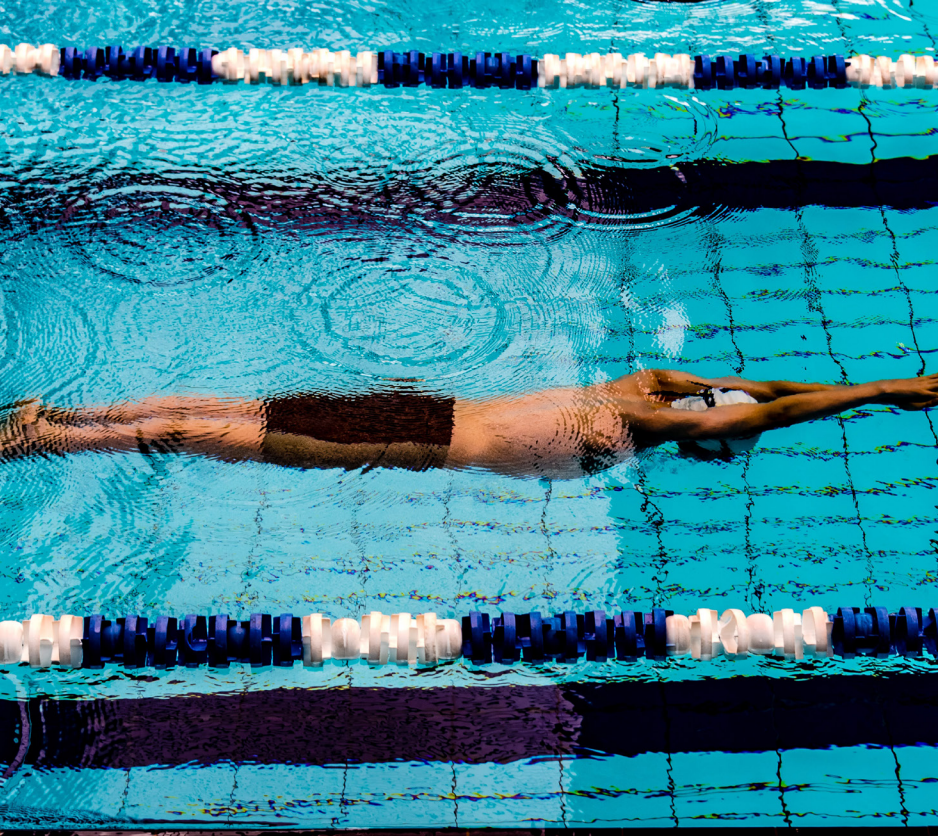
Entries must be received by Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 5:00PM

E-MAIL ALL ENTRIES TO SCOTT KIMMELMAN AT:

irscswim@gmail.com

Financial Recap

Individual Swimmers	_____ at \$10.00	= _____ Facility Surcharge
Women's Ind. Events	_____ at \$5.50 per event	= _____
Men's Ind. Events	_____ at \$5.50 per event	= _____
Women's Relays	_____ at \$6.00 per relay	= _____
Men's Relays	_____ at \$6.00 per relay	= _____
Total Entry Fees paid		= _____



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Florida Swimming vs. Florida Gold Coast All-Star Duel Meet

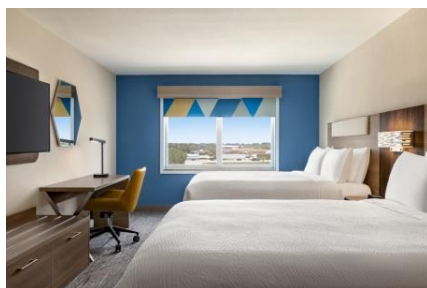
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- Up to 50" HDTV with Premium Channels (All Rooms)
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- Mini-Refrigerators (All Rooms)
- Hair Dryers, Irons & Ironing Boards (All Rooms)
- Suites Available
- Pet Friendly (fee applies)

*72 hour cancellation applies.
Reserve by Friday, February 23, 2024 for your group rate!*



2024 (4-Team FORMAT) "Sunshine State Showcase"

- Coach Info Sheet & Application -

The Florida Gold Coast Age Group Chair will select the coaches for the current year's Sunshine State Showcase Team based on the following criteria and with the understanding that all selected coaches will agree to perform the duties and responsibilities listed within this document. In addition, all interested coaches must complete the attached application and sign it, indicating that they will adhere to and abide by the listed code of conduct.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Coaching applicants must turn in a completed application by the stated deadlines below.
2. It is the preference to select only one coach from a team. However, a second coach may be selected as needed if multiple coaches apply from the same team.
3. All coaching applicants will be evaluated based upon the following criteria: a) years of club coaching experience, b) Florida Gold Coast coaching experience, c) Misc. coaching experience, d) Swimming Clinics attended, and e) ASCA Certification and Education.
4. The Florida Gold Coast Age Group Chair will select TWO All-Star Head Coaches. An additional FOUR Assistant Coaches will be selected.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Date: Action:

February 8..... Coach Applications available to all FGC Coaches - Posted on FGC Website

February 25..... Coach Applications due!

February 28..... 2 Head Coaches and 4 Assistant Coaches will be selected.

FGC AGE GROUP CHAIR TEAM DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Coordinate Athlete Sign-ups at AG Champs Meet. Accept all Florida Gold Coast applications from swimmers.
2. Oversee all coaches in making sure all entries are processed in TeamUnify.
3. Review the generated reports to be used by coaches for final team selection and relays, etc.
4. Communicate with all applicants on the selection or "we hope you will reapply next year" after selections close.
5. Coordinate and oversee the design, ordering, and distribution of the four different teams outfitting.
6. Accept all 2nd confirmations that selected swimmers will be attending/participating.
7. Make sure the generated TU entry file is completed and submitted by the entry deadline.
8. Coordinate Staff Meetings with Coaches to meet at the AG Champs Meet.

HEAD COACH DUTIES:

1. Run coaching staff meetings at the Sunshine State Showcase Meet. - You will work with 1 FGC Assistant Coach and 1 FL Assistant Coach.
2. Outline and explain the swimmer selection process to the coaching staff and parents as needed.
3. Take all entries from the AG Champs Meet & process all entries into TU, and it is submitted by the entry deadline.
4. Develop reports for the entire Coaching Staff to use for final selections, relays, etc.
5. Develop a Team relay policy for all Assistants to follow.
6. Communication with Staff and Age Group Chair through the selection process to the end of the Meet.
7. Encourage athlete & coach participation and emphasize/communicate Florida Gold Coast goals.
8. Communicate with the Sunshine State Showcase Team by use of a "newsletter" the week before the meet.

COACH DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Each coach will be assigned to be on a team. How the Head Coach divides up the staff is up to the Head Coach. Coaches will be notified of their Team and Head Coach before Age Group Champs.
2. Each staff member (Coach) is expected to be in attendance for the entire meet weekend.
3. Review all team entry limits. Keep entry limits in mind. Athletes must swim 6 individual events.
4. The team DRAFT will happen after all entries have been submitted to the meet host.
5. Correspond with Head Coach on relay selections. Relays will be determined after the draft by each coaching staff.
6. COMMUNICATION throughout the competition is vital for your entire team!
7. You are responsible for those swimmers throughout the entire meet.
8. Follow all staff duties/instructions as laid out by both the Age Group Chair & Head Coach for the entirety of the competition-including warm-ups, meet sessions, and overseeing of assigned athletes.

FGC COACHING STAFF - MEET ACTIVITIES

ALL FGC “Sunshine State Showcase” Coaches will be present at all events!

****Tentative Schedule - Subject To Change****

***Friday, March 22, 2024**

1:00-2:15pm..... Coaches Luncheon at Applebee’s. FGC and FL Swimming.

2:30pm..... Arrive at pool.

2:45-3:45pm:

- ✓ Greet (Shark, Ray, Gator, or Barracuda) team athletes at the pool to hand out team gear and have a brief team meeting to answer questions.
- ✓ Icebreaker games with Coaches.
- ✓ Name games with coaches.
- ✓ TEAM Cheers!!!

3:45-4:50pm..... Team Warm-Up & TEAM Cheers!!!

5:00-8:00pm..... Competition (Session 1).

8:00-8:30pm..... Staff answers questions from swimmers & parents; clean & organize team area.

8:30pm..... Leave the pool for the day. Check into hotel & organize for Day 2.

STAFF DOES NOT LEAVE UNTIL ALL MEMBERS ARE GONE & TEAM AREA IS CLEAN.

***Saturday AM, Mar 23, 2024**

7:00am..... Pack up and check out of hotel.

7:15am..... Staff arrives at Indian River Pool.

7:15-7:30am..... Greet Athletes / Organize heat sheets & team area.

7:30-7:40am..... Pre-meet dryland warm-up; last-minute announcements. TEAM Cheers!!!

7:45am..... 11 & Older Warm-Up.

8:15am..... 10 & Under Warm-Up.

8:50am..... TEAM Meeting! TEAM Cheers!!!

9:00-12:00pm..... Competition (Session 2).

12:00-1:00pm..... Swimmer Pizza Party at the Pool (Optional)

STAFF DOES NOT LEAVE UNTIL ALL MEMBERS ARE GONE & TEAM AREA IS CLEAN.

***Saturday PM, March 23, 2024**

1:00pm..... Staff arrives at Indian River Pool.

1:15- 1:30pm..... Organize heat sheets & team area; greet athletes.

1:30pm:

- ✓ TEAM PHOTOS
- ✓ Last-minute announcements.
- ✓ Games
- ✓ TEAM Cheers!!!

2:00-2:50pm..... TEAM Warm-Up

3:00-6:00pm..... Competition (Session 3).

6:00-6:30pm..... Team Awards / Special Awards

6:30pm..... Travel Home

STAFF DOES NOT LEAVE UNTIL ALL MEMBERS ARE GONE & TEAM AREA IS CLEAN.

2024 FLORIDA "SUNSHINE STATE SHOWCASE" DRAFT and SWIM MEET

COACHING STAFF APPLICATION:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Club: _____

Phone (W): _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone (C): _____

Staff selection criteria:

Years Coaching/Where: (specify your position)

Florida Gold Coast (All-Star/Zone) Coaching Experience: (specify your position):

Misc. Coaching Experience-when/where: (specify your position):

Coaching Clinics Attended-when/where:

Your current ASCA Certification and # of Continuing Education points:

Other relevant coaching accomplishments or training:

Why would you be a good All-Star Coach?

Which age group do you enjoy working with the most?

_____, I, certify by my signature that my above answers are accurate and truthful. I acknowledge that this application also lists the duties of FGC “Sunshine State Showcase” Staff for this event. Upon FGC Staff appointment, I understand that I will be receiving additional documents - Updated “Sunshine State Showcase” Meet Information, Code of Conduct, and Florida Gold Coast Swimming Travel Policies. I will return these signed documents as part of the FGC Staff requirements.

Please rename the document to correspond with your full name; scan and then return via email attachment to agchair@fgcswim.org

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS Sunday, February 25, 2024

FGC February 2024 Officials Report

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I will hopefully get more information soon.

Open water certification is unaffected.

The Chief Judge position will continue as an LSC option and all other certifications will be removed.

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Recertification every 3 years	Worked eight (8) Sessions, within a three (3) year period, as Starter. Attend Clinic (recommend Starter) every three (3) years. Pass USA Swimming recertification test every three (3) years for the highest certification held. Satisfactory performance.
Comment	Once a person is certified as a starter, they are encouraged to participate in as many meets as they can to gain experience and knowledge. This will allow those running meets to have greater confidence in their ability to be a starter at meets of various levels.

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Evaluation & Certification	Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier. Must complete certification within one (1) year from date of Clinic. May officiate in any AO role at any meet.
Recertification every 3 years	Worked at least eight (8) Sessions, within a three (3) year period, as an AO, or in a role identified under 102.14.1A-D. Attend Clinic (recommend AO Clinic) training every three (3) years. Pass USA Swimming Administrative Official recertification test. Satisfactory Performance as AO.
Comment	Once a person is certified as an AO, they are encouraged to participate in as many meets as they can to gain experience and knowledge. This will allow those running meets to have greater confidence in their ability to be an AO at meets of various levels.

REFEREE (Minimum Age 19)	
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Evaluation & Certification	Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier. Must complete certification within one year from date of Clinic.

	May officiate in any Referee role at any meet, except that in meets classified as USA Swimming Championships (as defined by 102.10.5), this certification may not meet the requirements of serving as the required Administrative Referee.
Recertification every 3 years	Worked sixteen (16) Sessions, within a three (3) year period, at least eight (8) Sessions in any Referee position. Pass USA Swimming Referee recertification test every three (3) years. Attend Clinic (recommend Referee) every three (3) years. Satisfactory performance.
Comment	Once a person is certified as a Referee, they are encouraged to participate in as many meets as they can to gain experience and knowledge. This will allow those running meets to have greater confidence in their ability to be a referee at meets of various levels.

Optional LSC Certification

CHIEF JUDGE (Minimum Age 18)

Education & Training	Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge Sixteen (16) or more Sessions as certified ST. Attend a CJ Clinic or briefing of CJ duties. Have read the CJ Professional documents. Apprentice as CJ four (4) Training Sessions at a minimum of two (2) meets with a Trainer(s)
Evaluation & Certification	Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier. May officiate in any LSC meet.
Recertification every 3 years	Work eight (8) Sessions per year with at least four (4) as a CJ or Referee. USAS recertification test every three (3) years for the highest certification held. Satisfactory Performance as Chief Judge.

Any additional exception and/or addition to these standards must be approved by the USA Swimming Board of Directors and National Officials Committee, who may stipulate appropriate conditions for each exception.

Recommend review of Standards after 2 years of implementation (January 2026).

January 2024

LSC OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION STANDARDS—FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

This FAQ document is intended to help as we implement the new certification standards. Remember, not every possible scenario is in here. This FAQ is a tool for the LSC Officials Chair to use to help us “do what we do.” *That is, “apply the rules” as best as we can.* We will work through the exceptions if they occur.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Q. When do the new certification standards become effective?

A. The new certification standards are effective February 1, 2024.

Q. Can an LSC continue with its current certification program?

A. No, every LSC must immediately adopt the new certification standards.

Q. If an apprentice official began training under an LSC’s previous certification standards, can they continue training under the old standards or must they transition to the new standards?

A. Any apprentice as of February 1, 2024, may choose to continue training under the old standards or switch to the new standards. The LSC may not require one standard over the other. All new apprentices after February 1, 2024, must use the new standards.

Q. What happens to currently certified officials who have not met all the training requirements of the new standards? For example, a Referee who does not hold Administrative Official certification.

A. The official will be grandfathered in without having to meet the new requirements. The official should be encouraged, but not required, to obtain the training they may be missing with the new certification standards.

Q. Can any Referee now be assigned as a Meet Referee?

A. Yes. If your LSC assigns MRs, they can select the MR that best meets the needs of athletes and the LSC from the pool of certified Referees.

Q. Can a team assign a Meet Referee that does not have much experience in the role?

A. Yes, although a Referee can always decline an assignment or ask for support. A sanction cannot be withheld solely on the basis of perceived inexperience of the assigned Meet Referee if they are certified as a Referee.

PREREQUISITES TO ON-DECK TRAINING

Q. Is registration, either as an “Apprentice Official”, “Official” or “Junior Official” required before on-deck training can begin?

A. Yes. Apprentices must be registered BEFORE beginning on deck training.

Note that not all LSCs utilize the “Apprentice Official” category, which is valid for only 60 days and cannot be renewed. If an Apprentice Official uses this category of registration, it must be converted to a regular non-athlete “Official” or “Junior Official” membership prior to expiration, or the Apprentice Official will no longer appear in OTS.

Q. Does Athlete Protection Training (APT), Concussion Protocol training (CPT), and the background check (BGC) need to be completed prior to beginning on-deck training?

A. No, but they must be completed before the Apprentice Official can be certified. It is highly recommended that these elements be completed early in the training process so that the lack of completion does not delay certification. Apprentice Officials may begin training regardless of whether they register with the “apprentice 60-day” or “regular” non-athlete membership category prior to completing the APT, CPT, and BGC.

Q. Does the required clinic and certification test need to be completed prior to beginning the on-deck training sessions?

A. No, but completing the clinic early in the process will provide a foundation for the on-deck training. Certification cannot be completed until the clinic is completed.

CLINICS AND TESTING

Q. What online certification clinics will be available through USA Swimming and when will they be available?

A. Online certification clinics are planned for Stroke and Turn, Starter, Referee, and Administrative Official.

The Stroke and Turn apprentice online clinic should be available by April 1, 2024.

The Starter and Administrative Official apprentice online clinics should be available by October 1, 2024.

The Referee apprentice online clinic will be released sometime in 2025.

Q. Will the USA Swimming-based online clinics be required or will LSCs be allowed to offer their own clinics?

A. Once an online clinic becomes available, only that clinic will be recognized for the required training. LSCs are encouraged to continue to offer SUPPLEMENTAL training; however, it cannot be required as part of certification.

Q. How will the availability of online clinics affect the requirement for taking position-specific tests?

A. Each online clinic will incorporate test questions throughout and at the conclusion of the clinic. Once the clinic becomes available, the stand-alone test at the USA Swimming University will be retired. Until then, the stand-alone tests will remain available and are required.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION TRACKING TEMPLATES

Q. Will position-specific training and evaluation tracking sheet/card templates be provided?

A. Yes, training and evaluation tracking templates will be available for Stroke and Turn, Chief Judge, Starter, Referee, and Administrative Official apprentices.

The use of these templates is not mandatory and LSCs may choose to develop their own templates.

Q. Can LSCs require specific items for check off (RTOs, 12&U session, 13&O session)?

A. Yes, if this helps identify the best path for training. However, not attending a certain session is not a reason to deny certification. If an official can demonstrate knowledge of the rules and the performance requirements outlined in the Professional Document and templates, and they have completed all other certification requirements, they must be certified.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Q. What are the minimal requirements for a session to count as a training session?

A. A session must include technical strokes (Backstroke, Butterfly, Breaststroke, or Individual Medley) and/or relays.

Q. Is there a minimum session length?

A. No, there is no minimum session length.

Q. Do Time Trials count as a session?

A. No.

Q. Do Freestyle-only sessions count as a session?

A. No.

Q. Can training cover more than two different meets?

A. Training must occur over a minimum of four sessions and a minimum of two meets. The Apprentice may choose to complete their sessions over two, three, or four meets.

Q. Can an Apprentice request more than the minimum number of sessions?

A. Yes. They may request additional sessions before asking to be certified, but they cannot be required to attend more sessions unless provided with a written action plan that specifies any additional steps needed to complete certification.

Q. Can an LSC limit or exclude training at meets such as their Age Group Championships or Senior Championships?

A. No, training cannot be limited or excluded at these meets. It is suggested that creative ways be found to incorporate training as requested while not negatively impacting the athletes or interrupting the attention of the meet officials (eg, an observation and discussion-only session for a Starter Apprentice).

Q. Can training be limited or excluded at Officials Qualifying Meets (OQMs), either at the LSC or Zone level?

A. Training cannot be limited or excluded at any LSC meets. It is suggested that creative ways be found to incorporate training as requested while not negatively impacting the athletes or interrupting the attention of the meet officials (eg, an observation and discussion-only session for a Starter Apprentice).

Q. Can Officials train in any LSC?

A. Yes. Any Sanctioned or Approved USA meet session will count.

Q. What if the Apprentice does not submit their paperwork within two weeks of their last training session?

A. It is the responsibility of the apprentice to submit their paperwork for review following their final training session. The two-week “clock” starts ticking once they submit the paperwork. If an apprentice is slow in submitting the paperwork, it would be best practice for a Certifier to reach out to the apprentice to encourage the submission.

OFFICIALS TRACKING SYSTEM/CERTIFICATIONS

Q. Will clinic completion be trackable in OTS?

- A. Yes, clinics offered through the USA Swimming University will be tracked in the system and completion will be shown in OTS.

Q. Will test results be shown in OTS?

- A. LSC officials with administrative privileges in OTS can view test results in one of two ways. First, under the “LSC Reporting” tab and then by selecting “LSC Officials Courses Taken,” they can generate a report for specific tests that shows the completion date for tests that have been passed. Second, when viewing an individual’s profile within OTS, clicking on “Online Tests” will display the individual’s testing history including the date a test was completed and if it was passed.

Q. How should certification dates be recorded in OTS?

- A. Currently, December 31, 2026, will be used as the certification expiration date.

Q. How will certifications be tracked in OTS?

- A. Certifications will include Stroke and Turn (ST), Chief Judge (CJ), Starter (SR), Referee (DR), and Administrative Official (AO).

Q. Is there a Meet Referee (MR) certification?

- A. No. MR certifications have been remapped to Referee. The MR designation will still be used when reporting sessions worked for a meet. Sessions reported as MR will count towards Referee sessions.

Q. Is there an Administrative Referee (AR) certification?

- A. No. AR certifications were remapped to AO. The AR designation can still be used when reporting sessions worked for a meet. Sessions reported as AR will count towards Referee sessions, whereas sessions reported as AO will count towards AO sessions.

Q. What happened to Clerk of Course (CC), Computer Operator (CO), Timing Equipment Operator (TO), and Timing Judge (TJ)?

- A. They have been remapped to AO. The positions still exist in OTS for use when reporting what role was performed during the sessions worked.

LSC TRAINERS/CERTIFIERS

Q. Who can train an Apprentice?

A. Trainers should be officials with at least a year of experience in the role.

Q. If there is no one with one year's experience, can an Apprentice still receive on-deck training?

A. Yes. The Referee will assign an Official with the highest level of experience to mentor during that session.

Q. Who can be a Certifier?

A. The LSC Officials Chair selects individuals who can verify that an apprentice official demonstrates the requisite knowledge and is able to satisfactorily perform the position's duties. Certifiers should be experienced officials who can articulate clearly and succinctly areas of competency, deficiency, and action steps to achieve certification.

Q. Must the Certifier be in attendance at apprentice sessions?

A. No. The Certifier may seek input from MRs, the apprentice, or trainers to determine if the apprentice is ready for certification.

RECERTIFICATION

Q. Must an Official holding multiple certifications meet the recertification requirements for EACH position?

A. No. Officials will need to recertify at their highest level. Referee recertifies ST, AO, and SR. CJ is also recertified if the official is a CJ.

Q. How does the CJ certification fit?

A. CJ is a standalone certification. It was kept because it fits in with the progression to National N2/N3 Certification. It is not a requirement for LSCs to offer CJ certification. Referee will recertify CJ if the official is a CJ. SR will not recertify CJ.

Q. Will the required clinic and recertification clinics be merged into a single online course as is being done for initial certification?

A. Yes, this will be done for Stroke and Turn, Starter, Referee, and Administrative Official.

Q. When will the recertification clinic/testing modules be ready?

A. At a yet to be determined date.

Q. How should recertifications be handled until the recertification and testing modules are ready?

A. Whether the recertification and testing modules are available or not, LSCs must follow the new guidelines for certification and recertification. If an online clinic/testing module is available, then its use is required. If an online clinic/testing module is not available, an LSC-designed clinic is acceptable, while the position-specific recertification test available at the USA Swimming University should be used.

OPTIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

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Q. Can TOs and COs continue to be used without becoming AOs?

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OTHER MEETS – YMCA, NCAA, HS, USMS

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Q. Will Masters (USMS) meets count towards the required certification and renewal sessions?

A. No.

WHAT IS NOT AFFECTED

Q. Does this standardization affect Open Water?

A. No.

Q. Does this affect the National Certifications (N2, N3)?

A. Not currently.

Q. Can our LSC require that a minimum number of sessions be worked, either as a trainee or certified official, before reimbursing an official for their registration and background check.

A. Yes, the LSC can set its own standards for its reimbursement program; however, the LSC cannot require a greater number of training sessions than set by the "LSC Standards for Officiating."

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Date of adoption / Last revision: February 5, 2024

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STROKE & TURN (Minimum Age 18)	
Education & Training	Member of USA Swimming. Attend Stroke & Turn Clinic training. Pass USA Swimming Stroke & Turn Judge certification test. Apprentice a minimum of four (4) Training Sessions total over two (2) different meets with a Trainer (<i>cannot make a disqualification during those apprentice Sessions.</i>) Satisfactory performance.
Evaluation & Certification	Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier. Must complete certification within one (1) year from date of Clinic. May officiate in any LSC meet.

Recertification every 3 years	Worked a minimum of eight (8) Sessions, within a three (3) year period, at a minimum of two (2) different meets in Stroke & Turn or higher capacity. Attend Clinic every three (3) years. Pass USA Swimming recertification test every three (3) years for the highest certification held. Satisfactory performance.
Comment	Once a person is certified as a stroke and turn official, they are encouraged to participate in as many meets as they can to gain experience and knowledge. This will allow those running meets to have greater confidence in their ability to officiate at meets of various levels.
STARTER (Minimum Age 18)	
Education & Training	Member of USA Swimming. Attend Starter Clinic training. Certified Stroke & Turn Judge for minimum of three (3) months; worked at least four (4) Sessions at a minimum of two (2) meets since Stroke & Turn certification. Pass USA Swimming Starter certification test. Apprentice as Starter for at least four (4) Training Sessions total, over two (2) meets with two (2) Trainers. Trainer can be the Deck Referee. Satisfactory performance.
Evaluation & Certification	Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier. Must complete certification within one (1) year from date of Clinic. May officiate in any LSC meet.
Recertification every 3 years	Worked eight (8) Sessions, within a three (3) year period, as Starter. Attend Clinic (recommend Starter) every three (3) years. Pass USA Swimming recertification test every three (3) years for the highest certification held. Satisfactory performance.
Comment	Once a person is certified as a starter, they are encouraged to participate in as many meets as they can to gain experience and knowledge. This will allow those running meets to have greater confidence in their ability to be a starter at meets of various levels.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL (Minimum Age 18)

Education & Training:	Member of USA Swimming. Attend AO Clinic training. Pass USA Swimming Administrative Official certification test. Apprentice as an Administrative Official for at least four (4) Training Sessions over two (2) meets with a Trainer(s). Satisfactory performance.
Evaluation & Certification	Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier. Must complete certification within one (1) year from date of Clinic. May officiate in any AO role at any meet.
Recertification every 3 years	Worked at least eight (8) Sessions, within a three (3) year period, as an AO, or in a role identified under 102.14.1A-D. Attend Clinic (recommend AO Clinic) training every three (3) years. Pass USA Swimming Administrative Official recertification test. Satisfactory Performance as AO.
Comment	Once a person is certified as an AO, they are encouraged to participate in as many meets as they can to gain experience and knowledge. This will allow those running meets to have greater confidence in their ability to be an AO at meets of various levels.
REFEREE (Minimum Age 19)	
Education & Training	Member of USA Swimming. Certified Stroke & Turn. Certified Administrative Official. Certified Starter. Attend Referee Clinic training. Pass USA Swimming Referee certification test. Apprentice as a Referee for at least four (4) Training Sessions total over two (2) meets with two (2) Trainers. Satisfactory performance.
Evaluation & Certification	Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier. Must complete certification within one year from date of Clinic. May officiate in any Referee role at any meet, except that in meets classified as USA Swimming Championships (as defined by 102.10.5), this certification may not meet the requirements of serving as the required Administrative Referee.

Recertification every 3 years	Worked sixteen (16) Sessions, within a three (3) year period, at least eight (8) Sessions in any Referee position. Pass USA Swimming Referee recertification test every three (3) years. Attend Clinic (recommend Referee) every three (3) years. Satisfactory performance.
Comment	Once a person is certified as a Referee, they are encouraged to participate in as many meets as they can to gain experience and knowledge. This will allow those running meets to have greater confidence in their ability to be a referee at meets of various levels.

Optional LSC Certification	
CHIEF JUDGE (Minimum Age 18)	
Education & Training	Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge Sixteen (16) or more Sessions as certified ST. Attend a CJ Clinic or briefing of CJ duties. Have read the CJ Professional documents. Apprentice as CJ for four (4) Training Sessions at a minimum of two (2) meets with a Trainer(s)
Evaluation & Certification	Apprenticeship signed off by a Certifier. May officiate in any LSC meet.
Recertification every 3 years	Work eight (8) Sessions per year with at least four (4) as a CJ or Referee. Pass USA Swimming recertification test every three (3) years for the highest certification held. Satisfactory Performance as Chief Judge.

Any additional exception and/or addition to these standards must be approved by the USA Swimming Board of Directors and National Officials Committee, who may stipulate appropriate conditions for each exception.

Recommend review of Standards after 2 years of implementation (January 2026).



FLORIDA GOLD COAST SWIMMING

Registration Report

February 19, 2024

A. 2024 – Athletes (to date)	(Premium)	3,740	
	(Outreach)	44	
	(Flex)	<u>271</u>	
			<u>4,055</u>
B. 2024 – Non-Ath (to date)	Coaches	224	
	Appr. Officials	11	
	Officials	172	
	Others	<u>28</u>	
			<u>435</u>
C. 2024 – Clubs	Clubs	55	<u>55</u>

Richard Cavanah
Membership Chairman



Financial Statement

February 20, 2024

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>2/20/2024</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Checking Account Balance	\$243,884	\$243,445	\$229,418	\$342,378	\$388,711
Savings Account Balance	\$74,517	\$74,552	\$74,582	\$74,611	\$74,614
Wells Fargo Investments	\$654,581	\$720,410	\$697,189	\$731,435	\$731,435
USA Swimming - Current Month Reg - Due			\$17,887	\$28,399	\$0
FGC Teams' Escrow Credit Balances - Due FGC	<u>\$25,917</u>	<u>\$18,130</u>	<u>\$1,360</u>	<u>\$2,151</u>	<u>\$5,830</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$998,899</u>	<u>\$1,056,537</u>	<u>\$1,020,436</u>	<u>\$1,178,974</u>	<u>\$1,200,590</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
FGC Teams' Escrow Debit Balances - Held by FGC	-\$11,339	-\$9,716	<u>-\$3,988</u>	\$104	-\$104
Credit Card Balance				\$0	\$0
Outstanding Checks				-\$19,218	-\$3,018
Total Liabilities	-\$11,339	-\$9,716	-\$3,988	-\$19,114	-\$3,122
<u>EQUITY (Assets minus Liabilities)</u>	<u>\$987,560</u>	<u>\$1,046,821</u>	<u>\$1,016,448</u>	<u>\$1,159,860</u>	<u>\$1,197,468</u>

Richard Cavanah
Treasurer

FLORIDA GOLD COAST SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

Florida Gold Coast Swimming (FGC) LSC is hiring a SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR. The FGC is a Local Swimming Committee of USA Swimming-Southeast Florida. The overall responsibilities of this position would be producing and posting social media content on the FGC's Website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok accounts with experience in both videos and graphics. The Social Media Coordinator will report directly to the FGC Board of Directors. (Coordination as needed with the FGC Webmaster and Safe Sport Chair).

Job Expectations/Responsibilities :

- *Manage the FGC social media account and post timely and appropriate content**
- *Brainstorm ideas for campaigns and attend the monthly Board Meetings**
- *Analyze various analytics to gauge the success of campaigns**
- *Curating user generated content**
- *Work with mentor and build content with the FGC Athletes (primarily ages 18 & Under). Must provide the oversight needed to develop age-appropriate content. This will prove to be a significant part of this position**
- *Learn and become proficient in required social media software systems such as Later, Canva; etc.**
- *Attend workshops/competitions/camps as needed with FGC & USA Swimming &/or to meet other social media related needs**

Job Requirements:

- *Must be a member in good standing with USA Swimming.**
 - *Need to have own computer to start with; internet.**
 - *Interest in sport reporting and ability to work with/mentor teenagers through the social media production process.**
 - *Remote work is acceptable-anticipating 80% remote/20% in person.**
 - *Having a background in competitive swimming is preferred, but not mandatory.**
- Looking for individuals who can/will commit 10 hours per week to start.**
- *The ability to self-manage and ask for help when needed.**
 - *Perfect for someone who has social media experience, but with the goal of building out their portfolio with a larger audience.**

How To Apply:

- *To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to jenngibson60@gmail.com (Portfolios and links to your social media channels would be desired)**
- *Salary details upon application.**
- *Application period is March 15-April 15, 2024.**