

**SWIM
IRELAND**

Masters



CELTIC MASTERS

**Irish Open Short Course
Championships (25m)**

EVENT GUIDE

National Aquatic Centre,

Dublin, Ireland

16th November 2025

MEET INFORMATION

VENUE	National Aquatic Centre, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin15
FACILITIES	10 lane 25m pool. Anti-turbulence lane ropes, wedge starting blocks, backstroke ledges OMEGA electronic timing system will be used
TIMES	<p>Session 1 – Sunday November 16th, Warm Up 9:30 am, Start 10:30 am</p> <p>Session 2 – Sunday November 16th, Warm Up 2:30 pm, Start 3:00 pm</p> <p>All events will be run as Heat Declared Winner (HDW) events with seeded heats, mixed Men and Women.</p> <p>All events will run as 8 or 10 Lane Heats</p>
AGE GROUPS	<p>Age Groups for Open Category & Female Category.</p> <p>Individuals: 19yrs – 24yrs, 25yrs – 29yrs, 30yrs – 34yrs etc. and upwards in 5 year intervals.</p> <p>Relays: 76yrs-99yrs, 100yrs-119yrs, 120yrs-159yrs, 160yrs-199yrs, etc. and upwards in 40 year intervals.</p> <p>Age at <i>31st December 2025</i> and all competitors must be 19 years or over on the day of swim</p>
SWIM IRELAND TRANSGENDER POLICY	<p>Please note that this competition will be run under the stipulations of the Swim Ireland Transgender and Non-Binary Participation and Competition Policy.</p> <p>Female Category – athletes with a birth sex of female Open Category – athletes with a birth sex of male, trans or non-binary competitors and any competitor not eligible for the Female category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information on this can be found in the Policies section on the Swim Ireland website
MEET CONDITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All competitors must be a member of a club affiliated to World Aquatics. • Competitors may represent only ONE club in the competition. • All Relay entrants must enter and complete an individual event • All swimmers must be a full current member of a WA affiliated organisation at the time of the gala.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers with One Day Membership or Special memberships are not permitted to enter this competition.
<p>COMPETITION INFORMATION</p>	<p>Individual Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50m, 100m and 200m in all four strokes 400 FS 100m, 200m and 400IM <p>Relays Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 X 50m FS for Open Category, Female Category and Mixed teams (2 from Open Category & 2 from Female Category 4 X 50m Medley for Open Category, Female Category and Mixed teams (2 from Open Category & 2 from Female Category <p>The names of the team members cannot be confirmed on the day of the gala, so must be submitted in advance with your entry.</p> <p>Dependent on the number of entries received the organisers reserve the right to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Limit number of heats if necessary Adjust the start time of the sessions if necessary.
<p>ENTRIES</p>	<p>Individual Entry Forms</p> <p>Entries from <i>Individual Swimmers</i> may be made using the linked HERE.</p> <p>Submitted entries can be checked for Individual Swimmers using the linked HERE.</p> <p>Please contact celticopenmasters@gmail.com if you require any assistance or advice regarding Individual Entries.</p> <p>Relay Team Entry Forms</p> <p>Entries from <i>Relay Teams</i> may be made using the JotForm linked HERE. You will receive a confirmation of submission email after you submit your relay entries.</p> <p>Please contact Swim Ireland Office at entries@swimireland.ie if you require any assistance or advice regarding Relay Entries.</p> <p>Entry Deadlines</p> <p>Closing date for individual entries is 5.00pm Friday 7th November 2025. Closing date for Relay entries is 5.00pm Thursday 13th November 2025.</p> <p><u>Neither LATE ENTRIES NOR CHANGES ON THE DAY WILL BE ACCEPTED.</u></p>

	<p>Entry Fees</p> <p>Individual entries cost €8 per event.</p> <p>Relay entries cost €15 per event.</p> <p>Payment Options</p> <p>Entries from Individual Swimmers or Relay team entries <u>via the Forms</u> are payable upon submission of Entries.</p> <p><i>Please note that entries are non-refundable once the final date for payment has passed.</i></p>
WITHDRAWALS	All withdrawals must be submitted via the online form linked HERE (this form will be available following the closing date for entries up until 3pm 15 th Nov 2025, no withdrawals will be accepted on the day).
HEALTH & SAFETY	Health and Insurance are the responsibility of the entrant .Please refer to the Health & Safety guidelines at the back of this document and the Swim Ireland Code of Practice for Safety (Swimming) .
PHOTOGRAPHY	It is a condition of attending a Swim Ireland event that swimmers accept they may be photographed or filmed as part of the occasion, either as an individual or as a member of a group. Swimmers may also appear in a photograph or video inadvertently. All photography and/or filming must be in accordance with Swim Ireland Guidelines.
	https://www.swimireland.ie/competitions-events/regulations-and-safety

Further information

Please direct all individual entry related queries to celticopenmasters@gmail.com

Please direct all online Relay entry related queries to entries@swimireland.ie

Email address for all other queries: celticopenmasters@gmail.com

APPENDIX 1 - Programme of Events

Sunday 16th Nov 2025

SESSION 1 – Warm Up: 9:30am Start: 10:30am		
Event No	Gender	Event
1	2 Female Category & 2 Open Category	4 x 50 free relay
2	Female Category & Open Category	50 Back
3	Female Category & Open Category	200 Breast
4	Female Category & Open Category	100 Butterfly
5	Female Category & Open Category	200 IM
6	Female Category & Open Category	200 Back
7	Female Category & Open Category	100 Free
8	Female Category & Open Category	50 Breast
9	Open Category	4 x 50 free relay
10	Female Category	4 x 50 free relay
11	Female Category & Open Category	400 Free

SESSION 2 - Warm Up: 2:30pm Start 3:00pm		
Event No	Gender	Event
12	2 Female Category & 2 Open Category	4 x 50 Medley relay
13	Female Category & Open Category	200 Free
14	Female Category & Open Category	100 IM
15	Female Category & Open Category	50 Fly
16	Female Category & Open Category	100 Back
17	Female Category & Open Category	400 IM
18	Female Category & Open Category	50 Free
19	Female Category & Open Category	100 Breast
20	Female Category & Open Category	200 Fly
21	Female	4 x 50 medley relay
22	Open	4 x 50 medley relay

Appendix 2 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

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 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 Meets

(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.

Safety at Swim Meets

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

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.

General

- Everyone attending Meets must familiarise 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.