



## **Guidelines for Running the Annual All Ireland and UK Mine Rescue Competition**

### **History of the Competition**

The competition has its roots in the Irish base metal mines of the 1960s and 1970s. Famous mines such as Tynagh and Silvermines competed for the annual trophy. As the industry contracted and the old mines closed, Tara kept the flag flying by holding Celtic mine rescue competitions with South Crofty and Wheal Jane in Cornwall. Neves Corvo from Portugal competed in 1996.

With a new phase of mining in Ireland in the 1990s, Galmoy and Lisheen entered the fray. The format of the competition was expanded at Lisheen in 2001, and Winsford Mine competed for the first time. In 2002 British Gypsum entered a team, and in 2004 the modern competition was hosted in the UK for the first time, by Winsford Mine in Cheshire. Kilroot Mine from Carrickfergus also initially competed that year.

Kilroot hosted the competition for the first time in 2006. Galmoy were the hosts in 2007, and Tara in 2008. Having initially competed in 2007, Boulby Mine hosted the event in 2009, where Maltby Colliery competed for the first time. Lisheen held the competition in 2010, Winsford hosted in 2011, Kilroot in 2012 and Tara in 2013. Boulby Mine (CPL) are running the event in 2014.

### **Name of Competition**

The official name of the competition is: **'The All Ireland and UK Mine Rescue Competition'**.

### **Controlling Authority**

The controlling authority is the Irish Mine Rescue Committee (IMRC), under the auspices of the Irish Health and Safety Authority (HSA).

### **Date of Competition**

The exact date of the competition is to be set by the host mine, but the event is to be held over a weekend after Easter and before the end of June. The preferred weekend is mid-May.

### **Location of Competition**

The location of the competition is decided one year in advance, and is controlled by the IMRC.



### **Number of competing teams**

To a certain extent this is determined by the format of the competition.

In the present format the practical maximum number of teams is six, but this can be adjusted after approval from the IMRC.

### **Identity of competing teams**

At the present time the established five competing teams, by length of history in the competition, are:

Tara

Lisheen

Winsford

Kilroot

Boulby

These teams have the right of first refusal to compete.

If any of these teams are unable to compete, or if the competition format changes significantly, then other teams can be invited to participate.

Previously invited teams who have competed are:

British Gypsum (2002).

Maltby Colliery (2009, 2010 and 2011).

Invitations to other teams outside of the established five competing teams must be routed through the IMRC.

### **Format of competition**

The format has evolved into 4 separate events:

- Search and Rescue (the key event)
- First Aid
- Fitness
- Bench Test and Knowledge Test

This can be varied after approval from the IMRC.



It is usual that the competition is held over 2 days (Friday and Saturday), with the Bench & Knowledge Test on the afternoon of the first day and keeping the Fitness, First Aid and Search and Rescue tests on the second day. A pre-Competition Briefing and Draw must be held once all teams have assembled at the host mine, before the Saturday events begin.

### **Isolation of Teams from Spectators**

It is important that the host mine establishes a system whereby competing teams are kept isolated from all observers and spectators for the duration of all the events, to ensure a fair competition.

### **Marking of events**

This has become complex, but must be event specific, clear and transparent to all concerned.

- The marking system for events will be approved by the IMRC.
- The number of judges/adjudicators must be stated in the pre-Competition Briefing.
- The jurisdiction of judges/adjudicators and their affiliation must be stated in the pre-Competition Briefing.
- All events and marking schemes should have a dry-run and be stress-tested in the weeks preceding the competition. The judges/adjudicators and the host should then cross-check a list of equipment and actions.
- The Search and Rescue event must have at least one mine inspector as one of the principal judges/adjudicators, but preferably two mine inspectors, one from the Irish HSA and one from the UK HSE.
- Judges/adjudicators need to be given adequate time to overview their marking at the end of the day to ensure that the allocated marks reflect performance; to be objective; and to score in a discretionary way for good practice (or poor practice) where necessary. Marking the quality of performance by the teams against the highest standards of international mine rescue is one of the key principles of the competition.



- Consultation between judges/adjudicators and any chief judge/adjudicator must be built into establishing overall outcomes.
- The score weighting for each event will have the approval of :
  - the IMRC
  - the host mine
  - the Irish HSA
  - the UK HSE

Currently the agreed weighting is 50% for Search and Rescue, 15% for Fitness, 15% for First Aid, 10% for Bench Test and 10% for Knowledge Test

(Agreed by IMRC, HSA, HSE, the host mine 2012 – Kilroot, and the host mine 2013 – Tara).

#### **Pre-Competition Meeting**

It is recommended that the host mine holds a pre-Competition Meeting approximately three months before the date of the Competition. This will allow consultation between the Irish and UK Mine Inspectorates, the IMRC, judges/adjudicators, and host mine officials, to streamline the planning process and assist the host mine's preparation.

A representative of the previous year's host mine should be invited to this meeting, with their own preparation and marking documents. It is recommended that a minimum core team of 6 persons is assembled by the host mine to organise the event.

#### **Awards, Trophies and Sponsors**

There are a number of Awards, Trophies and Sponsors (see Appendix 1) that date back to the origins of the competition in the 1970's.

The host mine should refer to the IMRC regarding this list at an early stage in planning their event.



### **Dignitaries/Invitees**

It is recommended that the following are invited to each year's competition.

- Mine Managers of all mines affiliated to the IMRC.
- Mine Managers of all UK Mines affiliated to the competition.
- Chief Mine Inspector HSA
- Chief Mine Inspector HSE
- Perpetual Sponsors
- Senior Officers of the Irish Air Corps
- Secretary and Chairman, IMRC

### **Judges/Adjudicators**

The host mine should refer to the IMRC regarding judges/adjudicators who regularly attend the competition and their contact details (Appendix 2).

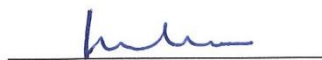
### **Potential Competing Mines**

The host mine should refer to the IMRC regarding potential competing mines, and their contact details (Appendix 3).

This document is issued by the Irish Mine Rescue Committee.



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## Appendix 1: Awards Trophies & Perpetual Sponsors Details

NAME OF AWARD	PERPETUAL AWARD	INDIVIDUAL PRIZES	Contact Details and Notes
TEAM SAFETY	THE KEMEX SHIELD 	These are usually donated by I.I.E	Con Keigher <a href="mailto:ckeigher@kemek.ie">ckeigher@kemek.ie</a> +353 87 688 5889 An I.I.E Rep. Usually travels to the competition
BENCH TEST	NO PERPETUAL AWARD		Available to sponsor
FITNESS	THE SMILEY MONROE TROPHY 	Usually donated by Smiley Monroe	First presented in 2006 Vaughan Monroe, MD Smiley Monroe Ltd. <a href="mailto:vaughanmonroe@smileymonroe.com">vaughanmonroe@smileymonroe.com</a> +44 78 875 420 80
FIRST AID	THE FITZ FIRE TROPHY 		Available to sponsor
SEARCH & RESCUE	NEW PERPETUAL CUP THE FINNING CAT CUP 	May be donated by Finning	FINNING (Ireland) LTD Peter Sheeran Unit 525 Greenogue Business park Rathcoole Co. Dublin <a href="mailto:psheeran@finning.com">psheeran@finning.com</a> +353 1 257 4000 First presented in 2012



<p>BEST CAPTAIN</p>	<p>THE IMQS CUP</p> 	<p>A MEDAL</p> 	<p>IMQS  President of IMQS  Siobhan Tinnelly  Irish Mining &amp; Quarrying  Society  The Lucan Centre,  Primrose Lane, Lucan, Dublin</p> <p><a href="mailto:Siobhan.tinnelly@tobin.ie">Siobhan.tinnelly@tobin.ie</a></p> <p>+353 1 803 0401  +353 87 751 9236</p> <p>First presented in 2008</p>
<p>BEST IRISH TEAM</p>	<p>THE M A HEALY TROPHY</p> 	<p>Not usually awarded</p>	<p>HEALY'S OF WEXFORD</p> <p>Dermot Healy  MD  MA Healy Ltd.  Wexford Rd.  Arklow  Co. Wicklow</p> <p><a href="mailto:Dermot.healy@mahealy.ie">Dermot.healy@mahealy.ie</a></p> <p>+353 87 256 2436</p> <p>First presented in the 1970's</p>
<p>BEST OVERALL MINE  RESCUE TEAM</p>	<p>THE INTERNATIONAL MINES  RESCUE SHEILD &amp; TROPHY</p> 	<p>May be donated by Priority  Drilling Ltd.</p>	<p>Priority Drilling Ltd.  Declan Hogan  MD  Priority Drilling Ltd.</p> <p><a href="mailto:McCarthyM@priority.ie">McCarthyM@priority.ie</a></p> <p>+353 87 258 0646</p>



**Appendix 2: List Judges/ adjudicators who regularly attend the competition, and contact details:**

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Judges:</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Search & Rescue	H.S.A. Inspector Pat Griffin H.S.E. Inspector John Whyatt	<a href="mailto:pat_griffin@hsa.ie">pat_griffin@hsa.ie</a> <a href="mailto:john.whyatt@hse.gsi.gov.uk">john.whyatt@hse.gsi.gov.uk</a>
First Aid	Irish Red Cross (Jim Mooney)	<a href="mailto:jimmooney2@gmail.com">jimmooney2@gmail.com</a>
Fitness/Physical	Brian Robinson Paddy McManus (Mine Rescue Services)	<a href="mailto:rescue1uk@aol.com">rescue1uk@aol.com</a>
Bench Test &	John Boyd & Mervin Nolan for RESPRO Ltd, Dublin	<a href="mailto:john@respro.ie">john@respro.ie</a> Respro 78D Lagan Road Dublin Industrial Estate Dublin
Knowledge Test	H.S.A. Inspector Pat Griffin H.S.E. Inspector John Whyatt	<a href="mailto:pat_griffin@hsa.ie">pat_griffin@hsa.ie</a> <a href="mailto:john.whyatt@hse.gsi.gov.uk">john.whyatt@hse.gsi.gov.uk</a>





**Appendix 3: List of potential competition mines & contact details:**

1	<p>Mr Phil Baines, General Manager          Cleveland Potash Limited          Boulby Mine          Loftus          Saltburn – by – the – Sea          Cleveland          TS13 4UZ</p>
2	<p>Mr Derek Moore, Mine Manager          Irish Salt Mining &amp; Exploration Co Ltd          10 Fort Road          Kilroot          Carrickfergus          Co Antrim          Northern Ireland          BT38 9BT</p>
3	<p>Mr John Elmes, General Manager          Lisheen Mine          Killoran          Moyne          Thurles          Co.Tipperary          Ireland</p>
4	<p>Mr Gordon Dunn, Manager          Salt Union          Winsford Rock Salt Mine          Bradford Road          Winsford          Cheshire          CW7 2PE</p>
5	<p>Mr Stefan Romedahl, General Manager          Boliden Tara Mines Limited          Knockumber Road          Navan          Co. Meath          Ireland</p>