



3rd Quarter 2019

Dixie Zone Leadership,

It's August 1st and we're now officially six weeks away from the USAS convention on September 11-15, in St. Louis. Hopefully, all our LMSC Chairs have submitted the names of their delegates to USMS. Make sure they have all registered, booked their hotel rooms and secured their flights.

The Dixie Zone meeting will be Thursday, September 12th, 9:45AM – 11:15AM

Recap: LMSC Standards Survey

- All seven LMSC's within the zone completed their LMSC Standards survey and received their feedback.
- All seven LMSC's scored above 90% on both the Mandatory and Target LMSC standards.
- The Dixie Zone as a whole carried an average score of 97.3% and 96.5% for Mandatory and Target standards respectively, which was higher than the USMS average of 95.5% and 95.1%.
- Two LMSC's (**Florida Gold** and **South Carolina**) earned "**Premiere Plus**" designations; while a third (**Florida**) earned a **Premiere** rating.
- I'm currently working through the remediation process with one LMSC that missed a Mandatory Standard two years in a row.

Great job everyone – Kudos to Florida Gold, South Carolina and Florida!!!

Hopefully next year we'll all share the spotlight with these three. I wonder if they have a **ZONE PREMIERE PLUS** category?

If you have any questions about your results, or want help getting that last pesky category checked off; please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Recap: Zone Championships

Three down, one to go. So far we've had great turn outs and fast swimming at our Zone Championship meets.

- SCY – Feb. 16-17, Auburn, AL – (35) Teams, (190) Swimmers.
- LCM – June 15-16, Greenville, SC (21) Teams, (169) Swimmers.
- OW – May 4th, St. Petersburg, FL – 1K (41 swimmers), 2.4M (156 swimmers)

Our last Zone Championship for 2019 will be **SCM** - Scheduled to be held – Oct. 11-13, Orlando, FL

Oct. 11-13 / SCM: Dixie Zone SCM Championships/Rowdy Gaines Classic. Orlando FL. . *Entry deadline: online entry closes Monday, October 7* [Information & entry](#)

Let's push this meet to our membership and get a great, competitive turnout. The last SCM zone meet held there in 2017 drew 302 swimmers. Let's beat that number this year.

Remaining Dixie Zone Pool Meets for 2019

Let's get behind these meets and support them. If we want these meets to continue year after year; they need our support and attendance. Otherwise, this list can get shorter and shorter very quickly.

Aug. 3-4 / LCM: Southern Masters Long Course Championships. Baton Rouge LA

Aug. 10 / SCY: Muffins & Mimosas Masters Meet. Destin FL. *Entry deadline: paper entries received and online entry closes Thursday, August 8; later entries accepted with extra fee only if open lanes already available.*

Aug. 17 / LCM: Dr. Charles van der Horst Memorial Invitational. Cary NC. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Tuesday, August 13*

Aug. 23-25 / SCY: Growler Invitational. Pleasant SC. *Entry limited to first 150 swimmers. Entry deadline: online entry closes Sunday, August 18*

Aug. 24 / LCM: 6th Annual Dog Days Meet. Clearwater FL. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Wednesday, August 21*

Aug. 25 / LCM: Coral Springs Second Chance Meet. Coral Springs FL. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Wednesday, August 21*

Sept. 7 / SCY: Southside Seals Pentathlon. Peachtree City GA

Sept. 14 / SCY: Ocala Marlins Fall Splash. Ocala FL. *Entry deadline: postmarked by Monday, September 9; late entries accepted to Wednesday, September 11 with additional fee*

Oct. 6 / SCM: Enfinity SC Championships. Greensboro NC.

Oct. 11-13 / SCM: Dixie Zone SCM Championships/Rowdy Gaines Classic. Orlando FL. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Monday, October 7*

Oct. 19 / SCY: ESMS Oktober Splash. Fairhope AL. *(limited to first 60 entrants).* Entry opens Monday, July 29. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Monday, October 14.*

Nov. 9-10 (New date) / SCM: Shark Tank Meet. Sarasota FL. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Wednesday, November 6*

Nov. 23 / SCM: NAC Masters Sprinting Turkey Classic. Nashville TN. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Thursday, November 21*

Dec. 7-8 / SCY: Florida Senior Games. Coral Springs FL. Florida residents must have qualified at a local senior games. *Entry deadline: paper entries received by Friday, November 15; online entry closes Sunday, November 17. USMS recognized*

Dec. 8 / SCM: St. Nicholas Invitational. Atlanta GA

Dec. 14-15 / SCM: Chris Jackson Memorial Meet. Coral Springs FL

Remaining Dixie Zone Open Water & LD Events for 2019

If an open water swim is not USMS-sanctioned, USMS insurance will NOT apply. Those events are noted below. Check with the event organizer about insurance coverage for non-sanctioned events.

Sept. 7-8: The Clock is Ticking Swim 7-Mile Swim (1-mi, 3.5-mi, 7-mi). Lake Park GA. *Entry deadline: 3.5-mi & 7-mi swim registrations close Sunday, September 1; early registration fee discount ends August 30. sanctioned by WOWSA*

Sept. 15: Swim Around Hobbs Island (1-mile, 2-mile, 5-mile). Huntsville AL. *Registration closes September 13; no race day entries. sanctioned by WOWSA*

Sept. 21: Upstate Splash Charity Open Water Swim (1.2 mi, 2.4 mi). Lake Jocassee, Salem SC. *Registration closes Friday, September 13; enter by Friday, August 30 to guarantee an event t-shirt. USMS sanctioned: NO*

Sept. 21: Pure Grenada Open Water Swim (1K, 5K, 10K). Grenada. *USMS sanctioned: NO*

Sept. 22: Bridges to Bluffs/**USMS Marathon Open Water National Championship** (10K). Knoxville TN. (limited to first 175 swimmers; *see note on information page*). *USMS sanctioned: YES*

Oct. 12: Swim the Suck (10-mi). Chattanooga TN. *Event limited to first 115 swimmers. USMS sanctioned: YES*

Oct. 13: Lucky's Lake Swim (1.5K). Orlando FL. *USMS sanctioned: NO*

Nov. 10: TriFloyd 8-mile Swim. Clearwater FL. (limited to 20 swimmers). *Entry deadline: entries close Friday, November 1; entry fee discount for earlier entries. USMS sanctioned: NO*

Visit the Dixie Zone web page for entry links and additional information. <http://www.dixiezone.org/Meets.htm>

USMS Spring Nationals – Dixie Zone Recap:

Dixie Zone teams did very well at the 2019 USMS Spring Nationals in Mesa, AZ.

- **Regional Club Division** – NCMS (7th), GAJA (11th) and Southern Masters (17th)
 - **Local Club Division** – SFTL (5th), PBM (6th), PALM (8th)
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Next week is the **USMS Summer National Championship**
August 7 – 11, 2019
Mission Viejo, CA

Followed closely by FINA Worlds

FINA Masters World Championships
August 12-18, 2019
Gwangju, South Korea

Good luck to all out Zone swimmers participating in these events

The Dixie Zone records have been updated and posted on the Zone webpage. Have at them :>)

Dixie Zone Meeting:

Below is the agenda for the September 12th Zone meeting at convention. I've also thrown in some interesting summary data for your review (attached). Please start talking to your meet directors about their 2020 meets. Come prepared to bid on the 2020 Zone Championships – Pool and OW. Make sure your meet directors know you are putting their meet up for the zone championship – it came as a surprise to one of the meet hosts this year.

Important Note: *This is an election year for the Zone Chair. I would like to seek a second term (just throwing that out there). If anyone would like to run for the Dixie Zone Chair position, please send me your name, so I can put it on the ballot for the Zone meeting. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor. There will not be any televised debates; each candidate will have a few minutes at the meeting to introduce themselves to the zone members present, before the election is held by an independent party.*

2018 Dixie Zone Meeting

Thursday, September 12th, 9:45AM – 11:15AM

Location – Sterling Studio 3 (subject to change)

Agenda

- Roll Call / attendance.
 - Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten, and Records).
 - LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
 - How is your LMSC running?
 - Any major problems or issues you would like to discuss, or get feedback on how other LMSC's are addressing?
 - Solicit and vote on Dixie Zone Championship hosts for 2020
 - Q&A / Open discussion on LMSC Standards Survey Results
 - Nominations and election of Dixie Zone Chair for the next two years
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - USMS Unified Fee concept
 - Adjourn
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Last Reminder:

Please remind your meet directors to submit their meet results to the Dixie Zone so they can be published on the Dixie Zone web page and be processed for Dixie Zone Top Ten and Records consideration.

Please ask them to submit them either in a pdf format or send me a Hy-Tek Meet Manager **Backup** file of the meet.

The best way to help us out is to produce their meet results in **PUBLICATION ORDER**, which makes it much easier and faster for us to process them for Top Ten and Records. Several meet directors are still not sending in their results to the zone; and many are coming in as "EVENT ORDER".

Thank you for everything you do for swimming and for serving your LMSC's.

See you on deck.

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