

Introduction

Cork City Council (CCC) will send a team of 18 athletes across three sports including four athletes from swimming (2 female, 2 male) to compete at the 57th International Children's Games in Tallinn, Estonia, 3rd to 8th August 2025. The swimming competition will take place across three days, 5th to 7th August 2025.

This is not a Swim Ireland National Team however Swim Ireland have agreed to support this opportunity. Swim Ireland has considered the timing and nature of the event and the opportunity it provides for four young athletes. This selection policy sets out the parameters for athlete selection and attendance. Swim Ireland have confirmed that safeguarding policies and practices for all team staff will meet the standards required of the National Governing Bodies of the sports attending and that all CCC staff will be vetted and have attended Safeguarding training through CCC. The Head of Delegation for CCC will have overall responsibility for safeguarding.

The Swim Ireland Regional Pathway Development Coach (Munster) and a representative from CCC will meet with parents/carers following selections to outline the safeguarding policies and practices in place for the athletes prior to selections letters being sent to athletes. This provides an opportunity for parents/carers to raise any questions and confirm they are happy for their charge to travel.

Selection Policy

1. **Competition Information** - Swimmers may compete in 4 individual events and 2 relay events:

50m, 100m, 200m, 400m Freestyle
50m, 100m, 200m Backstroke
50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke
50m, 100m, 200m Butterfly
200m Individual Medley
4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
4 x 100m Medley Relay
4 x 100m Mixed Medley Relay

2. **Athlete Eligibility** - At the time of selection athletes must meet the following criteria to be considered eligible:

- i. Be a registered Swim Ireland member for the 2024-2025 season;
- ii. Be in good standing with Swim Ireland;
- iii. Be born in the period 2010-2011;
- iv. Live, attend school or train with a club located in the **Cork City** area;
- v. Have a valid passport for travel to Estonia;
- vi. Not be the subject of an anti-doping ban, a doping violation and/or a pending doping violation;
- vii. Have not acted in such a manner so as to bring himself/herself, Swim Ireland, Cork City Council and/or the sport into current disrepute

3. Athlete Nomination

- i. Following the conclusion of the Irish Open Swimming Championships (50m), 12th to 16th April 2025, eligible athletes will be ranked based on the percentage outside the consideration times in Table 1 (European Youth Olympic Consideration Times)
- ii. The two highest ranked female and two highest ranked male athletes who meet the athlete eligibility criteria (section 2) who **have not** been nominated to the Olympic Federation of



Ireland for selection to Team Ireland competing at the 2025 EOC European Youth Olympic Festival will be selected

- iii. If an athlete turns down the offer of a place, the next highest ranked athlete will be offered a place until the team has 2 female and 2 male athlete members

Table 1

MALE	Event	FEMALE
Consideration Time Born 2011-2010		Consideration Time Born 2011-2010
54.20	100m Freestyle	58.63
1:59.82	200m Freestyle	2:08.52
4:15.01	400m Freestyle	4:33.30
1:00.12	100m Backstroke	1:05.99
2:12.85	200m Backstroke	2:21.53
1:08.62	100m Breaststroke	1:14.05
2:28.92	200m Breaststroke	2:38.76
58.84	100m Butterfly	1:04.34
2:13.22	200m Butterfly	2:19.39
2:14.96	200m IM	2:23.05

4. Team Head Coach

- i. The Team Head Coach for the 57th International Children's Games will be the Swim Ireland Regional Pathway Development Coach (Munster)

5. Appeals

- i. Any appeal against non-selection should be made to CCC via laura_coady@corkcity.ie by 1700hrs on Monday 28th April 2025

