



UNDER 15s IRISH CUPS
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TOURNAMENTS

Competitions

The Irish Under 15 Cup competitions for Boys and Girls will be played over three days in the Leisureland pool Salthill, and the Kingfisher pool NUIG, Galway on Friday 20th Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd MAY 2022.

Competition Format

Boys

There are 8 x Boys teams entered and the competition is structured into two groups of 4 teams, played on a round robin basis with the top two teams from each group progressing to the semi-finals; the winners will contest the final (gold medal match) and the runner up the bronze medal match.

Girls

There are 8 x Girls teams entered in the competition and the competition is structured into two Groups of three and two teams, respectively, played on a round robin basis with the top two teams in each group progressing to the semi-finals and the subsequent medal finals.

Conduct of Competition

The 1st round robin in each competition finals will be held in Dublin and Belfast prior to the finals weekend, due to the number of entries at the finals weekend and the pool time available. The 2nd round robin in each competition will be held on Friday 20th May in NUIG Kingfisher and Leisureland, with the 3rd round robin on Saturday 21st and the semi-finals of both competitions in NUIG Kingfisher. The medal matches will be held on Sunday 22nd May in NUIG Kingfisher.

Tournament Briefing Meeting

A Tournament briefing meeting will be held in a meeting room at the Leisureland pool on Friday 20th May at 1800. Attendance by **each club** in the Boys & Girls competition is compulsory. A club attending the meeting may represent a maximum of one additional club, declared in advance to NWPC through SI and presented in writing at the meeting. Non-attendance at the meeting by a club or a representative club will incur a fine of €100.

Non-attendance at any further notified meeting by any club or a representative club will incur a fine of €100.

Registration

All team lists must be submitted by Friday 29th April 2022, to Aven Colvin, Swim Ireland HQ at waterpolo@swimireland.ie

Each team, including players and team staff only, will be allowed pool side access throughout the tournament. All others are requested to respect this position.

Pool Access

Pool side will be restricted to team players, coaches and managers, tournament officials, staff and NWPC members. Entry access points will be advised during the briefing meeting.

Match Sheets

Each Team Manager must confirm their squad of up to **15 players** (bring 15 hats of each colour) to the Tournament Director at the briefing meeting. The match sheets will be completed from the names of the players submitted to SI on 6th May and repeated in each match on commencement of the tournament.

All players must **keep the same hat number for all matches** as per team sheet submitted. Matches will be played as 7 a side, from a panel of 13 players. Team managers must inform the table which players are not playing in each match 30 minutes before commencement of any match. Squad players not participating in any match must remain in the spectator area during matches.

Duration of Matches

Matches will be 4 x 5 minutes actual. There will be 1 minute all in breaks between quarters. The breaks at half time in semi-finals and finals will be 3 minutes all in. Match duration times may be adjusted, restructured or reduced in the event of pool time being unavailable.

Match Starts

It is important teams are ready to play as delayed starts will impact pool time and could lead to withdrawal of time outs, reduction in match duration. Teams need to be ready for their allocated match time. Match start times are provisional, and matches may start early if the competition progresses ahead of time. All teams should be available 15 minutes before their scheduled match time at the poolside.

In NUIG - White will start at the window end and **Blue** will start at the dressing room end.

In Leisureland - White will start to the left (at boom end) of the officials table and **Blue** to the right (at gym/protection nets end).

Timeouts

One time-out per team per match are allocated for group matches and 2 time outs in semi-finals and finals.

Results

Points shall be awarded as follows in group matches:

- Win - 3 Points / Draw - 1 Point / Loss - 0 Points

In the group phases, where teams finish on the same points, the result between those teams will determine which team finishes higher in the group, in line with the Water Polo Rule book (R12.7). A toss of a coin will decide the group final positions if all elements prove equal. A playoff match will not be undertaken.

Warm Up

There is restricted time available for warm up and teams may expect not more than 2 minutes.

Competition Fees

All competition fees to be paid in advance as per SI office instructions.

Cost of per team for each competition is €450.

Gold Medal Matches

Finalists will be presented to the spectators immediately prior to the respective Gold medal final and players and officials must be properly attired (t-shirt/short) for all presentations.

Referees

A pool of NWPC referees [and club referees] will officiate at this event.

Spectators

All spectators are reminded of the concept of fair play and the need to refrain from an behaviour that is unsporting and any abuse by spectators of players, officials or other spectators will result in expulsion from the pool facility.

Photography

Photography is only permitted by persons issued with a permit by the relevant pool staff endorsed by the Tournament Director. Photographs in accordance with SI rules.

Match Streaming

Matches may be streamed throughout the tournament with consent of all players and officials. Consent will be notated by Club Secretaries on submission of the Team List.

Presentations & Awards

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in both competitions. A Most Valuable Player award will also be made in both competitions.

All recipients must be appropriately dressed for presentations.

Dress

All players and officials must be properly attired on the team bench. During presentation of teams prior to finals and prize giving all teams and officials will be attired in team gear of shirts/shorts/tracksuits. It should be particularly noted by all those swimsuits/togs are NOT permitted in the spectator area at any time. ALL teams must use the designated changing villages for changing and /or dressing. Teams who do not comply will be sanctioned and officials may be excluded from the poolside for their team next or subsequent match(es).

Pool Staff

Team managers and officials and players are reminded to be courteous to the pool staff always and obey instructions issued. Any dispute/altercation with staff should be reported to the Tournament Director by the Team Manager immediately.

Brutality

Any player excluded for the remainder of the game, with substitution after 4 minutes, for brutality shall be suspended for at least the next game. The Tournament Director on advice may impose a greater penalty due to the nature of the brutality.

Yellow and Red Cards

All coaches and officials should lead by good example throughout the tournament, in particular as this is a junior event. Any head coach who receives a yellow card will not carry it forward to the next match. Any other (assistant) coach, official or player who comments to, at or about the referees will receive a red card. Anyone who receives a red card must immediately leave the poolside and go to the spectator area, without speaking to or communicating with his team. After receiving a red card, the coach may not attempt to coach or communicate with his team from the spectator area. If he attempts to do so, he will be removed from the precincts of the pool and further sanctioned. A coach, player or other official who receives a red card may be suspended for the next game. The Tournament Director may impose a penalty of missing a match (or more) subject to the nature of the offence. If a coach receives a red card and consequent suspension, he may not coach or participate in a game involving a team in the competition until that suspension has been served.

Team Benches

All players not in the water during a match must always remain seated in the designated area. Any assistant coach or team manager who breaches this Rule shall receive a red card. A player, who is excluded from the remainder of the game by way of 3 personal fouls, must remain on the team bench, with their cap on. A player excluded from the remainder of the game by the referee (for Misconduct, Brutality etc.) shall immediately leave the team bench, and proceed to the changing village, NUIG specifically, and the warm up/down area or spectator area.

Penalty Shoot Out

- the shoot-out will begin immediately and the same referees will be used
- coaches of the teams will be requested to nominate five players and goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out;
- the goalkeeper may be changed at any time provided the substitute was listed amongst the team list in that game
- the five players nominated will be required to be listed in order which will determine the sequence players take their penalty; the sequence cannot be changed
- Should a goalkeeper be excluded during the penalty shoot-out, a player from the nominated five players may substitute for the goalkeeper but without the privileges of the goalkeeper; following the taking of the penalty shot, the player may be substituted by another player or alternate goalkeeper.
- If a field player is excluded during the penalty shoot-out, the player will be removed from the list of the five players participating in the penalty shoot-out, and a substituted player is placed in the last position on the list
- Penalty shots will be taken alternately into the designated end of the pool. The players taking the shots will remain in the water at half way at the pool side.
- the team to shoot first will be determined by toss of a coin
- should teams still be tied following the completion of the initial five penalty shots, the same five players shall then take alternate shots on a sudden death basis.

Appeals/Protests

All protest / appeals must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of completion of any match or decision. Any protest must be lodged in advance of the competition commencing. Appeal/Protest Fee: €100.

COVID 19

COVID 19 protocols will be advised at the Technical meeting and in advance of the tournament.

Annex A

Team Sheet – To Be Submitted by 1200hrs Friday 29 April 2022

Please submit **excel sheet list** by e mail by 1200hrs on Friday 29 April 2022 to:
Aveen Colvin, Swim Ireland HQ at waterpolo@swimireland.ie

&

Eamon Caulfield, Tournament Director, at wpfixtures@swimireland.ie

Annex B

Schedule of Matches – Under 15 Cups

Issued separately.