



**Points of Note from Swim Ireland Board Meeting held on 19 September 2023 for Clubs, Regions, and Staff**

**SWIM IRELAND BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**POINTS OF NOTE FOR CLUBS, REGIONS, AND STAFF**

The Swim Ireland Board of Directors held its third meeting post AGM on Tuesday 19 May 2023. The meeting took place in Irish Sports HQ. The following Points of Note may be of interest:

- Swim Ireland Head of Safeguarding, Ethics and Youth Development delivered an update to the Board on Safeguarding, covering the period 1/9/22 – 31/8/23. She drew particular attention to the high levels of engagement amongst Club Children's Officers (CCOs) in the monthly CCO Forums. 87 of the 139 Clubs with young people are engaging. She also referenced that 16 new Safeguarding Level 1 Tutors have been trained and will provide support to deliver courses throughout the island. In the period covered by the Report, 5,617 candidates completed this course. The Report will be published in the coming weeks. The Board reviewed the case trends in recent years and noted that the 2023 cases to date (11) are all related to behaviour which reflects a wider societal trend post COVID.
- Swim Ireland National Performance Director (NPD) Jon Rudd delivered an update on the Summer International Championships and the key strategic priorities for the immediate future. The Board noted that 4 athletes have already achieved Olympic nomination standards. These are Daniel Wiffen, Mona McSharry, Ellen Walsh, and Tom Fannon; However, Tom's time was not achieved at a designated meet outlined within the Nomination Policy.
- The Board noted the current Olympic relay qualification status - Female 400m Medley Relay (13th); Male 400m Medley Relay (15th); Female 400 Freestyle Relay (15th) with Top 16 to qualify. The NPD advised that clarification has been sought regarding relay qualifications, due to the ambiguous nature of some of the World Aquatic Rules. It is unclear at present if a qualifying relay team that does not have any swimmers with a World Aquatics Olympic Qualifying Time will be allowed to compete.
- The Board approved minor edits to the 2024 Olympic Games Nomination Policy (Swimming) which will now be forwarded to the Olympic Federation of Ireland for approval prior to publication.
- The Board approved changes to the Swim Ireland Complaints & Disciplinary Policies and Procedures



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- The Board reviewed the Finance Report and Management Accounts for August 2023 and was satisfied that the finances are being managed prudently.
- The Board received an update on a mix of operational matters including the restructuring of some areas of the business and discussed the importance of future proofing the organisation.
- The Board approved the Draft 2024 Business Plan and Budget for submission to Sport Ireland as part of the Core Grant application.

**The next meeting of the Board will take place on Tuesday 24 October 2023**