

Subject: Invitation to 2026 Water Polo Competitions Workshop

Dear Club Executives,

We are pleased to invite you to the **2026 Water Polo Competitions Workshop**, taking place on:

 **Saturday, 28th February 2026**

 **10:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

 **Pavilion Building, Sport Ireland Campus** (directions available below)

This workshop is an important opportunity for clubs to share feedback on how the Competitions Committee and Swim Ireland is delivering **National Leagues and National Cups**. Your input will help shape improvements and ensure our competitions continue to meet the needs of all clubs.

The Competitions Workshop was introduced to replace the submission of motions and recommendations at the Annual Water Polo Conference, making this the key forum for discussion on competition matters.

In September 2025, a new National League & Cup format was launched. The National Water Polo Committee has agreed that the core elements of this structure will remain unchanged in the 2026/2027 season. This is for two reasons, one to give clubs certainty of league structures during this period, so they can plan in advance and secondly to allow the Competitions Committee two full seasons to review if the new format is achieving the intended objectives.

Important:

- To help structure the agenda for the workshop could you submit any feedback you would like addressed on our National Leagues & Cups to **waterpolo@swimireland.ie** by **12 noon, Monday 9th February 2026**.
- Submissions/discussion topics will **not** be accepted on the day.
- No final decisions will be made during the workshop; recommendations coming from discussion items will be reviewed by the Competitions Committee.
- Any agreed changes will take effect from the **2026/2027 season**—competition rules will not change mid-season.

Next steps:

Please confirm who will attend from your club via

Swim Ireland Water Polo - Competitions Workshop Attendance – Fill in form

We recommend a minimum of **two representatives per club**.

We look forward to your participation and valuable input.

Kind Regards,

Alex Malone on behalf of the Competitions Committee

Directions to Pavilion Building

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