



## Future Challenger Series 2022-2023 Meet Information

There will be 4 Future Challenger Series Meets held throughout the 2022-2023 season for swimmers aged 10 years – 14 years (age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December). To ensure that Clubs only attend for a short time these events will be divided into regions as follows:

Region 1	Region 2
Alliance, Ards, Armagh, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Bangor, Coleraine, Donegall, Larne, Leander, Limavady, Lisburn, Mid Ulster, Olympia, Portadown, Swim Belfast	Banbridge, Breifne, City of Derry, Cookstown, Dungannon, East Cavan, Enniskillen, Kilkeel, Lecale, Lurgan, Marlins, Sliabh Beagh, Strule Dolphins, Swilly Seals, Riversdale Otters

Meet	Date	Venue	Closing Date for Entries / Payment
Future Challenger Meet 1 Region 1 AM & Region 2 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	South Lakes LC, Craigavon	<b>23.9.22</b>
Future Challenger Meet 2 Region 2 AM & Region 1 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	TBC	<b>25.11.22</b>
Future Challenger Meet 3 Region 1 AM & Region 2 PM	25 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Lagan Valley Leisureplex, Lisburn	<b>18.2.23</b>
Future Challenger Meet 4 Region 1 AM & Region 2 PM	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023	Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre, Belfast	<b>14.4.23</b>

**Age Groups:** Minimum entry age is 10 yrs – see age up date below

Female            10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13/14yrs  
Male                10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13/14yrs

**Age Up Date:** Future Challenger Series Round 1 Meets 1 & 2 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
Future Challenger Series Round 2 Meets 1 & 2 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Events:** 10yrs - 50m Butterfly/Backstroke/Breaststroke/Freestyle, 100m IM, 25m Free Kick  
11yrs - 50m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke/Breaststroke/Freestyle, 200m IM, 25m Free Kick  
12yrs-14yrs -100m Butterfly/Backstroke/Breaststroke, 200m Free, 200m IM, 25m Free Kick

Mixed 4 x 25m Medley Team Relay 10-12yrs – must be at least 1 male and 1 female and a maximum of one 12-year-old on the team and all swimmers must be competing in the competition  
Mixed 4 x 25m Freestyle Team Relay 10-12yrs – must be at least 1 male and 1 female and a maximum of one 12-year-old on the team and all swimmers must be competing in the competition

**Entries:** No qualifying times will be published. Athletes may only compete in their own Region.

Unless otherwise stated in the meet conditions athletes can enter as many individual events as deemed appropriate by their coach. Athletes may swim down distances if their coach believes this is the appropriate distance for them, and athletes are limited to 1 distance per stroke per meet. Clubs can enter multiple relay teams.

The Future Challenger Series is open to all competitive members aged 10 to 12 years however **athletes aged 13/14 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

**Disabled Swimmers:**

Disabled swimmers must be registered as members of a Swim Ireland affiliated club at the time of entry

**Tech Suit Policy:**

Tech Suits will not be permitted at the Future Challenger Series Meets irrespective of age. We ask clubs to ensure coaches, parents and athletes are fully aware of the policy so that we avoid any negative experiences on poolside. Full details of the policy can be found on the Swim Ireland website <https://www.swimireland.ie/news/swim-ireland-tech-suit-policy-2020>

**Price:**

**£6 / €7** per individual event

**£12 / €14** per relay event.

Payment should be forwarded to the Swim Ulster Office by the closing date

**Awards:**

**No medals will be awarded during Round 1.** We are currently reviewing the award structure and will consult with the coaching community prior to the commencement of Round 2 in 2023



## Programme of Events

**\*\*Session times may be changed depending on the number of entries**

<b>Future Challenger Series Meet 1 &amp; Meet 3</b>	<b>Future Challenger Series Meet 2 &amp; Meet 4</b>
<b>AM Session – Warm Up 9am – Start 10am PM Session – Warm Up 2pm – Start 3pm **</b>	<b>AM Session – Warm Up 9am – Start 10am PM Session – Warm Up 2pm – Start 3pm **</b>
Mixed 4 x 25m Medley Team Relay	Mixed 4 x 25m Medley Team Relay
Male 10-14 years 100m IM	Female 11-14 years 200m IM
Female 10-14 years 100m IM	Male 11-14 years 200m IM
Male 12-14 years 200m Freestyle	Female 10-14 years 50m Backstroke
Female 12-14 years 200m Freestyle	Male 10-14 years 50m Backstroke
Male 11-14 years 100m Freestyle	Female 11-14 100m Backstroke
Female 11-14 years 100m Freestyle	Male 11-14 100m Backstroke
Male 10-14 years 50m Freestyle	Female 10-14 years 50m Butterfly
Female 10-14 years 50m Freestyle	Male 10-14 years 50m Butterfly
Male 11-14 years 100m Breaststroke	Female 12-14 years 100m Butterfly
Female 11-14 years 100m Breaststroke	Male 12-14 years 100m Butterfly
Male 10-14 years 25m Freestyle Kick	Female 10-14 years 50m Breaststroke
Female 10-14 years 25m Freestyle Kick	Male 10-14 years 50m Breaststroke
Mixed 10-12 years 4 x 25m Freestyle Team Relay	Mixed 10-12 years 4 x 25m Freestyle Team Relay