**Future Challenger Series 2025-26   
Meet 4**

Swim Ireland Licence (meet licence number)

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| ***Venue*** | *(Pool and Eircode)* |
| ***Host*** | *(Host Swimming Club)* |
| ***Format*** | *Short Course – (number of lanes) Lane* |
| ***Session Times*** | *Session 1 – (Date/Day) Warm-up: (Time) Start time: (Time)* |
| ***Events*** | 10-14yrs 100m IM, OR 10-14yrs 200m IM  10-14yrs 50m Freestyle, OR 10-14yrs 100m Freestyle, OR 11-14yrs 200m Freestyle, OR 12yrs 400m Freestyle  Mixed 4 x 25m MTR  10-14yrs 50m Breaststroke, OR 11-14yrs 100m Breaststroke, OR 12yrs 200m Breaststroke  *Athletes may swim a maximum of THREE events and are limited to ONE distance per stroke.* |
| ***Team  Relays*** | *Age Groups: 10-12yrs and 12-14yrs (12yrs eligible for one relay per event only).*  *Relays must include at least ONE open and ONE female athlete. All swimmers must be competing in an individual event to enter a relay.*  *Clubs can enter multiple teams and collaborate with other clubs.* |
| ***Eligibility*** | *The Future Challenger Series is open to all competitive members registered with a Connacht club aged 10 to 12 years.*  *Athletes aged 13 and 14 years may enter if they have not previously competed at the Aspiring Champions level or above and cannot compete at the Aspiring Champions Series in the same cycle i.e., the short course or long course season. Participation is intended as a transitional opportunity and should be guided by the athlete’s coach based on readiness and performance.*  *Age as 31 December 2025.*  *Athletes with a disability must be registered as members of a Swim Ireland affiliated club at the time of entry.* |
| ***Entry Guidelines*** | *Except for the 200m Breaststroke and 400m Freestyle, there will be no consideration standards to enter this meet. The following guidance is provided to support entry decisions.*   1. *Athletes should be able to complete the race distance with the given stroke/s and have proven this in at least one meet/time trial prior to entry.* 2. *Athletes should be capable of executing the stroke/s legally.* 3. *Athletes should be capable of executing legal turns and good streamlining.* 4. *Athletes must swim in the corresponding 50m event prior to entering the 100m event,  and the 100m event prior to entering the 200m event.* 5. *Athletes aged 12-14 years entering the 200m Breaststroke must have swum a 100m Breaststroke faster than the consideration time published below.* 6. *Athletes aged 12-14 years entering the 400m Freestyle must have swum a 200m Freestyle faster than the consideration time published below.* 7. *Athletes should only enter events on the recommendation from their coach.* |
| ***Consideration Standards*** | *Athletes aged 12-14 years entering the 200m Breaststroke or 400m Freestyle must have swum a 100m Breaststroke or 200m Freestyle faster than the consideration time below.*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Open** | **Event** | **Female** | | 01:38.00 | **100m Breaststroke** | 01:38.00 | | 02:50.00 | **200m Freestyle** | 02:50.00 |   *Meet Organisers reserve the right to limit entries in these events.* |
| ***Fees*** | *Individual Events €5 Relay Team €15* |
| ***Entries*** | *Entries* ***on Hy-Tek only*** *to (entry email address) OR* [*connachtgalasecretary@swimireland.ie*](mailto:connachtgalasecretary@swimireland.ie)  *Proof of payment must accompany entries.*  *Host Club keep their club entry fees.* ***All visiting Clubs must arrange electronic payment to****:* ***Account Name:*** *Swim Ireland Connacht* ***Bank:*** *AIB Bank* ***Address:*** *West End Retail Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.* ***IBAN:****IE60AIBK93251559772477* ***BANK:****AIBIE2D* ***REFERENCE:****NAME* |
| ***Entries by*** | *(Date, two weeks before competition)* |
| ***Tech Suit  Policy*** | *In accordance with the* [***Swim Ireland Tech Suit Policy***](https://swimireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/06/Swim-Ireland-Tech-Suit-Policy-Updated-May-2024.pdf)*, 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.* |
| ***Awards*** | *Individual awards will be given in accordance with Swim Connacht band system* |
| ***Policy*** | *In accordance to the Swim Ireland Transgender and Non-Binary Participation and Competition Policy,* [*HERE*](https://swimireland.ie/2024/05/29/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:*  *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.* |
| ***Officials*** | *Clubs must provide volunteers for timekeeping duties.*  *Persons looking for experience of stroke judge and starter roles should contact* [*connachtcompetitionchair@swimireland.ie*](mailto:connachtcompetitionchair@swimireland.ie) *and arrangements will be made for mentoring.* |
| ***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.* |
| ***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.* |
| ***Photography*** | *NO photography will be permitted on deck, as per the Swim Ireland Competition Photography and Changing Room Briefing,* [*HERE*](https://www.swimireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/02/Briefing-Note-Competition-Photography-and-Changing-areas.pdf) |
| ***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.* |
| ***Data Protection*** | *Swim Ireland Connacht and its affiliated clubs use a software database to manage entries, results and swimmer competition records. By submitting and accepting entries, consent is granted, under the requirements of the Data Protection Act, for the storage and processing of personal information within these databases. The personal data held for each swimmer includes, name, date of birth, club affiliation, Swim Ireland registration number, entry times and achieved times. Certain elements of this data (name, club, age, entry and achieved times) may be publicly shared before, during or after the meet – for example, in programmes, result sheets or social media updates.* |