SWIM IRELAND

2026

IRISH MINOR SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT GUIDE

SPORT IRELAND NATIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE
SPORT IRELAND CAMPUS, DUBLIN

Sunday, 29th March

SPORT IRELAND

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MEET CONDITIONS

VENUE INFORMATION

This competition will take place in the National Aquatic Centre, Sport Ireland Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

The National Aquatic Centre is a 10 lane 25m pool. The competition pool has anti-turbulence lane ropes, wedge starting blocks and backstroke ledges.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

Qualifying times **must** have been achieved at the **Regional Minor Schools competitions in the 25/26 season**.

A school must have competed in a relay event at the Regional Minor Schools competitions in order to compete in this Meet. Schools may substitute swimmers for their relays if they wish.

ENTRIES

Entry Deadlines

Closing date for entries is **5.00pm Friday 20th March 2026**
STRICTLY NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Individual Event Entries

A swimmer can swim in a maximum of 2 individual events.

Relay Entries

A maximum of **one** relay team can be entered **per school /per relay event**.
Approximate entry times should be included for all relays. Swimmers can be entered in a relay only for this competition and do not have to be competing in individual events. Individual swimmers can swim in a maximum of 2 relay events only.

The names of the 4 relay team members swimming in the race and the order of swimming must be declared on the entry submission. Amendments can be made where necessary on the day up to 1 hour before the event session start time by completing the Team Declaration Sheet and submitting to the Swim Office Table. This Sheet will be at Swim Office Table on the morning of the Meet and can be collected and completed by the Schools Team managers

Relay teams must comprise 2 swimmers who are in their own age group and up to 2 swimmers may swim up to make a relay team. **Swimmers cannot swim down an age group.**

Relay swimmers must be current, full time students in the school they are swimming for. All competing swimmers must be entered in the meet, no new swimmer entry will be accepted on the day.

Relay teams are Male & Open and Female.

Relay teams that swim in an order that is different from the declared order of swimming shall be disqualified in accordance with WA Rule SW 10.12.

Entry Fees

Individual entries cost €9

Relay entries cost €25

Entry fees must be paid on submission of entries (Card processing charge will be applied).
*Please note that entries are non-refundable once the Entry Deadline has passed

TEAM MANAGER

Each school must have a designated School Representatives /Lead Team Manager. They are asked to submit entries on behalf of the school. Entries must include contact details for a School representative/Lead Team Manager with their entries.

A Team Manager must be present at the swim meet for the full time that any swimmer from the school is there, ensuring support and supervision throughout the event. This role can be filled by a Swim Teacher, PE teacher, Parent, School Staff member or a Club representative. More than one Team manager can be appointed by the school if required.

*Please note Team managers must seek permission first from their schools before submitting entries in this Meet. Entries will be removed if the school notifies us that they did not approve entry of their school into the event.

Swim Ireland recommends that this Team Manager has experience in the role at club meets.

ENTRIES

This year all entries are to be submitted via FastWave Swim Management platform.

Please follow the instructions in the Fastwave Entry Guides which have been issued with this Meet information document and is available on our website. It explains how School Representative can submit their entries via http://www.fastwave.ie/events.

Entry fees must be paid on submission of entries (Card processing charge will be applied).

It is vital that Swim Ireland affiliated Swimmers (i.e. Swimmers who are members of a swimming club) should enter their Swim Ireland Membership Number during the entry process for their times achieved to be considered for future meets

The Team Manager may set up a School User account or a Swimming Club Account (if a Swimming club representative is acting on a schools behalf) on the Fastwave platform and submit entries following the Fastwave Entry Guides

Queries or questions relation to the entry platform should be directed towards – support@fastwave.ie

Entry Options available.

a) If a single swimmer (or siblings) wishes to enter, their parent can take on the task of entry. In this case they will be acting as "Team Manager" from an administrative position only i.e. there is no requirement for valid safeguarding and vetting qualifications when a parent is supervising their own child/children. They can set up their own School User account on Fastwave if they do not have an account already, and submit entries for their swimmers. **Parents must have school permission to submit entries.**

b) If a small number of individuals, or swimmers who are not part of a club, wish to enter, a parent or another suitable adult (e.g., a Swim Teacher, PE Teacher, etc.) may take on the School Representative role. This person can act as the School Representative/Lead Team Manager with the school's approval, in accordance with the school's safeguarding policies and procedures.

They may set up a School User account on the Fastwave platform and submit entries. Please note that option (a) may still be used in this situation, where the Lead Team Manager permits individual parents to create accounts and submit their own swimmer's individual entries. In this case, parents must list the Lead Team Manager on their submission, and the Lead Team Manager will submit the Relay Team entries on behalf of the school.

c) Where schools already have a school swim team/club or have had entries submitted via a Swim Ireland club on their behalf in previous years, those arrangements can continue as normal. Clubs Team Managers must have valid safeguarding and vetting qualifications. They can set up a Club account on the Fastwave platform and submit entries either by "Add New Swimmer" method or Hytek file upload to the entry platform (a Hy-tek event file is available to download as part of the Meet information documents on Fastwave).

If a Club submits entries, they **must advise the swimmers/parents to seek permission first** from their schools before confirming entry in this meet. Note- entries will be removed if the school notifies us that they did not approve entry of their school into the event.

SWIMMING COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition will consist of 50m in all 4 strokes and 100m Individual Medley.

Events will be seeded slow to fast in entry time order and the top 10 in each age group will progress to the finals.

For Schools Swimming the swimmers age is their age on **31st August 2026** and ages are automatically calculated by the software used to run the competition.

Age 9: born 01/09/2016-31/08/2017
Age 10: born 01/09/2015-31/08/2016
Age 11: born 01/09/2014-31/08/2015
Age 12: born 01/09/2013-31/08/2014

In accordance with the Swim Ireland Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy, the categories

for competitive swimming are now defined as follows:

1. **Female** – athletes with a birth sex of female
2. **Male & Open** – athletes with a birth sex of male, trans or non-binary competitors and any

competitor not eligible for the Female category

MEDALS AND AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each age band for Individual events and relays.

COMPETITION RULES

These Meet Conditions must be read in conjunction with the Swim Ireland General Event Rules available on the SI website.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

PARENTS MEETING

Parents are invited to attend an information prior to the event. Full details regarding the competition and venue will be outlined and a question and answer session will be facilitated. This meeting will take place on Thursday 26th March 2026 @ 7.00pm via Zoom Attendance at this meeting is advisable. A Link to this zoom meeting will be issued to the Lead Team managers/School User who submitted entries after the Entry Deadline, and this link should be shared with Parents/Teachers or other Adults attending the meet.

WITHDRAWALS

Any withdrawals/scratches or relay name changes can be made via **FastWave** Swim Management.

Team managers can Log into their account and update their entries or make withdrawals/scratched up until by **5pm of Friday 20th March.**

Further withdrawals or amendments to relay names must be made on the morning of the Event, up to 1 hour before the Meet Session start time by completing a Relay Team Declaration Sheet and submitted to the Swim Office Table.

SWIMSUITS

Tech Suits will not be permitted at the Minor Schools Meets. We ask schools to ensure coaches, parents and athletes are fully aware of the policy so that we can avoid any negative experiences on poolside. This will apply to all swimmers at this event. Full details of the Swim Ireland policy can be found HERE

HEALTH & SAFETY

Please refer to the Health & Safety guidelines at the back of this document and also the Swim Ireland Code of Practice for Safety (Swimming).

OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS

Swimming Meets cannot be run without Officials and volunteers to help on the Day. Where we do not have the required number of licensed officials available for a session, schools may be assigned roles based on the ratio of 4:1 (4 swimmers to 1 Official).

Roles required are:

- **Timekeepers** – Use a stopwatch, Check that the correct swimmer is at the starting block (their name is on your lane sheet) click button to start stopwatch when race starts, stop when swimmers finish the race by touching the wall, note the time on their lane sheet.
- **Line Up attendants** - will be given a list of events and swimmers that are swimming in that event. They organize the swimmers, line them up in the order in which they are swimming and send them out to their race.
- **General Assistance** –we'll find you a role Posting Results, general runner, crowd control etc.

A link to Register for volunteer duties will be issued to the Lead Team managers/School User who submitted entries after the Entry Deadline, and this link can be shared with Parents/Teachers or other Adults attending the meet. Training will be given on the day 30min before the event start time. The role can be split across the Session amongst a number of parents but it is the Schools responsibility to ensure the role is covered for the duration assigned.

As per Swim Ireland's new officials' uniform, officials and volunteers are asked to wear black bottoms, t-shirts will be provided.

FACILITITES

Parking and Catering are available at the venue.

COMMUNICATION

Communication will be via a WhatsApp broadcast leading up to and during Gala Days.
We strongly encourage Team Managers, Parents, Teachers, and Volunteers to join the Meet WhatsApp group as it will be used extensively over the period Heat Sheets, Results, Announcements and Updates etc.

A Link to this WhatsApp group will be issued to the Lead Team managers after the Entry Deadline, and this link should be shared with Parents/Teachers or other Adults attending the meet. **The group is for over 18s only.**

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

The primary safeguarding point of contact at the event in relation to wellbeing and protection matters or accidents is the Meet Director. The secondary point of contact is Kate Hills, Swim Irelands Head of Safeguarding, Ethics & Youth Development katehills@swimireland.ie

PHOTOGRAPHY

It is a condition of attending a Swim Ireland event that swimmers accept they may be photographed or filmed as part of the occasion, either as an individual or as a member of a group. Swimmers may also appear in a photograph or video inadvertently. Parents and swimmers must accept this. All photography and/or filming must be in accordance with Swim Ireland Guidelines.

All devices capable of taking photographs or videos must be switched off when using toilet or changing facilities at any competition venue. Refer to the Full policy here
Photographs cannot be taken at this event without first having registered the photographer and device at the administration desk. Photographic ID must be presented at registration. A wristband will be given to all those who successfully register a photography device. The wristband must be worn at all times. Once registered, photographs are only permitted from the balcony or in the reception area. Photos are not permitted on poolside.

Event Merchandise

Pre-ordered event merchandise can be collected from the athlete/team staff information desk at the event. Please visit the Swim Ireland online shop linked below to purchase your commemorative Event Swim Hats and T-shirts.
Irish Minor Schools – Swim Ireland SHOP

EVENT CONTACT

Please direct all queries to entries@swimireland.ie

QUALIFYING TIMES (age as of 31st August 2026)

Qualifying times **must** have been achieved at the **Regional Minor Schools competitions in the 25/26 season**.

MALE & OPEN				Event	FEMALE			
Age 12	**Age 11**	**Age 10**	**Age 9**		**Age 9**	**Age 10**	**Age 11**	**Age 12**
00:36.00	00:39.00	00:46.00	00:50.00	**50 Freestyle**	00:50.00	00:48.00	00:40.00	00:38.00
00:43.00	00:46.00	00:55.00	01:00.00	**50 Backstroke**	01:00.00	00:56.00	00:48.00	00:45.00
00:48.00	00:52.00	00:57.00	01:05.00	**50 Breaststroke**	01:05.00	00:59.00	00:52.00	00:50.00
00:48.00	00:52.00	00:56.00	01:05.00	**50 Butterfly**	01:05.00	00:58.00	00:55.00	00:50.00
01:40.00	01:49.00			**100 IM**			01:53.00	01:48.00

SESSION SCHEDULE

SESSION 1 - Female and Male & Open age 9 and 10 years

Provisional Times Warm-up 8.30 am, Competition Session 1 Start time 10am (**times are subject to change**, and will not be confirmed until the all entries are finalised)

Event No	Gender	Event
1	Female	50 Freestyle
2	Male & Open	50 Freestyle
3	Female	50 Breaststroke
4	Male & Open	50 Breaststroke
5	Female	4x50 Medley Relay (HDW)
6	Male & Open	4x50 Medley Relay (HDW)
FINALS EVENTS 1 to 4		
7	Female	50 Backstroke
8	Male & Open	50 Backstroke
9	Female	50 Butterfly
10	Male & Open	50 Butterfly
11	Female	4x50 Free Relay (HDW)
12	Male & Open	4x50 Free Relay (HDW)
Finals Event 7 to 10		

SESSION 2 – Female and Male & Open age 11 and 12 years

Provisional Times Warm-up 1.15 pm, Competition Session 2 Start time 2.30pmm (**times are subject to change**, and will not be confirmed until the all entries are finalised)

Event No	Gender	Event
13	Female	100 IM (HDW)
14	Male & Open	100 IM (HDW)
15	Female	50 Freestyle
16	Male & Open	50 Freestyle
17	Female	50 Breaststroke
18	Male & Open	50 Breaststroke
19	Female	4x50 Medley Relay (HDW)
20	Male & Open	4x50 Medley Relay (HDW)
Finals of Events 15 - 18		
21	Female	50 Backstroke
22	Male & Open	50 Backstroke
23	Female	50 Butterfly
24	Male & Open	50 Butterfly
25	Female	4x50 Free Relay (HDW)
26	Male & Open	4x50 Free Relay (HDW)
Finals of Events 21 - 24		

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Swim Ireland Safety Statement - Issues

Safety is the responsibility of every individual involved in the sport.

Risks identified must be reported to either a Club or Meet Official
and formally reported to the facility operator.

All accidents must be formally reported.

General

- By Law all facilities are required to have a Safety Statement in operation. Clubs and Meet Organisers should satisfy themselves that this is the case.
- Any accidents, however minor, must be reported to Swim Ireland (standard Accident Report Form available).
- ALL volunteers who work/help at Swim Ireland events are advised to read the Swim Ireland Safety Statement which is available upon request from the Office.

Clubs

- All Clubs should obtain and read a copy of the Safety Statement of the pool they are hiring.
- It is recommended that clubs identify risks and formally report them in writing to the relevant personnel at the facility.

All Meets

(Club, Regional and National)

- Following a meet at which an incident/accident occurred, the Organiser and Race Referee must complete a Meet Accident Report Form and include their contact details.
- All who attend meets are urged to report any accidents to either the Meet Organiser who immediately reports to the Race Referee or to the Referee directly. Where an accident occurs, Swim Ireland must be informed as soon as possible with a full report presented.
- "Safety at Swim Meets" must be included in all Programmes for all Meets run under Swim Ireland rules. It must also be read out at the start of every session with emphasis placed on item 3 above.
- Officials should be advised by the Race Referee to report any concerns they have over possible risks at the facility and to ensure that reporting procedures are followed.
- Under World Aquatics Law the Referee is in total control of all persons attending the meet and the Referee should take all reasonable steps to ensure their safety.

Safety at Swim Meets

All accidents, however minor must be reported, in writing, to Swim Ireland.

We would ask the co-operation of athletes, coaches, spectators and clubs in the application of the following safety measures. They are in place for everyone's safety.

General

- Everyone attending Meets must familiarise themselves with the locations and operation of emergency exits.
- Anyone observing anything they consider to be a safety hazard should report it to a Meet Official.
- All persons attending Meets must take all steps to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.
- All walkways must be kept clear of bags, equipment, etc.

Starting

- It is the responsibility of competitors, coaches and clubs to ensure that all athletes are sufficiently competent to dive start from competition starting blocks. Alternatively, athletes are reminded that they may start from the poolside.
- In the event of a false start, athletes should perform a safe entry and not fall into the water.

Warm-Up

- Athletes and coaches must ensure that they (and athletes in their charge) take no action that would endanger themselves or others.
- The instructions of those in authority must be obeyed immediately.
- Athletes are not permitted to dive or jump into lanes other than sprint lanes and then only when the area is sufficiently clear to make a safe entry.
- Do not start sprinting in a sprint lane until non-sprinting athletes have cleared it.
- On finishing a sprint immediately clear the way for the following athlete(s).

Around the Pool (e.g. spectator area, foyer area, etc.)

- Athletes are not permitted to enter dry areas without first having changed and put on footwear.
- Where there is a balcony or rail - athletes are not permitted to climb over it.
- Glass bottles are not permitted outside designated refreshment areas.

Thank you for your co-operation in making the Meets a safe experience for all.