

**SWIM
IRELAND**

Water Polo

Division 1 Cup

9th 10th 11th February 2024

Lisnasharragh, Belfast

Competition Information Pack

Competition Location:	Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre, Montgomery Road, Belfast BT6 9HS
Competition Format:	The competition will be played over 9 th 10 th 11 th February, 2024 Male and Female competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Ireland Water Polo and World Aquatic Rules.
Competition Draws:	Competition draws were conducted through the Ireland Water Polo game management system, authorised by the NWPC, and published.
Team Staff:	<p>Please note that all teams must have at least one qualified and licensed Level 2 Water Polo Coach on deck during every match.</p> <p>Any team staff attending this competition are required to meet the Swim Ireland Safeguarding and Vetting requirements.</p> <p>Only players listed on the team sheet and team staff who hold accreditations may enter the pool areas and participate in the competition.</p>
Team Sheets:	<p>All team lists of up to 15 players must be submitted via email by 1200 hrs Friday 26th January 2024 to aveencolvin@swimireland.ie</p> <p>Team List to be given to Table Officials a minimum of 30 mins before the start of each match for any team that has more than 13 players listed.</p> <p>Team Lists may not be amended once the first match in the competition begins.</p>
Team Leaders Meeting:	<p>A technical briefing will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th February via zoom at the link below. Clubs not represented must abide by all matters agreed at the technical briefing.</p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82730394342?pwd=VCoHtk0XXGMT5QYAOeT1AAyabHcOC.1</p> <p>Meeting ID: 827 3039 4342 Passcode: 558230</p> <p>This meeting is to discuss items in relation to this competition only.</p>
Entry Fee:	<p>Payment for ALL entries must be received by 17:00 Friday 2nd February, 2024</p> <p>Competition fees are as €800 for Men's and €650 for Ladies teams.</p> <p>Payment can be made Here</p> <p><u>Withdrawals after 12noon Monday 22nd January 2024 will incur the competition fee.</u></p>
Accreditation:	<p>Accreditation will be produced through the Go-Membership system by following This Link</p> <p>Club administrators will need to apply for accreditation for team managers and coaches.</p> <p>All team staff must have a photo on their profile before the application is made, they will be expected to wear them with photo on display while on the pool deck.</p> <p>Please ensure that team managers & coaches meet all the safeguarding/vetting/licensing requirements for accreditations, otherwise they will not be awarded.</p>

	<p>Accreditation applications must be completed 48hours before the first game begins.</p> <p>Accreditation lanyards & pouches should be reused from previous competitions. There will be a small supply available from the Tournament Director on the first day of the competition.</p>
Awards:	<p>Gold and Silver medals will be awarded in both competitions.</p> <p>A Most Valuable Player award will be made for both competitions.</p>
Pool/Facility Staff:	<p>Team managers, officials and players are reminded to be courteous to the pool staff and to always obey instructions issued.</p> <p>Any dispute/altercation with staff should be reported to the Tournament Director by the Team Manager immediately.</p>
Respect for Officials/Teams	<p>All team staff and supporters are expected to show officials and opposition team's due respect.</p> <p>Any team and/or their supporters be found acting with unsportsmanlike behavior may be fined/sanctioned by the Tournament Director.</p>
Duration of Games:	<p>All matches will be 4 x 7 minutes with 2 TO's</p> <p>The ball used for this competition will be size 5 for Men and size 4 for Ladies</p>

Substitutions	<p>Flying substitutions in the lateral substitution area may be used by teams in all matches should the pitch set up allow.</p> <p>Pool set up equipment to be confirmed - details to be clarified at the team technical meeting.</p>
Points:	<p>Points shall be awarded as per World Aquatic Rules July 2023</p> <p>The matches shall be scored as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) win in regular time = 3 points b) win after penalty shootout = 2 points c) loss after penalty shootout = 1 point d) loss in regular = 0 point <p>In the event of a tie please refer to the tie breaking rules section. Appendix 9 Section 4.</p>
Referees:	<p>Referee's will be assigned by the NWPC and Ireland Water Polo Competitions Committee.</p>
Photography:	<p>Photography is only permitted by persons issued with a permit by the pools staff endorsed by the Tournament Director.</p> <p>Photographs may only be taken from the spectator area unless permission and accreditations have been issued prior to the competition beginning.</p> <p>Photographs must be in accordance with the Swim Ireland Filming & Photography Policy</p>
Team Benches:	<p>All assistant coaches, team managers and players not in the water during a match must always remain seated in the bench area and any person in breach of this rule shall receive a red card.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Dress:	<p>All players and officials must be properly attired on the team bench.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Teams who do not comply will be sanctioned and officials may be excluded from the poolside for their teams next or subsequent match(es).</p>
Yellow & Red Cards	<p>All coaches and officials should lead by good example throughout the tournament.</p> <p>A Head Coach who receives a yellow card will not carry it forward to the next match.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A coach, or other official who receives a red card shall be suspended for the next game.</p> <p>Players who receive a red card for misconduct shall NOT be suspended for the next game if it is their first offence of the season.</p> <p>Please note that players and coaches who have received red cards for misconduct and/or violent action during this season will have these cards carried through to this competition. Players/Coaches who receive red cards during this competition and who do not serve suspension's will have these cards carried forward to their next game after this competition/season.</p> <p>The Tournament Director may impose a penalty of missing an additional match(es) subject to the nature of the offence.</p> <p>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.</p>
Violent Action:	<p>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.</p> <p>The Tournament Director on advice may impose a greater penalty due to the nature of the violent action.</p>
Penalty Shoot Out	<p>In accordance with World Aquatic Rules APPENDIX 6– Penalty Shoot Out</p>
Health & Safety:	<p>Please refer to the Health & Safety guidelines at the bottom of this document.</p>
Alcohol:	<p>Alcohol is not permitted in the spectator, pool or dressing room areas, those found in breach of this will be asked to leave the facility.</p>
Appeals & Protests:	<p>All protest/appeals must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of completion of any match or decision, accompanied by the appropriate fee.</p> <p>Any reason for protest known in advance must be submitted before the competition commences, accompanied by the appropriate fee.</p> <p>Appeal/Protest Fee: €100.</p>
Further Info:	<p>Please direct all queries to waterpolo@swimireland.ie</p>

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES
MEN & WOMEN - NLD 1 - CUPS
LISNACHARRAGH BELFAST – 09/10/11 FEB 2024

Draws (21 August 2023):

Men

Women

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

ALL MATCHES ARE 4 X 7 MINS

Date/Day	Mat ch	Comp	Time	Group	White	v	Blue
Friday	1	Women	1500	A	Cathal Brugha		Drogheda
09 Feb 24	2	Women	1600	B	Diamonds		North Dublin
	3	Men	1700	A	St Vincents		North Dublin
	4	Men	1800	A	Drogheda		Sandycove
	5	Men	1900	B	Clontarf		Corrib
	6	Men	2000	B	Clonard		Cathal Brugha
Saturday	7	Women	0800	A	Drogheda		St Vincents
10 Feb 24	8	Women	0900	B	North Dublin		Tribes
	9	Men	1000	A	Drogheda		North Dublin
	10	Men	1100	A	St Vincents		Sandycove
	11	Men	1200	B	Corrib		Clonard
	12	Men	1300	B	Cathal Brugha		Clontarf
	13	Women	1400	A	Cathal Brugha		St Vincents
	14	Women	1500	B	Diamonds		Tribes
	15	Men	1600	A	North Dublin		Sandycove
	16	Men	1700	A	St Vincents		Drogheda
	17	Men	1800	B	Corrib		Cathal Brugha
	18	Men	1900	B	Clontarf		Clonard
Sunday	19	Women	0900	Semi-final 1	Win Gp A		R- Up Gp B
11 Feb 24	20	Women	1000	Semi-final 2	Win Gp B		R - Up Gp B
	21	Men	1100	Semi-final 1	Win Gp A		R- Up Gp B
	22	Men	1200	Semi-final 2	Win Gp B		R - Up Gp B
	23	Men	1300	Classification	4 th Place in Group A		4 th Place in Group B
	24	Women	1400	Classification	3 rd place in Group A		3 rd Place in Group B
	25	Men	1500	Classification	3 rd Place in Group A		3 rd Place in Group B
	26	Women	1600	Final	Win Semi 1		Win Semi 2
	27	Men	1700	Final	Win Semi 1		Win Semi 2

Swim Ireland Safety Statement

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

**Risks identified must be reported to the Tournament Director
and formally reported to the facility operator.**

**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.**

All accidents must be formally reported.

General

- 1) By Law all facilities are required to have a Safety Statement in operation. Clubs and Competition Organisers should satisfy themselves that this is the case.
- 2) Any accidents, however minor, must be reported to Swim Ireland (standard Accident Report Form available).
- 3) 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

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

All Competitions

(Club, Regional and National)

- 1) Following a competition at which an incident/accident occurred, the Organiser and/or Tournament Director must complete an Accident Report Form and include their contact details.
- 2) All who attend competitions are urged to report any accidents to either the Tournament Director. Where an accident occurs, Swim Ireland must be informed as soon as possible with a full report presented.

General;

- i. Everyone attending Competitions must familiarise themselves with the locations and operation of emergency exits.
- ii. Anyone observing anything they consider to be a safety hazard should report it to the Tournament director.
- iii. All those attending Competitions must take all steps to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.
- iv. All walkways must be kept clear of bags, equipment, etc.

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

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

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

