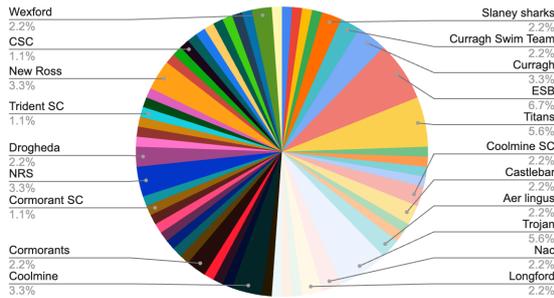


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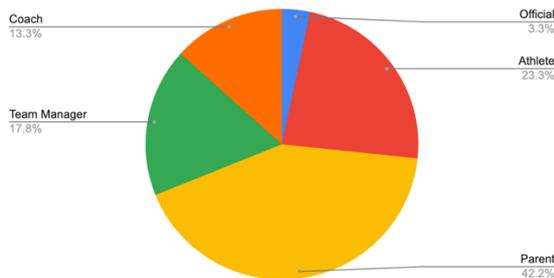
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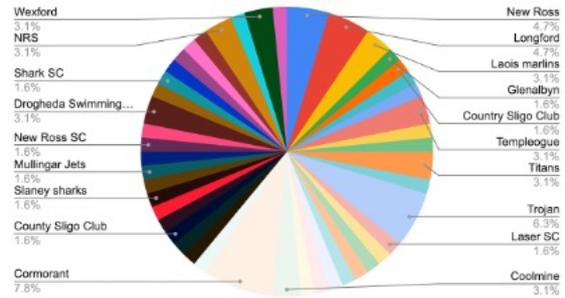
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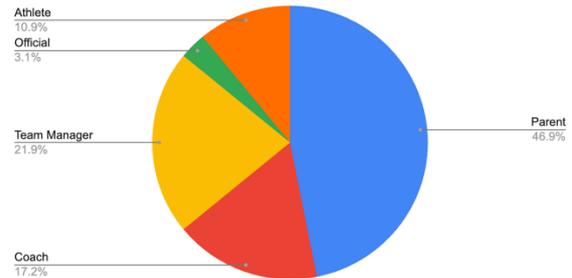
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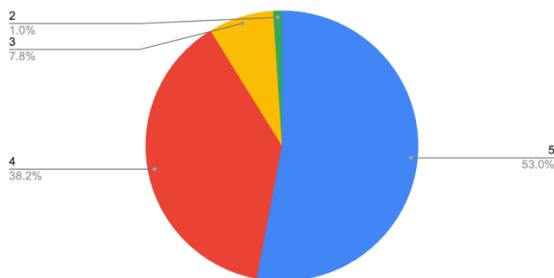


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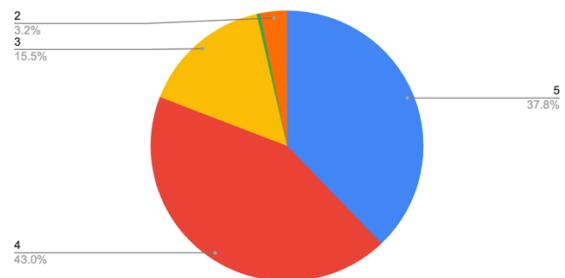


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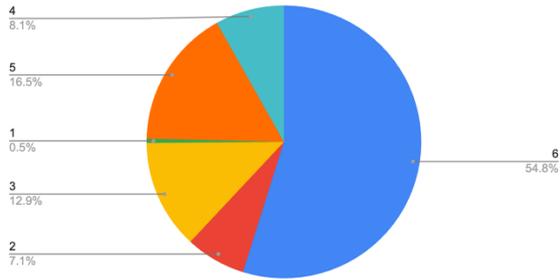
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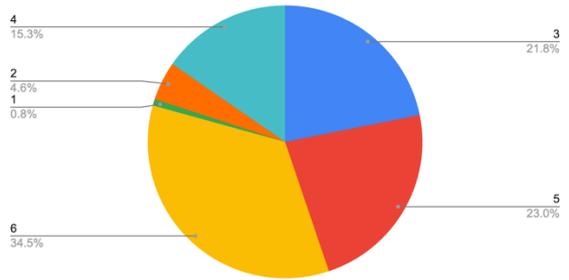
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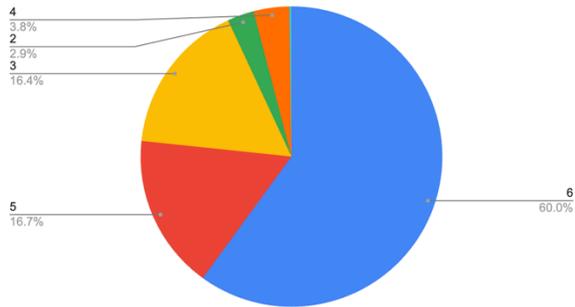
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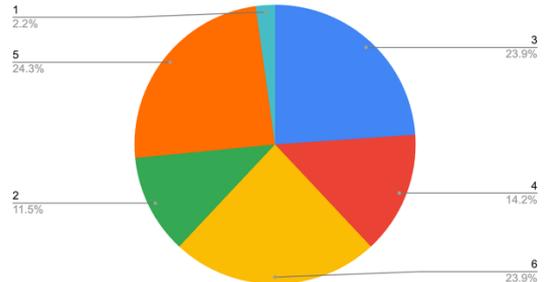
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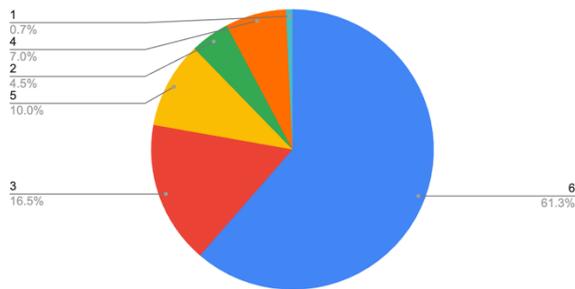
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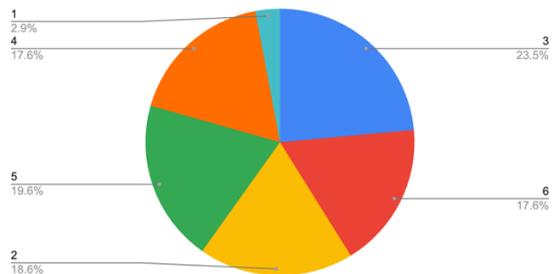
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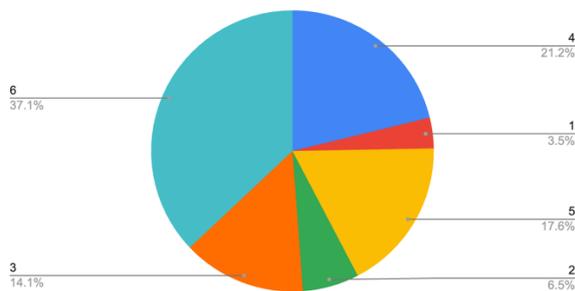
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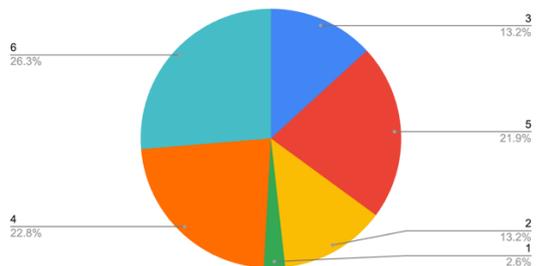
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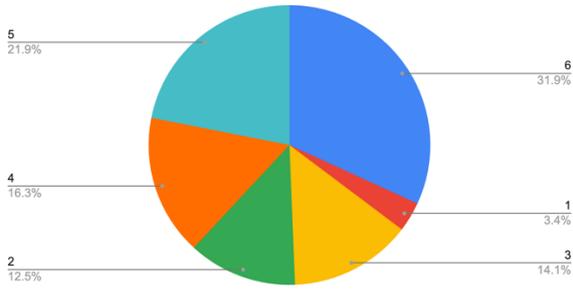
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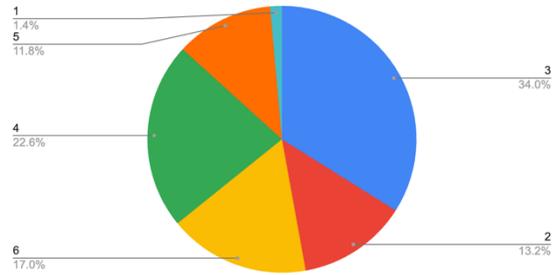
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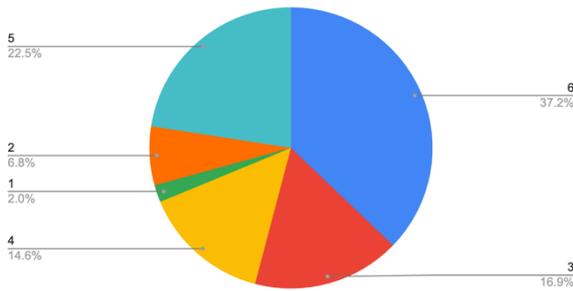
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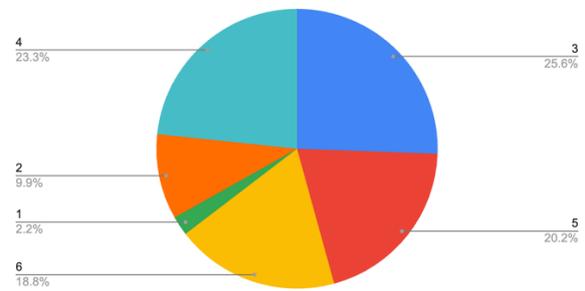
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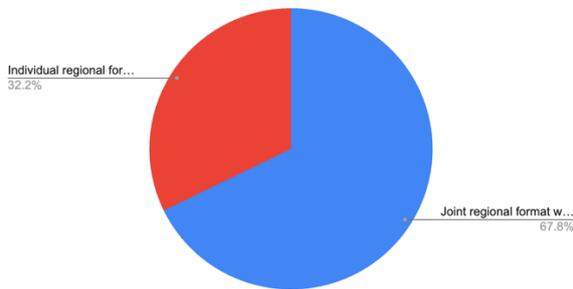
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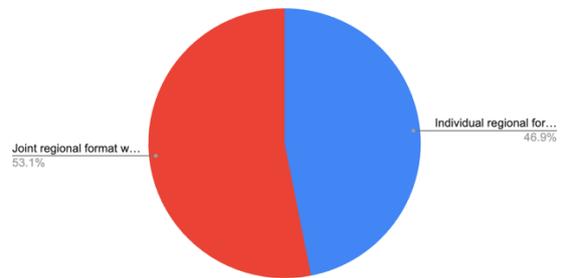
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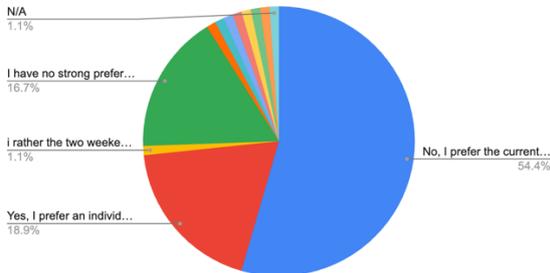
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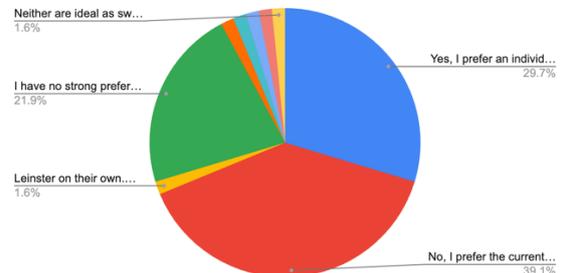
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YOUTH SENIOR

What did you like most about the competition?

The female Referee

Winning a medal 😊

Information and results in the what's app group made it stress free and love this set up for all galas

Lots of space for the swimmers to seat. Sessions were not too long

It ran on time

The shorter sessions, the longer break and being able to leave so much earlier than have done in the past

Location

Everything ran on time

Great venue

Organisation

It was run very well and the warmups were not too early. Also the cool down pool. The WhatsApp group to update results as meet mobile was not updating.

Well run, great work Ashley, Caroline, Julie & team

All heats done in mornings - best outcomes for swimmers

It ran very efficiently. Because of QT the venue was not overcrowded, not 100 heats for each event.

Very efficiently run - great communication

More space, less frantic gala, shorter sessions, more competition, all good, like the new format, but room to let in more swimmers at the bottom perhaps

Relays at the beginning, finals different

The long break

Session Length

Having fun with friends and making new ones

Short sessions and limited amount of heats

Good to have other regions involved

"Folks / the above scoring system doesn't work for me I didn't get communication emails as I'm parent, likewise medals looked "fine" but again you'd want to specifically ask someone else so my satisfaction rating on these is useless

Can I say that overall the amount of finals in this gala was great. I'm not sure how it worked but we had loads more kids qualifying for usual in finals and while I would love to say it's because they are super duper I think more went through! Result: loads of happy kids and parents and really happy feeling from everyone.

What a super result from a gala.

The gala running times were good as well - everyone is home relatively early. I know you had trouble with the timing system but these things happen . "

Location and venue. Sessions were nicely timed and not too long.

Better competition than connacht by itself

Great to meet swimmers from both Connacht & Leinster

Venue

Meeting parents from other clubs and Connacht

Shorter sessions

Session times

The atmosphere

Good atmosphere

Relays quick printing of heat sheets and being able to print night before and venue

Meeting clubs and coaches from connacht

The competition ran very smoothly! Thank you for all their hard work!

Punctual. Organised

That it ran on time and efficiently which is a hard job.

Good atmosphere , well managed

It was nice to swim against people from clubs we don't normally swim with

How helpful all the officials were

There were no major problems

Well organised and progressed well

Super Finals

Bigger regions, different swimmers than for normal Leinster Meet

Number of swimmers

Well organised

Got to compete against swimmers from a different region

The extra competition

It was very punctual.

Relaxed atmosphere, 2 sessions per day, early finish each evening.

Well organised

Opportunity for swimmers who wouldn't normally qualify for finals

Very well operated event, thanks to all the officials & volunteers

How well the event was run

What's app group info

The running was smooth

Time between events ,venue

The atmosphere

Ran very smooth. Finals nice and early in the evening. Not waiting around all day

Doing Finals

Shorter days

The venue is great, very accessible and great viewing

Ran smoothly in the main.

I was delighted with the super finals that allows top swimmers from both regions to challenge each other.

The break between sessions

Venue

The sessions were really well laid out and it was nice to have a break in between them as we usually don't. I also enjoyed the mix with Connacht as there was more competition

Quick sessions but this may be because of lack of swimmers due to state exams

Session times and meeting different swimmers from across Connacht

Ran to time by officials, well done

Good variety and quick movingno

That there was a final for each province as well as a super final.

Great opportunity to compete against Leinster swimmers

No delays

Well organised

Ran on time

Not sure

The swimmers enjoyed the competition and as coaches we were not under too much duress from spending so much time in the venue .

There was a good atmosphere

Being able to be in a championship gala

The level of competition

PA system

The flow of events were good when they finally got going .

A lovely calm atmosphere. Well run by all officials, very helpful.

The chance for the swimmers to get experience of prelims and finals, and to get experience in the UL venue ahead of the summer nationals.

The fun atmosphere

The 30 min warmups

I would prefer stricter entry limits for some events but with the current format

"vending machine

What could be improved for future competitions?

Nothing

More of a presentation for winning a medal

Only qualified times. No consideration and NA

nothing , it as a dream gala

There was no one that we could go to when there was problems with swimmers and events

If your gonna have a final and super final there should be medals for all finals. Pointless adding 6 hours to your day for a fake final

Better communications prior to the competition, not waiting so long for heat sheets.

Remove the Super Final - no point in having a Super Final and Regional Finals

Too long with Connacht and Leinster together - students have exams coming up

Not much

All ok

The equipment: back stroke ledge was broken in warmup and later my swimmer's back stroke bar was slick and she couldn't get a good grip and had a terrible start in her heat. She didn't know to tell the lane official there was a problem.

Air conditioning, heat is appalling

relays earlier to build atmosphere and combining some of the final's more

"Long wait from heats to finals but not sure how that could be adjusted.

I know we all have duties and are happy to do so but could I suggest that country clubs get morning sessions rather than finals so they can start their homeward journey when swimmers are finished. It might be more suitable to have local Dublin clubs to do final sessions."

Relays first in morning please - too hard to wait in NAC all day - or come back for them!

Soften the entry times slightly, to allow more swimmers in some events

DIV 1 DIV 2 (and by the age)

Longer warm up

More time to withdraw and PA needs to be more audible - PA is totally unintelligible

Cool down pool all day

Results format

None needed went great

This was a good gala!

Nothing to note

Update meets mobile sooner

Finals format changed

Relays first before events

PA and quality of food available.

Earlier start of finals session at 3 or 330

The venue is too hot

Finals format

Heat sheets out the night before

Music and faster update of results to let swimmers know if they have finals .. some swimmers left before results posted . Having a cool down pool for the whole competition

I know it might be difficult but to encourage all finalist not to withdraw

Better communication in the lead up would be helpful

No concerns

The music!

Heat in centre

I think it would be better if the morning session started a bit later to ensure people have enough time to travel and that people get enough rest the night before and there was also a lot of waiting between prelims and finals.

The way the finals and medals were done. Rather than a superfinal only have age group finals which are medaled. Or have all finals medaled

A change in the finals format

No super finals just Leinster and Connaught finals

Medals for super final

With JC and LC it might attract more swimmers if it's a 2 Days Meet

Clearer and more timely information on final and qualifying criteria

Nothing

More cool down lanes, there were times when you could not get in as there was an extremely unsafe amount of swimmers in the lanes on top of each other.

I either missed a communication or didn't get one on the whole super final set up and hope medals would work so maybe some more clarity around that would have been good.

I think there should be more long course galas throughout the season to give 15+ swimmers an opportunity to qualify for nationals and other competitions.

Parents to sit on spectators side of the venue.

Move Connacht LC to Limerick. Expensive for parents to stay in Dublin

Obvious time difference between finalists competing in same final

Super finals seemed unnecessary

Better drinking water facilities

How medals are allocated. Wasn't clear that super final super ceded all others. Belittled both provincial finals.

Medal ceremony

Ran very efficiently especially in light of the first year as a joint competition.

Sara lannon

The heat in the venue

Better music maybe

Music - stop repeating the same playlist or get a longer playlist.

Two shorter sessions and then finals session.

Having a separate team area to spectators area. As a coach it's nice to give feedback to swimming without having to consider parents feelings.

Age group categories eg 15, 16 rather than combined 15 & 16 for medals

Duration of sessions

Advertise it a bit more cause there was not a lot of spectators for the finals

Older cohort should have went to limerick and then younger cohort in Dublin. Too costly for swimmers who have to travel twice to limerick.

"The music

more competitions with Connacht

And make sure we have a cool down pool the whole competition "

Too many finals! Connacht turnout poor, whether due to Qual Times or otherwise so everyone got a final which defeats purpose. I would scrap Super Finals for a Regional Gala

Better ventilation

"Have a 17/18 category, I think a 16yo swimming against a 23 yo is very unfair

Also wondered about the number of roles we had per number of swimmers seemed excessive"

Shorter breaks, as 3/3+ hours was very tired

It could have been run over two days instead of three for the numbers participating. The gap between sessions was too long.

Communications on finals. Please use the WhatsApp group more. I couldn't hear the announcements in the other side of the pool and also had left and was on the M50 when I found out my daughter was in a final. The only reason I found out was that a member of our club was still there. Most had left the venue. If this had been communicated via WhatsApp I would have got the message.

Original format

"Relooking at the entry times

Combining the finals

Is a Super final suitable for the 12-14 year age group? In my own opinion I don't think it works and I feel it is not fair on a swimmer for example swimming a 100 Free as a 12-13 year old and coming 3rd in their final only to find out 10 minutes later that they came 5th because there were two swimmers in that age group swimming faster in the Super final. I think that age group swimmers find it very difficult to understand this concept, and we want to encourage this age group and not discourage them, it's elation followed by deflation and disappointment. I think all the swimmers in their age group should race against each other in their own final.

The other thing is also it made the Gala longer on a whole for the coaches ,swimmers and officials running the event.

Would it be possible to move the Leinster and Connacht Long Course Championships to an earlier date in May to prevent clashes with Summer Exams?

Why the Leinster and Connacht Long Course Championships were being held in Limerick and not in the NAC?

The cost of having to stay there for the weekend and put some parents off as it is so expensive etc. I'd there a possibility in the future of accommodation being made more financially viable for everyone to stay in around the campus.

Why are the heats spearheaded?, so basically why were there faster swimmers in different heats and not all put together.

Let 12 year Olds be in a 14 year old relay, some teams are small(unlike Dublin clubs) and might not have many 12 or 14 year Olds.

Better PA system

Line up

The dressing rooms were too crowded and call room is in a back location too many teams had too many extra people on the side of the people very crowded .

Happy with all.

It would be useful to be sent a session report with estimated start times of events the evening before the session so that swimmers can plan their day (eating, putting on tech suits etc). The sessions were very long.

Commentator while athletes are swimming

Have shorter sessions

The pool needs more ventilation extremely warm, very few toilets and bins, no outside areas to sit away from the heat, all clubs surrounded the pool made it uncomfortable for my daughter who is very bothered in crowded spaces. I'm not sure the super final worked well.

Very chaotic stressed me out a lot people all around pool, extremely warm

Other feedback

Great job by female Referee

The above questions are crazy complicated for Parents.Plus it suits Obviously the Leinster kids. Also it doesn't address the actual underlining issue: you don't have enough 50mPools, The prices due to supply/demand are To high. Until You sort the infrastructure issues this is all arranging the chairs on the titanic. The SI delivery plan is great on aspiration and zilch on detail (or planning permission). Why haven't you approached one of the tech companies fora sponsored pool using heat from A data centre "Maybe just 1 person for doing medals . No need to have 2 people there doing the jobs

Need a resolutions desk .

I think there's a false duality. The options presented are not the only possible formats

Adding kids to finals long after they have left with no communication for them to be a ns because they didn't know is bad form

The gala felt much more relaxed than in the past and there was no pressure to get swimmers fed or rested for finals as they had the time to do this. This gala also saw more swimming opportunities for swimmers who may not ordinarily have this opportunity due to over subscription

Better food options on site

Driving and staying in Limerick for Leinster championship doesn't make sense

Both have their pros and cons. More space and time as it was this weekend but for parents that have swimmers in both, it's 2 long weekends in a row and I could see why they'd like to keep it together.

Amazing work by the regional committees - all very much appreciated

Well done as always to the Competition Team delivering a great Competition with not many volunteers

Thank you

Limit to the region and don't allow swimmers from other regions

A division 1 & 2 regional Leinster meet. Leinster has by far a greater population than the rest of the country but we must also look to keep people in the sport and give the not so talented kids a feeling of purpose and success at a division 2 standard

over two weekends - would not be desirable to limit events per swimmer in my opinion

Time keepers were friendly

Nup , apologies for the bad typing my phone is on its last legs

Super opportunity for Connacht Swimmers to swim in 50m pool and meet their peers from Leinster. I am against having it as an individual regional meet.

Thanks to all officials and competition staff

I think it puts a lot of pressure on swimmers and parents when they have to travel. For weekends .. the expense from this can make some swimmers miss out on competitions when parents have to choose when they have multiple swimmers in families . Or during exams

If the entries are limited we need to look at a division 2 regional meet. Like making the swim festival more of a target for swimmers who don't make nationals

If clubs have 2 regionals we have double expenses to pay. This is added pressure on club finances and added work/travel and time on our coaches

No

I would suggest that the registration of phones/camera should stay open til 1.00pm and can be managed by the officials giving out the medals.

We were unsure about the way medals worked with the super finals and finals

Not quite happy with swimmers and parents having to travel outside side of Leinster adding a significant financial burden on the families and additional costs to Club for a coach to travel with them

Thanks for all your hard work

None

Evert was very well run.

The gala was run really well.

Meet mobile and results updates were very slow.

More options possible than those presented

Consideration should be given to the location of the combined event(s) if this is the choice going forward. There is a significant financial impact to families & clubs in both regions. Example - Connaught youth & senior travelled to Dublin & perhaps stayed this year & will travel / stay again for the nationals in July, likewise for the age groups, they will travel to Limerick next weekend & again in July - so both groups are getting hit twice, in a short space. This will be on top of the upcoming changes announced by swim Ireland whereby they plan to rotate the location of certain events between Dublin & Bangor. It's understood that this may be needed for the sport but swimming is already extremely expensive. Lastly there is the added expense to Leinster & Connaught in accommodating the officials outside their regions. So please consider this & don't just increase gala fees again.

Finals need to be reviewed, medals should be awarded for super final and both provincials.

The quality of what is available in the NAC cafe is a bit below par for swimmers and Blanch Shopping Centre isn't much better. Maybe Leinster could look at an alternative.

Great weekend but maybe pull back the final start time on the last day,

CHANGE THE MUSIC

Thank you to all of the officials for the efficient and friendly manner in which the sessions were delivered.

"Well done to all the organizing groups that put this together and I hope it continues. .

The swimmers enjoyed the gala but would like a medal presentation.

Also it would be nice if the branding, flags etc, were for both regions not just Leinster. "

Swimmers have very little opportunity to medal in swimming currently unless they are at the super final level. Medals should be awarded for every age group. Currently you could have a swimmer who is 16 on 1st of Jan racing against a swimmer who turns 15 on the 31st of December. This is a big age difference.

The joint championships worked well and the meet ran very smoothly, so overall this was a very successful meet.

I am a coach in Dublin now but am from Munster myself and swam there. There was nothing wrong with a Munster and Connacht combined regional championship. If we want the best of both worlds maybe alternate years to Munster and Leinster is best. Best situation is a division 2 regional for a province the size of Leinster. I understand the disadvantage for Connacht (I know it all too well having to always travel up the country from Munster) but with the timing of the championships and the lack of Connacht swimmers in many finals made it feel so below par compared previous years.

Different music

No thanks

A superb weekend, well done to all involved!

"1. Would prefer over 2 days (Saturday and Sunday), as coming from Connacht on early starts required an extra day of accommodation (total 3 nights) and late back home

2. Would prefer change every year the venues Dublin/Limerick as every athlete get a chance to swim in different arenas

3. I would prefer a shorter breaks, as was tired for the swimmers to see sleeping them on the floor

4. Allocated places for the clubs, Leinster club came late and pushed Connacht club out of space as they said it's their space and they not going higher as a third row"

"I have children at both age groups, so it has become a 2 weekend event which is too much for one family. Swimming takes up so much time and to add another 3 day weekend into the calendar is a big ask. Taking more time off work to bring them isn't feasible. My youngest will miss out on Regional Champs because they are being held in Limerick the weekend before summer exams. Also the added expense of travelling to Limerick for Leinster Champs is not acceptable. We have the highest club/pool fees in the country and adding unnecessary travel on top of this is unfair and has not been taken into account when talking about sharing and its associated costs. Swim Ireland need to do a survey of club/pool fees as pool providers continue to increase their costs. The sport is becoming unsustainable and asking families to travel and pay for accommodation to attend a Leinster event that is being held in Munster is not acceptable.

Also separating the age groups is not good for club spirit. The lack of opportunity for the younger swimmers to attend galas with the senior swimmers from the club is not good. The Regional champs was always fun in the past and brought the club together, but that element has been removed.

This said. Ger and Caroline and the people on the ground do an amazing job and I am very thankful for the work that they put in. "

Better communication required when places come available in the finals

"Session was too long, 2 shorter sessions, unfair on swimmers to have the longer session .

Swimming is an expensive sport, this format is expensive for families with more than 1 child swimming where they have 2 weekends of Leinster. "

The music needs to be better , more current hits mixed with some old ones 🤔

No everything else was good

UL is a fantastic campsite a lovely location just Teams should have less TMs there appeared to be about 5 TMs with teams of 7 swimmers (set ratio per swimming teams) . Also a better call room location if possible (maybe difficult)

No it was a great gala

AGE GROUP Feedback

What did you like most about the competition?

Ran very smoothly, well organised

Swimmers getting to race against Leinster in heats and super final

Well organised,

Heats and finals

Well organization

2 day event

"Positive and time well managed "

Overall ran smoothly

Neither venue overcrowded

Great venue, calm and organised

The officials team were professional as always

Efficiently run

Very good organisation

Main events over 2 days

Professionally run but relaxed atmosphere appropriate to the age group

It was well organised and was good to include Connacht.

Nice location

Kids enthusiasm

Swimming with my club members and swimming friends fro other clubs

Great venue

WhatsApp communications

Comfort at the NAC and the ease with which the event was run

The organization

Pool was lovely, loved how teams could sit together around the pool deck, helped for team bonding . Very quick communication of results via WhatsApp.

Atmosphere

General no problems

Swimming and meeting new people.

Later start times

Good friendly atmosphere and an opportunity to meet clubs from another region.

Well run, though there were some technical difficulties on Saturday. The PA can be difficult to hear from the gallery due to echo. However it is better as the music volume is at a better more comfortable level.

21 events including finals for a nearly 12 y girl it's a lot

"What's App group great.

Refereeing excellent . time management great, starts on time. Positive atmosphere . "

It was well run

Most swims were accommodated

Venue

"Great event, lovely event incorporating both regions. Great to see the groups pushing and socialising with each other.

The finals format was great."

The effort put in to jazz it up a bit - music, interviews, spot prizes - more of this to make it (and nationals!) A special occasion for our younger swimmers and something different to the usual gala experience - keep them enthused and excited...

Well organised and run

Well organised

The format with prelims and finals

Friendly officials

Well run

There was a fantastic tone which of course emulated from the wonderful organisation, communication (Whatsapp) and general supportiveness from all involved.

Atmosphere, swimmers on deck.

Location

"Enabling swimmers to perform in venues they will be at nationals for. Competitive finals.

Breaks the lat were mainly sufficient for performance."

Competition was on time. Warm up session on Sat was 9am which allowed swimmers to travel rather need to stay night before. First day was long swims and most of the popular swims were spread between 2 days, last year it was 3 days

Lovely relaxed atmosphere around the pool which was great for younger swimmers and 1st timers.

Punctuality

The finals format gave more swimmers opportunities to swim a second time

Great atmosphere

There was a good atmosphere

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A lovely calm atmosphere. Well run by all officials, very helpful.

The chance for the swimmers to get experience of prelims and finals, and to get experience in the UL venue ahead of the summer nationals.

The fun atmosphere

The 30 min warmups

"vending machine

What could be improved for future competitions?

Slightly tougher qualifying times

Super final format - takes away a racing element especially for younger age groups...keep to regional finals and add a 13 year old final

Better updates and clearer results/finals information. Was a lot better last weekend.

Maybe start early to finish earlier

Leave leinster on their own. Let Connaught compete w Munster

I believe Swim Ireland are doing wonderful work 🙏

"1) Would be great to hold Leinster regional in Leinster

2) include 4x100 relays for 12 yrs girls and 12 yrs boys. Not just mixed.

Nothing much.

No big recommendations but when registering for swims would be great to know warm up times. Would save on hotel accommodation etc

"Bringing young kids from Dublin to Limerick is not in their best interests. They are being forced to stay away from home in hotels and it does not set them up well to perform as they are out of their comfort zones. They are not used to travelling away from home for competitions and it throws them.

The extra cost of holding the competition at the NAC would still be much cheaper for parents than hotels in Limerick, and the convenience of being close to home allows the kids to perform at peak. The decision to move was bureaucratic, it was made with the best interests of the children at heart."

Can you start Sunday much earlier so it can finish earlier. 13/14 year olds have just 1 week of school left and for most it's an exam week.. running the Sunday schedule earlier to start with could have finals finished earlier to manage travelling back to leinster at a reasonable hour for the secondary school 1st year's doing exams the next morning. Otherwise thought it was really good.

Something more for swimmers, maybe random some prices, sweets

Timing of gala (middle of secondary school exams), length of Sat am session, not asking clubs to travel twice outside their region for both regional and national agendas group champs

Unsure of the merit of Super Finals

The organising could be improved - the warm ups were too long and the sessions started too late. The final warm up on Sunday didn't need to be an hour long and the other warm ups could have been 20 mins. A 9am start would have been better. The Saturday morning session was too long and should have been split in two.

Cool down pool should be in place

Venue

Venue, would prefer it to be in Dublin

The temperature in the viewing gallery- it's too hot up there!

"Do phone sign-in near reception or upstairs, not on the pool deck.

Ensure Meet Mobile is updated promptly. No results have been posted since Event #20 400 free relay.

The LED display board is very difficult to read. The resolution of the text is very poor."

When finals are mixed regions or age group seed according to times

Not sure why this event had to be organized in Limerick and not in Dublin, the cost of accommodation and commuting quite significant :(

Food options were very limited. Not necessarily within the control of the organisers but might be good to feedback to UL. Food wasn't nice, there wasn't enough, ran out of dishes and sandwiches on Saturday

Medal for leinster and connacht final.

Removal of super finals

Warm up for finals not too close to previous session.

Access to cool down pool

Warm up was way too long. Breaks between sessions could be improved. Some finals could be amalgamated and events with less than 10 swimmers (see 200 fly) should be run as a straight final

Improve the ventilation in the gallery, there is no air and very sticky hot during the day. Have finals split for 13 and 14, where 13 are also awarded medals

Maybe 3 days comp

N/A

PA system was not very clear

return to original format . No medals available for the swimmers Saturday evening at the end of finals as someone left we were told. Disappointing to have to wait until the next day

There weren't many connacht swimmers so I'm not sure if the two provinces need to be joined in the future. It would make more sense to host it in leinster

Limerick is a long way to travel for leinster clubs incurring hotel stays which are costly. It would be better in the NAC

Minimum time standards for finals as many swimmers especially from Connacht with poor times achieved places in the finals.

Great event, possibly would be worth having 1 or 2 more events on Friday evening and slightly less on Saturday to be able to manage times better.

No super finals! Change it to regional finals for 13 year olds and 14 year olds - give them a chance to win in their age group. Maybe a super super final of top points scorers across the 200s or something!

No super finals very confusing for all

I felt sorry for swimmers in lanes 1 and 10, I could see looking down from the stands, they were regularly getting pushed into the ropes. Install some kind of wave breaker maybe?

Medals for all ages up to 14. Very unfair that 13 year olds have to compete against 14 year olds. Spoke to other parents and coaches with all agreeing.

NO TRAVEL- cost and half the kids swimming have first year exams

Fill ALL Finals, Presentations, need to have a Swimdown facility available

The spear head approach does not work for children of this age as while some wouldn't care, it did cause a lot of anxiety and confusion as swimmers couldn't understand why they were in/ out of the heats they were in. Also there should be a consistent approach to merging finals. If ages are to be separate they should stay separate if they are to be merged, merge them all.

3.5-4 hr heat session max. 1.5 hr break before warmup for finals. Remove superfinal for 12 yr olds. Cool down pool available. Reduce the number of heats for some of the female events.

The session were too long and events ran to late

"Entry times too slow for championship level.

Relook at format of finals. Where relays sit in them.

Communication of results. Better this weekend but still needs to be relooked at.

Great cooperation between the regions

Well done

Update of times to meet mobile with no delays. Coming back to NAC for Leinster competition.

Things could have been a bit tighter on the Saturday, ended up being a longer day for swimmers and coach with not much of a break between session and finals in comparison to last weekends regionals in Dublin. The seeding of heats in Limerick was not the usual format for competitions and this was noted and upset some of our swimmers. Music on Saturday was terrible but someone with better taste must have taken over for Sunday.

On time update on meet mobile

1. Not in Limerick - hold the Leinster gala in the NAC - too expensive, too time consuming, too exhausting - everyone has to travel, Leinster and Connacht . 2. First session far too long which led to very little time before finals for rest and eating. 3. Pre finals warm up too long and too early - need more time in between. Overall weekend very intense for that age group.

Exhausting having two weekends in a row, not sustainable. Expensive & just not doable.

Is a Super final suitable for the 12-14 year age group? In my own opinion I don't think it works and I feel it is not fair on a swimmer for example swimming a 100 Free as a 12-13 year old and coming 3rd in their final only to find out 10 minutes later that they came 5th because there were two swimmers in that age group swimming faster in the Super final. I think that age group swimmers find it very difficult to understand this concept, and we want to encourage this age group and not discourage them, it's elation followed by deflation and disappointment. I think all the swimmers in their age group should race against each other in their own final.

The other thing is also it made the Gala longer on a whole for the coaches ,swimmers and officials running the event.

Would it be possible to move the Leinster and Connacht Long Course Championships to an earlier date in May to prevent clashes with Summer Exams?

Why the Leinster and Connacht Long Course Championships were being held in Limerick and not in the NAC?

The cost of having to stay there for the weekend and put some parents off as it is so expensive etc. I'd there a possibility in the future of accommodation being made more financially viable for everyone to stay in around the campus.

Why are the heats spearheaded?, so basically why were there faster swimmers in different heats and not all put together.

Let 12 year Olds be in a 14 year old relay, some teams are small(unlike Dublin clubs) and might not have many 12 or 14 year Olds.

Better PA system

Line up

The dressing rooms were too crowded and call room is in a back location too many teams had too many extra people on the side of the people very crowded .

Happy with all.

It would be useful to be sent a session report with estimated start times of events the evening before the session so that swimmers can plan their day (eating, putting on tech suits etc). The sessions were very long.

Commentator while athletes are swimming

Have shorter sessions

The pool needs more ventilation extremely warm, very few toilets and bins, no outside areas to sit away from the heat, all clubs surrounded the pool made it uncomfortable for my daughter who is very bothered in crowded spaces. I'm not sure the super final worked well.

Very chaotic stressed me out a lot people all around pool, extremely warm

Other Feedback

There are 100 less Leinster athletes at the competition due to the expenses incurred through accommodation for the weekend. There is a severe lack of connacht athletes competing especially in the 12 year old age group. A complete change in venue to the other side of the country is nonsense with this happening

Thank you for all the hard work, time, guidance and offering the kids the true love of swimming

Restricting access on deck not enforced. Signing in phones on deck undermines the restrictions and use of bands.

Well done not easy to organise and a long 2.5 days

"It would be better to consult parents before making huge decisions like this in future, rather than afterwards. Parents would unanimously have told you they'd rather pay higher entry fees to swim at NAC than to travel to Limerick.

One session of heats was too many, it was too packed for the swimmers. I would say in future maybe two sessions and finals could be better.

The decision not to run a full session on the Friday was also questionable, it could have made for a less busy Saturday and Sunday. The Friday evening session felt flat."

"Thanks for all the hard work.

For the finals it seemed a bit mad to have Connaught and Leinster separate for everything especially if there were so few swimmers in each event, would have been much better to merge, we can see who is L and who is C, but shorter time is always appreciated by families who have travelled and are tired. Think they merged where possible in the Leinster one.

Cool down pool required. Would be nice to have alternative warm up pool too available throughout day.

A very enjoyable event. Thanks to all involved.

To take into account the costs for accommodation and commuting for the swimmers traveling afar

Well organised Gala, organisers were very friendly and accommodating. Couldn't hear the PA system in the viewing area very well. Can't see the time board either (again not within the organisers control). Thanks to all involved

If the current format is beneficial for the Connacht region I think it's important to recognise this and support the growth of another region

The accommodation in Limerick it's very expensive and impossible sometimes to find something

Thank you to Swim Connacht for all your hard work. Really appreciate all that you do for the sport of swimming and always so helpful and friendly to parents and athletes.

No cool down pool available, or warm up for late races, disappointed it was not held in the NAC, extra expense

Sessions again too long like for older age group. Could it be split? Not just for the swimmers but for the officials. Expensive for families with swimmers in both age groups.

The age group split is really positive for the younger swimmers - we should be providing opportunities to qualify to our age group swimmers to retain them in the sport. Too many galas are cutting swims and restricting entries - we shouldn't impose an elite structure at the start of the pathway...

Would have made more sense to host in Dublin. Medals for 13yo and 14yo.

NO TRAVEL- too expensive and half the kids swimming have 1st year exams

Thank you for a fantastic weekend.

Perhaps if you were to reduce the number of swims the heats might be more manageable

I didn't mind Connacht to be part of the meet, but why competition was held in Munster? We need to be back in NAC. Its bad enough we have to do Nationals in Limerick. It put families under financial pressure. Hotel, petrol and food cost a lot to do 2 days (3 for some) competition outside your province. Especially when we need to do it again and for longer in July.

Thanks for 2 great weekends of swimming.

Leinster competition should be taking place in Leinster not Munster. Nationals are held in Munster already, why do we need to travel twice? Age group of 13/14 should be split in to individual 13 and 14 age categories. Some good 13 year old swimmers missed out on the medals which is very dissapointing.

Overall the management of the event on the days was excellent but the venue and format were not

"Why would a Connacht only meet need to reduce events? Connacht should facilitate its swimmers. I love the format this year but the financial & time requirements were too much. Connacht should actually reduce entry requirements next year & fill gala with as many swimmers as possible, running A & B finals to facilitate those looking for times. The goal should be to get as many swimmers to nationals as possible.

Please explain what is meant by the need to reduce events per swimmer with Connacht only option? Would like to better understand this. "

The music needs to be better , more current hits mixed with some old ones 😊

UL is a fantastic campsite a lovely location just Teams should have less TMs there appeared to be about 5 TMs with teams of 7 swimmers (set ratio per swimming teams) . Also a better call room location if possible (maybe difficult)

No it was a great gala

Neither are ideal as swimmers want to swim but it is too costly given the limited accomodation options in Limerick and the need to take a full day off on Friday to travel