

The Nottinghamshire Sports Centre/Leisure Swimming League

Confirmed Rules 2012

- 1.1 The League shall be called the Nottinghamshire Sports/Leisure Centre Swimming League (the League)
- 1.2 The business and affairs of the Club shall at all times be conducted in accordance with the Laws and Technical Rules of the Amateur Swimming Association.
- 1.3 The League shall be affiliated to the East Midland Region
- 1.4 Swimmers taking part in individual events must have reached their 9th birthday prior to competing and that relay swimmers must have reached their 9th birthday by the day after the final gala of the year.
- 1.5 The League shall in accordance with ASA Laws adopt the ASA Child Protection Procedures; and the equality and equity policies of the ASA; and shall recognise that the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and that all children and young people have a right to have fun, be safe and be protected from harm.
2. The League Committee to consist of the appointed officers and one voting delegate from each club.
3. The Committee shall at the Annual General Meeting; elect by majority vote a Honorary Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary to hold office for the following year.
4. The AGM shall normally take place in November on the Sunday after the last gala, except in exceptional circumstances. Each Club shall provide one voting delegate and may have a maximum of two non voting representatives.
5. Rules may only be changed at the A.G.M. by a straight majority vote, or under exceptional circumstances at an EGM called for that purpose. In the case of a tie the Chairman shall have the casting vote. Any changes only come into force when they have been ratified by ASA EMR.
6. Any proposed change to League Rules shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary by the 1st of September. The Honorary Secretary shall circulate such proposals within 7 days of the closing date. The only exceptions being those changes that come directly from the ASA.
7. The League's financial year shall run from the penultimate gala date to penultimate gala the following year. The accounts being circulated to all clubs prior to the A.G.M. In the event of the League ceasing to exist all funds will be split equally between the competing teams.
8. The Fixture list and programme of events shall be completed for the forthcoming League year at the A.G.M.
9. Clubs not represented at the A.G.M. except in exceptional circumstances, shall in the first instance be subject to a fine of £50.00 payable prior to the first date of competition. In the event of a second none representation within a three year period the club involved shall be excluded from the forthcoming competition.
10. The decisions of the League Committee are final and binding at all times.
11. Special and General Meetings may be called at the discretion of the secretary or at the request three member clubs. The secretary shall arrange such meetings giving Clubs a clear 7

days notice. The quorum for any meeting shall be at least two officers and greater than half of the member clubs.

12. Each club team is to pay a nominal subscription which will be reviewed annually, to be paid a maximum of 28 days after the A.G.M. before the following years competition.
13. An entry fee of £10.00 is to be paid by each new club on entering the League, in addition to Rule 12.
14. The closing date for application to join the League shall be no later than the penultimate gala in any year, such application should be made to the Honorary Secretary.
15. All Home Galas shall normally be swum at the Centre the Club uses, therefore any clubs applying for admission to the League shall use a Sports/Leisure Centre which is capable of and available for staging home galas.
16. Each League division will be maintained provided that there are a minimum of three teams competing in the division. Normally one team to be promoted and one demoted at the end of each year.
17. Should any member Club cease to represent a Sports / Leisure Centre, or wish to resign membership they should give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Such a Club will cease to be a League Member at the end of the League year but may complete their agreed fixtures.
18. In the first round galas each year, a draw will be made at the gala for lanes. All subsequent rounds will be spear headed on League positions by the League Secretary.
19. The points system for events will be as follows:- maximum points shall be equal to the number of teams in the match on a sliding scale decreasing by one point per team to one.
20. Match points to be awarded on the same basis as Rule 19 i.e. if 6 clubs are participating the points system will be 6: 5: 4: 3: 2: 1
21. In case of a tied Gala placing the match points will be added then averaged.
22. The League Trophies will be awarded to the Club with the highest total of Match points per year, in each division.
23. If there is a tie on Match points at the end of the year, the Trophy will be shared on a pro-rata basis. Relegation and Promotion decisions would then rest on total Gala points accumulated by the tied teams.
24. The Honorary Secretary shall receive each match result in the form of the standard sheet. **NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS** after the date of the competition. The host club will be held responsible for providing this information.
25. League positions shall be announced at the beginning of the following matches.
26. The Trophy will be presented immediately after the final match in the year of competition by a person nominated by the Committee.
27. The Trophies so awarded shall be insured by the winning club, but the cost will be reimbursed by the Honorary League Treasurer, if claimed.

28. Any member Club entitled to hold a Trophy in any year, shall have the name of the Club and the year engraved on the base of the Trophy at the expense of the League, if claimed from the Honorary Treasurer.
29. All participating teams to provide 2 timekeepers and a judge, to be assigned by the Referee.
30. The home club to arrange, **in addition to Rule 29, 2 Referees, 2 Chief Timekeepers , a Starter, an Announcer** and any additional Judges as needed, also to provide **Recorders**, and to allocate Lanes for the warm up.
31. In respect of Rules 29 & 30 any Club not supplying the relevant officials for each gala shall be fined a fee as agreed at the AGM. The fee to remain in force until changed by a subsequent AGM.
32. The Host Club shall accept the responsibilities of the League as Promoters during the period for which they have booked their Sports / Leisure Centre facilities. Each club to finance its own gala taking surplus or deficit.
33. All competitors shall be bona fide members of the competing club and shall be eligible to compete in that clubs annual championships. Any one swimmer may only represent/compete for one club during each half of the year in respect to the League. All competing members of participating clubs must be eligible to compete as per A.S.A. Law. The competition shall be split into two halves, ages shall be as of day after the last gala before the Summer break for the first half, and then as at the day after last gala of the year for the second half.
34. A Full team selection list from each club should be submitted to the league secretary no less than 2 weeks before the first gala in each half of the year.
35. Each team is to hand in a team sheet listing all of the swimmers who are to be competing for that team on the night of each round. These team sheets are then to be forwarded to the league secretary as soon as possible after the competition either by post or electronically.
36. Clubs having more than one team within the League are allowed to freely interchange between teams till the mid point of the league season, but after this time they may promote from a lower team to a higher team, but once having swum for a higher team swimmers shall not be allowed to swim for points in a lower team in that League year.
37. All galas will be swum under A.S.A. Law and Technical Rules, any protests arising from the competition shall be dealt with by the Committee in accordance with A.S.A. Law. Complaints shall, as per A.S.A. Law to the D.J.T.
38. The Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any officer, member or employee of the League and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the League.
39. Any team failing to compete in a round shall be fined the sum of £30, this monies being paid to the host club to offset their expenses.
40. All fines in respect to the League shall be paid before the 1st Gala of the season. Any Club owing fines shall not be allowed to swim.