

# The Leicester and District Swimming League

(Affiliated to ASA East Midland Region & Leicestershire ASA)

Est. 1976.

## **Rules**

### **1. Objectives**

- a. To find the premier Club of the League in each competition.
- b. To arrange galas so as to give the opportunity for the maximum number of teams to compete against each other.

### **2. Management**

The League shall be managed by a committee consisting of the Officers and four Club delegates selected at the Annual General Meeting.

### **3. Annual General Meeting**

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in October each year to elect Officers, revise rules and carry out any necessary business. Any proposed changes to rules, duly seconded by another Club, must be sent to the Secretary by the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

At least 21 days notice for the General Meeting shall be given to member Clubs.

At a General Meeting the Officers plus one delegate from each competing team are eligible to vote.

Alterations to rules shall require twice as many votes in favour of the proposal, as against.

At the meeting delegates from 6 member teams shall form a quorum.

### **4. Special General Meeting**

A Special General Meeting shall be convened at the request of four member Clubs, or at the discretion of the Officers.

### **5. The Committee**

The committee shall meet as and when required.

## **6. Finance**

All competing teams shall pay an annual subscription to be determined annually at the A.G.M. Such subscription shall be due for every team in each of the League competitions. Subscriptions shall become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> September in each year.

Clubs organising galas are requested to make a contribution to League funds from any gala surplus, In the event of a loss by a Club organising a gala, the deficit may be met from League funds.

The financial year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August, and audited accounts for the year shall be presented to the A.G.M.

An auditor shall be appointed at the A.G.M.

In the event of the dissolution of the League, the funds remaining shall be devoted to objects as determined by the League committee.

The Officers of the League may receive out of pocket expenses, (not exceeding the ASA scale), when attending meetings or on League business.

## **7. The Competition**

All galas in the League competitions will be conducted under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules.

All competing members in League competitions must be eligible to compete in accordance with ASA Law.

The League shall be divided into divisions with multiples of 4, 5 or 6 teams. Ideally 3 galas per division in each league spread as evenly as possible.

The competition shall consist of 3 rounds of galas, the teams for the first round being allocated by draw which will be made at the AGM.

The second round shall be arranged according to gala points gained viz:

<u>Teams in</u> <u>Division.</u>	<u>Teams</u> <u>In Gala.</u>	<u>Gala 1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>4.</u>
15	5	1 <sup>st</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup>	
16	4	1 <sup>st</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>
18	6	1 <sup>st</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	
24	6	1 <sup>st</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>

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Round 3 shall be arranged by order of the League Table as compiled after the completion of round two. Whenever possible, gala 1 (winners final) of the final round should consist of six teams or eight teams.

The League Champions for the competition are the team with the highest aggregate score of League/Gala points attained over the three rounds. In the event of any round being cancelled for whatever reasons, two completed round constitutes a final result to determine the League Champion(s) and relegation and promotion where more than one Division is present in any League Competition. Awards and presentations shall be made on the basis of the final League Table positions.

If for whatever reason a gala is cancelled but the Round of competition is not and the other galas compete as normal then the results of the cancelled will be determined by the League Secretary calculating a Virtual Gala result based on each teams times achieved in the other rounds, as follows:-

- A Round 1 gala cancelled, wait for Round 2 results and use those times.
- A Round 2 gala cancelled, use times achieved in Round 1
- A Round 3 gala cancelled, use times achieved in Round 2

At a League gala all competing teams shall provide one Judge and two Timekeepers. Any team unable to provide an official must find a replacement from the other competing teams in the gala. Clubs/Teams repeatedly attending a League gala without a full complement of Officials shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £20.00.

## **8. Points System for the League Table (15,16, 18 and 24 teams)**

Round 1 - 4, 3, 2, 1 or 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 or 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Round 2 - 4, 3, 2, 1 or 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 or 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 plus league bonus points of 20 for the top 4/5/6 /8 teams who go forward to the winners final in round 3 and 10 league bonus points for the next 4/5/6 teams who go forward to gala 2 in round 3.

Round 3 - All galas score double league points – 16,14,12,10,8,6,4,2 or 12,10,8,6,4,2 or 10,8,6,4,2 or 8, 6, 4, 2

## **9. Programme**

Events, strokes and distances in each competition shall be as decided by the committee.

## **10. Age Groups**

Age groups shall be:

Autumn Competition: 10 years, 11/12, 13/14, 15/over.

Winter Competition: 10/11 yrs. 12/13, 14/15, 16/over.

Diddy Competition: 9 years, 10 yrs. 11 yrs. 12 yrs.

All ages shall be as at 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition for Autumn Competition only. Ages in Competition for the Winter and Diddy League competitions shall be the same date as round 3.

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### **11. Number of swims per swimmer**

The ASA rule 411.5 minimum age applies, all swimmer **MUST** be at least 9 years of age by the date of the final round of the league competition the swimmer is taking part in.

Swimmers aged 9 to 14 years (Autumn Competition) and 9 to 15 years (Winter Competition), may swim three individual events with a maximum of two events in their own age group and one event in a higher age group.

Swimmers aged 15/over (Autumn Competition) and 16/over (Winter Competition) may swim three individual events.

In the Diddy Competition, swimmers aged 9 to 11 years may compete in three individual events with a maximum of two events in their own age group and one event in a higher age group. Swimmers aged 12 years may compete in two individual events only.

There is no restriction on relays.

### **12. Collation of the Results of Gala**

The delegate of the organising Club of each gala is responsible for notifying by telephone within 24 hours, the Secretary of the full points results of the gala, and written confirmation to arrive by the Wednesday, including results sheets and team lists.

The Secretary will notify the teams of their venue in the next round at least 14 days before the gala date. All teams to be informed by the Secretary of all results of every gala as well as a complete League Table after each round.

### **13. Illegal Swims**

If on checking the results of the gala a team is found to have swum a swimmer illegally, that team shall lose the gala points for each illegal swim **plus a penalty of 10 points for each illegal swim.** If the offending club notifies the League Secretary of the illegal swim beforehand and within 48 hours of the gala finishing only the gala points will be lost and no 10 point penalty will be applied. Places will be adjusted as necessary.

An illegal swim is one which contravenes ASA Law or League Rules or League Conditions of Competition.

### **14. Amending Gala Results**

The League reserves the right to amend any gala result up to and including 30 days after the event due to any illegal swims as explained in 13. above and/or any gala recording errors in event placings or computation of final scores.

### **15. Failure to attend a Gala**

Teams failing to attend a gala commitment will automatically be levied with a fine of £50.00.

The start of a gala shall not be delayed to allow for the late arrival of a team, subject to the decision of the referee.

## **16. Eligibility**

All swimmers participating in a League competition shall have joined the Club he/she represents at least 14 days before the commencement of that competition's first round. Any competitor having swum for one League Club shall be ineligible to swim for another League Club in the current competition.

## **17. Swimming in Round 3**

All swimmers competing in round 3 of the Autumn must have swum in either of the two earlier rounds.

In the Diddy League Competitions, teams competing in the final only can only select from swimmers that have swum in either of the first two rounds.

In the Winter Competition, swimmers who compete in both rounds 1 and 2, may not compete in any lower team than that of the lowest team they competed in during the first two rounds. Eg. A swimmer competes in "A" and "B" teams in first two round they then cannot compete in their clubs "C" or "D" team if present.

## **18. Registration of Swimmers**

The name and date of birth of all swimmers eligible to compete shall be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the start of the first round of each competition. All swimmers **MUST** be ASA registered swimmers.

Separate team lists must be handed to the Gala Recorders by all teams at all galas.

## **19. Clubs Joining or Withdrawing from the Team**

Applications by swimming clubs to join each or any of the three League competitions, shall be sent to the Secretary accompanied by a registration fee of £30.00 per competition entered, which will be returned if not accepted. Applications will be taken in strict rotation and new Clubs may have to be placed on a waiting list.

Teams will pay only one registration fee per competition. A Club on the waiting list, not already in the competition, shall take preference over a Club on the waiting list with a team/s already in the competition. Similarly, a "B" team will take preference over a "C" team on the waiting list.

A team wishing to withdraw or resign from a competition shall notify the Secretary giving four months notice of the intention. Failure to comply will make the Club liable for the subsequent years affiliation.

## **20. General Conditions**

To determine placings:

- a. When swimmers/teams are judged to finish in a dead heat, the relative GALA points shall be added together and divided by the number of swimmers/teams concerned.
- b. When teams in the same gala have the same number of GALA points, the final positions will be determined by highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places and so on. If its still a tie then the relative LEAGUE points shall be added together and divided by the number of teams concerned.

## **21. Protests and Complaints**

Protests and complaints shall be dealt with in accordance with A.S.A. Law.

As the promoting body, the Officers of the League will deal with any matters that have not been dealt with by the application of ASA Laws or Technical Rules.

In the event of a complaint, the matter shall be referred to the District Judicial Tribunal in the District in which the alleged offence occurs.

## **22. To Determine Places if Teams tie on League or Gala Points**

Round 1 - The number of first places will be taken into account. Then if necessary the number of second places, and so on.

Round 2 - The total gala points achieved over rounds 1 and 2.

Round 3 - The total gala points achieved over rounds 1, 2 and 3.

If there is a tie on total gala points, the total number of first places gained in round 3 will be taken into account.

## **23. At a League Gala**

One of the Clubs in a League Gala shall be nominated "Organising Club" and shall operate in line with the guidance notes for organising clubs. These Clubs will be responsible for ensuring that the Pool Safety Laws as stated in the current A.S.A. Laws are fully complied with.

## **24. General**

Where a matter arises which is not provided for in these rules, it shall be determined by the Officers of the League who will form an emergency committee. Any decisions reached by the emergency committee shall be referred to the next full League meeting.

Richard Stock  
Leicester League Secretary 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015