SWIM IRELAND BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

POINTS OF NOTE FOR CLUBS, REGIONS, AND STAFF

The Swim Ireland Board of Directors held its third meeting of the Board following the AGM on Tuesday 29 September 2026. The meeting took place in Irish Sports HQ. The following Points of Note may be of interest:

- Adam Cox, Swim Ireland Director of Aquatic Sports, Events & Competitions delivered an update to the Board on National Competitions and Open Water with key points noted as follows:
    - More than 4,700 athletes from 162 Irish and international clubs participated across seven national events to date in 2026 demonstrating strong reach across the competition programme.
    - Stakeholder feedback on delivery and participant experience was positive. The next phase will prioritise live timing, heat-sheet access, streaming, and recognition of athletes, officials and volunteers.
    - More than 2,000 swimmers participated in 27 Open Water events, supported by a successful central booking system and four newly involved clubs.
    - The Open Water Strategy is scheduled for launch in Q4 2026.
- The Board received an update from Swim Ireland National Performance Director, Andy Reid and Swim Ireland Head of Sports Science & Medicine, Kevin McGuigan. The Board noted the following:
    - Irish athletes delivered a strong senior international season, including five European Championship medals, three Commonwealth Games medals and seven Para European Championship medals.
    - Strategic priorities include junior transition, diving capability, Open Water development, athlete services and multidisciplinary performance support as preparations progress towards Los Angeles 2028.
    - Performance systems now draw on approximately 151,000 race records covering almost 1,200 athletes, supported by video and race-analysis platforms. Swim Ireland is assessing additional capacity across performance analysis, physiotherapy, psychology and nutrition.

- Swim Ireland and Ireland Active have submitted a Pre-Budget Submission calling for a ring-fenced Local Authority Swimming Pool Fund. Engagement continues with Government and Oireachtas representatives to advance the case using an evidenced based approach citing data from the Swimming Pool Gap Analysis Report
- Swim Ireland, supported by Ireland Active are running a Conference for Local Authorities as a platform for coordinated sector dialogue. There has been significant interest in the Conference with representations from the majority of Local Authorities.
- Swim Ireland will pursue eligible Community Sport Facilities Fund applications and support appropriate submissions from clubs and facilities ahead of the 28 February 2027 deadline.

The next Board meeting will take place online via Zoom on Tuesday 20 October 2026.

Sarah Kelly

Sarah Kelly, Swim Ireland Company Secretary

29 September 2026