



# TBAY 17<sup>th</sup> Gasparilla Races

## February 16-18, 2024

**Sanctioned by:**

Florida Swimming of USA Swimming Sanction: **#FL-6629**

"In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA-S and FL shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims from damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event."

**Condition  
of Sanction:**

1. Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.
2. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming, OR the competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2(C).
3. Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged.
4. Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the USA-S Vice President of Program Operations.
5. All adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

**Sponsored by:**

Tampa Preparatory School

**Location:**

Tampa Preparatory School - Colwill Aquatic Center  
727 West Cass Street  
Tampa, FL 33606



**Type of Meet:**

Age Group and Senior/Open 25 yard short course, timed finals, Friday-Sunday, February 16-18, 2024.

**All events will be swum as mixed events, scored separately by gender and age groups.**

**All events will be seeded fastest to slowest!**

**This meet will be capped at 325 swimmers.**

**Format:**

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Age Group & Senior/Open Timed Finals

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Age Group & Senior/Open Timed Finals

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Age Group & Senior/Open Timed Finals

\*\*The meet organizing committee has the right to change sessions and session start times based on entries after they are received.

**Eligibility:**

Only 2024 USA Swimming registered athletes are eligible for this meet. On deck 2024 athlete registration will not be allowed.

**Camera Zone:**

Per Florida Swimming Rule 223.13 meet management shall designate and inform the public of "Camera Zones" at each swim meet where both still photography and video photography of a race or a competitor in a race may be taken. Acceptable "Camera Zones" may include, but are not limited to the side courses of a pool, team gathering areas, concession area, turn-end of competition course when not in use as a "start- use for "race starting purposes" during competition and warm-ups, locker rooms, restrooms, or any other dressing area. Any individual failing to abide by this rule could be subject to the Florida Swimming Code of Conduct violation as defined in Rule 239.2.end," etc. Meet Management shall also designate "Non-Camera Zones." Under NO circumstances will Cameras be permitted in the area immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) while they are in use.



**Pool Spec:** Certified 25-yard pool with 8 short course racing lanes having a minimum depth of 4 feet at both starting ends, and non turbulent lane lines. 8 Lanes will be used for competition. There are 4 lanes of 10 yards for warming down.

**Medical Supervision:** Lifeguards on duty and 5 AED devices available.

**Timing Equipment:** Daktronics scoreboard, touchpads and timing system (manual back-up watches).

**Warm-ups**

**& Start Times:**

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

4:00 PM ~ Open Warm-Ups  
5:30 PM ~ Meet Start

**Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

7:00 AM ~ Assigned Warm-up Times  
9:00 AM ~ Meet Start

**PLEASE NOTE** – The meet organizing committee will have the right, if needed, to move the warm up times and start times as well as split sessions (AM/PM) after all entries have been received.

**Distance Events:** Distance events are positive check-in events. Friday's events are all deck seeded; positive check-ins are required to be seeded by 4:30 p.m. Athletes not checked in will be allowed to swim in open lanes, first come, first serve basis, no new heats will be created. Depending on entries, we reserve the right to swim 6 lanes to open up some warm up and warm down lanes.

**Check in Events:** There will be positive check-in for all distance events (1000/1650), 400 IM and 500 Fr.

**Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Open 400IM 4:30 PM Check in Deadline Top 36 Per Gender \*Seeding Breakdown Below  
Open 1000Fr 4:30 PM Check in Deadline Top 16 Per Gender \*Seeding Breakdown Below  
Open 1650Fr 4:30 PM Check in Deadline Top 16 Per Gender \*Seeding Breakdown Below  
*\*1000 Free & 1650 Free will alternate from fastest to slowest*

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

500 Fr 9:00AM Check in Deadline Top 32 Per Gender \*Seeding Breakdown Below

**Seeding:** Only 25-yard times will be used for seeding. **NT (No Time) entries WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED for this competition in the distance events (400IM, 500fr, 1000/1650fr).**

***Seeding Breakdown Per Age/Per Gender***

**400 IM (36 per gender consist of)**

Top 16 14 & under  
Top 12 15-16  
Top 8 17+

**1000Fr (16 per gender consist of)**

Top 8 14 & under  
Top 8 15 +

**1650Fr (16 per gender consist of)**

Top 8 14 & under  
Top 8 15 +

**Open 500Fr (32 per gender consist of)**

Top 12 13-14  
Top 12 15-16  
Top 8 17+

*\*No refunds for athletes that do not make the cut for Top 36, 16, 16, 32*

*\*If age categories are not filled, the extra spots will be added to other age groups in turn, oldest age group to youngest, until max spaces are filled*

**Scratches:** No penalty for scratching on the block with the exception of deck seeded events. Swimmers who are positively checked in and fail to swim that event will be barred from their next individual event.



- Entry Limit:** This meet will be capped at **325 swimmers**. Entries will be limited to keep the meet under four hours per session. Fly over starts may be used to control the length of the meet. Swimmers will be limited to a maximum of three (3) events per day and seven (7) total for the entire competition. Swimmers posting entries over the event limit will be considered as entered in the first three (3) events listed for each day or first seven (7) for the meet. **All entries must have an entry time. There will be no NT (No Time) entries accepted for this competition.**
- Entry Submittal:** Entries must be submitted in Hy-Tek format, and **ONLY** by e-mail to the TBAY Entry Chairman Jason Bowes ([jason@tbaynation.com](mailto:jason@tbaynation.com))
- Entry Fee:** \$60 entry fee for ALL athletes. ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE START OF THE MEET. NO SWIMMERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO COMPETE IN THE MEET UNTIL ALL ENTRY FEES ARE PAID.
- Deck Entry:** Deck entries (\$10) will be accepted to fill heats only and are only for swimmers already entered in the meet. No new heats will be created. All deck entries must be accepted by the referee and assigned a lane by 9:00 A.M. A swimmer may not drop an event to deck enter another event, and the entry limit of 3 total events remains.
- Entry Deadline:** **All entries must be submitted by 5:00pm on Thursday, February 8, 2024**
- Awards/Scoring:** Individual scoring 10-7-6-5-4-3-2-1  
There will be high point winners for 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each age group girls/boys 8&u, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17 & over.  
**All events will be swum as mixed events, scored separately by gender and age groups.**  
**All events will be seeded fastest to slowest!**  
**This meet will be capped at 325 swimmers.**
- Rules:** Current USA Swimming Technical rules will govern. Safety Rules as outlined by USA Swimming, and as recommended by the Head Marshall, will be in effect during all warm-up periods and in all warm-up areas. All coaches must have their current 2022 USA Swimming coaching credentials in plain sight, while on the deck of the pool.
- Special Notice:** There will be **NO PARENTS** allowed on deck at any time during the Gasparilla Races Invite. If parents are given a warning, the following interaction can result in parent or parents being asked to leave the campus by Tampa Preparatory School's Security.
- Team Representative:** Prior to the start of the meet, the name of one person other than the coach who will check with the referee about any matter pertaining to the meet may be given to the referee. That person must be a current non-Athlete member of USA Swimming. The coach and only that person will be recognized.
- Proof of Coach/ Official Credential:** Coaches and Officials shall wear their USA Swimming Registration card in a conspicuous manner on their person at all times while on the deck or show Deck Pass for current USA-S membership during the meet.
- Warm-Up Rules:** Eight lanes are available for open / assigned warm-ups prior to the beginning of each session. Warm up schedule/times will be posted and sent out Thursday, February 16th, 2024.  
**\*\*\* Except for racing starts, swimmers must enter the pool feet first with one hand on the deck of the pool. \*\*\***
- NO TRAINING EQUIPMENT WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE POOL AT ANY TIME.
- Officials:**
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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Meet Referee:            | Wendi Meehan    |
| Starter:                 | Andrej Petrov   |
| Administrative Official: | Nate Braun      |
| Head Stroke & Turn:      | Melinda Goldman |
| Meet Marshal:            | Clement Lachat  |
| Meet Manager:            | Jason Bowes     |
- Information:** Jason Bowes [jason@tbaynation.com](mailto:jason@tbaynation.com)



**Order of Events**

**Swimmers May Enter a Maximum of 3 events Per Session (7 Total)**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2023 5:30PM START		
EVENT #	AGE GROUP	EVENT
01	OPEN	MIXED 400 IM*
02	OPEN	MIXED 100 IM
03	OPEN	MIXED 1000 FREE*
04	OPEN	MIXED 1650 FREE*

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2023 9:00AM START		
EVENT #	AGE GROUP	EVENT
05	OPEN	MIXED 50 FLY
06	OPEN	MIXED 100 BREAST
07	OPEN	MIXED 200 IM
08	OPEN	MIXED 50 BREAST
09	OPEN	MIXED 100 FLY
10	OPEN	MIXED 200 BACK
11	OPEN	MIXED 200 FREE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2023 9:00AM START		
EVENT #	AGE GROUP	EVENT
12	OPEN	MIXED 50 BACK
13	OPEN	MIXED 200 FLY
14	OPEN	MIXED 100 FREE
15	OPEN	MIXED 200 BREAST
16	OPEN	MIXED 50 FREE
17	OPEN	MIXED 100 BACK
18	OPEN	MIXED 500 FREE*



## HOTELS

\*\* Plenty of surrounding restaurants\*\*

**Residence Inn Tampa Downtown** (5 min walk to pool)

**Address:** 101 E Tyler St, Tampa, FL 33602

**Phone:**(800) 627-7468

**Website -** <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpatd-residence-inn-tampa-downtown/>

**Courtyard Tampa Downtown** (5 min walk to pool)

**Address:** 102 E Cass St, Tampa, FL 33602

**Phone:**(813) 229-1100

**Website -** <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpadt-courtyard-tampa-downtown/>

**Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel** (10 min walk to pool)

**Address:** 200 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602

**Phone:**(813) 223-2222

**Website -** <http://www.sheratontampariverwalk.com>

**Hilton Tampa Downtown**(10 min walk to pool)

**Address:** 211 N Tampa St, Tampa, FL 33602

**Phone:**(813) 204-3000

**Website -** <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/hilton-tampa-downtown-TPANTHF/index.html>

**Embassy Suites Tampa - Downtown Convention Center** (5 min Drive)

**Address:** 513 S Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33602

**Phone:**(813) 769-8300

**Website -** <http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/embassy-suites-tampa-downtown-convention-center-TPAESES/>

**Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina** (5 min Drive)

**Address:** 700 S Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33602

**Phone:**(813) 221-4900

**Website -** <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpamc-tampa-marriott-waterside-hotel-and-marina/>