



May 24, 2023

Dear Clubs,

Thank you for submitting entries to our Summer Fun Gala. We are very excited to be hosting a gala again and are looking forward to welcoming your swimmers to K-Leisure Naas this Saturday, May 27th. Please see the following for all the information related to the day and I also attach a map of the premises.

Please note that if anyone belonging to your club has any issues on the day that we can assist with, please do not hesitate to approach one of our team of CST parents and older swimmers in the blue CST t-shirts who will be happy to help.

Wishing all your swimmers a great afternoon of fun competition!

Kind regards,

Patricia Coleman  
Gala Secretary

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## VISITING TEAM AREAS

Team areas are for the swimmers, coaches and team managers ONLY. Anyone not acting in these roles cannot be permitted entry in the Communal Changing Village.

Entrance to the changing rooms will open at 2.45PM, this is through a side door to the right of the main entrance of the K-Leisure facility. This will be manned and clearly indicated.

The following teams will be accommodated in the 4 communal changing rooms which have bench seating - Rooms 1&2 Cormorants, Room 3 Laois Marlins and Room 4 Piranha. The club names will be posted on the appropriate door.

Tallaght, New Ross, Drogheda, ALSAA and St Fiacc's will be accommodated on bench seating on the pool deck, as marked on the attached map. PLEASE encourage these swimmers to use the lockers as we will need to maintain a safe area on the pool deck. The Club Name will be posted at the appropriate benches.

We are happy for team managers and coaches to bring their own camping chairs for their comfort!

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## Gala Schedule:

No access to pool facility by visitors until 2.45PM as the public will still be leaving until then.

**2:30PM** - Club team manager and/or coach please register your team and collect your team gala pack at the registration desk in the **Sports Hall** next to K-Leisure Swimming Pool. It is beside the KLeisure Facility in the carpark. Your Gala Pack will contain the heat sheets, red paper wristbands for your team managers and coaches to access the changing village entrance, a CST wristband for all your participating swimmers, the relay forms and scratch sheets. We are also including entry tokens for your parents to access the viewing gallery. Please distribute them to your parents, they should exchange them between themselves so they all have an opportunity to see their swimmer compete. Entry to the viewing gallery will be limited to token holders only.

**2:45PM** - Swimmers go to the communal changing village. The side door to the right of the main door will be opened to the swimmers and their Team managers and coaches ONLY. Anyone else must use the main entrance.

### **WARMUPS:**

3PM - 3.15PM **Curragh AND ALSAA**

3.15PM-3.30PM **St Fiacc's AND Drogheda**

3.30PM-3.45PM **Cormorants, Laois Marlins, Piranha, Tallaght and New Ross.**

Please ensure no more than 10 swimmers to each lane, there are 6 lanes.

### **EVENTS will start at 4PM**

**6PM-6.30PM** - time permitting, we have scheduled a short break at this time. We will not have official warmups during this time as the time cannot be guaranteed. If your club has a swimmer arriving for 6.30PM ONLY, or has not yet swam, please make this known at registration and we will endeavour to allow them a quick 10mins warmup before events start again at 6.30PM.

**8.30PM** - expected finish time.

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## **Information for Parents and Families**

### **Parking:**

There is limited parking at K-Leisure Naas, 143 places and there are popular pitches and sports fields that are frequently in use. We would encourage carpooling where possible. Please keep the roadways clear when parking. We will have parking marshals out to assist.

NO ACCESS to K-Leisure Pool Facility until 2.45PM. Please go to the Sports Hall when you arrive. The Hall is beside the pool facility.

### **Seating and Viewing Areas: See attached map**

1. We will have a ticketed system in operation for the poolside seated viewing gallery. We have allocated a given number of “viewing gallery access tokens” to each club which the Club Team Manager/Coach will receive on arrival & registration. Each clubs’ parents can exchange these tokens between themselves to gain access and watch their own swimmer’s events.
2. Before the entrance to the viewing gallery, there are large windows looking into the pool and we have limited seating here also.
3. On the opposite side of the pool main entrance, there is an exterior area where parents and families are welcome to set up outside to watch. There is no outdoor seating but you are welcome to bring your own. We shouldn’t have a problem with the windows steaming up due to the weather and time of year!
4. The Sports Hall adjacent to the swimming pool will be open to all for the duration of the gala. There will be plenty of folding chair seating provided for the parents and they are welcome to relax here during the gala. Our refreshments tables will be located here also.

### **Raffle:**

We are running a raffle with a wide range of amazing prizes so do bring cash and try your luck at winning a nice prize!

### **Refreshments:**

K-Leisure Naas will be providing tea and coffee for sale at their reception desk. We will be providing wrapped sandwiches, home baked goods, and drinks in the Sports Hall.