

Gulf Swimming Open Water All Star Team Selection Procedures

Purpose: to promote open water racing beyond the local level and to reward the Gulf LSC's top open water swimmers with an opportunity to compete on a regional, zone and national level.

Events: The Gulf Open Water All Star Team will compete at the Fort Myers Open Water Festival (date to be announced). They host a multi-day event; consisting of the Fran Crippen Sunset Mile, and the LSC Challenge (2.5k and 5k events).

Qualifying Procedures: The Gulf Open Water Championships in October of each year at Twin Lakes serves as the primary qualification meet in order to make the Gulf All Star Team.

- A. All eligible athletes must be current USA registered athletes in the Gulf LSC.
- B. The top four eligible finishers for each age group; 11-12, 1 mile race; 13-14, 2 mile race; 15-18, 2 mile race; are automatic qualifiers. The fifth place finisher will be the alternate in case one of the top four choose not to attend. Places in the race may not reflect actual qualifier status based on the age of participants reflective of the event the Gulf chooses to participate in. In other words, a swimmer that will age up on or before the All Star event, (date to be announced), will be placed according to their future age group.
- C. The top time in the 500 yard freestyle for 11-12 year olds and the top time in the 1650 freestyle for the 13-14 and 15-18 age groups for the winter through the end of December will be eligible to be on the All Star Team. If a current All Star member occupies the top time or in the case of a top time qualifier turning down an All Star Team spot then the selection committee will move to the next best eligible time, but no further than the fifth best performance available.
- D. 10 and 12 year olds that will be eligible to participate on the All Star team in the next age group are eligible to swim up to the 1 mile (10 year olds) and the 2 mile (12 year olds) at the Gulf Open Water Champs for the purpose of qualifying for the Gulf All Star Team in their future respective age group.
- E. The All Star Team will carry no more than 5 male and 5 female swimmers in each age group; 11-12, 13-14 and 15-18.

Questions concerning Gulf Open Water All Star team can be referred to the Gulf Open Water Coordinator, Seth Huston, 713-539-3041, shuston@rice.edu.