

Connacht Christmas Cracker 2024

Saturday 21 December 2024, Coral Leisure, Tuam

Swim Ireland Licence CO01-24/25-C005

Entry details for the Swim Connacht Christmas Cracker (Licence Level 2).

This swim meet is open **only** to swimmers registered with clubs in **Swim Ireland Connacht** Region.

Venue	<i>Coral Leisure Tuam, Bishop Street, Tuam, Co. Galway, H54 AV29</i>
Host	<i>Tuam Swimming Club</i>
Format	<i>Short Course, 6 lane</i>
Session Time	<i>Warm-up: 1730, Start: 1800</i>
Events	<p><i>Open and Female 9yr, 10yr, 11yr and 12yr</i></p> <p><i>50m Backstroke 50m Breaststroke 50m Butterfly 50m Freestyle 6 x 25m Freestyle Christmas Hat Relay</i></p> <p><i>Athletes may swim a maximum of 3 events, plus relays NTs will be accepted Team Relays:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Must include at least 1 Open and 1 Female athlete</i> ○ <i>Clubs can enter multiple teams and collaborate with other clubs.</i>
Eligibility	<p><i>Age as 31 December 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Only swimmers registered with Connacht clubs are eligible to enter this gala. All swimmers must be competing in the competition to enter a relay. Athletes with a disability must be registered as members of a Swim Ireland affiliated club at the time of entry.</i></p>
Fees	<p><i>€7 per Individual Event; €15 per Relay Team</i></p> <p><i>Fee payment must be arranged concurrently with swim meet entries. <u>Proof of payment must accompany</u> the entries.</i></p> <p><i>Host Club keep their club entry fees. All visiting Clubs must arrange electronic payment to:</i></p> <p><i>Account Name:</i> Swim Ireland Connacht</p> <p><i>Bank:</i> AIB Bank</p> <p><i>Address:</i> West End Retail Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.</p> <p><i>IBAN:</i> IE60AIBK93251559772477</p> <p><i>BANK:</i> AIBIE2D</p> <p><i>REFERENCE:</i> NAME</p>
Entries	<p><i>Entries on Hy-Tek only by email to connachtgalasecretary@swimireland.ie</i></p> <p><i>Proof of payment must accompany entries.</i></p>
Entries by	<i>5pm on Monday 16 December 2024</i>

Awards	Individual awards will be given.
Heats	Clubs will be notified in advance as to any changes to the competition. Numbers of heats may be curtailed to allow the gala to be run off in a reasonable timeframe.
Officials	Clubs must provide volunteers for timekeeping duties. Persons looking for experience of stroke judge and starter roles should contact connachtcompetitionchair@swimireland.ie and arrangements will be made for mentoring.
Scratches	Scratches at the commencement of warm up (or otherwise as directed at the swim meet). Once the final psych sheet is published for checking their will be NO changes or Late entry accepted on the day , modifications at Referee discretion.
Tech Suit Policy	In accordance with the Swim Ireland Tech Suit Policy , swimmers will not be permitted to compete in a tech suit at the Future Challenger Series Meets – irrespective of age. We ask clubs ensure coaches, parents and athletes are fully aware of the policy so that we avoid any negative experiences on poolside.
Transgender Policy	In accordance to the Swim Ireland Transgender and Non-Binary Participation and Competition Policy, HERE , this competition will be conducted within relevant age specific groups and in two categories: 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.
Data Protection	Swim Ireland Connacht and its registered clubs use a software database to manage entries and results of swimming meets, and to manage competition records of swimmers. By submitting and accepting entries, consent is hereby given, as required by the Data Protection Act, to the holding of personal information on databases. Personal data held for each swimmer will be name, date of birth, club, Swim Ireland registration number, entry times, achieved times. Certain elements of this data (name, club, age, times, achieved times) may be made public prior to, during or after the meet (e.g. programmes, results sheets, social media updates etc.)
Photography	NO photography will be permitted on deck, as per the Swim Ireland Competition Photography and Changing Room Briefing, HERE
Hydration	Please note that, as an environment-friendly measure, timekeepers/officials/coaches are encouraged to bring their own re-usable bottles and fill them from the water coolers.
First Aid	First Aid facilities will be provided by facility lifeguards and staff. Fire exits should be noted on arrival. In the event of fire alarm, swimmers and volunteers will take direction from the facility staff and/or Meet Director.