

Munster Swim Festival

Sunday 21st June 2026



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INTRODUCTION

The Munster Swim Festival is targeted at those swimmers who have not qualified for the Summer Nationals. The ethos of the gala is about fun, inclusion, and enjoyment.

We have races that will be suitable for all age groups and abilities and we hope everyone enjoys the event.

MEET INFORMATION

Provisional License:

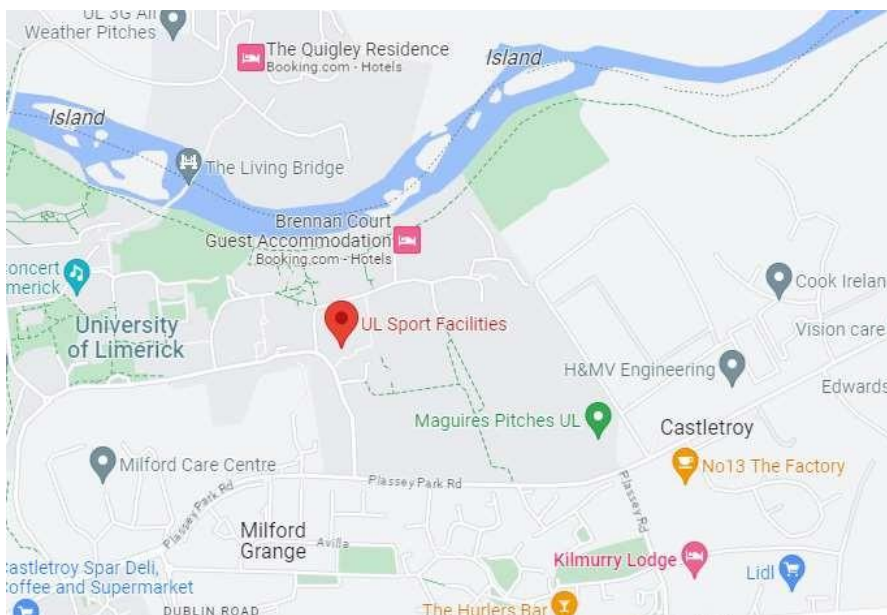
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VENUE:

University of Limerick Sports Arena. V94XT66.



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Meet Location:	UL Sports Arena, University of Limerick, Castletroy, Limerick, V94 XT66.
Pool Specification:	10 lane 25m pool; anti-turbulence lane ropes; wedge starting blocks; backstroke ledges.
Date:	Sunday 21st June 2026
Sessions:	Provisional Times: Sunday 21 st June for 12&Under Mixed Warm Up: 09:00 – Competition Start 10:00 Sunday 21 st June for 13&Over **Mixed Warm: 14:30 – Competition Start 15:30. **Times will be confirmed after receipt of entries.
Age Groups:	10, 11 and 12 years old; 13, 14 years and 15&over.
Age:	Age as 31 st December 2026
Individual Events:	10-11-12 years old: 50m Butterfly, 50m/100m Backstroke, 50m/100m Breaststroke, 50m/100m Freestyle [each swimmer can enter one event per stroke]. Please note the Super Final in the 100m IM is only available to 11 year olds and 12 year olds, in both genders. There is no Super Final for the 10 year old age group. See the specific section on the “Order of Events” for clarity. 13-14 years and 15&O: 100m IM, 100m/200m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke. [each swimmer can enter a maximum of 5 individual events].
Relay Events:	12&Under - 4x25 Mixed Freestyle (minimum one athlete per gender, no restrictions on age group). 13-14yrs, 15&over – 4x25/50/75/100 mixed freestyle (2 boys and 2 girls).
Entries:	All swimmers entering the Munster Swim Festival must be a member of a Swim Munster affiliated club. Swim Munster reserves the right to limit entries if the meet is oversubscribed. If the meet is oversubscribed the number of swims per swimmer will be limited and any rejected entries will be refunded as a single payment to the Club.
Entry Form:	All entries for Swim Munster Meets must be uploaded in Hytek format to the Fastwave platform at www.fastwave.ie Any queries on entries to munsterentries@swimireland.ie The Swim Ireland Registration number or equivalent for each swimmer must be included in the file. Slower Than Entry Times – Irish Summer National Championships. If a club is found to have entered a swimmer who has achieved an Irish Summer National Championship Qualification/Consideration standard, the club will be levied with a fine of €100. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that all entered swimmers are eligible to compete.


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	<p>Swimmers are limited to a maximum of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ One (1) event per stroke in the 10, 11 and 12 years Age Group, plus Relays, and➤ Five (5) individual entries in the 13, 14 years and 15&O Age Groups, plus Relays.
Eligibility:	All the swimmers who have <u>not obtained</u> a Qualification/Consideration Time for the Irish Summer Age Group, Youth and Senior National Championship are eligible to compete.
Seeding:	The placing of competitors in the heats will be spearheaded from slowest to fastest.
Heats & Finals:	<p>All the individual events will be swum as HDW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Session Super Final: the best 10 swimmers per age group and gender (11-12 only) considering the combined points achieved in 4 individual events can progress to the “Super-Final” on the 100m IM.• Afternoon Session Skin Race: the best 10 swimmers per age group and gender (13-14 and 15&O), qualified from the 100m IM will progress to the medley skin race. <p>See the specific section on the “Order of Events” for clarity.</p>
Entry Deadline:	Closing date for entries is 1pm on Tuesday 12th June 2026.
Entry Fees:	<p>€35 per swimmer, covering all the individual events, relay participation and final.</p> <p>Fees should be paid directly into the bank account, and must include the name of the club and the name of the meet. Payment should be received by 16th of June 2026.</p> <p>Bank details BIC – AIBKIE2D IBAN – IE70AIBK93251559772394</p> <p>No entry will be processed until the appropriate fee has been received by the Treasurer. Payment options are detailed in the Entry Summary Sheet.</p> <p><i>Please note that entries are non-refundable once the final date for payment has passed.</i></p> <p>NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.</p>
Relay Entries:	<p>Clubs are permitted to enter more than one relay team per event. The names of the 4 relay team members swimming in the race and the order of swimming must be declared on the official Team Declaration Sheet and submitted to the Swim Office Table no later than 60 minutes before the start of the session in which the race takes place.</p> <p>All competing swimmers must be entered in the meet (<i>even if they are not swimming in individual events</i>). Relay teams that swim in an order that is different from the declared order of swimming shall be disqualified in accordance with WA Rule SW 10.4.2.</p> <p>Swimmers aged 10 to 12 are not allowed to “swim up” in the 13-14 Relay or in the 15&O age group in Relays.</p> <p>Clubs may collaborate to submit Relays in all age groups: 12&Under, 13-14 & 15&O</p> <p>Swimmers aged 13/14 may swim up in the 15 & Over relay but can only swim in one age relay.</p>

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	<p>For ease of administration please ensure that names of relay participants are listed at time of entry. Changes to the relay order will be accepted on the day of the meet, if presented no later than 60 minutes before the start of the session in which the relay will take place.</p>
Entry Name Protocols:	<p>The results from this Meet will be added to the Swim Ireland and Munster databases. To ensure that results get attributed correctly to swimmers, please ensure the format of names within your Team Manager (or similar) database, and provided with entries, is as follows: All those with a Mac/Mc surname need to have a space after the Mac/Mc (e.g. Mac Mullen, Mc Donnell); All those with an O need to be written as e.g. O'Donnell (no space before or after the apostrophe). This is irrespective of whether or not that is how the swimmer normally writes their name.</p>
Withdrawals:	<p>Withdrawals must be completed by 5pm the day before the start of the meet, i.e. Saturday, 20th of June 2026. All withdrawals are to be made via www.fastwave.ie, prior to the deadline.</p>
Awards:	<p>Medals are awarded for top 3 placings in each age group for each individual event.</p> <p>Medals will be awarded to Nationally/Internationally classified Para Swimmers in events specific to their own Classification.</p> <p>All the swimmers qualified for the “Super Final” and the “Medley Skin Race” will be awarded special awards. Additional prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Super Finals, and to 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in the Skins Finals.</p>
Accreditation:	<p>It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all Coaches and Team Managers working at each session hold valid Garda Vetting and Safeguarding Level 1. Only people with valid Garda Vetting and Safeguarding will be permitted on the Pool Deck.</p> <p>Wristband accreditation will be in force at this meet in an effort to control the footfall on pool deck. There will be a maximum of 5 (five) Team Staff permitted per club. The allocation will be based on the number of swimmers in each session and a quota will be issued to clubs, in advance of the meet, on a session by session basis, following the close of entries. A different colour wristband will be available for collection at the Announcer’s table for each session. Only those with the correct colour band for each session will be permitted on pool deck. All other individuals must sit in the balcony area. Persons other than those with valid accreditation, are not permitted to congregate on pool deck and particularly in the area by the Lifeguards Chair, just in front of the Changing Village.</p> <p>Each club must ensure that the Team Staff members, Coaches & Team Managers, rostered to work at each session, must hold valid Garda Vetting and Safeguarding.</p>
Officials:	<p>To ensure the smooth running of the event each Club must provide officials for each session to help with Timekeeping / Turn Judge duties. Officials will be allocated to each club on the basis of one official per every 5 athletes entered (1:5). This allocation is on a per session basis.</p> <p>Swim Munster will provide the key officials for each session. Swim Munster will circulate an Officials Rota during the week before the event.</p>
Swimsuits:	<p>Athletes aged 12 years and younger will not be permitted to compete at this meet in a tech suit. A tech suit is defined as any male or female swimsuit manufactured using fabric with water-repellent properties or using any bonded or taped seams regardless of its fabric.</p> <p>https://swimireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/06/Swim-Ireland-Swimwear-</p>

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	<p>Policy-Updated-January-2026.pdf?mc_cid=27cb605651&mc_eid=b2ea49303d – Updated January 2026.</p> <p>It is not a requirement for swimmers over 12 years to wear WA approved swimwear in this competition. World Aquatics Approved Swimwear.</p>
<p>Transgender and Non-Binary Participation and Competition Policy:</p>	<p>In accordance with the Swim Ireland Transgender and Non-Binary Participation and Competition Policy, this competition will be conducted within relevant age specific groups and will be conducted in two categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Female: athletes with a birth sex of female. 2. Open: athletes with a birth sex of male, trans or non-binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the Female category. <p>For further information visit the Transgender and Non-Binary Participation and Competition Policy</p>
<p>Photography/ Video Recording:</p>	<p>Photography is prohibited on the pool deck and changing area.</p> <p>A registration desk will be in place in the balcony area. All devices, capable of taking an image, must be registered in advance. All persons wishing to register a device must provide: name, address, contact number and photographic identification. In the case where photographic ID is not available Swim Ireland membership card will be accepted with the member’s ID number recorded.</p> <p>Any person using the equipment must wear a tag that is clearly visible when using the equipment. If this photographic rule is breached, members are subject to the Swim Ireland Complaints and Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.</p> <p>Once registered, photographs are permitted from the balcony. A Munster Backdrop will be situated on the balcony from where photographs may be taken.</p> <p>Swim Ireland Photographic Policy. Swim Ireland Briefing Note – Camera Devices – Policy Update. Camera Devices.</p> 
<p>Health & Safety:</p>	<p>Please refer to the Health & Safety guidelines at the back of this document and also the Swim Ireland Code of Practice for Safety (Swimming) on the Swim Ireland website.</p>
<p>Anti-Doping:</p>	<p>It is a condition of attending a Swim Ireland event that swimmers may be required to be tested for prohibited substances in accordance with the Sport Ireland/WADA/ World Aquatics Anti-Doping rules. For further information visit the Anti-Doping section of the Sport Ireland website.</p>
<p>Competition Rules:</p>	<p>These Meet Conditions must be read in conjunction with the Swim Ireland General Event Rules available on the SI website. Please note that the Swim Ireland Eligibility Policy will be enforced at this competition.</p>

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All competing clubs must provide at least one official per five swimmers per session.

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Order of Events

Morning session – 10 to 12 Year olds.

50m Butterfly (10-11-12 years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
50m Backstroke (10-11-12 years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
100m Backstroke (10-11-12 years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
50m Breaststroke (10-11-12 years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
100m Breaststroke (10-11-12 years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
50m Freestyle (10-11-12 years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
100m Freestyle (10-11-12 years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open

4x25m Freestyle Relay	Mixed
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100m IM Super Final - 11 years old	Female
100m IM Super Final - 11 years old	Male & Open
100m IM Super Final – 12 years old	Female
100m IM Super Final – 12 years old	Male & Open

Super Final: The top 10 swimmers combined points, across all the individual events (max 4) swam by each swimmer, will qualify for the 100 IM Super Final (one final for each gender and age group). Points are calculated by the Meet Manager software based on the placing of the swimmer in each event.

In the event of a tie for 10th place, a Swim Off will take place between the relevant swimmers over 50m Freestyle heat until a winner is declared.

Afternoon session – 13-14 yrs and 15&O

100m IM (13-14 and 15&O years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
200m Freestyle (13-14 and 15&O years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
50m Butterfly (13-14 and 15&O years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
100m Backstroke (13-14 and 15&O years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
100m Breaststroke (13-14 and 15&O years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open
100m Freestyle (13-14 and 15&O years old combined heats)	Female – Male & Open

4 x 25m/50m/75m/100m Freestyle Relay	Mixed
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Medley Skins Race 13-14 years old	Female
Medley Skins Race 13-14 years old	Male & Open

Medley Skins Race 15&O	Female
Medley Skins Race 15&O	Male & Open

Medley Skin Race: The best 10 swimmers in the 100m IM (placed 1st to 10th in their respective age group and gender) will qualify for the 4 Medley Skin Races (one per gender per age group).

In the event of a tie for 10th place, a Swim Off will take place between the relevant swimmers over 50m Freestyle heat until a winner is declared.

The skin race stages alternate between Girls and Boys per each age group as follows

Stage 1: all the swimmers qualified are competing. The distance is 50 meters and the stroke is drawn by the competition manager; the first 8 proceed to stage 2. Girls race then Boys race.

Stage 2: the remaining 8 swimmers are competing. The distance is 50 meters and the stroke is drawn by the competition manager (among the 3 remaining strokes); the first 6 proceed to stage 3. Girls race then Boys race.

Stage 3: the remaining 6 swimmers are competing. The distance is 50 meters and the stroke is drawn by the competition manager (among the 2 remaining strokes); the first 4 proceed to stage 4. Girls race then Boys race.

Stage 4: the remaining 4 swimmers are competing. The distance is 50 meters and the stroke is the last remaining stroke, which was not previously swum in stage 1-2-3; the first 2 proceed to stage 5. Girls race then Boys race.

Stage 5: the remaining 2 swimmers compete in the Skins Final. The distance is 50 meters, All Strokes are returned to the bag and one stroke is then drawn by the competition manager (from all the 4 strokes); the winner is the overall winner of the event.

4 x 25m/50m/75m/100m Freestyle Mixed Relay: Each Team must have 2 Open and 2 Female (13&Over); each team swims the 4 distances in the specific order: one 25m – one 50m – one 75m – one 100m. There is no restriction on the gender order in which this Relay can be swum.

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Swim Ireland Safety Statement – Issues

Safety is the responsibility of every individual involved in the sport.

Risks identified must be reported to either a club or Meet Official and formally reported to the facility operator.

All accidents must be formally reported.

General

- By Law all facilities are required to have a Safety Statement in operation. Clubs and Meet Organisers should satisfy themselves that this is the case.
- Any accidents, however minor, must be reported to Swim Ireland (standard Accident Report Form available).
- 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 Swim Ireland Office.

Clubs

- All Clubs should obtain and read a copy of the Safety Statement of the pool they are hiring.
- It is recommended that clubs identify risks and formally report them in writing to the relevant personnel at the facility.

All Members

(Club, Regional and National)

- Following a meet at which an incident/accident occurred, the Organiser and Race Referee must complete a Meet Accident Report Form and include their contact details.
- All who attend meets are urged to report any accidents to either the Meet Organiser who immediately reports to the Race Referee or to the Referee directly. Where an accident occurs, Swim Ireland must be informed as soon as possible with a full report presented.
- “Safety at Swim Meets” must be included in all Programmes for all Meets run under Swim Ireland rules. It must also be read out at the start of every session with emphasis placed on item 3 above.
- Officials should be advised by the Race Referee to report any concerns they have over possible risks at the facility and to ensure that reporting procedures are followed.
- Under World Aquatics Law the Referee is in total control of all persons attending the meet and the Referee should take all reasonable steps to ensure their safety.

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Safety at Swim Meets

All accidents, however minor must be reported, in writing, to Swim Ireland.

We 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.

General

- Everyone attending Meets must familiarize themselves with the locations and operation of Emergency Exits.
- Anyone observing anything they consider to be a safety hazard should report it to a Meet Official.
- All persons attending Meets must take all steps to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.
- All walkways must be kept clear of bags, equipment, etc.

Starting

- It is the responsibility of competitors, coaches and clubs to ensure that all athletes are sufficiently competent to dive start from competition starting blocks. Alternatively, athletes are reminded that they may start from the poolside.
- In the event of a false start, athletes should perform a safe entry and not fall into the water.

Warm Up

- Athletes and coaches must ensure that they (and athletes in their charge) take no action that would endanger themselves or others.
- The instructions of those in authority must be obeyed immediately.
- Athletes are not permitted to dive or jump into lanes other than sprint lanes and then only when the area is sufficiently clear to make a safe entry.
- Do not start sprinting in a sprint lane until non-sprinting athletes have cleared it.
- On finishing a sprint, immediately clear the way for the following athlete(s).

Around the Pool (e.g. spectator area, foyer area etc.)

- Athletes are not permitted to enter dry areas without first having changed and put on footwear.
- Where there is a balcony or rail – athletes are not permitted to climb over it.
- Glass bottles are not permitted outside designated refreshment areas.

Thank you for your co-operation in making the Meets a safe experience for all.