

Motions

The Membership is asked to vote on four (4) separate motions. An explanation of the motions is contained in this document and the specific wording is at Appendix A – Resolutions. Motions 1, 2 and 3 are Special Resolutions requiring changes to Swim Ireland's (**Swim Ireland**) memorandum and articles of association (**M&A**) and must receive a 75% majority of votes cast in favour to be accepted. Motion 4 is an Ordinary Resolution, does not require changes to Swim Ireland's M&A and must receive a +50% (simple majority) of votes cast in favour to be accepted.

Motion 1 – Amendment to increase the number of Board Directors by 1 to allow for the addition of an Athlete Nominee.

The rationale for proposing this Motion is to be more closely aligned with World and European Aquatics Structures and to further increase the athlete voice throughout our organisation. Such Nominee shall be a retired athlete nominated by the Swimming & Diving Athlete Commission and the Water Polo Athlete Commission (the **Athlete Commissions**) who is a current or former member of a Swim Ireland Club.

If passed, for this initial nomination, the Athlete Commissions will be asked to nominate someone to the role within 1 month of the upcoming AGM and such appointment shall be for a two (2) year term of office. Thereafter nominations shall be made in advance of the relevant AGM and the names of nominees shall be advised to the Membership in line with the notice periods set out in the M&A, for all vacancies arising on the Board.

Motion 2 – Amendment to provide that members of the Masters Committee will be appointed rather than elected.

This amendment will provide that the members of the Masters Committee be appointed rather than elected allowing the community to target individuals with specific skill sets to serve on the Committee. Changes to the Terms of Reference of the Masters Committee to give the Masters Committee more of a developmental role will be made following the AGM.

Motion 3 – Amendment to allow Water Polo Clubs to nominate a non-Water Polo Club member to the National Water Polo Committee

Currently the M&A do not allow anyone who is not a member of a Water Polo Club to be nominated for a position on the National Water Polo Committee (**NWPC**). The current Chairperson, is not a member of the Water Polo Club, was co-opted to the role and has brought a valuable independent perspective to the NWPC. This amendment would allow (not require) Water Polo Clubs to nominate a non-Water Polo member (albeit the nominee shall be a member of a Swim Ireland Club) to the NWPC. There will be no change to the relevant article of the M&A which states that the majority of members of the NWPC must be actively involved in the sport of Water Polo.

Motion 4 – To set the Annual Affiliation Fee for the Organisation

Swim Ireland's M&A specify that the Annual Affiliation Fee in respect of most categories of membership is set by the Membership at the AGM. This Motion proposes that the fees be set as per the table below for each of the next three years. It is the first time that the Board has sought an increase in fees since 2018. If accepted, the increase will come into effect for the 2024/25 registration period. If accepted, the fees will be as set out in the table below.

Membership Type	Leinster/Connacht/Munster				Ulster Swim & Water Polo Clubs*			
	Current Fee	2024	2025	2026	Current Fee	2024	2025	2026
Competitor	€45	€50	€55	€60	€28	€31	34	37
Second Family Member	€38	€43	€48	€53	€24	€24	€27	€30
Third and Subsequent Family Member	€34	€39	€44	€49	€21	€21	€24	€27
Non- Competitor	€27	€30	€33	€36	€18	€21	€24	€27
Second Family Member	€23	€26	€29	€32	€15	€18	€21	€24
Third and Subsequent Family Member	€20	€23	€26	€29	€13	€16	€19	€21

*The differences in pricing between Ulster and the other provinces arise because clubs in Ulster are insured under the umbrella of Swim Ulster. It should also be noted that, prior to Brexit Ulster Water Polo clubs were insured by Swim Ireland and paid the higher fee. The changes proposed will mean a reduction in fees for Ulster Water Polo Clubs.

Appendix A
The Resolutions

AS A SINGLE SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE COMPANY:

1. Amendments to the Articles of Association

a) That the following amendments be made to the Articles

- i. That Article 64 be amended by the deletion of the number eleven (11) and its replacement with the number twelve (12) and by the addition of new clause (g) which shall read
(g) One (1) Athlete Nominee, who shall be a retired athlete nominated by the Athlete Commissions who is a current or former member of a Swim Ireland Club. For the avoidance of doubt, such nominee is not required to be a member of a Swim Ireland Club.
- ii. That Article 65 be amended by the addition of a new clause (e) which shall read
(e) The Athlete Nominee shall be a retired athlete who is a current or former member of a Swim Ireland Club nominated by the Athlete Commissions. Such Athlete Nominee shall be advised by the Athlete Commissions to the Company Secretary at least 21 days in advance of the AGM.
- iii. That Article 69 be amended by the addition of a new clause (d) which shall read
(d) Appoint any person to fill a casual vacancy as an Athlete Nominee. Such person so appointed shall hold office until the next AGM and shall then be eligible for re-election subject to the provisions of these Articles.
- iv. That Article 1(a) be amended by the inclusion of the definition "Athlete Commissions" which "means either or both of the Swimming & Diving Athlete Commission and the Water Polo Athlete Commission appointed by the Board".
- v. That new Article 87 be inserted which shall read

87. The Athlete Nominee shall be a retired athlete who is a current or former member of a Swim Ireland Club nominated by the Athletes Commissions.

- vi. That subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly.

AS A SINGLE SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE COMPANY:

2. Amendments to the Articles of Association

a) That the following amendments be made to the Articles

- i. That Article 124 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Article 124 which shall read.

Article 126. The Masters Committee shall consist of a maximum of eight (8) persons (excluding the ex officio members), with at least one of whom shall be from each of the Regions. The Board shall appoint such persons from time to time and may remove any such person from this Committee at any time.

AS A SINGLE SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE COMPANY:

3. Amendments to the Articles of Association

That the following amendments be made to the Articles

a) That Article 132 (c) be deleted in its entirety and be amended by the insertion of new clauses which shall read;

134(c) *The secretary of the National Water Polo Committee shall invite nominations from all Water Polo clubs in respect of any upcoming vacancy on the National Water Polo Committee in good time before such nominations must be received.*

134(d) *Nominees must be members of a Swim Ireland Club and must be nominated by at least two (2) Clubs one of which must be their own.*

134(e) *Regional Nominees must be members of a Swim Ireland Club and must be nominated by at least two (2) Clubs in their Region, one (1) of which must be their own.*

134(f) *In the case of Clubs, nominations must be approved at a committee meeting of the relevant Club which must be held in advance of the closing date for receipt of nominations.*

b) That subsequent clauses be re-numbered accordingly.

AS A SINGLE ORDINARY RESOLUTION OF THE COMPANY

Motion 1

The Annual Subscription Fee payable in respect of Club Membership shall be set for the next three years at:

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Date: