

The National Arena Swimming League West Midlands

CONSTITUTION AS AT 2023 A.G.M.

1. OBJECTIVES - To find the clubs to represent The National Arena Swimming League West Midlands in the National Inter-League Cup Finals. All events to be swum under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of swimming and conform to The National Swimming League Constitution.

2. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The A.G.M. shall be held in June each year to receive the Annual Reports, examined accounts and balance sheet, to elect the Officers, to revise the Constitution and carry out any other relevant business. Any proposed changes to the Constitution, duly seconded by another club, must be in the Secretary's hands by the 1st of May. At the A.G.M. alterations to the Constitution shall require twice as many votes in favour of the proposal as against. Not less than 14 days' notice of all meetings shall be given to all member clubs who shall have one vote per team entered in the league. Eleven members shall form a quorum.

3. MANAGEMENT The National Arena Swimming League West Midlands shall be managed by the Executive Committee elected at the A.G.M. consisting of the following officers - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, one of whom shall be the Delegate to The National Arena Swimming League. The elected Chairperson shall remain in office for a maximum of two years. Upon an equalisation of votes the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE The Committee shall meet as and when required. A Special General Meeting shall be called within 21 days of receipt by the officers of a written request, signed by members of four different clubs, stating the reason for such a meeting. They will decide and operate the conditions for the league.

5. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS Where a protest or complaint arises, which is not provided for in the Constitution or the Conditions of Competition, it shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Any decision determined by the Executive Committee shall be referred to the next General Meeting. For purposes of Swim England Law, the "promoting body" shall be The National Arena Swimming League West Midlands. The "promoting club" is the League's representative at that venue on the night. The "Region" shall be the Region in which the offence is alleged to have been committed.

6. FINANCE All competing clubs shall pay an annual subscription, to be decided at the A.G.M. for all teams entered. This subscription shall be paid to the Treasurer by the 1st of May. Any club in default on that date shall pay an additional 50% of the subscription due. Clubs hosting Galas are invited to make a contribution to League Funds. In the event of any losses by a club hosting a gala, these will be met by a general levy. The financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March. In the event of the dissolution of the League, the funds remaining shall be devoted to projects as determined by the Executive Committee. The Officers of the League Rules 2023/24 may receive out of pocket expenses (not exceeding Swim England Scale) when attending meetings or on League business.

7. APPLICATION TO JOIN THE LEAGUE Applications by swimming clubs to join the League shall be in the hands of the Secretary by the 1st of May for the following year's competition, accompanied the agreed fee for that year. Clubs shall be taken in strict rotation and new clubs may have to be placed on a waiting list. A club on the waiting list, not already in the competition, shall take preference over a club on the waiting list with a team/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 from the following season's competition shall notify the Secretary by the 1st of May prior to the competition.

8. ELIGIBILITY All swimmers in The National Arena Swimming League West Midlands shall have joined the club he/she represents and be a Cat 2 member of the Swim England (or the equivalent registration with the other home countries) before 1st of October in the year of competition. Any competitor having swum for one League club shall be ineligible to swim for another League club in the current competition i.e., 1st of October – 30th September. A League Club means any club that swims in any of the seven swimming leagues that compete, IN THE NATIONAL FINALS.

9. REGISTRATION OF SWIMMERS Age groups shall be as at 31st December in the year of competition. The name and date of birth of all swimmers eligible to compete shall be sent to the Secretary by 30th September in the year of competition. There shall be no separate lists for teams. Clubs not conforming may be excluded from the competition.

10. FINES

10.1 FAILURE TO ATTEND A GALA Teams failing to fulfil a gala commitment may be liable to a fine of up to £250.00 or suspension from the League.

10.2 FAILURE TO HOST – following request from League Secretary to HOST the club may be liable to fine up to £250.00.

10.3 FAILURE to provide correct qualified officials to licence gala, £25.00 for each qualified official.