



Laois Marlins SC

End of year newsletter June 19

The end of another year



As another year comes to a close I want to thank all the swimmers and their families for helping to make the Laois Marlins a club we can be proud of.

There have been lots of great developments this year that will benefit all swimmers. We are on course to achieve Club Mark, Swim Ireland's quality mark and we will also be introducing Team Unify in September which will provide much more information to parents in terms of fees paid and swim times of swimmers.

The club has also been successful in securing €13,000 in funding for new equipment under the Capital Sports Grant and also a further €1,000 from Laois Sports Partnership for training.

2018/19 has been an excellent year in the pool for our swimmers with 19 reaching IAG division 2, the highest number ever for the club and 2 achieving IAG division 1 qualification times. This is a fantastic result for the club having attended 30 galas throughout the swim year.

So enjoy the summer and the coaches and committee look forward to seeing you back in early September.

Special Points of Interest

Term 3 ends 29th June

Saturday 29th June is the last day of this term for all swimmers.

Swimmers that have achieved IAG 2 or IAG1 times will begin a 4th term from July 1 until the 9th of July.

Normal seniors training times will apply. Due to

the large number of qualified swimmers and the need to book full pool times a charge of €30 will apply.

This can be paid on It's Plain Sailing

Don't forget our Laois Marlins Dip & Dive Sat 22nd June. Ideal for our youngest swimmers to get experience.

Dip & Dive

The Laois Marlin's Dip and Dive gala will take place this Saturday 22nd June from 8am to 1030am. Format is as follows :

Warm up
8am to 825am

This is an excellent way for our youngest swimmers to gain some experience of competing

in a fun environment.

Order of events

Junior 50 breast
Junior 50 fly
Senior 200 free
Junior 50 free
Junior 50 back
Senior 200 IM
Junior 100 IM

your child will be assumed as taking part. We will need 8-9 parents to help out with timekeeping and line up & it's also a good way for parents to get experience of how a gala operates.

If you can help please let Bridget know on 086 8048662.

Congrats to all our swimmers who have achieved Irish Age Group Qualifications

Awards Morning 22nd June

Our end of year Awards Morning is a great time to look back and celebrate the swim season of 18/19.

There have been many highlights over the year and as well as acknowledging the

swimmers it is also a great opportunity for parents to catch up with each other away from the pool bank.

The committee invites all swimmers and their families to join us in the party room in the

Leisure Centre at 11am. (after Dip & Dive)

Light refreshments will be served.

If anyone can contribute a plate for the event please contact Rose on 085 7117167

Senior Squad Away Trip 2020

The committee and coaches are investigating an away training camp at Easter 2020.

As the training would entail 2 x 2hr sessions daily plus dry land, swimmers would need

to be at least 13 years and hold Leinster Division 1 times.

The approx cost of this trip would be €700 and will be subject to SI away trip rules.

If we get enough numbers we will hope

to book this shortly and put a payment plan in place to allow for installment payments.

Can you register your interest with Rose on 085 7117167 as soon as possible.

Swim Fees for 2019/20

As ratified at the AGM on the 13th June there is a fee increase for 2019/20 season. Best practice would say that your membership fees would cover running costs but currently we are not in this position and without 2 galas we would not have the small surplus that we do have.

Currently the club is vulnerable to any level of bad debt and as such we have had to get much stricter on payment of fees. I would sincerely like to thank parents for being prompt with payments. It is with this purpose that we have an increase in fees to make the club more sustainable and to ensure its future. We also believe that the fees offer good value for money and the cost per swim for all is less than €5.

There will be a change in squad structure for 2019/20 with fees, hopefully, reflecting a fair price for each group.

Fee Structure for 2019/20

Squad	Swimming hours	Time-table	Fee per term
Junior	3x 1 hours per week	Similar to schedule in 2018/19 season	€200
Junior Development	5 hours per week	Junior hours + Tuesday Morning	€230
Senior Development	7 hours per week	Senior training sessions <u>excluding</u> Tuesday morning	€270
Senior Squad	9 hours per week	Limited to 7 swimmers per lane Existing senior schedule	€300

Please note: All swimmers will be assigned to one of the squads above and fees and training times relating to that squad will apply. The hours per squad are based on the level of pool time needed to develop each level of swimmer. While we are aware that not all swimmers can make all sessions the fee per squad will still apply.

To help plan the squads for next year could you please text / email Rose on 085 7117167/ chair@laoismarlins.ie with a quick message to confirm that your swimmer is hoping to return.

Happy Summer and see you in September 19