

**NATIONAL UNDER 12 MIXED CUP  
(YOB 2011)  
INFORMATION PACK**

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
June 2023**

**NAC, DUBLIN**

### **Competition Format**

The Irish Under 12 Mixed Cup competition will be played over two days in the National Aquatic Centre on Saturday 17th and 18th June 2023. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the Ireland Water Polo and World Aquatic rules with the addition of a number of special rules to be used for this tournament to support development at this age group – see Annex C.

There are 17 teams entered into the competition and it is structured into four groups of 4 teams, and one group of 5 teams played on a round robin basis.

On completion of the group matches the competition moves into phase 2 which will see the top two in each group advancing to the quarter finals with classification matches between 3rd and 4th in Group phases and losing quarter finalists.

5th placed team in Group D has no further classification match.

Note Pool C and Pool D in use simultaneously 1430-1530 on Sunday.

All medal matches will be played in Pool D.

Size 3 balls will be used for this competition.

### **Competition Draws**

The competition draw was authorised by the NWPC.

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>
Cathal Brugha	Bangor	Drogheda	Sandycove
Half Moon Tornadoes	St Vincents	Athlone	Newry
Diamonds	Half Moon Hurricanes	Wexford	Portadown
Cu Chulainn	Tribes	Clontarf	Corrib
			Clonard

**Registration**

All team lists must be submitted via email by **1200 hrs Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023** to Aveen Colvin, Swim Ireland HQ to [aveencolvin@swimireland.ie](mailto:aveencolvin@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 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 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 [aveencolvin@swimireland.ie](mailto:aveencolvin@swimireland.ie) by **1200 hrs Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023** and the Tournament Director 30 mins before the start of each match if each team has more than 13 players listed.

All players must be born in 2011 or later.

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 Aven Colvin Swim Ireland by **1200 hrs Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

### **Duration of Matches/Pitch/Balls/Substitutions**

All matches up to quarter final stage will 2 x 6 mins.

Semi-finals and finals (bronze and gold medal) will be 4 x 4 min actual.

Size 3 balls will be used for this competition.

### **Timeouts**

One time-out per team up to quarter final stage.

For Semi-finals and finals (bronze and gold medal) it will be two time-outs per team per match.

### **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. 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, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in both competitions to winners, runners up and third place 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

**The technical meeting will be held online the week of the competition. All details will be sent to Club Secretaries. All clubs MUST attend.**

### Competition Fees

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

Competition fees are as €300 per team.

### Violent Action

Any player excluded for the remainder of the game, with substitution when four minutes of actual play have elapsed, for committing a violent action 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 violent action.

### Yellow and Red Cards

- All coaches and officials should lead by good example throughout the tournament.
- A Head Coach who receives a yellow card will not carry it forward to the next match.
- Any coach, team manager, official or player who receives a red card must immediately leave the poolside, without speaking to or communicating with his/her team.
- Once red carded, any coach may not attempt to coach/communicate with their team. Any attempt to do so, will result in removal from the pool facility and a further sanction.
- A coach, or other official who receives a red card shall be suspended for the next game.
- Players who receive a red card for misconduct shall NOT be suspended for the next game.
- The Tournament Director may impose a penalty of missing an additional match(es) subject to the nature of the offence.

A coach who receives a red card and consequent suspension, may not coach, or participate in a game involving a team in either competition until that suspension has been served.

### **Team Benches**

All assistant coaches, team managers and players not in the water during a match must always remain seated in the bench area and any breaches of 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 Violent Action) shall leave the team bench and proceed to the 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

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

**Team Sheet – To Be Submitted via email by 1200 hrs Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Aveen Colvin, Swim Ireland HQ - [aveencolvin@swimireland.ie](mailto:aveencolvin@swimireland.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 – U12 MIXED CUP (YOB 2011)  
NAC DUBLIN - 17/18 JUNE 2023**

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Cathal Brugha	Bangor	Drogheda	Sandycove
Half Moon Tornadoes	St Vincents	Athlone	Newry
Diamonds	Half Moon Hurricanes	Wexford	Portadown
Cu Chulainn	Tribes	Clontarf	Corrib
			Clonard

Date/Day	Match	Pool	Time	Group	White	v	Blue
<b>Saturday</b>	1	D	1430	D	Sandycove		Newry
<b>17 June 23</b>	2	D	1450	D	Portadown		Corrib
	3	D	1510	A	Cathal Brugha		HM Tornadoes
	4	D	1530	A	Diamonds		Cu Chulainn
	5	D	1550	B	Bangor		St Vincents
	6	D	1610	B	Tribes		HM Hurricanes
	7	D	1630	D	Corrib		Clonard
	8	D	1700	C	Drogheda		Athlone
	9	D	1720	C	Wexford		Clontarf
	10	D	1740	D	Portadown		Newry
	11	D	1800	D	Clonard		Sandycove
	12	D	1820	A	Cathal Brugha		Diamonds
	13	D	1840	A	HM Tornadoes		Cu Chulainn
	14	D	1900	B	St Vincents		Tribes
	15	D	1920	B	Bangor		HM Hurricanes
	16	D	1940	C	Wexford		Athlone
<b>Sunday</b>	17	C	1030	C	Drogheda		Clontarf
<b>18 June 23</b>	18	C	1050	D	Sandycove		Portadown
	19	C	1110	D	Corrib		Newry
	20	C	1130	A	HM Tornadoes		Diamonds
	21	C	1150	A	Cathal Brugha		Cu Chulainn
	22	C	1210	D	Portadown		Clonard
	23	C	1230	B	St Vincents		HM Hurricanes
	24	C	1250	B	Tribes		Bangor
	25	C	1310	D	Sandycove		Corrib
	26	C	1330	D	Newry		Clonard
	27	C	1350	C	Drogheda		Wexford
	28	D	1430	C	Athlone		Clontarf
	29	C	1430	<b>Q1</b>	Win Gp A		R Up Gp D
	30	D	1450	<b>Q2</b>	Win Gp B		R Up Gp C
	31	C	1450	<b>Q3</b>	Win Gp C		R Up Gp B
	32	D	1510	<b>Q4</b>	Win Gp D		R Up Gp A
	33	C	1510	Class	4th Gp A		4th Gp B



**Annex B (Cont'd)**

**SCHEDULE OF MATCHES – U12 MIXED CUP (YOB 2011)**  
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<b>Sunday</b>	34	D	1530	<b>Class</b>	4th Gp C		4th Gp D
<b>18 June 23</b>	35	D	1550	<b>Class</b>	3rd Gp A		3rd Gp B
	36	D	1610	<b>Class</b>	3rd Gp C		3rd Gp D
	37	D	1630	<b>Semi 1</b>	Win Match 29		Win Match 30
	38	D	1650	<b>Semi 2</b>	Win Match 31		Win Match 32
	39	D	1710	Class	Win Match 33		Win Match 34
	40	D	1730	Class	Win Match 35		Win Match 36
	41	D	1750	Class	R up <b>Q1</b> M 29		R up <b>Q2</b> M 30
	42	D	1810	Class	R up <b>Q3</b> M 31		R up <b>Q4</b> M 32
<b>Medal</b>	43	D	1830	<b>Bronze</b>	R up Semi 1		R up Semi 2
		D	<b>1915</b>		<b>Presentation</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>Finalists</b>
<b>Medal</b>	44	D	1920	<b>Gold</b>	Win Semi 1		Win Semi 2

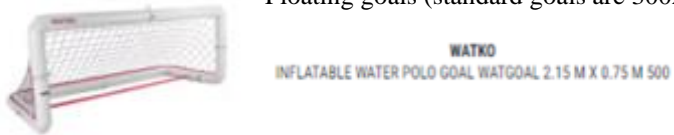
\* Matches may start earlier than scheduled, teams must be present and ready 15 mins in advance of scheduled times.

Note Pool C and Pool D in use simultaneously 1430-1530 on Sunday

### Annex C

#### UNDER 12 [MIXED] 'YOUNG HOPEFULS' CUP – COMPETITION SPECIAL RULES – 2023

All water polo competitions in Ireland are conducted in accordance with Ireland Water Polo and World Aquatics rules. Ireland Water Polo Special Rules apply to this [level of] competition and are set out hereunder.

	<b>RULE</b>	<b>Statement</b>	<b>Explanatory Note</b>
1	<b>Age Group</b>	The competition is open to mixed teams for players born in 2011 or later, 7 a side from 13 players.	
2	<b>Match Duration</b>	Match duration is dependent on pool time available and number of entries. It is expected that matches will be a minimum of 2 x 6 mins and up to 4x4 mins at semis/final stages.	
3.	<b>Ball Size</b>	Size 3 ball	Standard size 3 ball
4.	<b>Goals</b>	Smaller size goals - 215 x 75 cms	<p>Floating goals (standard goals are 300x90).</p> 
5.	<b>Penalty</b>	Four (4) metre mark/spot	Penalty throws are taken from the 4 mt mark (cone) in centre of the goal.
6.	<b>Exclusions</b>	The 20 second exclusion rule is suspended	Players who are excluded must swim to the exclusion area and re-enter the pitch immediately after they enter the exclusion box. (This variation on the exclusion rule is to educate players to exit speedily and make attacking teams work quickly to find and score with the extra player).
7.	<b>6 metre line</b>	6 mt line is not in play for direct shots	Players are not permitted to take direct shots when fouled from a free outside the 6 mt line, with or without putting the ball into play. They must pass the ball. Players are permitted to shoot outside 6 mts provided any shot is not from a free awarded.
8.	<b>Press Game (defence)</b>	Teams must play press in their own half	A defending player in their own half may only leave an attacking player if swimming towards the ball or a player who might receive the ball. If the attacking player does not receive the ball the defender must swim back/return to their own attacking player. A referee can decide if a player is playing zone or between players and will exclude the offending player in a 6 on 6 situation.
9.	<b>Attack play breakdown</b>	Players must not press in opponent's half after an attack breakdown but can block.	When an attack breaks down players cannot press in their opponent's half but can block as per a free throw block. Players cannot tackle opposing players in their opponent's half. Players should return to their own half immediately or after block is completed. Referees will exclude offending players.