



## Future Challenger Series 2021-2022 (formerly Development Meets) Meet Information

**Please note that all Events will adhere to Government Guidelines at the time of the event and Swim Ulster will have strict protocols in place in order to protect our Members.**

There will be 4 Future Challenger Series Meets held throughout the 2021-2022 season for swimmers aged 10 years – 12 years (age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December). The first meets, in October and December, will be divided into regions as follows:

| Region 1  | Region 2  |
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| 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, Marlin's, Newry & Mourne, Sliabh Beagh, Strule Dolphins, Swilly Seals, Riversdale Otters |

| Meet   | Date                          | Venue                                       | Closing Date for Entries / Payment |
|--|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Future Challenger Round 1 Meet 2 – Region 1 AM & Region 2 PM | 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 | South Lake LC<br>Craigavon                  | <b>29.11.21</b>                    |
| Future Challenger Round 2 Meet 1                             | 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 | Lagan Valley<br>Leisureplex, Lisburn        | <b>21.1.22</b>                     |
| Future Challenger Round 2 Meet 2                             | 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2022    | Lisnasharragh<br>Leisure Centre,<br>Belfast | <b>25.2.22</b>                     |

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

Female 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs

Male 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs

**Age Up Date:** Future Challenger Series Round 1 Meets 1 & 2 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021  
Future Challenger Series Round 2 Meets 1 & 2 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**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 - 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 1 athlete from each age group (10, 11, 12yrs) on the team and all swimmers must be competing in the competition

Mixed 6 x 25m Freestyle Team Relay 10-12yrs – 1 male and 1 female from each age group (10, 11, 12yrs) and all swimmers must be competing in the competition

**Multi-Class / Disability Swimmers** - will, as far as is practical, swim together in a Multi-Class heat.

**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 and clubs can enter multiple relay teams. There are no limits to the number of athletes per club entering each individual event however Coaches **MUST** nominate a maximum of two scoring athletes per event when submitting their entries and athletes can only score in a maximum of 2 individual events. Failure to do so will result in all swimmers being marked as 'exhibition'

**UPDATE:** Entries should be completed as normal using the Hytek entry file and clubs **MUST** complete and submit the excel document sent out with the meet information which highlights their scoring athletes and the events in which these athletes will score. Failure to do so will result in all athletes being marked as 'exhibition'.

If changes are required, they must be submitted by 12.00 midday the day before the event.

#### **Swimmer**

**Supervision :** **There will be no Spectators at Round 1 Meet 2.** Swim Ulster will continue to monitor this situation and spectators will be allowed to attend once Government Guidelines allow.

Clubs can nominate 1 Coach, 1 Team Manager and 1 Covid Officer to attend to supervise their Swimmers and ensure that they adhere to Covid 19 protocols and are at the Marshalling Area in time for their event. Swimmers must stay in their Club Group at all times when not swimming. Clubs who do not adhere to the Covid 19 protocols will be refused entry to subsequent meets.

Parents may volunteer to carry out timekeeper roles for this event but must stay for the whole session if assigned a role.

**Price:** £6 / €7 per individual event  
£12 / €14 per relay event.

**Please note that the number of swims on the entry report for each Club at 12 midday the day before the event is the number of entries that must be paid for. Withdrawals after this time are still charged except where a Doctor's Certificate is submitted to Swim Ulster.** Payment should be forwarded to the Swim Ulster Office by the closing date

**Awards:** No individual medals will be awarded at this meet. Team awards will be presented to Clubs after Round 1 and Round 2 using the scoring system below.

## Scoring system for Future Challenger Series

1. Awards:
  - a. Top three highest scoring teams on completion of Round 1 and Round 2 (male and female combined)
  - b. The most improved team between Round 1 and Round 2 (male and female combined)
  - c. Winning teams will receive a certificate to present on their club notice board and competing athletes will each receive a medal.
2. Scoring:
  - a. Athletes can only score in two individual events per meet
  - b. Each club **MUST** nominate a maximum of two scoring entries per individual event and one scoring entry per relay event per age group:
    - i. Individual Events – 10, 11, 12 years
    - ii. Relay Events – 10-12 years
  - c. Additional athletes and relays will be designated exhibition which means they get a time and a place, but they do not score towards the team total. Exhibition swimmers and relays appear on the meet sheet with an 'x' before their time
  - d. Points will **NOT** be awarded in the 25m Kick event
  - e. The top 8 individual and relay scoring places will be awarded points as follows. For example, if athletes from Club A finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> they are only awarded points for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place with points for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> going to the athletes finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and so on.

| Meet Scoring      |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Individual Events | 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1     |
| Relay Events      | 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2 |



## Programme of Events

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

| <b>Future Challenger Series<br/>Round 1 – Meet 2 – South Lake LC, Craigavon<br/>AM &amp; PM Session</b> |
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| <b>AM Session – Warm Up 9am – Start 10am<br/>PM Session – Warm Up 2pm – Start 3pm</b>                   |
| Mixed 4 x 25m Medley Team Relay   |
| Female 11-12 years 200m IM  |
| Male 11-12 years 200m IM  |
| Female 10 years 50m Backstroke  |
| Male 10 years 50m Backstroke  |
| Female 11-12 100m Backstroke  |
| Male 11-12 100m Backstroke  |
| Female 10-11 years 50m Butterfly  |
| Male 10-11 years 50m Butterfly  |
| Female 12 years 100m Butterfly  |
| Male 12 years 100m Butterfly  |
| Female 10 years 50m Breaststroke  |
| Male 10 years 50m Breaststroke  |
| Mixed 6 x 25m Freestyle Team Relay  |