REGIONAL & IRISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026/2027



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COMPETE WITH PRIDE.

SWIM IRELAND | An island of swimmers

DESCRIPTION

Swimming is one of Ireland's most popular participation sports, with thousands of young people taking part through schools, clubs and recreational programmes across the country.

The Regional and Irish Schools Swimming Championships provide pupils with the opportunity to represent their school, compete alongside classmates, contribute to their school's sporting achievements, and experience the unique pride that comes from wearing their school colours in competition.

The Championships are inclusive school-based competitions open to capable swimmers, whether or not they are members of a swimming club.

For many pupils, this may be their only opportunity to compete as part of a school team and contribute to their school's success.



WHY HAS MY SCHOOL BEEN CONTACTED?



Swim Ireland is contacting all schools on the Department of Education Roll email database to ensure that schools are aware of the Championships and can decide whether they wish to participate.

Schools are not being asked to actively promote the event. However, where a school is aware that pupils may wish to participate, Swim Ireland encourages schools to make the opportunity known to other eligible pupils where appropriate.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION



Step 1 - Opt In or Opt Out

Schools must complete the Opt In / Opt Out Form using the link provided in the event notification email.

If Your School Opts In

The school will be asked to nominate a School Team Coordinator who will act as the main point of contact with Swim Ireland.

If Your School Opts Out

No swimmers will be permitted to enter or represent the school in the Championships.



Key Reasons Schools are asked to confirm participation::

- Pupils represent the school with the school's knowledge and approval.
- ·To ensure all eligible pupils and families are informed of the opportunity to enter or join a school team.

WHO CAN ACT AS SCHOOL TEAM COORDINATOR?

The School Team Coordinator may be:

- A member of school staff
- A parent
- A representative from a swimming club
- Any suitable individual approved by the school



The Team Coordinator's role is to:

- Receive event information and updates
- Coordinate entries on behalf of the school
- Submit relay teams
- Act as the primary contact with Swim Ireland

The Team Coordinator does not have to attend the event unless they are also acting as a Team Manager.

WHO SUPERVISES SWIMMERS?

Every participating school must appoint at least one Team Manager.

The Team Manager is responsible for:

- Attending the event
- Supervising swimmers representing the school
- Acting as the responsible adult for the school team at the venue



Swimmers may only attend while under the supervision of an appointed Team Manager.

Schools may appoint multiple Team Managers where required.
All Team Managers must be appointed in accordance with the school's safeguarding policies and procedures.
Swim Ireland recommends appointing Team Managers with experience in a similar role at swimming competitions where possible.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Any pupil enrolled in the school may enter, subject to the event eligibility requirements.

Swimming club membership is not required.

The Championships are open to capable swimmers of all backgrounds, whether they participate through a swimming club, school programme or independently.

Competitors should be able to safely and confidently complete the distances and strokes of their chosen events.



RELAY TEAMS

Relay teams may only be entered by the School Team Coordinator, or a person authorised by the school to act in that role. The Team Coordinator is responsible for confirming swimmer eligibility and team selection.

HOW CAN ENTRIES BE SUBMITTED?

All entries must be submitted through FastWave – APP after the school has opted in.
Schools can choose the option that works best for them.

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OPTION 1 - PARENT ENTRY

Parents create a School Swimmer Account and enter their own child or children directly.

- Parents submit their own entries
- Parents pay their own entry fees
- No entry administration is required from the school
- The School Team Coordinator creates a School Coordinator Account and submits relay entries once all swimmers have entered the meet.





OPTION 2 - SCHOOL ENTRY

The School Team Coordinator creates a School Coordinator Account, Add swimmers details to their Team in the App & submits entries on behalf of swimmers from the school.

OPTION 3 - SWIMMING CLUB ENTRY

Where a school agrees, a swimming club may act as the School Team Coordinator and submit entries on behalf of the school. They may upload a Hy-tek entry file.





Age Groups

For Schools Swimming, a swimmer's age classification is based on the age they will be on 31st August 2027, not their current age, and is calculated automatically by the competition software. The school meet a swimmer must enter is determined by this age classification, not by the type of school they attend. Swimmers in the Senior Schools age categories must therefore enter the Senior Schools event, even if they attend a primary or junior school.



Regional & Irish Minor Schools Championships (swimmers classed as aged 9 to 12)

Age	Date of birth range
Age 9	01/09/2017–31/08/2018
Age 10	01/09/2016–31/08/2017
Age 11	01/09/2015–31/08/2016
Age 12	01/09/2014–31/08/2015

Regional Senior Schools Championships, Irish Senior Schools Relay Championships & Irish Schools Interprovincial (swimmers classed as aged 13 to 19)

Category	Ages	Date of birth range
Junior	13-14	01/09/2012–31/08/2014
Intermediate	15-16	01/09/2010–31/08/2012
Senior	17-19	01/09/2007–31/08/2010

Entry Fees

- €12 per individual event
- €25 per relay team

Entries are non-refundable once submitted.





Volunteers

To support the successful delivery of the Championships, participating schools are asked to provide:

- One volunteer for every six swimmers entered

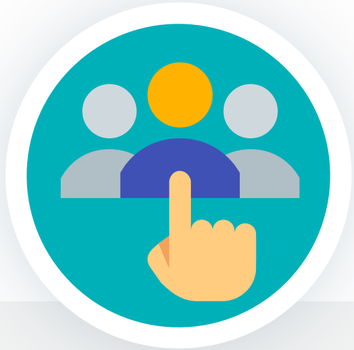
This requirement applies regardless of whether entries are submitted by parents, the school, or a swimming club acting on the school's behalf.

Event Information & Updates

Following the close of entries, final event information, session times and competition updates will be sent directly to the School Team Coordinator.

The Team Coordinator should ensure this information is shared with relevant adults associated with the team, including Team Managers.

READY TO PARTICIPATE?



Appoint a School Team Coordinator revention

The School Team Coordinator may be:

- A member of school staff
- A parent
- A representative from a swimming club
- Any suitable individual approved by the school



Opt In

Confirm your school's participation in the Championships by clicking the link in the email and confirming the Team Coordinator details



Submit Entries

All Entries via Fastwave. Select the entry option that works best for your school.

Option 1 - indivdiual Parents & Team Coordinator
Optionn 2 - Team Coordinator
Option 3 - Swimming Club



Represent Your School

Join schools from across Ireland and compete with pride.