

**Class 4A, Region 1 Swimming and Diving Championships**  
**Meet Information Letter**  
**Oct 31-Nov 1, 2017**  
**Gainesville, Florida**

- SPONSORED BY:** Florida High School Athletic Association  
Buchholz High School
- LOCATION:** Stephen C. O'Connell Center Pool, University of Florida, 250 Gale Lemerand Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611-Swim Competition  
  
Dwight Hunter "Northeast" Pool, 1100 Northeast 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601-Dive Competition
- POOL SPECS:** Two certified indoor 8 lane 25 yard courses. Non-turbulent lane lines, regulation starting blocks. Timing Systems – Daktronics - with a full color alpha-numeric scoreboard. Water Depth: Deep End Start: 12 ft.; Turning End: 5 ft.; Shallow End: 4.5 ft.  
  
Diving Well-Northeast pool
- DATE:** Oct. 31-Dive; Nov. 1-Swim
- TIMES:** SWIMMING FINALS: Doors Open 8:30 AM, Warm-up 9 AM, Meet 10 AM  
  
COACHES MEETING: 9:00 in the Meet hospitality room  
OFFICIALS MEETING: 8:45 AM in the Meet hospitality room  
TIMERS MEETING: 9:30 AM in the Meet hospitality room  
  
DIVING Finals: Warm ups: 12 PM; 1 PM Competition start
- ENTRY LIMIT:** Event entries by team: Each team shall be permitted a maximum of four entries in an individual event and one team in a relay event.  
  
Event entries by individuals: a competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four events, no more than two of which may be individual events.
- SCRATCHES:** A swimmer who is officially entered in an event must compete in that event, unless scratched or forced to withdraw due to illness or injury. **For failing to compete in all races, heats and rounds for which the competitor is qualified or entered, they shall be disqualified from further competition. Per FHSAA Rules, there will be no Declared False Starts at this meet.**
- RULES** National Federation of State High School Association 2017/2018 Swimming and Diving Rules will govern except where modified or superseded by the 2017/2018 Florida High School Athletic Association Swimming and Diving Manual.
- USA OBSERVATION #** This meet has been approved for Observation by USA Swimming. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Florida Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.

- SCORING:** INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: 20, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1  
RELAY EVENTS: 40, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2
- AWARDS:** Championship and Runner up Trophies will be awarded to the top two schools for boys and girls.
- ENTRY FEE:** There is no entry fee for this meet.
- ENTRANCE FEES** A spectator entrance fee of \$7.00 will be charged for the swimming finals, and the diving finals. Heat sheets will be \$4.00. Bleachers will be provided, but a separate spectator area will not be designated. Spectators will not be allowed onto the pool deck. Only swimmers, coaches, officials, and volunteers will be allowed onto the pool deck. Spectators should stay in the bleachers. The pool is an indoor venue. Schools will be sent and invoiced for the cost of the facility if a loss is incurred.
- MEET ENTRIES DEADLINES:** The 2017 Regional Meet will be seeded by FHSAA from results of the District Meets.
- DIVING:** Diving sheets must be sent to: [mbvanderzee@yahoo.com](mailto:mbvanderzee@yahoo.com) by Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM
- For further information contact: Tina Bates (352-317-3238).
- SEEDING:** Seeding will be performed by the Hy-Tek Meet Manager Software.
- OFFICIALS:** Meet Referee: Jeff Breault ([shotputdaddy@gmail.com](mailto:shotputdaddy@gmail.com))  
Head Starter: Pam Breault  
Head Stroke/Turn: Kathleen Radloff  
Administrative Official: Frances and Nemo Newman ([fullergirl@gmail.com](mailto:fullergirl@gmail.com))
- MEET MANAGER:** Tina Bates  
[tinasbates@gmail.com](mailto:tinasbates@gmail.com) (352-317-3238)
- MEET COMMITTEE:** A Meet Committee will consist of a representative from 5 schools (with 1 alternate who will vote if the matter under consideration involves one of the five members). The Committee will act as a Jury of Appeals. All decisions of the Meet Committee shall be final. Requests for appeals to be brought before the Committee will be directed to the Meet Manager. The Meet Committee will operate per guidelines listed in the FHSAA manual 3.12.3.3.3, and will meet at the coaches meeting at 8:45 AM.
- COACHES/MEET WORKERS/VOLUNTEERS** Each team is expected to assist in providing meet workers. Each team will designate two (2) parents to serve as timers, runners, etc. These individuals will be the only adults, besides coaches, allowed onto the pool deck.
- Per FHSAA, all coaches must be identified in the Meet Management Data Base when submitting entries for Districts. No additional coaches will be allowed on deck.

Teams with diving entries must provide one judge to assist in judging the diving competition.

Officials wishing to help with the meet should contact Head Referee, Jeff Breault (shotputdaddy@gmail.com).

**WARM UP SCHEDULE**

**EXCEPT FOR CONTROLLED RACING STARTS, EACH SWIMMER MUST ENTER THE WATER FEET FIRST**

Lane assignments will be posted upon arrival/check-in. The first 30 minutes will be general warm-ups as follows:

Lanes 1-8 – Push off 25s or 50s pace (circle swimming)

The last 20 minutes are controlled warm-ups as follows:

Lanes 1 & 8

Push off 25s or 50s pace (circle swimming)

Lanes 2, 3, 6,7

Race starts, one way only, start from the block end.

NOTE: Teams that need to swim Tuesday PM in Gainesville should contact Jeff Moffitt, City of Gainesville by email ([moffittjc@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:moffittjc@cityofgainesville.org)) to schedule pool time at a city pool.

**Camera Zones:**

Please remind spectators there is no flash photography at the start of each race. In addition, "Non-Camera Zones" include any area behind the starting blocks, balcony area behind starting blocks, locker rooms, restrooms, or any other dressing area.

**O'Connell Center Facility Guidelines – High School Swim Meets**

Natatorium capacity is 1,005, including all athletes, spectators and staff.

All patrons must enter the building at Gate 2. No other gates will be available for entry (or re-entry).

**Security Measures:**

In order to ensure a safe environment at all of our events, we will be increasing our security measures starting August 2017. All patrons will be asked to pass through metal detectors when they arrive. This process may increase the time it takes to enter the building so please arrive early. To minimize impact, please be prepared to remove your cell phone, camera, hat, keys and any other large metal objects from your person. You will not need to remove your watch, wallet, belt, jacket, shoes or coins. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

All bags entering the building will also be subject to visual inspection.

The following items are prohibited from entering the facility:

- Outside food and drink\*\*\*
- Alcohol, drugs, weapons, fireworks, and explosives
- Laser pointers, air horns, and noisemakers
- Helium balloons

- Bicycles, roller blades, skates, skateboards, and hoverboards
- Video cameras, audio recorders, cameras with detachable lenses, and cameras with fixed lenses longer than 6"
- Laptops and tablet computers. Tablet computers are prohibited for all concerts and ticketed special events but will be admitted for most other events, including athletic events.
- Google glass & Snapchat Spectacles
- Selfie sticks, monopods, and tripods

**\*\*\*To accommodate participating athletes, we will permit the team coaches to bring in team coolers for high school swim meets. However, parents and other spectators will not be permitted to bring in outside food or drink.**

**Parking:**

General patron parking will be available at the North Lawn parking location. This parking lot is accessible from Gale Lemerand Drive and is located just north of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. There will be an O'Connell Center staff member in a bright yellow, event staff t-shirt to direct patrons into the lot.



