



Ireland at the 2016 Olympic Games

Swim Ireland will have 4 athletes at the 2016 Olympic Games. Fiona Doyle, Nicholas Quinn and Shane Ryan have all achieved the "FINA A" standard in their respective swimming events. Oliver Dingley becomes the first Diver, since Eddie Heron in 1948, to represent Ireland at an Olympic Games.

Rio 2016 – An Overview (Swimming)

At the Rio 2016 Olympic Games there will be 900 swimmers competing. The total amount of swimmers entered with FINA A times for the Olympic Games worldwide is 690 (includes swimmers competing in multiple events). 314 entries are qualified via the "B" cut (OST) or via Universality (166 Total).

In Irish Swimmers main events, the following numbers have achieved the FINA A time -

Shane Ryan – 100m Backstroke – **29/39** swimmers have FINA A time (ranked 21)

Fiona Doyle – 100m Breaststroke – **28/40** swimmers have FINA A time (ranked 18)

Nicholas Quinn – 200m Breaststroke - **32/39** swimmers have FINA A time (ranked 27)

The top 16 from the preliminaries will progress to the semi-finals. The top 8 from semi-finals will advance to the Final.

Ireland in comparison to countries of similar size and population:

Country	Population	A Standard (OQT)	OST + Universality
Ireland	4.7 Million	3	0
Slovakia	5 Million	3	0
Croatia	4.4 Million	1	1
Norway	5.2 Million	2	0
New Zealand	4.7 Million	8	0

Irish qualifiers and results at Olympic Games from 1996 – 2012

Andrew Bree and Michelle Smith are the only two swimmers to advance from the preliminary round of swimming at the Olympic Games in the past 20 years. Before 1996, Ireland's last top 16 placing came from Vivienne Smith in the 200m Butterfly in Mexico 1968. There were no semi-finals for 200m events at that Games and Vivienne placed 11th in the preliminary round.

2012 – London

Name	Age	Standard	Main Event
Grainne Murphy	19	A	400m Freestyle Heats (31 st of 35)
Melanie Nocher	24	A	200m Backstroke Heats (34 th of 37)
Barry Murphy	26	A	100m Breaststroke Heats (29 th of 44)
Sycerika McMahon	17	A	200m Medley Heats (22 nd of 34)

2008 – Beijing

Name	Age	Standard	Main Event
Andrew Bree	27	A	200m Breaststroke Semi Final (12 th of 52)
Melanie Nocher	20	B*	200m Backstroke Heats (20 th of 34)
Aisling Cooney	18	B	100m Backstroke Heats (31 st of 47)

*Swam A Standard after selection

2004 – Athens

Name	Age	Standard	Main Event
Emma Robinson	26	A	100m Breaststroke Heats (28 th of 48)
Michael Williamson	23	A	200m Breaststroke Heats (22 nd of 46)

2000 - Sydney

Name	Age	Standard	Main Event
Andrew Bree	19	B	200m Breaststroke Heats (27 th of 48)
Colin Lowth	22	B	200m Butterfly Heats (37 th of 46)
Chantal Gibney	19	B	200m Freestyle Heats (28 th of 39)
Emma Robinson	22	B	100m Breaststroke Heats (29 th of 41)

1996 – Atlanta

Name	Age	Standard	Main Event
Michelle Smith	27	N/A	400m Freestyle – Gold 200m Medley – Gold 400m Medley - Gold
Marion Madine	26	N/A	200m Freestyle Heats (27 th of 42)
Earl McCarthy	27	N/A	100m Freestyle Heats (27 th of 60)
Adrian O'Connor	24	N/A	200m Backstroke Heats (35 th of 39)
Nick O'Hare	24	N/A	50m Freestyle Heats (48 th of 64)

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The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.