Swim Ireland Connacht Open 2026

UL Sport Arena, University of Limerick

Sunday 5 April 2026

Swim Ireland Licence TBC

Entry details for the Swim Ireland Connacht Open 2026 (Licence Level 3).
This meet is open to swimmers registered with clubs in all regions.

Venue	*UL Sport Arena, Limerick, V94 XT66*
Host	*Swim Ireland Connacht*
Format	*Long Course (50m), 10 lane with electronic timing*
Session Times and Events	***Sunday 5 April 2026*** ***Session 1:*** *Warm-up 0900; Start 1000* *1. Mixed 12yrs+ 4x50m Medley Relay* *2. Mixed 12yrs+ 4x50m Freestyle Relay* *3. Female 200 Individual Medley* *4. Open 200 Individual Medley* *5. Female 50 Butterfly* *6. Open 50 Butterfly* *7. Female 200 Freestyle* *8. Open 200 Freestyle* *9. Female 100 Breaststroke* *10. Open 100 Breaststroke* *11. Female 100 Backstroke* *12. Open 100 Backstroke* *13. Female 200 Butterfly* *14. Open 200 Butterfly* *15. Female 50 Freestyle* *16. Open 50 Freestyle* ***Session 2:*** *Warm-up 1400; Start 1500* *17. Female 13yrs+ 4x100m Freestyle Relay* *18. Open 13yrs+ 4x100m Freestyle Relay* *19. Open 200 Breaststroke* *20. Female 200 Breaststroke* *21. Open 50 Backstroke* *22. Female 50 Backstroke* *23. Open 100 Butterfly* *24. Female 100 Butterfly* *25. Open 200 Backstroke* *26. Female 200 Backstroke* *27. Open 50 Breaststroke* *28. Female 50 Breaststroke* *29. Open 100 Freestyle* *30. Female 100 Freestyle* *31. Mixed 1500m Freestyle* *All events are Heat Declared Winner (HDW). Session times are subject to change.*
Eligibility and Age Bands	*All athletes must be registered members of a Swim Ireland affiliated club at the time of entry.* *10-12yrs, 13-14yrs, 15-16yrs and 17yrs+* *Swimmers aged 10 and 11 years can enter the 50m and 100m events only* *Relay swimmers **must** be competing in individual events in this competition. Mixed relay events must comprise of two open and two female swimmers.* *Age as 31 December 2026.*
Entries	*Individual and relay entries on **Hytek only** by email to connachtentries@swimireland.ie* *All entries **must be** submitted with a payment statement that reflects the total amount due. No changes will be accepted on the day. Modifications are at the meet director's discretion.* *In the event that the meet is oversubscribed, travelling clubs will be accepted first, and the remaining entries accepted on a 'fastest to slowest time' basis with age consideration. Accepted entries will be published no later than Wednesday 25 March 2026.*

Closing Date	*Monday 23 March 2026 (strictly no late entries)*
Fees & Payments	*€8 per Individual Event; €25 per Relay Team* *Proof of payment required with entries.* ***Entries will NOT be processed without full payment.*** ***Account Name:*** *Swim Ireland Connacht* ***IBAN:*** *IE60AIBK93251559772477* ***BANK:*** *AIBIE2D* ***REFERENCE:*** *CLUB NAME* ***Swim Ireland Connacht reserve the right to limit entries.*** *Fees will be refunded to the club.*
Withdrawals	*After the closing date, entry fees will only be refunded for withdrawals supported by a doctor's note. Scratches by 3pm the day before (or otherwise as directed at the swim meet).*
Awards	*Medals awarded to the top three places in each event and each age-band.* *Future Challenger Series bands to qualifying 10-12yrs.*
Updates and Communication	*Going paperless! To reduce paper usage, this meet will be using WhatsApp to distribute heat sheets and results. Access via Meet Mobile will also be available (charges may apply).*
Qualification Pathway	*Times qualify athletes to the Regional LC Championships, Irish Summer National Championships and the Regional Programme.*
Accreditation	*Wristband accreditation will be used at this meet, max 3 per club, extra allocation may be awarded depending on numbers after entries have been submitted.*
Officials	*Clubs must provide volunteers for timekeeping duties. Volunteers should be trained to Level 1 Officials standard. Officials will be arranged by the region in accordance with the licence category. Officials may seek specific duties for experience, on request.*
World Aquatic Rules	*This competition will be run under World Aquatics rules. It is not a requirement for swimmers to wear World Aquatics approved swimwear in this competition.*
Tech Suit	*In accordance with the* ***Swim Ireland Tech Suit Policy****, athletes aged 10-12yrs will not be permitted to compete in a tech suit.*
Transgender and non-Binary 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 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.*
Photography	*NO photography will be permitted on deck, as per the Swim Ireland Competition Photography and Change Areas Briefing Note,* ***HERE***
Hydration	*Please note that, as an environment-friendly measure, timekeepers/officials/coaches are encouraged to bring their own bottles.*
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.*