

Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic 17

Friday, January 30 - Sunday, February 1, 2026

RSJ Event Specialists Meets

SANCTIONED BY: The Florida LMSC for USMS, Inc.

HOSTED BY: RSJ Event Specialists, LLC

TYPE OF MEET: 25-meter timed finals

DATE & TIME:

Session 1, Friday, January 30, 2026

---Warm-up 2:00 pm, Meet Start 3:00 pm

Session 2, Saturday, January 31, 2026

---Warm-up 8:00 am, Meet Start 9:00 am

Session 3, Sunday, February 1, 2026

---Warm-up 7:00 am, 1500 Free Start 8:00 am

---Warm-up 9:45 am, Meet Start 10:30 am

LOCATION: Rosen Aquatic Center, 8422 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819

FACILITY: Eight-lane, 25-meter SCM competition pool. Warmup and warm-down available (in 25-yard course).

POOL LENGTH CERTIFICATION: The length of the competition course without a bulkhead is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1.

TIMING SYSTEM: Colorado timing system with scoreboard. The primary timing system will be automatic timing. Times can be submitted for world records, USMS records, and USMS Top 10 consideration.

ELIGIBILITY AND RULES: Current USMS rules will govern the meet. All meet participants must be age 18 or older and be currently-registered members of U.S. Masters Swimming. Foreign swimmers must provide proof of current membership in their country's Masters Swimming governing body.

COMPETITION AGE: Competition age is determined by the athlete's age on December 31, 2026.

SEEDING: Times will be seeded Short Course Meters. No conversions by meet management. Please enter times for SCM. **ALL EVENTS WILL BE SWUM SLOWEST TO FASTEST.**

SPLIT RECORDING:

- **INDIVIDUAL EVENT SPLITS:** Split times for individual events must be requested in writing by the swimmer, and submitted to the Meet Referee, per USMS rules noted on the USMS split notification form. Split times will be taken from the automatic (primary) timing system where available and, if missing, will only be taken from backup (stopwatch) times if the swimmer made arrangements for watch split times to be recorded. Please submit all split request forms PRIOR TO a swim. Backstroke split requests MUST be submitted PRIOR TO the swim (USMS Rule 103.18.1).

- **RELAY LEADOFF SPLITS:** Automatic split recording (USMS Rule 103.18.2) will be performed for relay leadoff splits, provided the split time is available from the automatic (primary) timing system.
- **NATIONAL OR WORLD RECORDS FROM SPLIT TIMES:** If a swimmer believes they may swim a split time (either individual split or relay leadoff split) fast enough for a USMS or World record, PLEASE notify the Meet Referee and the meet admin (computer operator) PRIOR TO THE SWIM. This helps to ensure that the proper record paperwork can be generated at the meet.

SCRATCHES: No penalty for scratching on the block.

ENTRY LIMITS: Five (5) individual events per day, plus relays. No limit to the number of relays entered; indicate as "A", "B", "C", etc. Swimmers over-entered will be removed from their last event on each day over-entered. **The 800 Free and 1500 Free will be limited to the first 40 entrants.**

ONLINE ENTRIES: Online entries are accepted with credit card payment (Visa, MC, Discover, AMEX). Please note that your credit card will be charged by "RSJEVENTS.COM" for this meet registration.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All individual entries must be received by **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, at 5:00pm.**

DISTANCE EVENTS (800 & 1500 Free):

- **The 800 Free and 1500 Free events are limited to the first 40 entries.**
- In each event, once 40 entries are received, an additional FOUR online entrants will be allowed to enter the event on a waitlist in the online entry process.
- The waitlisted swimmers will be added to the event if there are scratches.
- Entrants in the 800 or 1500 Free MUST NOTIFY THE EVENT DIRECTOR as soon as they know they will be scratching the event, to allow a waitlisted swimmer to take their place.

ENTRY FEES:

- **\$30.00 Facility Charge plus \$8.00 per event**, payable during online entry
- **Relay-only swimmers** pay the \$30.00 Facility Charge
- Relays are **\$10.00 per relay**, paid ahead of time online
- Relays are **\$15.00 per relay**, deck-entered at the meet

RELAY ENTRIES:

Relays (\$10 each online, \$15 each deck-entered) may be submitted either online (**preferred**) or by deck entry. See below. RELAY ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL.

ONLINE RELAY ENTRY (preferred): Relays may be submitted here, online, beginning Wednesday, January 28 at 9:00am until Sunday, February 1 at 10:30am. Entry for each relay closes per the schedule below.

Team Relay Entry Procedure (for Relay Captains):

1. **ONLY one person from each club** should act as the Relay Captain and enter all of the team's relays. Anyone who is a USMS-registered member of that club may serve as the Relay Captain.
2. A credit card must be submitted when entering and updating relays online. The card will NOT BE CHARGED until the week following the conclusion of the meet. The card on file will only be charged for the number of relays entered and seeded in the heat sheet, regardless of number of updates made.
3. After online relay entry opens, click the button above to register your relays. You'll first go through the USMS member verification page and then be asked for your address, email, etc.
4. Once you get through the biographical pages, you'll see a list of relays. Click on a relay event to enter your swimmers into that event.

5. You'll be presented with a form that allows you to select your swimmers to fill the four relay spots. You don't have to designate a relay as "A," "B," etc. The software will automatically do that for you.
6. Enter an estimated seed time for the relay (guessing is fine).
7. Select the four swimmers for that relay, IN THE ORDER THEY WILL SWIM.
8. Continue for each relay event and relay team. You'll get to a page that allows you to review the relays before you submit.
9. You'll then see a final page where you can click a final Submit button. You will be asked for a valid credit card, however **it will NOT BE CHARGED** until the week following the meet.
10. CHANGES to relays, adding new ones, or scratches will be allowed at the meet by the same deadlines as for Deck Entries. Swimmers may change the names (or swim order) on the relay cards before they swim the event.

RELAY DECK ENTRY (discouraged): Relay Entry Forms are available [here](#) or at the venue. Relay fees (\$15.00 per relay for deck entries) must be paid at the time of submission of deck entries. Relays will be seeded after the deck entry deadlines. ALL relay entries (online or deck) are due per the schedule below.

Relays	Firm Relay Entry Deadline
Fri (M-W 800 FR, Mix 400 Med)	3:30pm Fri, Jan 30
Sat (M-W 400 Med, Mix 200 FR, M-W 200 Med, Mix 800 FR)	9:00am Sat, Jan 31
Sun (Mix 400 FR)	9:30am Sun, Feb 1
Sun (Mix 200 Med, M-W 200 FR, M-W 400 FR)	10:30am Sun, Feb 1

800 FREE, 400 FREE, AND 1500 FREE EVENTS: Please provide your own counter for these events.

SCORING:

- Individual: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
- Relays are double points

AWARDS:

- **Individual and Relay events:** 1st through 3rd place: Medals; 4th through 8th place: Ribbons
- **Age-Group High Point Awards**
- **Teams:** 1st through 3rd place, both Regional and Local club categories

OFFICIALS:

Head Referee: John Fox	Chief Stroke & Turn: Kyle Kliewer
Starter: TBD	Head Marshall: TBD
Admin Official (Computer): Scott Rabalais	Meet Director: Jillian Wilkins

INFORMATION:

Official Website: www.rowdygainesclassic.com

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HOTELS: Please see official meet website, www.rowdygainesclassic.com, for updated hotel information.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Meet Course: 25 Meters

Friday, January 30, 2026 - Session 1 - Friday

Warm-ups start at 2:00 PM

Meet Session starts at 3:00 PM

#	Sex		Event
101	Mixed		800 M Free
103	Mixed	(After 30-minute break)	400 M IM
105	Women		25 M Breast
106	Men		25 M Breast
107	Women	(3:30pm deadline)	800 M Free Relay
108	Men	(3:30pm deadline)	800 M Free Relay
109	Women		25 M Fly
110	Men		25 M Fly
111	Mixed	(3:30pm deadline)	400 M Medley Relay

Saturday, January 31, 2026 - Session 2 - Saturday AM

Warm-ups start at 8:00 AM

Meet Session starts at 9:00 AM

#	Sex		Event
201	Mixed		400 M Free
203	Women	(9:00am deadline)	400 M Medley Relay
204	Men	(9:00am deadline)	400 M Medley Relay
205	Women		100 M IM
206	Men		100 M IM
207	Women		200 M Fly
208	Men		200 M Fly
209	Women		25 M Free
210	Men		25 M Free
211	Women		100 M Breast
212	Men		100 M Breast
213	Women		50 M Back
214	Men		50 M Back
215	Mixed	(9:00am deadline)	200 M Free Relay
217	Women		200 M Free
218	Men		200 M Free
219	Women	(9:00am deadline)	200 M Medley Relay
220	Men	(9:00am deadline)	200 M Medley Relay
221	Women		100 M Back

#	Sex		Event
222	Men		100 M Back
223	Women		50 M Breast
224	Men		50 M Breast
225	Women		50 M Free
226	Men		50 M Free
227	Mixed	(9:00am deadline)	800 M Free Relay

Sunday, February 1, 2026 - Session 3 - Sunday 1500 Free

Warm-ups start at 7:00 AM

Meet Session starts at 8:00 AM

#	Sex	Event
300	Mixed	1500 M Free

Sunday, February 1, 2026 - Session 4 - After 1500 Free

Warm-ups start at 9:45 AM

Meet Session starts at 10:30 AM

#	Sex		Event
301	Mixed	(9:30am deadline)	400 M Free Relay
303	Women		50 M Fly
304	Men		50 M Fly
305	Women		200 M Back
306	Men		200 M Back
307	Mixed	(10:30am deadline)	200 M Medley Relay
309	Women		200 M Breast
310	Men		200 M Breast
311	Women		25 M Back
312	Men		25 M Back
313	Women		100 M Free
314	Men		100 M Free
315	Women		200 M IM
316	Men		200 M IM
317	Women	(10:30am deadline)	200 M Free Relay
318	Men	(10:30am deadline)	200 M Free Relay
319	Women		100 M Fly
320	Men		100 M Fly
321	Women	(10:30am deadline)	400 M Free Relay
322	Men	(10:30am deadline)	400 M Free Relay