

To: Secretary – All Swim Ireland Water Polo Clubs
By Email
Swim Ireland Website
Water Polo Website

13th January 2022

**NOTICE OF:
IRELAND WATER POLO VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022
TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2022**

Dear Secretary,

Notice is hereby given that the Ireland Water Polo Virtual Annual Conference 2022 will take place on Tuesday 15th February 2022 via online webinar commencing at 7.00pm.

This is an important date on the Water Polo Calendar and an opportunity for Clubs to express their views and contribute to the decision-making process for our sport.

Further detail including Agenda, Motions/Recommendations, Elections and Reports will be sent to all Clubs in due course. In the interim, we are seeking certain documentation and information from Clubs. We are seeking nominations in respect of positions on the National Water Polo Committee and to the role of President.

Details of all posts are contained at Appendix A and relevant forms for completion are at Appendix B. Any member of a Water Polo Club may put him/herself forward through his/her Club to stand for election provided that the following procedures are complied with:

1. Nominees must be members of a Club and hold a valid Water Polo Licence
2. Nominees must be nominated by their own Club and at least one other Club
3. All nominations must be made through the Nominee's own Club on the Nomination Form (Form 1 at Appendix B)
4. Nominee completes and signs the Nominee Consent Form (Form 2 at Appendix B)
5. Regional Nominees may only be nominated and supported by Clubs in their own Region
6. All Nominations must be supported by at least one other Club in Nominee's own Region on the Supporting Nomination Form (Form 3 at Appendix B)

The documentation duly completed and signed must be sent by email (marked “Confidential”) to: waterpolo@swimireland.ie and must be received by:

Deadline: 12 noon Monday 24th January 2022

MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Each Club is permitted to submit Motions/Recommendations for consideration at the Conference provided that the following procedures are complied with:

1. Recommendations must be in typed format and signatures provided as appropriate.
2. Any Motions/Recommendations proposing changes or amendments to the Water Polo Rule Book must make specific reference to the particular Rule(s) in question and outline any impact on any other Rule. The National Water Polo Committee will consider any submissions.
3. Must be sent email (marked “Confidential”) to: waterpolo@swimireland.ie and must be received by:

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We look forward to welcoming you to the AGM

Sincerely

Eoin Boyle
Secretary
National Water Polo Committee

APPENDIX A DETAILS OF IRELAND WATER POLO POSTS

NOMINATIONS

1. **President** – The Water Polo President shall represent the interests of Water Polo at all ceremonial and representative occasions as required. Kevin Armstrong has served a one-year term and is not eligible to stand for a further term.

NATIONAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE

2. **Chairperson** - The Chairperson is the head of the National Water Polo Committee whose role is to lead and delegate on all aspects of the running of the sport. They should be someone with the necessary skills to fulfil this role. Barry Magill was voted into the role in 2018 and again in 2020 and has served his four-year term in line with the Swim Ireland rules and is no longer eligible to stand for re-election.
3. **Ulster Representative** – The Ulster Representative is the spokesperson on behalf of their region. They are required to attend the regional committee meetings and report to the National Water Polo Committee in relation to the activities within said region. Wally Clarke has served for a four-year term and in line with Swim Ireland rules is no longer eligible to stand for a further term.
4. The Water Polo Rule Book allows for a Munster Representative but currently there are no active Water Polo Clubs within the Munster Region therefore the National Water Polo Committee will co-opt a member to that role. In 2021 the National Water Polo Committee co-opted Teresa Moran, (Corrib WPC) to the role and she is now eligible to stand for a two-year term. Teresa has indicated that she would like to continue in this roles.
5. **General Committee Member** – In line with the update to the Swim Ireland rules as voted on at the 2021 Swim Ireland AGM:

Article 134. “Where a National Committee does not ordinarily achieve a minimum gender balance of 70/30, through the election process, each Committee shall co-opt additional members to achieve that balance. For the purposes of this Article, National Committee shall mean National Committees appointed by the Board of Swim Ireland including: Standing Committees, the National Water Polo Committee and the Regional Management Committees”.

The National Water Polo Committee co-opted two additional members to the committee in 2021 in the role of general committee member. These individuals are required to attend the regional committee meetings and report to the National Water Polo Committee in relation to any tasks as set out by the Chairperson. Lisa O’Kane (Cathal Brugha) was co-opted into this role and is now eligible to stand for a two-year term. Lisa has indicated that she would like to continue in this role.

Nominees for these posts must be members of a Water Polo Club and must hold a valid Water Polo Licence. All nominees must be nominated by their own club and at least one other. Nominations must be made using the forms at Appendix B. Should more than one nomination be received for any of the above posts an election will take place at the Annual Conference.

**APPENDIX B
WATER POLO ANNUAL CONFERENCE FORMS**

**WATER POLO ANNUAL CONFERENCE FORM 1
IRELAND WATER POLO CLUB COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM**

**Return via email to; waterpolo@swimireland.ie no later than
12 noon Monday 24th January 2022**

We, the undersigned, confirm that a Committee meeting of:

Club: _____ **Region:** _____

was held on (date) _____ at (Venue) _____ and that

(Name of Nominee) _____ was duly nominated at

this meeting for the position of _____

***Signed:** _____
Club Officer

Club Officer

Date: _____

* Must be signed by two Club Officers



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**WATER POLO ANNUAL CONFERENCE FORM 2
IRELAND WATER POLO NOMINEE CONSENT FORM**

**Return via email to; waterpolo@swimireland.ie no later than
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NOMINEE NAME: _____

POSITION NOMINATED FOR: _____

I am aware that my Club _____

has nominated me for the above position and I consent to this nomination.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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**IRELAND WATER POLO ANNUAL CONFERENCE FORM 3
CLUB COMMITTEE
SUPPORTING CLUB NOMINATION FORM**

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Club: _____ **Region:** _____

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***Signed:** _____
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Date: _____

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