



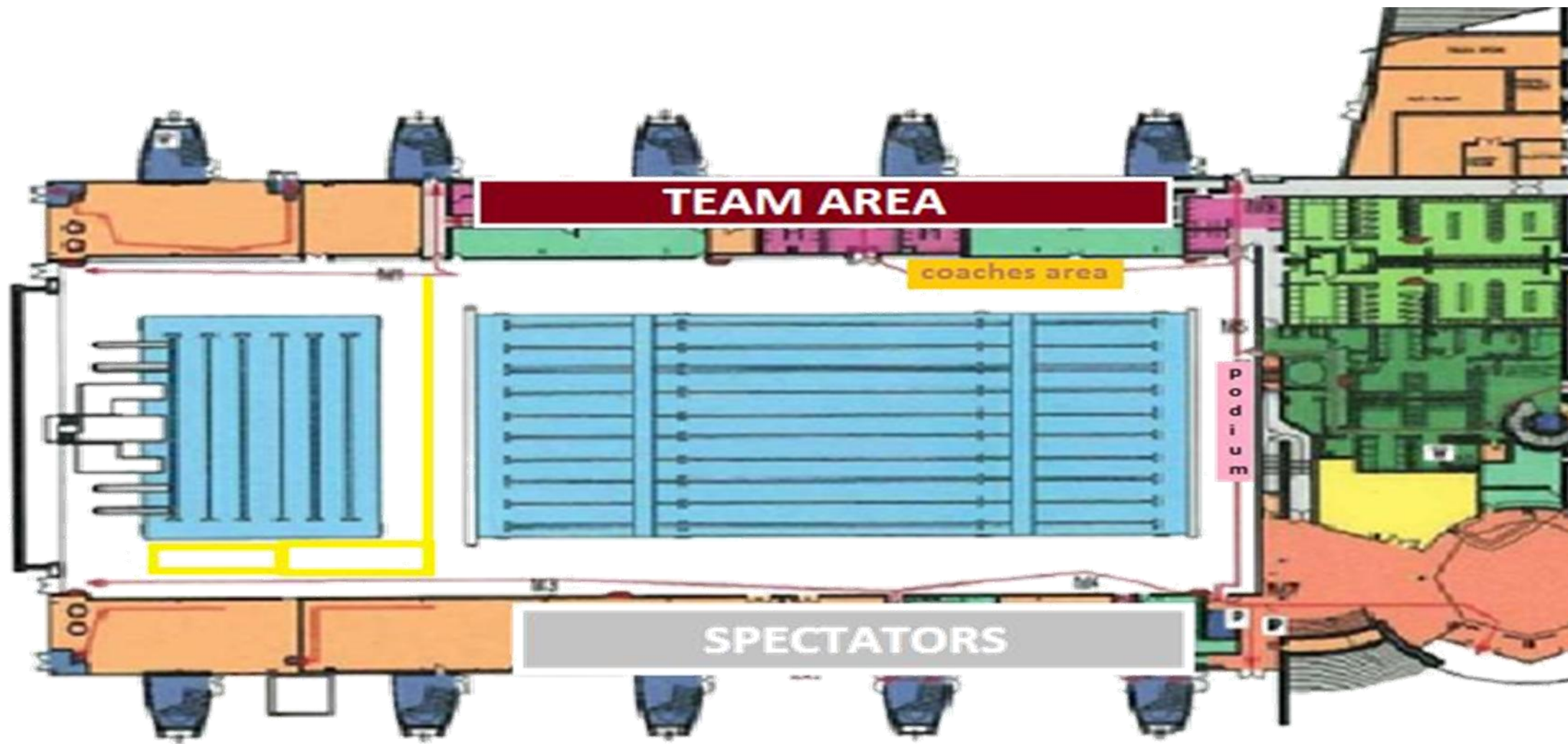
Irish Minor Schools 2025
National Aquatic Centre, Dublin
30th March 2025

Event Team

Role	Name
Event Director	Pat Daly
Announcer	Ashley Godden
Meet Referees	Joe Gavaghan & Mary Haughney
Recorder	Caroline Bentley
Timing Staff	Eoghan Murphy

Venue Overview





Changing Rooms



General Meet Information

PLAN FOR THE DAY

Morning Session (Session 1)

Warm up

Female U9: 8.30 – 8.45am

Female U10: 8.45 – 9.00am

Male & Open U9: 9.00 – 9.15am

Male & Open U10: 9.15 – 9.45am

Competition Start 10.00am

Afternoon Session (Session 2)

Warm Up

Female U11: 1.15 – 1.30pm

Female U12: 1.30 – 1.45pm

Male & Open U11: 1.45 – 2.00pm

Male & Open U12: 2.00 – 2.15pm

Competition Start 2.30pm

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Morning Session – Ages 9 and 10 years

Event No	Gender	Event
1	Girls	50 Freestyle
2	Boys	50 Freestyle
3	Girls	50 Breaststroke
4	Boys	50 Breaststroke
5	Girls	4x50 Medley Relay (HDW)
6	Boys	4x50 Medley Relay (HDW)
FINALS FOR EVENTS 1 to 4 (approx. 11am)		
7	Girls	50 Backstroke
8	Boys	50 Backstroke
9	Girls	50 Butterfly
10	Boys	50 Butterfly
11	Girls	4x50 Free Relay (HDW)
12	Boys	4x50 Free Relay (HDW)
FINALS FOR EVENTS 7 to 10 (approx. 12pm)		

**HDW = heat declared
winner**

Afternoon Session - Ages 11 and 12 years

HDW = heat declared winner

Event No	Gender	Event
13	Girls	100 IM (HDW)
14	Boys	100 IM (HDW)
15	Girls	50 Freestyle
16	Boys	50 Freestyle
17	Girls	50 Breaststroke
18	Boys	50 Breaststroke
19	Girls	4x50 Medley Relay (HDW)
20	Boys	4x50 Medley Relay (HDW)
FINALS FOR EVENTS 15 – 18 (approx. 4pm)		
21	Girls	50 Backstroke
22	Boys	50 Backstroke
23	Girls	50 Butterfly
24	Boys	50 Butterfly
25	Girls	4x50 Free Relay (HDW)
26	Boys	4x50 Free Relay (HDW)
FINALS FOR EVENTS 21 – 24 (approx. 6.15pm)		

Announcements

We will have a professional announcer on duty all day.
It is very important that you listen to all announcements.

They will announce:

- When to go to the call area,
- The results of the heats & who is swimming in the finals,
- Who are the medallists in the finals and HDW events.

Line Up – getting ready for the race

- **Listen** for announcements in the lead up to each event
- **Line up** – swimmers must be at line up **15 minutes before** the time for the event
- **Heat and Lane numbers** – swimmers need to know what heat and lane they are in
- **Ask for help** – Volunteers and Officials will help

No parents/carers allowed on deck during races

Line Up – nearly time to race!

1. Swimmers line up on the pool deck in heat order & by lane number
2. Swimmers move to line of chairs beside starting blocks:

Back Row – 3 heats to your swim

Middle Row – 2 heats to your swim

Front Row – 1 heat to your swim

Ready to swim – waiting at the blocks in your lane

Parents/Carers: We need your help to make sure your swimmer gets to their race on time.

In the event of missing a heat we will make effort to get the swimmer an alternative space, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Medals & Awards

In each age group the top 3 Swimmers from the Finals and HDW events will be presented with medals.

Medal presentations will take place:

At the end of Session 1

At the end of Session 2

It is important that the swimmers receiving medals are fully clothed in **school tracksuit and wearing footwear.**

Swimming Rules

- This competition will be run under World Aquatic Rules.
- Please ensure that your child understands the rules of the stroke event that they are taking part in.
- We have a number of senior swimming officials in attendance to ensure every swimmer gets a correct and fair race.
- If a swimmer infringes on the rules of swimming, they may be disqualified. We will always try and avoid this situation.

Time Keepers

We need 11 timekeepers for each session (So far we only have 3, the competition will not start until we have all in place) If you can volunteer please email patdaly@swimireland.ie

All volunteers should make themselves known at the announcer's desk **at the start of warm up**

Briefing: 9.40am for the morning session

Briefing: 2.10pm for the afternoon session

It would be greatly appreciated if volunteers can sign up in plenty of time so as the sessions can start and run on time



Time keepers and volunteers

- Briefings will be in marshal room on pool deck
- Club officials are asked to wear black pants/skirt.
- Swim Ireland t-shirt will be provided at the sign in desk
- Bags should be left in the lockers in the changing village
- Please bring your own water bottle, there will be water fountains around the venue

Finals

Heats & Finals will be 10 lanes

Age groups for the finals are as follows

Age 9

Age 10

Age 11

Age 12

The 100IM is a heat declared winner (HDW) i.e. there is no final
All the Relays are heat declared winners (HDW)

General Info for All including Parent/carer & Spectators

Car Parking

There will be car park stewards in attendance for this event.

When you come in the main gate, you will be instructed to turn right immediately, continue along the side of the building, you will then be guided onto the grass area for parking.

If the grass area becomes full, you will be instructed to park in another area of the campus

Please be respectful to the car park stewards.

Information

Manned information point (under the scoreboard)

- Open at start of morning warm up to end of morning session
- Open during warm up in afternoon session

Volunteers and Staff

- Wearing yellow hi-vis vests
- Ask for information

Competition announcements and Information signs

- Listen to the announcer for information
- Information signs to help direct you

Information cont.

Heat Sheets

- Available for sale at the Camera Registration table (cost of €2 each)

Photographic Devices

If you wish to take images e.g.,
photographs or videos, your
device **MUST** be registered

Required:

Name

Address

Type of device make/model

Photographic ID



Swim Ireland camera registration desk on 1st floor beside scoreboard

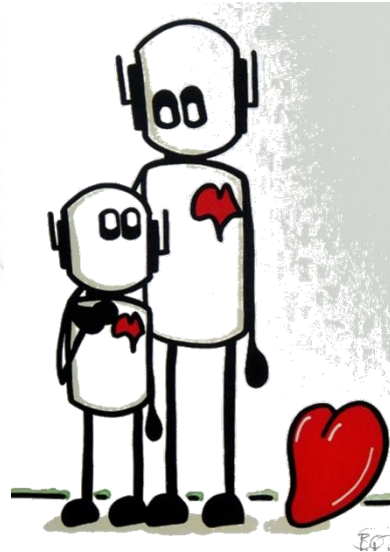
DO's and DON'T's of taking photos

What NOT to do:

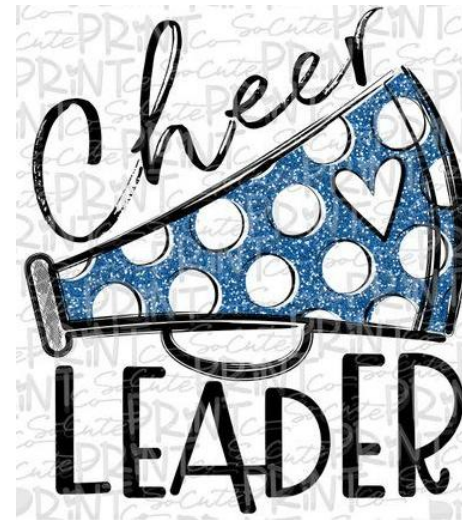
- Don't take pictures of other people's children
- Don't take pictures on the poolside
- Don't take pictures of children in their togs
- Don't take pictures with an unregistered device

What to do:

- **Register** your camera device
- **Switch off/put away** device in changing areas/toilets
- **Action shots only** if child is in togs
- Make sure your child is **clothed** for posed photos



Guide & Supporter



Being a Parent/Carer means ...

Understanding:

- Children need to try different sports
- Making mistakes is part of learning
- Praise your child's:
 - EFFORT when working hard
 - ATTITUDE when supportive & team player)

Being a positive parent/carer:

- Being a role model
- Letting your child talk
- Encourage responsibility
- Recognise their emotions
- Check in with what they need

Sport is a journey to enjoy all their lives

Positive messages... say:

“I love watching you”

“I’m proud of you”

And best of all:

“What do you think?”

Questions?



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Thank You!

We hope everyone
has a safe and
enjoyable
competition.

