



War Memorial Gala 2025

The War Memorial Gala is an event run by Swim Ulster each year which includes a ceremony to commemorate all swimmers who fell in the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 World Wars.

The Ceremony is conducted at the end of the heats, prior to the start of the finals. All swimmers and officials should stand in silence around the poolside or in the gallery. The lights are dimmed, and a bugler sounds the "Last Post", this is followed by a one minute's silence, after which lines from Laurence Binyon's poem "For the Fallen" are read. The Ceremony ends with "Reveille" sounded by the bugler.

Please Note: There should be no applause after the ceremony ends

- Date :** Saturday 8th November 2025
- Venue :** Aurora Aquatic & Leisure Complex, Bangor
- Age Groups :** Open 12 & under (minimum age is 10 years), 14 & under, 15 & over
Female 12 & under (minimum age is 10 years), 14 & under, 15 & over
- Age Up Date :** 31st December 2025
- Awards :** Perpetual Trophies awarded to the winning team in each event.
No medals will be presented.
- Entries :** Clubs may enter as many teams per event as they wish. Swimmers may swim in any event for which they are eligible but may only swim in one team per event. Clubs must adhere to the Swim Ireland 12 week rule for swimmers who have transferred from another Club. Clubs may enter transferred swimmers but the entry must be marked as Exhibition and will not progress to the final.
- Entry Fees :** £10 per team. All entries must be submitted electronically to admin@swimulster.net using Hytek Team Manager.
- Closing Date :** 12 midday on 31st October 2025
- Warm-up:** Age Group Females 4pm – 4.15pm
Age Group Open 4.15pm – 4.30pm
All Athletes 15 & over 4.30pm – 4.45pm
- Start:** 5pm

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Order of Events

Heats of Events 1-8	
Female 10 & over	4 x 50m Medley
Open 10 & over	4 x 50m Medley
Female 14 & under	4 x 50m Medley
Open 14 & under	4 x 50m Medley
Female 10 & over	4 x 50m Freestyle
Open 10 & over	6 x 50m Freestyle
Female 12 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle
Open 12 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle
Olympic / Paralympic Athletes 2024	4 x 50m Medley (HDW) – Exhibition Race
Memorial Ceremony (No applause)	
Presentation of Special Awards for 2024-2025	
Finals of Events 1-8	
Female 10 & over	4 x 50m Medley
Open 10 & over	4 x 50m Medley
Female 14 & under	4 x 50m Medley
Open 14 & under	4 x 50m Medley
Female 10 & over	4 x 50m Freestyle
Open 10 & over	6 x 50m Freestyle
Female 12 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle
Open 12 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle
Presentation of War Memorial Trophies	