

Florida Gold Coast (FGC) LMSC Policies

USMS Convention

Delegates for the annual USMS convention will be chosen at a late spring LMSC meeting. Everyone interested shall submit their request to the chair. To be considered as a delegate, a person must be registered in the FGC LMSC and be active in the LMSC, attending at least one LMSC meeting in the prior 12-month period.

Each delegate will provide a report about their convention experience – what meetings they attended, what they learned, etc. The report shall be sent to the LMSC chair within two weeks following the convention.

USMS Convention Reimbursement

The FGC LMSC will reimburse the following expenses for each of the LMSC delegates and other HOD voting members whose expenses are not eligible to be covered by another organization (such as USMS National Office, ASCA, etc.). All documentation for expenses shall be submitted to the Treasurer within two weeks following the convention.

- Airfare – A maximum will be determined each year depending on location. Only one checked bag fee will be covered, if necessary. Airfare may be reimbursed when the reservation is made instead of waiting until after the convention. If the reimbursement is paid and then the delegate does not attend, the LMSC must be re-paid.
- Hotel – Half of the convention rate will be covered.
- Parking – Airport parking will be paid to a maximum of \$50.
- Transfers – The least expensive option available for transportation between the airport and hotel will be covered.
- Per diem - \$35 a day.
- USAS registration fee.
- If a delegate chooses to drive to the convention, reimbursement for driving may not exceed the average cost of airfare. The reimbursement rate shall be the USMS rate (for 2017 it is \$.535 per mile).

Every effort must be made to find the lowest priced option for each item.

Year-End Club Incentive

“FGC LMSC meetings are an important part of promotion, governing, scheduling and planning the business and administrative functions of masters swimming in South Florida. It is therefore very important that all registered teams have representation at all LMSC meetings so that these tasks can be performed for the benefit of all registered swimmers. With this in mind the FGC LMSC’s policy of financially supporting is registered teams by returning LMSC portions of the annual registration fees shall be given to registered teams who participate with representation in LMSC meetings”. [From 9/13/08 LMSC meeting minutes]

The FGC LMSC will pay a portion of the LMSC registration fee to each club at the end of each registration year. For a club to receive the payment,

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- A club representative must attend at least one LMSC meeting during the year.
- The club must have four (4) or more registered members.
- The amount of \$5 per swimmer will be paid based on the end-of-registration-year club counts at the annual meeting in December. This amount may be changed by vote of the board at the annual meeting for the next registration year.

Banquet

The FGC LMSC will hold an annual awards banquet in the spring to recognize swimmers' performances in the previous year of competition.

- The charge per person must cover the cost of food and venue.
- Awards will be given for All American/Top Ten Individual/Relay achievers that attend the banquet or that request their award if unable to attend.
- Awards will be given for the Male and Female Pool swimmers of the year and the Male and Female Open Water swimmers of the year.
- Other recognition awards may be given at the discretion of the LMSC officers.
- A maximum cost per award will be determined by the board each year.
- In order to qualify for an award, the swimmer must have been registered in the FGC LMSC when the swim was accomplished and must be registered in the FGC LMSC at the time the awards are ordered.
- For Pool Swimmer of the Year, the swimmer must have competed in at least one meet in each of the three courses (SCY, SCM, LCM) and in at least one meet held within the LMSC in the year being awarded.
- A special invitation will be sent to all swimmers eligible to receive an award. A general invitation will be sent to all registered swimmers in the LMSC.

National Official Reimbursement

One official that is a registered member of the FGC LMSC may be approved to have the following expenses covered in order to officiate at the USMS National Championship Meet. The official must obtain prior approval from the board.

- Airfare – A maximum will be determined each year depending on location.
- Per diem - \$20 a day.

Swim Meet Socials

To encourage camaraderie among swimmers, the FGC LMSC will help subsidize socials at swim meets held within the LMSC.

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- A club may request up to \$200 to help cover expenses for a social following a swim meet.
- The social information must be included in the official meet information.

LMSC Website

The website shall contain the following types of information that are of interest to the LMSC membership.

- LMSC Bylaws
- LMSC Officers and Committee Chairs
- LMSC Meeting Minutes
- LMSC Policies
- LMSC Newsletters
- LMSC forms – Individual registration, Club registration, Transfer
- LMSC event information
- Club information
- The LMSC webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the website.

LMSC Event Promotion

The purpose of The FGC LMSC website, newsletter and email is to disburse information to the membership. Requests for posting on the website are addressed to the Webmaster, content for the newsletter is addressed to the Newsletter Editor, and requests for announcements to the members are directed to the Chair. All reasonable requests will be processed in a timely manner. Events not sanctioned or recognized by the LMSC or USMS will not be promoted; but will be listed on the website and clearly identified as non-sanctioned. An (1) email notification of an update to the LMSC Event Calendar can be sent to the membership, upon request, when a non-sanctioned or non-recognized event is added to the calendar. [12/4/2011 LMSC meeting]

Meet Sanctions

A team that does not meet the Sanction requirements for an event are henceforth required to submit a \$200 deposit for the next sanction they request above the sanctioning fee. Deposit to be returned to team upon successful completion of all sanction requirements related to second event. [12/4/2011 LMSC meeting]