



The Leicestershire and Rutland Amateur Swimming Association

Affiliated to the East Midland Region

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL RULES

DEFINITIONS

AGM	Annual General Meeting
ASA	Amateur Swimming Association
Club	A club or organisation affiliated to LASA
County	Counties of Leicestershire and Rutland unless the context states otherwise
EGM	Extraordinary General Meeting
FINA	Federation Internationale de Natation
LASA	The Leicestershire Amateur Swimming Association, which includes the county of Rutland
Region or EMASA	ASA East Midland Region
Swimmer or Athlete	Shall include swimmer, master swimmer, disabled swimmer, synchronised swimmer, open water swimmer, water polo player or diver unless the context states otherwise
The Association or Association	The Leicestershire and Rutland Amateur Swimming Association

1 NAME

The Association shall be called 'The Leicestershire and Rutland Amateur Swimming Association', but can be known as Leicestershire ASA (LASA).

2 OBJECTS

The objects of The Association shall be:

- 2.1 To promote the teaching and practice of swimming, open water swimming, swimming amongst the disabled, masters swimming, water polo, synchronised swimming, and diving.
- 2.2 To select and govern individuals to represent the County.
- 2.3 To promote and hold championships and competitions.
- 2.4 To raise public awareness of the sport and to stimulate public opinion in favour of the various disciplines.
- 2.5 To carry out the aims and objectives of the ASA and the ASA East Midland Region.
- 2.6 To ensure the laws and rules of the ASA, the ASA East Midland Region and of FINA are enforced.
- 2.7 To comply with ASA Laws regarding ASA Child Protection Procedures.
- 2.8 To implement the ASA Equality and Diversity Opportunities policy and the ASA Equity policy. The Association is committed to treat everyone equally within the context of its activity. This shall be, for example, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religion, disability or political persuasion, on any grounds.

3 AFFILIATION

The Association shall be affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association East Midland Region.

4 MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION

- 4.1 Membership of The Association shall be eligible automatically to all affiliated ASA/EMASA amateur clubs and organisations whose main facilities are situated within the County who are involved with swimming, open water swimming, masters swimming, disabled swimming, water polo, synchronised swimming and diving.
- 4.2 Where it is considered to be in the best interests of swimming, a club whose main facilities are not within the County, may be accepted as an Associate Member of The Association subject to approval of the County Association in which their main facilities are based.
- 4.3 Clubs accepted under rule 4.2 above shall be subject to a special rate of payment for affiliation and may send one (1) representative to a meeting of the Executive of The Association at which they may speak but shall not have a vote and shall not be eligible to stand for office.
- 4.4 A Club whose membership has lapsed due to resignation or failure to pay membership fees will be required to resubmit a membership application to the Executive.
- 4.5 The basic subscription (affiliation fee) and capitation fee shall be determined annually by the Executive.
- 4.6 The Executive may waive part or the whole of such fees.
- 4.7 Affiliation and capitation fees shall become due on 1st January each year or on acceptance by the County of an application for affiliation.
- 4.8 Fees shall be paid to the ASA by 31st March when renewing affiliation, or within thirty (30) days of acceptance when applying for affiliation. Clubs failing to pay by the 31st March will be suspended
- 4.9 To become fully affiliated the Club or Association must have paid the basic subscription and capitation fee, unless exempt.
Leicestershire School Association, City of Leicester S.C. Ltd., Leicester Synchronised Swimming, Leicester Masters Swimming Club and any Diving Clubs, The Leicester and District Swimming League and any other Club or Association approved by the Executive shall each pay only the basic subscription (affiliation fee) annually as fixed by the Executive directly to the ASA by 31st March of each year. Should any School Association or individual school desire a representative to the Leicestershire ASA it must pay the fee prescribed by the Association. The affiliation of a school to the English Schools Swimming Association does not affiliate that school to The Association and therefore does not entitle that school or its members to take part in competitions promoted by The Association. For this purpose, the school must affiliate direct to The Association as a club and pay fees at club rate.
- 4.10 A Club wishing to resign from The Association shall give notice in writing to the General Secretary to that effect before 1st January.
Any Club or body not having paid its liabilities to the ASA by 31st March shall be considered to have resigned from The Association. Should a club wish to re affiliate at any time following the three (3) month period it must apply to do so as though it were a new club but not earlier than the start of The Association year following the assumed resignation. A club applying in the following year shall be held liable for the outstanding fees.
- 4.11 An individual club or school which has not paid its liabilities to The Association via the ASA by the appointed date shall not be allowed to compete in any Leicestershire Association competition or championship as a Club or School.
- 4.12 When existing clubs, affiliated to The Association, merge, the merged Club shall submit its application for membership of The Association with the capitation fee as determined in rules 4.5 and 4.8 via the ASA no further swimmer subscription fee will be required. Newly merged clubs will not be accepted as members of The Association until such time as the newly formed club has been recognised by EMASA/ASA and has been issued with a new club membership code. Until that time the original clubs will remain members of The Association. Where an affiliated club wishes to merge with another club that is not affiliated to The Association, or any other County Association, then such a merged club shall be considered as a new club and shall submit its application and shall pay the capitation and swimmer subscription fees upon acceptance of the application by The Association, following the issue of a club membership code from the ASA.

5 GOVERNANCE

- 5.1 There shall be three levels of governance of The Association
- 5.1.1 The Officers as defined in section 6 below.
- 5.1.2 The Executive as defined in section 7 below.
- 5.1.3 The Standing Committees as defined in section 8 below.

6 THE OFFICERS

The Officers shall be the Treasurer, General Secretary, President and President Elect.

7 THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall consist of the Officers, and the immediate Past President, and all Past Presidents prior to 31st December 2008, one delegate from each affiliated club, Life Members and those appointed in Rule 11.6.2.

8 THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Swimming
Synchronised Swimming
Water Polo
Masters Swimming
Disability Swimming
Emergency/Disciplinary/Rules Revision
Finance

Each standing committee will consist of the Officers, the Manager, plus three (3) members, plus other persons as required and nominated by the Manager of the Standing Committee and approved by the Executive

9 PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

- 9.1 The Executive shall meet at such times as considered necessary, normally each month except August with the AGM being held in December of each year. Seven (7) clear days' final notice of an Executive Meeting shall be given by the General Secretary to each affiliated club and to all other persons who are entitled to attend under these rules.
- Executive meetings shall be chaired by the President of The Association or, if absent, the President Elect or, if also absent, such other person as the meeting shall elect from amongst those present. If a President Elect indicates that he/she does not wish to chair meetings the first Executive meeting following the AGM at which the President takes office shall elect from its members a Chair to hold office for that period of Presidency.
- Each member of the Executive is entitled to one vote only save the Chair of the meeting who shall have a casting vote if necessary, nine (9) to form a quorum.
- 9.2 The Executive shall at its first meeting after the AGM decide on the exact dates of Executive meetings for the forthcoming year and shall circulate details of such dates to all clubs.
- 9.3 A Club wishing to raise any matter on the agenda of an Executive meeting shall send details of such matter to the General Secretary prior to the published date of the meeting (see rules 9.1) and this matter shall be published with the notice of meeting.
- 9.4 A formal resolution which any club has given notice that it wishes to propose must be seconded by another club when submitted to the General Secretary.
- 9.5 All persons attending shall sign an attendance register.
- 9.6 Only delegates and those defined by these rules may vote and stand for elective office.
- 9.7 On any resolution, the Chair of the meeting may decide whether to take a vote by show of hands or by ballot.
- 9.8 Two (2) or more scrutinisers shall be appointed by the meeting to count any votes that may be required.
- 9.9 Votes for Officers shall be taken by ballot where more than one nomination is made for any position.
- 9.10 The votes accredited to each nominee in a ballot shall not be disclosed and the ballot papers destroyed as directed by the Chair of the meeting.
- 9.11 Any ballot paper having more than the number of votes required shall be declared void but any ballot paper having less than the number required shall remain valid.
- 9.12 Past Presidents may attend meetings, but will not have the right to vote if appointed after 31st December 2008.

- 9.13 The Executive shall have full power:
 - 9.13.1 To appoint Special sub-committees as may be deemed necessary and determine their terms of reference.
 - 9.13.2 To exercise financial control over the affairs of The Association. In all cases where an agreement calls for the personal liability of the signatory on behalf of The Association, The Association will indemnify such authorised signatory against such liability.
 - 9.13.3 To appoint all relevant delegates to the ASA East Midland Region as and when required
 - 9.13.4 To appoint Team Managers for each county gala as and when required.
 - 9.13.5 To make additional appointments as deemed necessary.

10 VOTING AND PROCEDURES AT ALL MEETINGS

- 10.1 When a vote is required at any meeting of The Association a simple majority shall be sufficient for a decision to be made (except as specified in Rule 13.2)
- 10.2 In the event of a tie on votes the Chair of any meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her original vote.
- 10.3 Should the person chairing any meeting have a direct interest in any matter under consideration the person shall stand down from the chair for that item and the meeting shall elect a temporary Chair from amongst those present.
- 10.4 All meetings shall be conducted in good order. To this effect the person chairing any meeting shall have the authority to:
 - 10.4.1 Make a final ruling on any matters of procedure.
 - 10.4.2 Order at any time that a vote be taken.
 - 10.4.3 Rule that a matter be concluded and the meeting move on to the next business.
 - 10.4.4 Require anyone not conducting themselves in good order to leave the meeting.

11 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 11.1 The AGM shall be held in December. At least fourteen (14) days' final notice shall be given to the Executive members & each affiliated club or Association. Any notice of motion (other than rule changes) with the name of proposer & seconder and any agenda items must be submitted to the General Secretary in writing not later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the meeting.
- 11.2 The date of the AGM shall be decided upon by the Executive not later than the preceding 31st July.
- 11.3 The AGM shall receive the following reports;
 - 11.3.1 from the General Secretary on the running of the Association for the year.
 - 11.3.2 from the Treasurer on the financial transactions of the Association in the last year and the current state of the Association funds.
 - 11.3.3 from the Manager of each Standing Committee.
- 11.4 The Association's Year - Annual Reports and Accounts.
 - 11.4.1 The Association's year shall, commence on 1st October and end on 30th September.
 - 11.4.2 Annual Accounts shall be completed to 30th September and shall be sent out with notice for the AGM.
 - 11.4.3 Annual Reports – reports from those officers (except president elect) and the managers elected under rule 11.6.2 of the proceedings of The Association shall be forwarded to the General Secretary by 31st October.
- 11.5 The President Elect, nominated bi-annually, will at the end of the two (2) year period be installed as the President for a two (2) year period and shall preside over the meeting once the business of the previous year has been completed. The Executive will nominate a replacement President to the AGM, if required.
- 11.6 The AGM shall elect the following Officers of the Association for the forthcoming year:
 - 11.6.1 General Secretary
Treasurer
President-elect (bi-annually)
 - 11.6.2 In addition, the AGM will appoint/elect the Managers of the following Standing Committees
Swimming
Synchronised Swimming
Water Polo
Disability Swimming
Masters Swimming

Emergency/Disciplinary/Rules Revision
Finance

And the following other appointments will be made at the January Executive meeting

Welfare Officer
Public Relations Officer
Facilities Officer
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Webmaster
Trophy Controller and Awards Manager
Records Officer

The Executive will have the power to co-opt or elect any Manager or specific appointment, should it be necessary, after the January Executive meeting

- 11.7 An Extraordinary General meeting may be called by the Officers or by written request of five (5) affiliated clubs or associations; fourteen (14) days' notice of such a meeting shall be given to Executive members and each affiliated club stating the reason for the meeting. This shall be the only agenda for such a meeting.
- 11.8 Representation at General meetings: The Officers, persons elected under rule 11.6.2. Life members, two (2) delegates from each affiliated club or association and Past Presidents prior to 31st December 2008 and Immediate Past President, all with power to vote.
- 11.9 Two (2) or more scrutinisers shall be appointed by the meeting to count any votes that may be required.

12 NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- 12.1 Nominations for President-Elect shall be made by the Executive bi-annually at the November Executive meeting to serve for a period of two years as President Elect and then President. Only those members of the Executive who have served for a period of not less than three (3) years shall be eligible.
- 12.2 Nominations for Treasurer, General Secretary, and Managers shall be made at the November Executive meeting or in writing to the General Secretary prior to the date of the meeting.
- 12.3 All nominees shall have a proposer & seconder and shall consent to their nomination. Club nominations without a seconder will be accepted but a seconder from another club may be sought at the discretion of the Executive.
- 12.4 If for any reason anyone elected at the AGM is unable to complete their term of office the Executive shall determine how to proceed.

13 ALTERATION OF THE RULES

- 13.1 Any alteration deemed appropriate shall be dealt with by the Rules Revision Committee
- 13.2 Any proposed alteration to rules must be received in writing by the General Secretary, signed by the proposer & seconder not later than the 30th September, for consideration by the Rules Revision Committee (the Rules Revision Committee shall indicate its support or opposition and may propose amendments which shall be included on the agenda of the meeting) and shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. Alterations to rules may also be the subject of a meeting called under rule 11.7. Changes to Rules must be carried by at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote and shall be operative from the conclusion of that meeting.
- 13.3 The Rules of the Association shall only be altered at the AGM of the Association or an EGM of The Association called for the purpose.
- 13.4 No alteration of a Rule shall come into effect until it has been ratified by the Region.

14 BREACH OF THE RULES

- 14.1 The Association shall comply with the ASA guidelines for handling internal disputes (as appear in the ASA Handbook or as may be obtained from the ASA Legal Affairs Department).
- 14.2 The Disciplinary Committee on behalf of the Executive shall have the power to deal with any alleged misdemeanour, misbehaviour, or breach of Association rules or the Laws of the Sport as provided for under the Laws of the ASA.
- 14.3 Any club(s) or individual(s) so accused shall be provided with the opportunity to answer any allegation(s) against them before any judgment is made.

- 14.4 Any club or individual deemed to be in breach of these rules by the Disciplinary Committee on behalf of the Executive may be:
- 14.4.1 suspended from membership of The Association,
 - 14.4.2 disqualified or suspended from activities within the jurisdiction or the rules of competitions run by The Association,
 - 14.4.3 issued with a formal warning with regard to their future conduct.
- 14.5 All involved or affected by such a judgement shall be so informed in writing by the General Secretary.
- 14.6 Any club or individual may appeal against any judgement made against them by following the ASA complaints procedure.
- 14.7 If the alleged offence is also considered to be an infringement of ASA Laws, details of the incident(s) shall be reported to the ASA Region to which the club(s) or individual(s) is/are affiliated.

15 FUNDS AND FINANCES

- 15.1 The financial year of The Association shall end on 30th September to which date the accounts of The Association shall be made up. See rule 11.4.
- 15.2 All funds shall contribute towards the objects of the Association.
- 15.3 The Association accounts shall be audited or inspected annually by a competent body approved by the Executive and shall be presented to the AGM.
- 15.4 The Officers of The Association and members of Committees acting with the approval of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Committee shall be entitled to reimbursement out of the assets of The Association for all expenses incurred by them in the management of The Association's affairs.
- 15.5 The funds of The Association, other than for normal running costs as are agreed with the Treasurer, shall not be spent without the agreement of the Executive.
- 15.6 Travelling and subsistence expenses shall be paid in accordance with such guidance and at such rates as are approved in the ASA handbook to those who representing The Association at Regional or other meetings outside the County.
- 15.7 Travelling expenses shall not normally be paid by The Association to those attending meetings of its Executive or Committee.
- 15.8 All requests to spend funds shall be fully itemised and shall assess any costs that may occur subsequently.
- 15.9 In the event of dissolution of The Association any funds remaining shall be devoted to endeavours similar to those, which are within the aims and objects of the Amateur Swimming Association.

16 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ALL THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- 16.1 The President of The Association, the General Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of each Committee.
- 16.2 The Manager of each Committee shall be as elected at the AGM of The Association.
- 16.3 Each Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members to those listed below for any special purposes but such members shall not have voting rights.
- 16.4 Each Committee shall elect a Chair from amongst its own members
- 16.5 Each Committee may designate specific roles to any of its members as it deems appropriate.
- 16.6 In the absence of the Chair the committee shall elect a Chair for the meeting from amongst those present.
- 16.7 Each committee shall keep minutes of all meetings which shall be sent to the General Secretary within twenty-one (21) days of the meeting for presentation to the Executive.
- 16.8 All members of each committee shall have at least fourteen (14) days' notice of each of its meetings-

17 DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- 17.1 **Swimming Committee**
- 17.1.1 To promote and manage the County Swimming Events
 - 17.1.2 To appoint Officials for all County Swimming events and representative matches
 - 17.1.3 To advise the Executive on all matters relating to Swimming Championships

- 17.1.4 To select swimming teams or representatives for County Galas. All swimming teams representing The Association shall be selected by a Selection Committee consisting of the County Swimming Manager, (or nominated County representative) Fixtures-Manager, and one (1) delegate from each affiliated club. A quorum will be three (3) members to proceed with selection
 - 17.1.5 To award and/or nominate County Badges (for swimming).
 - 17.1.6 To work with the County Performance Club to promote and manage swimming development sessions to bring together elite swimmers from County clubs.
 - 17.1.7 To work with the clubs to develop swimming within Leicestershire.
 - 17.1.8 To liaise with the Club Development Officer.
- 17.2 Synchronised Swimming**
- 17.2.1 To promote and manage any County Synchronised swimming events.
 - 17.2.2 To select Synchronised swimming teams or representatives.
 - 17.2.3 To appoint Officials for all Synchronised swimming events.
 - 17.2.4 To enter swimmers who meet the necessary criteria for National, Regional and other events.
 - 17.2.5 To advise the Executive on all matters relating to Synchronised swimming.
 - 17.2.6 To award and/or nominate County Badges (for Synchronised swimming).
 - 17.2.7 To work with the clubs to develop synchronised swimming within Leicestershire.
- 17.3 Water Polo**
- 17.3.1 To promote and manage any County Water Polo events.
 - 17.3.2 To select Water Polo teams or representatives.
 - 17.3.3 To appoint Officials for the County Water Polo events.
 - 17.3.4 To nominate to the ASA East Midlands Region swimmers for National and Regional trials or matches.
 - 17.3.5 To advise the Executive on all matters relating to Water Polo.
 - 17.3.6 To award and/or nominate County Badges (Water Polo).
 - 17.3.7 To work with the clubs to develop water polo within Leicestershire.
- 17.4 Masters Swimming**
- 17.4.1 To promote and manage any County Masters swimming events.
 - 17.4.2 To select Masters swimming teams or representatives.
 - 17.4.3 To appoint Officials for the County Masters swimming events.
 - 17.4.4 To nominate to the ASA East Midland Region swimmers for National and Regional trials or events.
 - 17.4.5 To advise the Executive on all matters relating to Masters swimming.
 - 17.4.6 To award and/or nominate County Badges (Masters)
 - 17.4.7 To work with the clubs to develop Masters swimming within Leicestershire.
- 17.5 Disability Swimming**
- 17.5.1 To promote and manage any County disability swimming events.
 - 17.5.2 To select disability swimming teams or representatives.
 - 17.5.3 To appoint Officials for the County disability swimming events.
 - 17.5.4 To nominate to the ASA East Midland Region swimmers for National and Regional trials or events.
 - 17.5.5 To advise the Executive on all matters relating to swimming amongst the disabled.
 - 17.5.6 To award and/or nominate County Badges (disability swimming).
 - 17.5.7 To work with the clubs to develop disability swimming within Leicestershire.
- 17.6 Emergency/Disciplinary/Rules Revision**
- 17.6.1 To administer the emergency procedures of The Association and have the power to act on behalf of the Executive and to report to the Executive at the next available meeting.
 - 17.6.2 To administer the disciplinary procedures of The Association and have the power to act on behalf of the Executive and to report to the Executive at the next available meeting. The disciplinary process will be conducted in line with ASA policy
 - 17.6.3 To administer the constitution and rules of The Association and report to the Executive.
- 17.7 Finance**
- 17.7.1 To plan the income and expenditures of The Association and report to the Executive

18 DUTIES OF OTHER ELECTED APPOINTEES

18.1 Welfare Officer

The duties of the Welfare Officer shall include but not be limited to:

- 18.1.1 Advise the Executive on all matters relating to welfare issues, and in particular those relating to child protection
- 18.1.2 Provide guidance to club welfare Officers on Child Protection issues and to advise clubs on setting up child protection training
- 18.1.3 To monitor the ASA and Regional Child Protection Policies and ensure that any changes are advised to clubs promptly
- 18.1.4 Deal with any child protection issues advised to him/her by clubs or individuals

18.2 Public Relations Officer

18.2.1 To be the focal point for all County press related activity pertinent to the objects of the Association.

18.3 Facilities Officer

- 18.3.1 To survey and prepare a list of all aquatic facilities in the County.
- 18.3.2 To stimulate the interest of appropriate authorities in the provision of facilities for swimming.
- 18.3.3 To provide information to appropriate authorities which may assist them in the provision and promotion of swimming facilities.
- 18.3.4 To liaise as appropriate with the Facilities Officer of the ASA East Midland Region.
- 18.3.5 To take any action as necessary to further the provision of swimming facilities.
- 18.3.6 To co-opt such persons as may be necessary or desirable to assist in the performance of duties.
- 18.3.7 To report to the Executive any actions taken and the results of these actions.

18.4 Volunteer Co-ordinator

The duties of the Volunteer coordinator shall include but not be limited to:

- 18.4.1 Advise the Executive on all matters relating to volunteers.
- 18.4.2 Work with clubs in recruiting, retaining, rewarding, developing and communicating and encourage clubs to appoint their own Volunteer Coordinator.
- 18.4.1 Work to raise the profile of volunteers.

18.5 Trophy Controller and Awards Manager

- 18.5.1 To provide medals and trophies for all The Associations galas and competitions
- 18.5.2 To manage provision of all The Associations badges
- 18.5.3 To report to the Executive on trophy requirements

All perpetual trophies shall remain the property of The Association and are returnable by the holder on request. Trophies shall be handed to the winners upon a receipt for the safe custody and due return thereof being given. Trophies shall be returned in good condition when requested by The Association. The engraving shall be the responsibility of the recipient receiving the trophy, in line with The Association's policy.

18.6 Records Officer

- 18.6.1 To receive and verify all records applications.
- 18.6.2 To compile a list of all new records and present it to each Executive meeting for ratification.
- 18.6.3 To advise the Executive on all matters relating to records.

19 RULES FOR LEICESTERSHIRE A.S.A. SWIMMING RECORDS

- 19.1 All records will be recognised for men and women, for long and short course, for open and junior age classification. The open classification will have no age limits; in the junior classification, the swimmer must be under sixteen (16) years of age on the day of the swim.
- 19.2 Records may only be made in Galas licensed at levels 1-4 and British Swimming/FINA sanctioned international galas.
- 19.3 Records made at Galas licensed at level 4 will only be accepted if the application is accompanied by a copy of the official results sheet and a copy of the Officials list from the Gala who must be licensed for the duties undertaken.

- 19.4 A swimmer claiming a record must:
- 19.4.1 At the time of the swim be a member of the ASA and a member of a club affiliated to the Association. This for a consecutive period of not less than sixty (60) days immediately prior to the swim.
 - 19.4.2 A swimmer is only entitled to claim a record if they have swum in the name of an affiliated club, or a team encompassing the counties of Leicestershire or Rutland, or their nationalised country.
 - 19.4.3 Completed the relevant portion of the County Records Claim form.
 - 19.4.4 The County Records Claim form must be received by the Records Officer within twenty-eight (28) days of swim taking place.
- 19.5 The first swimmer in a relay event may claim a record over the distance of his leg provided the time is recorded electronically at a licensed Gala. Such performance shall be nullified by any disqualification of his team or team members occurring after his leg is completed.

20 LIFE MEMBERS

- 20.1 Written citations of service for Life Membership should be sent to the General Secretary not later than the 30th September. Nominations to be considered by the Officers of The Association and the immediate Past President, providing there is a quorum of three (3). Any recommendation shall be made at the November Executive meeting, which shall determine the award. Any new Life Membership/s to be presented at the AGM.

21 COUNTY BADGES

- 21.1 Service Badges:
These badges may be awarded to any person who has given outstanding service to The Association. Written citations of service should be sent to the General Secretary. Nominations to be considered and decided on by the Officers of The Association. There is no limit to the number of County Badge Holders, and they can be presented at any time.
- 21.2 County Swimming Badges (including Masters):
Each swimmer upon swimming for The Association for the first time shall receive a badge. A further award shall be given to a swimmer who has represented The Association by swimming in The Association's team in three fixtures.
- 21.3 County Badge for Disability Swimming, Synchronised Swimming, Water Polo and Diving:
Each swimmer upon competing for a Club or Team nominated by the Association to represent Leicestershire & Rutland Amateur Swimming Association for the first time at an appropriate event shall receive a badge. A further award shall be given to a swimmer who has represented The Associations nominated Club or Team in three (3) appropriate events.

22 COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

- 22.1 All events promoted by The Association shall be competed for under A.S.A. Laws and Technical Rules at venues and dates to be arranged by The Association.
- 22.2 They shall be open to eligible swimmers according to A.S.A. Law.
- 22.3 County only events, including county representation, shall be open to eligible athletes according to A.S.A. Law providing:-
- 22.3.1 The athlete is an ASA registered member, of the required classification of a club affiliated to The Association.
 - 22.3.2 Has not competed in the Age Groups /Championships of, or competed for any other County in the twelve (12) calendar months prior to the closing date for entry to the event.
- 22.4 The Association may promote events and galas which are not limited to athletes who are members of LASA affiliated clubs.
- 22.5 In the interest of the sport, in cases of extenuating circumstances, the Officers shall decide if the swimmer is eligible to compete. Their decision will be final and will be appropriately reported to the Executive.

23 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

In the event of any question arising as to the correct interpretation of any aspect of the Constitution and General Rules of The Association, or of any question not therein provided for, such questions shall be referred to the Rules Revision Committee whose decision shall be final.