

The National Arena Swimming League - West Midlands

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AS AT 2022 A.G.M.

1. ORDER OF EVENTS The programme shall be as follows:

Event			Girls/Boys		
1/2	Open	200m Individual Medley	23/24		11/u 50m Breaststroke
3	11/u	4x50m Mixed Freestyle Relay	25/26		13/u 100m Butterfly
4	13/u	4x50m Mixed Medley Relay	27/28		15/u 100m Freestyle
5	15/u	4x50m Mixed Freestyle Relay	29/30		16+ 100m Breaststroke
6	16+	4x50m Mixed Medley Relay	31/32		11/u 50m Freestyle
7/8	11/u	50m Backstroke	33/34		13/u 100m Freestyle
9/10	13/u	100m Breaststroke	35/36		15/u 100m Breaststroke
11/12	15/u	100m Backstroke	37/38		16+ 100m Freestyle
13/14	16+	100m Butterfly	39	11/u	4x50m Mixed Medley Relay
15/16	11/u	50m Butterfly	40		13/u 4x50m Mixed Freestyle Relay
17/18	13/u	100m Backstroke	41		15/u 4x50m Mixed Medley Relay
19/20	15/u	100m Butterfly	42		16+ 4x50m Mixed Freestyle Relay
21/22	16+	100m Backstroke			

1.1. All events shall be swum under Swim England Laws and Regulations, and Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming

1.2. Conforming to The National Arena Swimming League constitution.

1.3. The team coach or chaperone may escort a swimmer to the start but must withdraw as soon as the swimmers come under the referee's control.

1.4. No club official shall be allowed at the end of the pool without specific authority of the referee.

2. POINTS SYSTEM AND SCORING

2.1. Points scoring at galas for 6 teams:- 6,5,4,3,2,1. Points scoring at galas for 5 teams:- 5,4,3,2,1

2.2. Points scoring for League tables for 30, 24, 18, teams:-

2.2.1. Round One. 6, 5,4,3,2,1.

2.2.2. Round Two. 6,5,4,3,2,1.

2.2.3. Round Three: - top gala only. 12, 10, 8,6,4,2. Or Gala 6,5,4,3,2,1 (Premier & Division 2)

2.2.4 Round Three Division 3 only 12,10,8,6,4,2,2,2 (8 team final)

3. NUMBER OF SWIMS PER SWIMMER.

3.1. Swimmers 16 years and over who are eligible to swim in the open event may swim three individual events.

3.2. Swimmers 15 years, 13 years, 11 years and under may swim in three individual events with a maximum of two events in their own age group and a maximum of one event in any age group above.

3.3. There are no restrictions in relay events, but you cannot swim below your age group

3.4. In the event of an infringement of 3.1 or 3.2 the team shall have all points gained by that deemed disqualified swimmer in that event deducted from the team's total gala points, plus 10 gala points deducted for each offence.

4. COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE.

4.1. Premier Division 24 teams and Division Two 23 teams, the remaining teams shall be Division Three (20 teams)

4.2. In 2022 – The bottom 4 teams in the Premiers will be relegated to Division Two, bottom 3 teams in Division Two (due only 23 teams) to Division 3

4.2.1 – Promotion Division 2 top 4 teams will be promoted to Premier division, the top 4 teams from Division 3 will be promoted to Division 2

4.2.2 – The Winners and Runners-up from Premier Division will be invited to National Finals weekend in Cardiff to represent the West Midlands League (March 2023)

4.2.3 – If any team resigns from the league the 5th Place team will be invited to take the place in the to try keep the numbers even in the higher division. (If more than one team resigns then highest relegated team will be asked to stay in the higher division)

4.3. Where a club has 2 or more teams in the league no swimmer from a higher rated team shall swim in the promotional finals for a lower rated team unless that swimmer has within the same season competed as a member of the lower rated team.

5. DRAW

5.1. The League shall run as follows for: - 20 & 24 Teams.

5.1.1. ROUND ONE the draw to be made at the A.G.M. between the teams to divide them into four groups of 5 or 6 for the four galas to be swum on the first night, (the Officers to make the draw for the first round.)

5.1.2. ROUND TWO The gala points gained in the four galas of round one are used to decide the four galas of round two in the following manner: -

5.1.2.1. Gala 1. The team with the highest number of points plus the teams with the 5th, 9th, 13th, 17th and (21st)

5.1.2.2. Gala 2. The team with the second highest number of points plus the teams with the 6th, 10th, 14th, 18th and (22nd)

5.1.2.3. Gala 3. The team with the third highest number of points plus the teams with the 7th, 11th, 15th, 19th, and (23rd)

5.1.2.4. Gala 4. The team with the fourth highest number of points plus the teams with the 8th, 12th, 16th, 20th, and (24th)

5.1.2.5. The remaining teams participating in round one.

5.1.2.6. ROUND TWO ALL GALAS WILL BE SPEARHEADED.

5.1.3. ROUND THREE (Premier Division & Division 2)

5.1.3.1. When 24 teams are competing, teams who 6 teams with highest league points from round 1 & 2 if equal then team highest gala points from rounds 1 & 2

5.1.3.2. Gala 2. The team with the second highest number of points plus the teams with the 7th, 12th, 15th, 18th, 21st and 24th

5.1.3.3. Gala 3. The team with the second highest number of points plus the teams with the 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th 20th and 23rd

5.1.3.4. Gala 4. The team with the second highest number of points plus the teams with the 9th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 19th and 22nd

5.1.3.5. ROUND THREE ALL GALAS WILL BE SPEARHEADED

5.1.4 ROUND THREE (Division 3 only)

5.1.4.1 When 20 teams are competing, teams who 8 teams with highest league points from round 1 & 2 if equal then team highest gala points from rounds 1 & 2

5.1.4.2 Gala 2. The team with the second highest number of points plus the teams with the 9th, 11th 13th 15th 17th & 19th

5.1.4.3 Gala 3. The team with the second highest number of points plus the teams with the 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th & 20th

6. COLLATION OF GALA RESULTS.

6.1. The delegate or appointed deputy of the hosting club shall email the result sheet to the appointed person on by 12.00 noon on Sunday following the gala.

6.2. The Secretary or appointed person shall notify the teams of their next venue at least 21 days before the next gala date. All teams to be informed by the Secretary of all results of every gala, as well as the League table positions after each round by posting all results and league tables on the National website.

6.2.1. When only two rounds of the competition can be completed:-

6.2.1.1. The results after these two rounds shall be declared the final results for that year's competition and presentations, promotions and relegations shall be made accordingly except for the finalists of premier division.

6.2.1.2. The top six teams of Premier division shall compete in order to complete the league table and determine the clubs to represent The National Swimming League West Midlands in The National Swimming League Cup Finals.

7. PLACINGS.

7.1. In the case of a dead heat in a race, both teams will receive the same points for the place they achieved. (e.g., if lanes 3 and 5 dead heat for 1st place in a six-team gala, both should receive 6 points, and the third place 4 points as usual. The points should not be averaged i.e., both receiving $5\frac{1}{2}$

7.2. To determine placings if teams tie on either gala points or league points: -

7.2.1. ROUND ONE The number of first places will be taken into account, then, if necessary, the number of second places and so on.

7.2.2. ROUND TWO The number of first places will be taken into account, then, if necessary, the number of second places and so on if two teams swimming in the same gala have equal points in that gala to determine the order of the result for that gala. If teams swimming in different galas have equal league points, then the total number of gala points from galas 1 and 2 will determine placings.

7.2.3. ROUND THREE The total number of gala points from galas 1, 2 and 3 will determine placings. In all cases, if there is a tie on total gala points, the number of first places will be taken into account, then, if necessary, the number of second places and so on