

NATIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE



IRISH SENIOR CUPS

25/26/27 APRIL 2019

INFORMATION PACK

**SWIM
IRELAND**

TOURNAMENTS

Competitions

The Irish Senior Cups competitions for Men and Women will be played over three days in the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin on Thursday 25th, Friday 26rd, Saturday 27th of April 2019. Both competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Ireland Water Polo and FINA rules as set down for the 2018/19 national season.

Competition Format

Men

There are 8 men's teams entered in the competition and the competition is structured into two Groups of four teams, played on a round robin basis with the top two teams from each group progressing to the semi-finals and final.

Women

There are 6 women's teams entered in the competition and the competition is structured into two Groups of three teams, played on a round robin basis with the top two teams in each group progressing to the semi-finals and final

Group Draws

Men

Group A	Group B
St Vincents	Corrib
Half Moon	Sandycove
North Dublin	Cathal Brugha
Cu Chulainn	Clonard

Women

Group A	Group B
Cathal Brugha	Trinity
St Vincents	Donegal Diamonds
Clontarf	Tribes

Tournament Technical Meeting

A Tournament Technical meeting will be held in the poolside meeting room on Thursday at 1430 on 25rd April. Attendance by each club is compulsory and each club must be represented by one or more club delegates. A club attending the meeting may represent a maximum of one additional club, declared in advance to NWPC through SI and presented in writing at the meeting. Non-attendance at the meeting by a club or a representative club will incur a fine of €100.

Registration

All team list must be submitted by Monday 15th April 2019 to Sarah Kelly, Swim Ireland HQ at waterpolo@swimirleand.ie

Each team, including players and team staff only, will be issued accreditation passes which facilitates pool side access through out the tournament.

Pool Access & Accreditation

Accreditation passes will be issued at the Technical meeting. Pool side will be restricted to accredited team players, coaches and managers, tournament officials, staff and NWPC members. Accreditation will be visibly worn by all while on poolside, with the exception of players engaged in matches or warm up/down. Entry access points will be advised during the technical meeting.

Match Sheets

Each Team Manager must confirm their squad of up to **15 players** to the Tournament Director at the Technical meeting. The match sheets will be completed from the names of the players submitted to SI on 15 April 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. 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.

Duration of Matches

All matches will be 4 x 8 minutes actual. There will be 2 minute all in breaks between quarters. The breaks at half time in semi-finals and finals will be 5 minutes all in.

Timeouts

Two time-outs per team per match are allocated throughout the tournament.

Results

In the group phases, should two teams finish on the same points, the result between those two teams will determine which team finishes higher in the group. If this is a draw then goal difference or 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

Warm Up

Pool D – the diving pool will be available through out the tournaments for team warm up/warm down. Warm up for each team may commence 40 minutes before their scheduled match time. Warm down for each team ends 20 minutes after end of their match.

Match Starts

Match start times are provisional, and matches may start early if the competition progresses ahead of time. All teams should be available 10 minutes before their scheduled match time at the poolside. Finalists will be presented to the spectators immediately prior to the respective final and players and officials must be properly attired for presentation.

Referees

NWPC has allocated a pool of international LEN standard referees for the tournament.

Live Streaming

As the Irish Senior Cup tournaments are the premier senior tournaments of the water polo season, it is planned and expected that all six matches on Saturday will be streamed live. All players, officials and spectators should be aware of cameras at this event.

Photography

Photography is only permitted by persons issued with a permit by the NAC pool staff endorsed by the Tournament Director. Photographs in accordance with SI rules.

Presentations & Awards

Gold and Silver medals will be awarded in both competitions to winners and runners up respectively. A Most Valuable Player award will also be made in both competitions. In the Men's competition, the MVP award is dedicated to honour Shane Moraghan, Half Moon presented by his family and club Half Moon. Presentations will also be made to Team of the Tournament (best seven players) in both competitions.

The Colin Hedderman Memorial Trophy & medal has been presented to the Irish Young Player of the Year since 2007 and it will be presented immediately before the Male final again this year. All recipients must be appropriately dressed for presentations.

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 attired in team gear of 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 team next or subsequent match(es).

Pool Staff

Team managers and officials and players are reminded to be courteous to the pool staff always and 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 pool spectator, pool or dressing room areas.

Competition Fees

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

Brutality

Any player excluded for the remainder of the game, without substitute for 4 minutes, for brutality 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 brutality.

Yellow and Red Cards

All coaches and officials should lead by good example throughout the tournament.

Any head coach who receives a yellow card will not carry it forward to the next match. Any other (assistant) coach, official or player who comments to, at or about the referees will receive a red card. Anyone who receives a red card must immediately leave the poolside and go to the spectator area, without speaking to or communicating with his team. After receiving a red card, the coach may not attempt to coach or communicate with his team from the spectator area. If he attempts to do so, he will be removed from the precincts of the pool and further sanctioned. A coach, player or other official who receives a red card will be suspended for at least the next game. The Tournament Director may impose a greater penalty due to the nature of the offence.

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

Team Benches

All players not in the water during a match must always remain seated in the designated area. Any assistant coach or team manager who breaches 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 Misconduct, Brutality etc.) shall immediately leave the team bench, and proceed to the warm up/down area or 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 half way 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

Team Sheet – To Be Submitted by 1200hrs Monday 15th April 2019

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Team Name			
Number	Name	Date of Birth	License No
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	Name	Coach Level	License No
Coach			
Ass. Coach			
Manager			
Contact No.			
Contact Email			

Please submit by e mail by 1200hrs Monday 15th April 2019 to:
Sarah Kelly, Swim Ireland HQ at waterpolo@swimirleand.ie
&
Eamon Caulfield, Tournament Director, at wpfixtures@swimireland.ie

