

U18 Girls Water Polo Inter-Regional Championships 2020

Ireland were crowned Division One champions while London Sharks claimed the Division Two title at the Swim England Water Polo Girls' U18 Inter-Regional Championships.

More than 130 girls competed across two venues – East Manchester Leisure Centre and Walsall Gala Baths – with the Division One fixtures held in Manchester.

Division One

The Irish side won all four of their matches and scored a total of 50 goals on their way to winning the title. Eva Ramsey was the top goal scorer for the side, contributing 16 goals, followed closely by Ellen Loane on 13 goals.

Ireland National Head Coach, Goran Sablic, said: “We were delighted to be part of the Division One Inter-Regional competition in Manchester. The tournament was of a high level and all the teams performed well. The facility was excellent and staff members seemed delighted to host the event. We would love to be able to organise friendly matches between Ireland and England in the future.”

Both northern teams lost just one match – against Ireland- meaning North West Thunder finished in second having lost by five goals, while North East Steelers took third place after losing by six goals. It was a 26 goal thriller when the second and third placed sides faced off, as they drew 13-13. Holly Toone (North West) and Anna Motley (North East) were on top form, scoring seven goals each.

The southern rivalry saw South East Anderida come out on top, beating South West Sharks 12-6. Lucy Bullock got five of the 12 goals for her side. A hat-trick in the first period and two more in the final period, added to Audrey Tala's goal, secured the win.

That was South East's only win of the tournament as they finished in fourth place, while South West settled for fifth.

Division Two

At Walsall Baths, it was London Sharks who were victorious after a competitive play-off stage in Division Two of the Championships.

The division was split into two groups, B and C, with the Sharks topping Group C followed by Wales in second and third-placed East Midlands.

Meanwhile in Group B, East Angels' triumph over Scotland Saltires resulted in the former topping the group and the Scottish team taking second place.

West Midlands claimed their sole victory of the group stage against North West Lightning, beating their opponents to third place. Two hat-tricks, one from Aaliyah Lloyd and the other from Priya Kennedy, made the difference.

London Sharks and East Angels met in the Division Two final, with both sides yet to lose a

game. However, it was a comfortable victory for the team from London, despite being behind after the first period. The goals from East Angels came via Laura Page and Megan Colderwood, while London's goals were scored by Macey O'Malia, Sarah Ellis-Keeler, Isabella Kraft (x2), Farida Elsayed, Mia Mutadich and a hat-trick from Sabrina Radzik-Rahman.

Scotland beat Wales in the bronze medal match, while East Midlands pipped West Midlands to fifth place overall with back-to-back wins in the playoffs. Results.

Fixtures & Results

South East Anderida	9 – 14	North West Thunder	FT
North East Steelers	6 – 12	Ireland	FT
South East Anderida	12 – 6	South West Sharks	FT
North West Thunder	10 – 15	Ireland	FT
North East Steelers	18 – 8	South West Sharks	FT
South East Anderida	3 – 10	Ireland	FT
North West Thunder	13 – 13	North East Steelers	FT
South West Sharks	10 – 13	Ireland	FT
South East Anderida	9 – 15	North East Steelers	FT
South West Sharks	10 – 17	North West Thunder	FT

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Ireland	4	4			21	8
North West Thunder	4	2	1	1	7	5
North East Steelers	4	2	1	1	10	5
South East Anderida	4	1		3	-12	2
South West Sharks	4			4	-26	

Division Two

Fixtures & Results

West Midlands	5 – 9	Scotland Saltires	FT
East Midlands	6 – 9	London Sharks	FT
West Midlands	9 – 6	North West Lightning	FT
Scotland Saltires	7 – 11	East Angels	FT
East Midlands	4 – 6	Wales	FT
Scotland Saltires	6 – 4	North West Lightning	FT
West Midlands	5 – 6	East Angels	FT
London Sharks	11 – 5	Wales	FT
North West Lightning	3 – 9	East Angels	FT

Group B

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
East Angels	3	3			11	6
Scotland Saltires	3	2		1	2	4
West Midlands	3	1		2	-2	2
North West Lightning	3			3	-11	

Group C

London Sharks	2	2			9	4
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Wales	2	1	1	-4	2
East Midlands	2		2	-5	

5-7 Playoff

West Midlands	7 – 4	North West Lightning	FT
East Midlands	13 – 1	North West Lightning	FT
West Midlands	8 – 9	East Midlands	FT

Semi Finals

East Angels	9 – 8	Wales	FT
London	6 – 5	Scotland Satires	FT

Bronze

Wales	6 – 11	Scotland	FT
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Final

East Angels	2 – 9	London	FT
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