



Water Polo

**NATIONAL LEAGUE
DIVISION 1 CUPS
INFORMATION PACK**

17th – 19th February 2023

LISNASHARRAGH, BELFAST

Competition Format

The competition will be played over three days in Belfast on Friday 17th/Saturday 18th/Sunday 19th February 2023 in the Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre. Both competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Ireland Water Polo and FINA rules.

Men

There are 8 teams entered which structures the competition into 2 Groups of 4 teams each played on a round robin basis. The top two teams in each group will progress to the semi-finals and subsequent gold medal matches. The 3rd and 4th placed teams in each group will play off in a classification match.

Women

There are 4 teams entered which structures the competition into 1 Group on a round robin basis. The top two teams in the group will progress to the final. The 3rd and 4th placed teams will play off in a classification match

Competition Draws

The competition draws were held on the Irish Water Polo web site system, authorised by the NWPC, and published.

Men

Group A	Group B
Clonard	Sandycove
St Vincents	Drogheda
Cathal Brugha	Corrib
Clontarf	North Dublin

Women

Group
Cathal Brugha
St Vincents
Drogheda
North Dublin

Registration

All team lists must be submitted via email by **1200 hrs Friday 3rd February 2023** to Aveen Colvin, Swim Ireland HQ to waterpolo@swimireland.ie

Pool Access & Accreditation

Accreditation passes will be issued at the Technical Meeting for officials and referees.

Team Staff and athletes must print their own passes prior to arrival at the competition. There will not be a reprint facility on the day.

Pool side will be restricted to accredited team players, coaches, team managers, tournament officials, facility staff and NWPC Members. Accreditation will be visibly worn by all while on poolside, except for players engaged in matches or warm up/down.

Please note that all teams must have at least one qualified and licensed Level 2 Water Polo Coach on deck during every match.

Entry access points will be advised during the technical meeting. Clubs must process all player/coach/manager accreditations on the Swim Ireland Membership database along with submitting their Team Sheets by **1200 hrs Friday 3rd February 2023** to Aveen Colvin, Swim Ireland.

Any team staff attending this competition are required to meet the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Regulations. Only players and team staffs accredited may enter the pool areas and participate in competition.

Match/Team Sheets

Each Team Manager must confirm their squad (numbers) of up to 15 players via email to waterpolo@swimireland.ie by **1200 hrs Friday 3rd February 2023** and the Tournament Director 30 mins before the start of each match if each team has more than 13 players listed.

The match sheets will be completed from the names of the players submitted to SI 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. Match sheets will not be changed from the initial team list provided due to the tight turnaround of games.

Matches will be played as 7 a side, from a panel of 13 players. Team managers must inform the table which players are 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 but may participate in team warm up/down.

Only coaching personnel named on the team sheet submitted shall be permitted on pool side/team bench.

Team Squad Lists

Each club/team must submit their team squad list as per Annex A to Aveen Colvin, Swim Ireland by **1200 hrs Friday 3rd February 2023**.

Duration of Matches/Pitch/Balls/Substitutions

All matches will be 4 x 7 minutes actual. There will be 2 minute all in breaks between quarters with 2 minutes at half time. The same pitch will be used for both competitions.
Size 5 balls will be used for the Mens cup and size 4 for the Women's cup.

Timeouts

Two time-outs per team per match are allocated throughout the tournament.
The Tournament Director may adjust the number of TOs available to 1 x TO per team per match, and the duration of the break between quarters if pool time becomes an issue.

Results

In the group phases, should two or more teams finish on the same points, the result between all teams on the same points will determine which team finishes higher in the group, in accordance with the FINA by law BL 9.8.3.2.1. If this is a draw then goal difference overall or if still level, goals scored for overall, if still level, a toss of a coin will decide the group final position.

Points shall be awarded as follows in group matches:

Win - 3 Points

Draw - 1 Point

Loss - 0 Points

Referees

The NWPC has allocated a pool of referees for the tournament.

Photography

Photography is only permitted by persons issued with a permit by the pools staff endorsed by the Tournament Director. Photographs must be in accordance with the [Swim Ireland Filming & Photography Policy](#).

Match Starts

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 20 minutes before their scheduled match time at the poolside.

White (home team) will start at the left side of the official table and the Blue (away team) will start at the right side of the official's table.

Presentations & Awards

Gold and Silver medals will be awarded in both competitions to winners and runners up respectively. A Most Valuable Player award will also be made in both competitions.

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 dressed in team gear of t-shirts/shorts/tracksuits.

It should be particularly noted by all, that swimsuits/togs are NOT permitted in the spectator area at any time.

All teams must use the designated changing village for changing and /or dressing. Teams who do not comply will be sanctioned and officials may be excluded from the poolside for their teams next or subsequent match(es).

Pool/Facility Staff

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

Alcohol

Alcohol is not permitted in the spectator, pool or dressing room areas.

Technical Meeting

A Technical meeting will be held in the poolside meeting room at **1430hrs on Friday 17th February 2023**. Each club must be represented. If any club decides not to attend, they must advise the Tournament Director NLT **1200hrs on Thursday 16th February 2023** of their nonattendance and nominate/name who will represent their club at the meeting. Non-attendance will not be accepted as an excuse for any sanctions that players/coaches receive as a result of breached tournament rules.

Competition Fees

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

Competition fees are as €750 per team for Men and €600 per team for Women.

Brutality

Any player excluded for the remainder of the game, without substitute for 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.

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 will be suspended for at least the next game. The Tournament Director may impose a greater penalty due 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 warmup/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 halfway 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.

Annex A

Club			
Team Name			
Number	Name	Date of Birth	Swim Ireland ID
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	Name	Coach Level	Swim Ireland ID
Coach			
Ass. Coach			
Manager			
Contact No.			
Contact Email			

Team Sheet – To Be Submitted via email by 1200 hrs Friday 3rd February 2023 to Aveen Colvin, Swim Ireland HQ - waterpolo@swimirleand.ie

****PLEASE NOTE: This team list will be used throughout the tournament to complete match sheets – the cap numbers/names must not be changed****

Annex B

**SCHEDULE OF MATCHES – MEN & WOMEN - NLD 1 - CUPS
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Men:

Group A	Group B
Clonard	Sandycove
St Vincents	Drogheda
Cathal Brugha	Corrib
Clontarf	North Dublin

Women:

Group W
Cathal Brugha
St Vincents
Drogheda
North Dublin

Date/Day	Match	Comp	Time	Group	White	v	Blue
Friday	1	Women	1500	W	Cathal Brugha		Drogheda
17 Feb	2	Women	1600	W	St Vincents		North Dublin
	3	Men	1700	A	Cathal Brugha		Clonard
	4	Men	1800	A	St Vincents		Clontarf
	5	Men	1900	B	North Dublin		Drogheda
	6	Men	2000	B	Corrib		Sandycove
Saturday	7	Women	0830	W	Cathal Brugha		North Dublin
18 Feb	8	Women	0930	W	Drogheda		St Vincents
	9	Men	1030	A	Cathal Brugha		Clontarf
	10	Men	1130	A	St Vincents		Clonard
	11	Men	1230	B	Corrib		Drogheda
	12	Men	1330	B	North Dublin		Sandycove
	13	Women	1430	W	Cathal Brugha		St Vincents
	14	Women	1530	W	Drogheda		North Dublin
	15	Men	1630	A	St Vincents		Cathal Brugha
	16	Men	1730	A	Clontarf		Clonard
	17	Men	1830	B	Corrib		North Dublin
	18	Men	1930	B	Drogheda		Sandycove
Sunday	19	Men	0900	Semi-final 1	Win Gp A		R - Up Gp B
19 Feb	20	Men	1000	Semi-final 2	Win Gp B		R - Up Gp A
	21	Men	1100	Classification	4th Place in Group A		4th Place in Group B
	22	Women	1200	Classification	3rd place in Group W		4th Place in Group W
	23	Men	1300	Classification	3rd Place in Group A		3rd Place in Group B
		WNLD 2	1400	WNLD 2	Bangor		Clonard
	24	Women	1515	Final	1st place in Group W		2nd place in Group W
	25	Men	1645	Final	Win Semi 1		Win Semi 2

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