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Due to the very small number of clubs that have been training and recording times, there has been a break from Tighinn Còmhla since the January Series. The leaderboards from that series have been uploaded to scotswimrankings.scot

Tighinn Còmhla 2021 will now run continuously in monthly rounds until 28 July, with times collected and leaderboards generated monthly, with the first round collecting any times swum between February and May.

Clubs are encouraged to resume in-house and virtual competition according to their stage of return, and to continue to provide this kind of competition throughout the remainder of the season. Additional forms of competition can be introduced when Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland allow, following Scottish Swimming Back to the Water – Competition Management Guidance. See [Scottish Swimming Competition Management Guidance](#)

How can Clubs participate?

All Scottish Clubs can take part by entering times for their swimmers according to the schedule below. Any swimmer that can swim 50 metres can get involved provided they are registered as a member of Scottish Swimming in the swimmer category at the time of swimming. Tighinn Còmhla is completely inclusive of all ages and abilities.

There is no fee for entries.

Conditions of swimming for the duration of the May round, and until further notice, will remain minimal subject only to the rules and conditions in this document.

Stopwatch times from training, as well as times from internal club timing sessions, virtual meets*, virtual league matches, or other competition as permitted can all be posted.

Races can be swum by individuals, by two or more swimmers as a part of a training set, or in heats that are swum mixed, or separated by sex and/or by age.

Conditions for June and July may change as restrictions are eased.

What are the Events?

In recognition of the different states of readiness to race around the country, all events are now included. Clubs may choose which events to offer at each of their timing sessions or choose to completely ignore some events until the time is right for them.

Swimming events for Tighinn Còmhla 2021 are as follows –

Butterfly	50m	100m	200m			
Backstroke	50m	100m	200m			
Breaststroke	50m	100m	200m			
Freestyle	50m	100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m
Individual Medley		100m	200m	400m		

*see Scottish Swimming Virtual Meets Support document - <https://www.scottishswimming.com/clubs/covid-19-guidance>



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Submitting Entries

Tighinn Còmhla 2021, will be managed in monthly rounds, and times swum must be submitted to the District Administrator for inclusion in to the leaderboards by 9.00pm as follows –

Wednesday 26 May 2021 Wednesday 23 June 2021 Wednesday 28 July 2021

Times swum **after** the close of Tighinn Còmhla 2021 January Series can be included in submissions for May and the final deadline for submission of all times to be included in Tighinn Còmhla is 9.00 pm on Wednesday 28 July 2021.

Events files for each round of Tighinn Còmhla 2021 will be published on SwimScotland and District websites, with links shared by social media.

Entries must be made on entry files that have been created using the events files supplied from the relevant District. No other forms of entry will be accepted.

Entry files must be submitted by the closing date for each round to District Administrators:

East District – sasaeastdistrictentries@gmail.com
Midland District – midlandsmeetentries@gmail.com
North District – entries@sasanorth.org.uk
West District – rankings@scotswimwest.co.uk

Clubs needing support with entries should contact their District Administrator.

NOTE: In each round, only 'new' times for any swimmer should be entered, times submitted for earlier rounds should not be resubmitted.

Leaderboards

After submission of entries, the results of each round of Tighinn Còmhla 2021 will be processed by District Administrators. Thereafter, District Leaderboards will be published on the Sunday following the closing date for each round on District websites and National Leaderboards will be published on SwimScotland and scotswimrankings.scot.

swimscotland.co.uk
scotswimrankings.scot
sasaeastdistrict.org.uk
sasadistrict.co.uk
sasanorth.org.uk
scotswimwest.co.uk

Leaderboards will be published for both males and females across the event age groups, with age set as midnight on 31 December 2021.

Age groups for Tighinn Còmhla 2021 are as follows –

10 and Under 11-12 13-14 15-16 17-18 19-24 25 and over



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Additionally, National leaderboards for both male and female Para-Swimmers will be published utilising the British Para-Swimming Points System and published on SwimScotland. Times posted by swimmers with a recognised national or international classification will automatically be recognised for the Para-Swimming leaderboards.

At the end of each round of Tighinn Còmhla 2021, all results will be submitted to Swim England rankings service for inclusion as Level X times (please note condition 14 below) and included on our dedicated Tighinn Còmhla website - scotswimrankings.scot

Rules and conditions for Tighinn Còmhla 2021

(may be subject to change for June and July)

1. Races are expected to be a racing activity that takes place within club training sessions, involving only those swimmers who normally train within that session. This racing is subject to compliance with Scottish Swimming “Back to the Water – Club Training Guidance” with any risk assessment in place adapted to include racing (support is available in the form of “Racing Considerations”).
2. Limited competition outside of training sessions may be possible under strict conditions and will be subject to “Back to the Water – Swimming Competition Management Guidance”.
3. It is essential that swimmers possess the physical fitness to complete the race distance in a safe manner.
4. A Scottish Swimming Licence is not required for times/sessions/races for Tighinn Còmhla 2021.
5. Swimmer times should be entered under their primary/1st Claim Club only.
6. Ages shall be determined as at midnight on 31st December 2021. Age Groups are as detailed in Leaderboard section.
7. Races will be started, and times recorded by club coaching staff or other personnel from the club, who are members of Scottish Swimming when guidance allows. Whilst there is no requirement for any swimming technical officials to be present in order to race and submit times for Tighinn Còmhla 2021 at this time, with the agreement of club coaching staff, the introduction of a small number of swimming technical officials is encouraged in order to support the management of the racing.
8. Clubs are encouraged to discuss the use of equipment, such as starting whistle, diving blocks etc, with their facility, to ensure safe and appropriate use. Backstroke Starting Devices may be used only as and when permitted under conditions of “Back to the Water – Swimming Competition Management Guidance”.
9. Disqualifications for infractions of the technical rules should only be made if the infraction committed provides the swimmer with an unfair advantage. In this event, a reswim may be offered at the discretion of the club coaching staff. If a swimmer is slowed by their infraction, the time can be entered, with advice given by a coach to help the swimmer improve.
10. Before submission of a “result” as an entry time for the Tighinn Còmhla 2021, a check should be made that a time recorded does not significantly differ from the likely performance of the swimmer.
11. Events are expected to take place in short course (25m) format. Where this is not practical, it will still be possible to take part and post times in most events. Speak to your District Administrator to find out what to do.
12. Racing may take place over any number of training sessions or competitions.



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13. The results submitted for Tighinn Còmhla 2021 will be placed on Swim England Rankings as Level X Times, subject to the submitted file being accurate. If the file contains inaccuracies, these files will not be accepted.

District Administrators will check the swimmer data before it is sent for inclusion in the National Leaderboards. Any errors which will cause issues for Rankings will be notified to Clubs and will need to be rectified before 12 noon on the Saturday following the closing date of each round. Any errors not rectified or where the club concerned has not responded will be removed from the file to avoid problems at Rankings which may result in the entire file being rejected.

14. Tighinn Còmhla 2021/Level X racing times cannot be used for record purposes.

15. Submission of fraudulent times on behalf of a swimmer will not only damage the integrity of Tighinn Còmhla 2021 and cause disruption to others, but also let the swimmer down. All swimmers, coaches, clubs and others involved in the process are asked to uphold the integrity of the sport, creating an enjoyable and safe environment for all our members to come together.

16. We have a legitimate interest to collect and process some basic personal data from all competitors, specifically name, gender, date of birth. This data will be held securely and only used for the purposes of managing the meet and reporting results. Dates of birth will only be shared with Scottish Swimming for the purpose of maintaining the National Database which is used for Squad Selection and Swim England for inclusion on Rankings Names, gender and age (but not date of birth) will be retained and will be shared with attending clubs and may be published for the purpose of reporting.