

**SWIM  
IRELAND**

**Water Polo**

**U15 Boys and Girls Cup  
Year of Birth 2009**

**26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**University of Galway and Leisureland**

## Competition Information Pack

<b>Competition Location:</b>	University of Galway Sports Centre (Kingfisher), Newcastle Road, Galway H91 X53V Leisureland, Salthill, Galway
<b>Parking:</b>	Due to building works in NUIG there will be very limited parking available. There is a public carpark at Parish of The Cathedral within walking distance of the pool.
<b>Competition Format:</b>	The competition will be played over three days and two venues on 26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 Male and Female competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Ireland Water Polo and World Aquatic Rules.
<b>Competition Draws:</b>	Competition draws were conducted through the Ireland Water Polo game management system, authorised by the NWPC, and published.
<b>Team Staff:</b>	<p><b>Please note that all teams must have at least one qualified and licensed Level 2 Water Polo Coach on deck during every match.</b></p> <p>Any team staff attending this competition are required to meet the Swim Ireland <a href="#">Safeguarding</a> and <a href="#">Vetting</a> requirements.</p> <p>Only players and team staff accredited may enter the pool areas and participate in the competition.</p>
<b>Team Sheets:</b>	<p>All team lists of up to 15 players must be submitted via email by <b>1200 hrs Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b> to <a href="mailto:aveencolvin@swimireland.ie">aveencolvin@swimireland.ie</a></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><b>Team Lists may not be amended once the competition begins.</b></p> <p><b>Proof of age for all players may be requested by Ireland Water Polo.</b></p>
<b>Team Leaders Meeting:</b>	<p>A technical briefing will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April via zoom.</p> <p><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83367729656?pwd=Y3PSw2odc8pAWdNAX3SupGuu4qr0Ga.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83367729656?pwd=Y3PSw2odc8pAWdNAX3SupGuu4qr0Ga.1</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 833 6772 9656</p> <p>Passcode: 105539</p> <p>This meeting is to discuss items in relation to this competition only.</p>
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	<p>Payment for ALL entries must be received by <b>17:00 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></p> <p>Competition fees are as €550 per team for both Boys and Girls</p> <p>Payment can be made <a href="#">Here</a></p> <p><b><u>Withdrawals after 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 will incur the competition fee.</u></b></p>

<b>Accreditation:</b>	<p><b>Accreditation will be produced through the Go-Membership system by following <a href="#">This Link</a> . This process must be completed before 23<sup>rd</sup> of April.</b></p> <p>Club administrators will need to apply for accreditation for <b>team managers and coaches</b>.</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 a photo on display while on the pool deck.</p> <p>Please ensure that team managers &amp; coaches meet all the safeguarding/vetting/licensing requirements for accreditations, otherwise they will not be awarded.</p> <p>Accreditation lanyards &amp; 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>
<b>Awards:</b>	<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>
<b>Pool/Facility Staff:</b>	<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>
<b>Respect for Officials/Teams</b>	<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>
<b>Duration of Games:</b>	<p>All group round robin matches will be 2 x 7 minutes with 1 TO</p> <p>The semifinal and final matches will be 4 x 7 with 2 TO's.</p> <p>The ball used for this competition will be size 5 for boys and size 4 for girls.</p> <p><b>Adjustment of match duration and TOs</b></p> <p>Match durations/TOs may be adjusted by the Tournament Director in the event of delays and lost time to maintain the schedule in accordance with pool time available.</p> <p>The schedule is tight in the group stages of both competitions so all teams should be ready to begin at their allotted game time.</p>

<b>Points:</b>	<p>Points for this competition shall be awarded as follows:</p> <p>As each group has 5 teams, the result format (local rule) for the group stages will be as follows:  Win 3 points.  Draw 1 point.  Loss 0 point.</p> <p><b>Results</b></p> <p>All semifinals and medal matches will be played to a finish with penalties if needed in drawn matches.</p>
<b>Referees:</b>	<p><b>Referee's will be appointed by the NWPC in conjunction with the Competitions Committee</b></p>
<b>Photography:</b>	<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 &amp; Photography Policy</p>
<b>Team Benches:</b>	<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>
<b>Dress:</b>	<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>
<b>Yellow &amp; Red Cards</b>	<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> <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>
<b>Violent Action:</b>	<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>
<b>Penalty Shoot Out</b>	<p>In accordance with <a href="#">World Aquatic Rules Jan 2024</a> APPENDIX 6– Penalty Shoot Out</p>

<b>Health &amp; Safety:</b>	Please refer to the Health & Safety guidelines at the bottom of this document.
<b>Alcohol:</b>	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.
<b>Appeals &amp; Protests:</b>	<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>
<b>Further Info:</b>	Please direct all queries to <a href="mailto:waterpolo@swimireland.ie">waterpolo@swimireland.ie</a>

**SCHEDULE OF MATCHES**  
**BOYS & GIRLS UNDER 15 CUPS (YOB 2009)**  
**GALWAY – 26/27/28 APRIL 2024**

**Boys:**

**Girls:**

Group A	Group B
Clonard	Athlone
Bangor	Half Moon
Cu Chulainn	Cathal Brugha
Clontarf	St Vincents
Corrib	Sandycove

Group A	Group B
Cathal Brugha	Athlone
Bangor	Diamonds
Sandycove	Tribes
Newry	St Vincents
Half Moon	Clonard

**ALL GROUP MATCHES ARE 2 X 7 MINS with 1 x TO**  
**SEMI FINALS AND MEDAL MATCHES ARE 4X7 MINS WITH 2 x TO's**

Date/Day	Match	Comp	Time	Group	White	v	Blue
<b>Friday 26 Apr</b>	1	Girls	1800	A	Cathal Brugha		Bangor
<b>Leisureland</b>	2	Girls	1830	A	Sandycove		Newry
	3	Boys	1900	A	Clonard		Bangor
	4	Boys	1930	A	Cu Chulainn		Clontarf
	5	Girls	2000	A	Cathal Brugha		Half Moon
	6	Girls	2030	A	Bangor		Sandycove
	7	Boys	2100	A	Clonard		Corrib
	8	Boys	2130	A	Bangor		Cu Chulainn
<b>Kingfisher</b>	9	Girls	1830	B	Athlone		Diamonds
	10	Girls	1900	B	Tribes		St Vincents
	11	Boys	1930	B	Athlone		Half Moon
	12	Boys	2000	B	Cathal Brugha		St Vincents
	13	Girls	2030	B	Athlone		Clonard
	14	Girls	2100	B	Diamonds		Tribes
	15	Boys	2130	B	Athlone		Sandycove
	16	Boys	2200	B	Half Moon		Cathal Brugha
<b>Saturday 27 Apr</b>	17	Girls	0900	A	Cathal Brugha		Newry
<b>NUIG</b>	18	Girls	0930	A	Bangor		Half Moon
	19	Girls	1000	B	Tribes		Clonard
	20	Girls	1030	B	Diamonds		St Vincents
	21	Boys	1100	A	Cu Chulainn		Corrib
	22	Boys	1130	A	Bangor		Clontarf
	23	Boys	1200	B	Cathal Brugha		Sandycove
	24	Boys	1230	B	Half Moon		St Vincents
	25	Girls	1300	A	Sandycove		Half Moon
	26	Girls	1330	A	Bangor		Newry
	27	Girls	1400	B	Athlone		St Vincents
	28	Girls	1430	B	Diamonds		Clonard
	29	Boys	1500	A	Clonard		Clontarf
	30	Boys	1530	A	Bangor		Corrib
<b>Date/Day</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Blue</b>

<b>Saturday 27 Apr</b>	31	Boys	1600	B	Athlone		St Vincents
<b>NUIG</b>	32	Boys	1630	B	Half Moon		Sandycove
	33	Girls	1700	A	Cathal Brugha		Sandycove
	34	Girls	1730	A	Newry		Half Moon
	35	Girls	1830	B	Athlone		Tribes
	36	Girls	1900	B	St Vincents		Clonard
<b>Saturday 27 Apr</b>	37	Boys	1800	A	Clonard		Cu Chulainn
<b>Leisureland</b>	38	Boys	1830	A	Clontarf		Corrib
	39	Boys	1900	B	Athlone		Cathal Brugha
	40	Boys	1930	B	St Vincents		Sandycove
<b>Sunday 28 May</b>	41	Girls	0900	Semi 1	Win Gp A		R Up Gp B
<b>Kingfisher</b>	42	Girls	1000	Semi 2	Win Gp B		R Up Gp A
	43	Boys	1100	Semi 1	Win Gp A		R Up Gp B
	44	Boys	1200	Semi 2	Win Gp B		R Up Gp A
<b>Medal</b>	45	Girls	1345	Bronze	R Up Semi 1		R Up Semi 2
<b>Medal</b>	46	Girls	1445	Final	Winner Semi 1		Winner Semi 2
<b>Medal</b>	47	Boys	1600	Bronze	R Up Semi 1		R Up Semi 2
<b>Medal</b>	48	Boys	1715	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 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.***