

NOTTS A.S.A GALA SERIES 2024 Rules

1. The Nottinghamshire A.S.A's Gala Series will run throughout the calendar year.
2. All Competitions will allow each team accrue gala series points from the Notts A.S.A. Stage 1, 2 and 3 galas within the calendar year.
3. All competitions will be run as individual competitions and follow their own set of rules.
4. All Competitions held under the Gala Series will follow the latest government guidelines with regards to COVID restrictions and rules around face coverings and social distancing.
5. Points from each competition will be calculated giving an equivalence to the same scoring for the maximum number of teams in any one gala for that date of competition.
i.e. if a Stage Gala has 6 teams, and on the same day, another Stage gala only has 5 teams, the 5 team gala will be re-calculated on points as per the below as if it was then a 6 team gala.
6. **POINT SCORING FOR THE SERIES**
Gala Points
All competitions of the same stage on the same day will be collated together and the swimmers times will be ranked across all competing teams for each event and awarded points such that the highest number of points (1st place) will be equivalent to the number of teams taking part, decreasing by 1 down the scale to the slowest swimmer receiving 1 point (except in the situation of a no swim or a disqualification where the team will receive 0 points).
Joint places will be awarded equal points
For example, if on a night across all competitions there are 11 teams take part, all competitions will be combined and the fastest swimmer in each event will be awarded 11 points, 2nd fastest will receive 10 points, 3rd fastest will receive 9 points and so on.
Gala Series Points
The total number of points for each team will be ranked against all of the other teams and the highest team will receive gala series points equivalent to the number of teams taking part, decreasing by 1 down the scale to the team with the lowest number of gala points.
Joint places will be awarded equal points
For example, following the calculation of gala points above, if the total number of teams is 11, then the team with the highest number of gala points will receive 11 gala series points, the 2nd highest will receive 10 points, the 3rd highest will receive 9 points and so on.
Failure to send a team to a competition will result in 0 points for that competition for the team.
7. If a Club has an A and a B team in any of the stage competitions, but in another stage competition only has a single team, points for the series will calculate from the single team along with the A team totals, therefore, this single team will become an A team.
8. Nottinghamshire A.S.A. will provide a trophy for the top 3 teams on total gala series points. This will be presented at the first lunch time break of the following years county championships from the gala series competition year. In the case of a joint place within the top three by the end of the year, both teams will be awarded a trophy.
9. Registration for the Nottinghamshire Stage Galas and in turn the Nottinghamshire Gala Series, should be made at the Registration Meeting that is to be held in October of the year before the competition year.

10. At the registration meeting, if a competition date gives a number of teams that would not make all rounds to be a viable gala, then a request will be put out at the meeting for either teams to add an additional team, or stand down from that round to make the galas viable. If the case is for teams to stand down, and there are no volunteered teams to stand down, then and B Teams will be requested to stand down in the first instance.
11. The Nottinghamshire A.S.A. reserves the right to add, remove or change the date of competitions under the Gala Series dependent on participation numbers, or possible clashes of competitions or venue cancellations.
12. The Competitions Management reserves the right to decide any matter not covered in these rules.

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