

Future Challengers hosted by ESB SC
Update on Entries

Many thanks for your support of our gala this year. This gala has received the largest number of entries that I can recall from my time in ESB, with more athletes entering than our packed two-day event in April. For this we are extremely grateful.

With more than 600 young swimmers entering, we have had to make some tough decisions to make the running of this meet feasible. In striving to accommodate everyone within the Leinster Region's licensing guidelines and giving all the young swimmers of our region a chance to race, we have been forced to remove 37% of the original entries sent into us.

Attached you will find your club's amended entry file and an initial session report.

With guidance from Swim Leinster we have attempted to manage this in the fairest possible way as follows:

- The 200m IM event has been removed from the schedule and the 100m IM has been moved to the afternoon session.
- All swimmers have been offered at least two individual events as per the recommended Swim Leinster Guidelines for Future Challenger meets:
 - o The two events offered to most swimmers will be in the same session where possible
 - o 10& Unders will only swim 50m events. If a 10&Under entered in a 100m event, we have switched them to the 50m of that discipline.
 - o 11&Overs may swim 50m events but only if they did not have two 100s originally entered for the meet
 - o Quite a number of clubs have put in entries for 16-year-old swimmers. In different circumstances we would have loved to have been able to accept these, but unfortunately, we are going to have to remain strict with the 15 year old age limit
- Due to overwhelming number of relays, we have restricted each club to a maximum of one team per event. These teams will be Open age group only.
- Scratches for the weekend will remain free of charge until Thursday at 9pm. At this point, you will be sent an updated fees report. We would ask that you please submit your entry fee as soon as possible as per the details in the original gala documentation.
- We cannot accept any changes to the individual entries offered at this stage.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the changes but look forward to hosting you this weekend, which will be a great day for all these young swimmers.

ESB Swimming Club