



Safety at Swim Meets

All accidents, however minor must be reported, in writing, to Swim Ireland.

We would ask the co-operation of swimmers, coaches, spectators and clubs in the application of the following safety measures. They are in place for everyone's safety.

1. **General;**

- i. Everyone attending Meets must familiarise themselves with the locations and operation of emergency exits.
- ii. Anyone observing anything they consider to be a safety hazard should report it to a Meet Official.
- iii. All persons attending Meets must take all steps to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.
- iv. All walkways must be kept clear of bags, equipment, etc.

2. **Starting;**

- i. It is the responsibility of competitors, coaches and clubs to ensure that all swimmers are sufficiently competent to dive start from competition starting blocks. Alternatively, swimmers are reminded that they may start from the poolside.
- ii. In the event of a false start, swimmers should perform a safe entry and not fall into the water.

3. **Warm-Up;**

- i. Swimmers and coaches must ensure that they (and swimmers in their charge) take no action that would endanger themselves or others.
- ii. The instructions of those in authority must be obeyed immediately.
- iii. Swimmers are not permitted to dive or jump into lanes other than sprint lanes and then only when the area is sufficiently clear to make a safe entry.
- iv. Do not start sprinting in a sprint lane until non-sprinting swimmers have cleared it.
- v. On finishing a sprint immediately clear the way for the following swimmer(s).

4. **Around the Pool** (e.g. spectator area, foyer area, etc.)

- i. Swimmers are not permitted to enter dry areas without first having changed and put on footwear.
- ii. Swimmers will not be allowed up the stairs to the balcony unless they are dry.
- iii. Where there is a balcony or rail - swimmers are not permitted to climb over it.
- iv. Glass bottles are not permitted outside designated refreshment areas.

In line with Swim Ireland rules no person may video, film or take photographs at any event without having received permission and registered their details with the main pool reception and event organiser (or similar responsible person)