



UNDER 13 MIXED IRISH CUP

18/19 MAY 2019

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TOURNAMENTS

Competitions

The Irish Under 13 Cup competition for Boys and Girls will be played over two days in the National Aquatic Centre on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2019. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the Ireland Water Polo and FINA rules as set down for the 2018/19 national season.

Competition Format

There are 20 teams entered and the competition is structured into four Groups of 5 teams, played on a round robin basis with the top two teams from each group progressing to the quarterfinals; the winners of the quarterfinals will contest the semi-finals and the subsequent medal final. Teams finishing in third place in the groups will play against other each in a consolation match, losing quarter finalists will also play a consolation match and there will be a Bronze medal match.

Tournament Briefing Meeting

A Tournament briefing meeting will be held in a Marshalls room at the NAC on Saturday 18th of May at 14.00hrs. Attendance by **each club** is compulsory. A club attending the meeting may represent a maximum of one additional club, declared in advance to NWPC through SI and presented in writing at the meeting. Non-attendance at the meeting by a club or a representative club will incur a fine of €50.

Registration

All team list must be submitted by Tuesday 7th May 2019 to Sarah Kelly, Swim Ireland HQ at waterpolo@swimirleand.ie

Each team, including players and team staff only, will be allowed pool side access throughout the tournament. All others are requested to respect this position.

Pool Access

Pool side will be restricted to team players, coaches and managers, tournament officials, staff and NWPC members. Entry access points will be advised during the briefing meeting.

Match Sheets

Each Team Manager must confirm their squad of up to **15 players** (bring 15 hats of each colour) to the Tournament Director at the briefing meeting. The match sheets will be completed from the names of the players submitted to SI on 7th May and repeated in each match on commencement of the tournament.

All players must **keep the same hat number for all matches** as per team sheet submitted. Matches will be played as 7 a side, from a panel of 13 players.

Team managers must inform the table which players are not playing in each match 30 minutes before commencement of any match. Squad players not participating in any match must remain in the spectator area during matches.

Duration of Matches

Group matches, playoff's, quarter and semi-finals will be 2 x 6 minutes actual time. There will be a 2 minute all in break between halves. The final will be 4 x 4 minutes actual time. The break in between quarter's in the final will be 2 minutes all in. Match duration times may be adjusted, restructured or reduced in the event of pool time being unavailable.

Match Starts

There are 53 matches to be played over the tournament therefore it is important teams are ready to play as delayed starts will impact pool time and could lead to withdrawal of time outs, reduction in match duration or cancelling of matches. Teams need to be ready for their allocated match time. Match start times are provisional, and matches may start early if the competition progresses ahead of time. All teams should be available 15 minutes before their scheduled match time at the poolside.

White will start in both pools to the left of the bench at pool D (diving pool) and **Blue** will start to the right (the dressing room / spectator side)

Timeouts

One time-out per team per period is allocated for group games, playoff's, quarter and semi-finals. Unused timeouts are forfeited and do not carry to the next period. For the final teams are allocated 2 time-outs each, to be used at any point they are in possession of the ball.

Results

Points shall be awarded as follows in group matches:

- Win - 3 Points / Draw - 1 Point / Loss - 0 Points

In the group phases, where teams finish on the same points, the result between those teams will determine which team finishes higher in the group, in line with the Water Polo Rule book (R12.7). If there is still a tie then the team with the largest difference between goals scored for and against in all matches shall be ranked higher. If the teams are still tied the team having scored the higher number of goals in all matches will be ranked higher. A toss of a coin will decide the group final positions if all elements prove equal. A playoff match will not be undertaken.

Ball size

The size 3 water polo ball will be used throughout the tournament.

Warm Up

There is restricted time available for warm up and teams may expect not more than 2 minutes.

Gold Medal Match

Finalists will be presented to the spectators immediately prior to the respective Gold medal final and players and officials must be properly attired (t-shirt/short) for all presentations.

Referees

A pool of NWPC referees and club referees will officiate at this event.

Please ensure all players nails are trimmed as referees will be checking them prior to games.

Photography

Photography is only permitted by persons issued with a permit by the relevant pool staff endorsed by the Tournament Director. Photographs in accordance with SI rules.

Presentations & Awards

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded. A Most Valuable Player award will also be made. Recipients must be appropriately dressed for presentations.

Dress

All players and officials must be properly attired on the team bench. During presentation of teams prior to final and prize giving all teams and officials will be attired in team gear of shirts/shorts/tracksuits. It should be particularly noted by all that swimsuits/togs are NOT permitted in the spectator area at any time. ALL teams must use the designated changing rooms for changing and /or dressing. Teams who do not comply will be sanctioned and officials may be excluded from the poolside for their team next or subsequent match(es).

Pool Staff

Team managers and officials and players are reminded to be courteous to the pool staff always and obey instructions issued. Any dispute/altercation with staff should be reported to the Tournament Director by the Team Manager immediately.

Brutality

Any player excluded for the remainder of the game, with substitution after 4 minutes, for brutality shall be suspended for at least the next game. The Tournament Director on advice may impose a greater penalty due to the nature of the brutality.

Yellow and Red Cards

All coaches and officials should lead by good example throughout the tournament, in particular as this is a junior event. Any head coach who receives a yellow card will not carry it forward to the next match. Any other (assistant) coach, official or player who comments to, at or about the referees will receive a red card. Anyone who receives a red card must immediately leave the poolside and go to the spectator area, without speaking to or communicating with his team. After receiving a red card, the coach may not attempt to coach or communicate with his team from the spectator area. If he attempts to do so, he will be removed from the precincts of the pool and further sanctioned.

A coach, player or other official who receives a red card may be suspended for the next game. The Tournament Director may impose a penalty of missing a match (or more) subject to the nature of the offence. If a coach receives a red card and consequent suspension, he may not coach or participate in a game involving a team in the competition until that suspension has been served.

Team Benches

All players not in the water during a match must always remain seated in the designated area. Any assistant coach or team manager who breaches this Rule shall receive a red card. A player, who is excluded from the remainder of the game by way of 3 personal fouls, must remain on the team bench, with their cap on. A player excluded from the remainder of the game by the referee (for Misconduct, Brutality etc.) shall immediately leave the team bench, and proceed to the changing rooms / spectator area.

Penalty Shoot Out

- the shoot-out will begin immediately and the same referees will be used
- coaches of the teams will be requested to nominate five players and goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out;
- the goalkeeper may be changed at any time provided the substitute was listed amongst the team list in that game
- the five players nominated will be required to be listed in order which will determine the sequence players take their penalty; the sequence cannot be changed
- Should a goalkeeper be excluded during the penalty shoot-out, a player from the nominated five players may substitute for the goalkeeper but without the privileges of the goalkeeper; following the taking of the penalty shot, the player may be substituted by another player or alternate goalkeeper.
- If a field player is excluded during the penalty shoot-out, the player will be removed from the list of the five players participating in the penalty shoot-out, and a substituted player is placed in the last position on the list
- Penalty shots will be taken alternately into the designated end of the pool. The players taking the shots will remain in the water at half way at the pool side.
- the team to shoot first will be determined by toss of a coin
- should teams still be tied following the completion of the initial five penalty shots, the same five players shall then take alternate shots on a sudden death basis.

Appeals/Protests

All protest / appeals must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of completion of any match or decision. Any protest must be lodged in advance of the competition commencing. Appeal/Protest Fee: €100.

Annex A

Team Sheet – To Be Submitted by 1200hrs Tuesday 7th May 2019

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Team Name			
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	Name	Coach Level	License No
Coach			
Ass. Coach			
Manager			
Contact No.			
Contact Email			

Please submit by e mail by 1200hrs Tuesday 7th May 2019 to:
Sarah Kelly, Swim Ireland HQ at waterpolo@swimirleand.ie

Annex B

Schedule of Matches – Under 13 Cup

Issued separately.