

Future Challenger Series 2026-27

Meet 1

Swim Ireland Licence C001-26/27-C001

Venue	Claremorris leisure Centre								
Host	Claremorris SC								
Format	Short Course – 6 Lane								
Session Times	Session 1 – Sunday 27 th Sep 26	Warm-up: 8.30am-9.15am Start time: 9.30am							
Events	10-14yrs 100m IM, OR 10-14yrs 200m IM 10-14yrs 50m Backstroke, OR 10-14yrs 100m Backstroke, OR 11-14yrs 200m Backstroke 10-14yrs 50m Breaststroke, OR 11-14yrs 100m Breaststroke, OR 12yrs 200m Breaststroke Mixed 4 x 25m FTR 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 2026. 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, 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 should only enter events on the recommendation from their coach.								
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Fees	Individual Events €5 Relay Team €15
Entries	Entries on Hy-Tek only to swimclubclaremorrishytek@gmail.com 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	Friday 18 th September 26 - 5pm.
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.
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, 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 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
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.