

**SWIM
IRELAND**

Water Polo

**U17 Boys and Girls Cup
Year of Birth 2007**

12th 13th 14th January 2024

Lisnasharragh, Belfast

Competition Information Pack

Competition Location:	Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre, Montgomery Road, Belfast BT6 9HS
Competition Format:	The competition will be played over 12 th 13 th 14 th January 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 and team staff accredited 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 15th December 2023 to aveencolvin@swimireland.ie</p> <p>We will be expanding our games management system this season so teams may be required to add a cup team panel from which players will be selected. (Training will be provided and more information will follow)</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 competition begins.</p> <p>Proof of age for all players may be requested by Ireland Water Polo.</p>
Team Leaders Meeting:	<p>A technical briefing will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th January 2024 via zoom at the link below.</p> <p>Clubs not represented must abide by all matters agreed at the technical briefing.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84263556355?pwd=PMGLRXmNDsvHUBEzW01sThFGBX3UP.1</p> <p>Meeting ID: 842 6355 6355 Passcode: 370384</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 5TH January 2024</p> <p>Competition fees are €600 for both Boys and Girls teams.</p> <p>Payment can be made Here</p> <p><u>Withdrawals after 29th November 2023 will incur the competition fee.</u></p>
Accreditation:	Accreditation will be produced through the Go-Membership system by following This Link

	<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 for Team Staff 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, Silver and Bronze 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> <p>All teams should remove empty bottles/rubbish from the pool deck after their games. Please ensure the rubbish bins provided are used by both players and spectators.</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 boys and size 4 for girls.</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> <p>a) win in regular time = 3 points</p> <p>b) win after penalty shootout = 2 points</p> <p>c) loss after penalty shootout = 1 point</p> <p>d) loss in regular = 0 point</p> <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.</p> <p>The Tournament Director may impose a penalty of missing an additional match(es) subject to the nature of the offence.</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.
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.
Penalty Shoot Out	In accordance with World Aquatic Rules APPENDIX 6– Penalty Shoot Out
Health & Safety:	Please refer to the Health & Safety guidelines at the bottom of this document.
Alcohol:	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.
Appeals & Protests:	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. Any reason for protest known in advance must be submitted before the competition commences, accompanied by the appropriate fee. Appeal/Protest Fee: €100.
Further Info:	Please direct all queries to waterpolo@swimireland.ie

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES –UNDER 17 CUP TOURNAMENTS – YOB 2007
LISNACHARRAGH - BELFAST - 12/13/14 JANUARY 2024

Boys:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Bangor	Newry	Cu Chulainn	Corrib
Half Moon	Cathal Brugha	Sandycove	St Vincents
Drogheda		Clonard	

Girls:

Group A	Group B
Cathal Brugha	Half Moon
Diamonds	Clonard
Tribes	St Vincents

Date/Day	Match	Time	Comp	Group	White	v	Blue
Friday	1	1300	Boys	A	Bangor		Drogheda
12 Jan 24	2	1400	Boys	C	Cu Chulainn		Clonard
	3	1500	Girls	A	Cathal Brugha		Diamonds
	4	1600	Girls	B	Clonard		St Vincents
	5	1700	Boys	A	Bangor		Half Moon
	6	1800	Boys	B	Newry		Cathal Brugha
	7	1900	Boys	C	Cu Chulainn		Sandycove
	8	2000	Boys	D	St Vincents		Corrib
Saturday	9	0830	Girls	A	Cathal Brugha		Tribes
13 Jan 24	10	0930	Girls	B	Clonard		Half Moon
	11	1030	Boys	A	Half Moon		Drogheda
	12	1130	Boys	C	Clonard		Sandycove
	13	1230	Girls	A	Diamonds		Tribes
	14	1330	Girls	B	Half Moon		St Vincents
		1430			Break		Break
	15	1500	Boys	Qtr 1	Win Gp A		R Up Gp D
	16	1600	Boys	Qtr 2	Win Gp B		R Up Gp C
	17	1700	Boys	Qtr 3	Win Gp C		R Up Gp B
	18	1800	Boys	Qtr 4	Win Gp D		R Up Gp A
Sunday	19	0900	Girls	Semi 1	Win Gp A		Win Gp B
14 Jan 24	20	1000	Girls	Semi 2	Win Gp C		Best R-up
	21	1100	Boys	Semi 1	Win Q 1		Win Q 2
	22	1200	Boys	Semi 2	Win Q 3		Win Q 4
Medal	23	1300	Girls	Bronze	R Up Semi 1		R Up Semi 2
Medal	24	1400	Girls	Final	Winner Semi 1		Winner Semi 2
Medal	25	1500	Boys	Bronze	R Up Semi 1		R Up Semi 2
Medal	26	1600	Boys	Final	Winner Semi 1		Winner 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.

