

The National Swimming League North West

Competition Conditions.

NOTE THAT THESE COMPETITION CONDITIONS ARE TO BE READ BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FORM IS COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE LEAGUE TREASURER

1. Promoter

- 1.1. The promoter of the League shall be the National Arena Swimming League North West.

2. Organisation of Galas

- 2.1. Unless notified by the Competition Secretary all competitions shall commence no later than 18:30 hours.
- 2.2. A random draw for the lanes in the first two rounds will be made for each division and notified to all the clubs before the date of the competition. (See Promoters Condition 6).
- 2.3. The gala and lane allocation for Round three in each division will be based on the cumulative gala points from Rounds one and two and again the clubs will be notified before the date of the competition. (See Promoters Condition 5).
- 2.4. The many and varied other contributory duties of the clubs essential to the running of a gala will be indicated by the appropriate designations on the gala notice. Details of the duties are contained in the Section Duties Performed by Clubs at League Competitions.

3. Team Sheets

- 3.1. For the Premier Division the competition team sheet to be submitted is the National League approved electronic team sheet on a memory stick.
- 3.2. For all other divisions the team sheet to be submitted is the standard club team sheet in paper form.

4. Failure to Attend a Gala

- 4.1. A club failing to comply with either the Competition Conditions or the Promoters Conditions shall be liable to expulsion from the League or such other penalties as the Executive Committee may decide.
- 4.2. At the discretion of the Gala Director and the Referee all competitions must start at the stated time. Any team arriving late will be allocated one point for each race missed.

5. Withdrawal

- 5.1. Any club wishing to withdraw from the League must give notice in writing or by electronic means to the League Secretary by no later than 30th June.

6. Promotion and Relegation

- 6.1. Initial entry into the League is by the lowest numbered division.
- 6.2. Promotion and relegation between Divisions shall be based upon the top placed two teams after Round three being promoted to the next highest placed Division and the bottom placed two teams being relegated to the next lowest placed division except when modified by withdrawals.

7. Programme of Events

- 7.1. All divisions will swim the same programme of events as the Premier Division with the exception of the Minor Division.

8. Trophy Winners

- 8.1. A Divisional Winners trophy shall be awarded to the top ranked team in each Division.
- 8.2. The President's Trophy shall be awarded at the top gala in the third round of each Division.

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Promoter's Conditions.

1. Competition Year

- 1.1. The competition year of the National Arena Swimming League North West (referred to as the League) shall be from 1st May each year to the 30th April in the following year.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Swimmers in League competitions must have been members of the club and registered with the Amateur Swimming Association entering them from 1st October in the year of the competition. Any swimmer not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete at the competition.
- 2.2. All swimmers in all competitions must be SE Registered as Club Compete (old Category Two) with the exception of the Minor Division who may be SE Registered as Club Train (old Category One).
- 2.3. A swimmer shall represent one club only in any one competition year.
- 2.4. A club may affiliate to only one National Arena Swimming League in the same competition year.
- 2.5. If there is more than one team competing in a League competition from the same club then a swimmer who has competed in a higher placed team may not then compete in a lower placed team in the same competition year.
- 2.6. If there is more than one team competing in a League competition from the same club then a swimmer who has competed in a lower placed team may compete in a higher placed team in the same competition year.

3. Age Groups

- 3.1. Age Groups shall be those applying as at 31st December in the year of competition.

4. Transgender and Non-Binary

- 4.1. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

5. Event Restrictions

- 5.1. In the Premier Division, Division 1 and Division 2 swimmers in age groups may swim two individual events in their own age group and one event in an upper age group. In the Open Age Group swimmers may swim in three individual events. There are no restrictions in relay events.
- 5.2. In the Minor Division swimmers in age groups may swim two individual events in their own age group and any number of events in an upper age group. In the Open Age Group swimmers may swim in three individual events. There are no restrictions in relay events.
- 5.3. Should a swimmer breach the event restrictions detailed above then, once the maximum events have been swum, any additional non - qualifying swims will result in the events in which the swimmer swims having those points deducted from the teams total.

6. Competition Structure

- 6.1. The League shall operate a number of Divisions as determined by the Executive Committee. Each Division shall have three rounds. Teams will be allocated on the general basis outlined below:
- 6.2. Round 1 In each Division a random draw will be made by the Executive Committee to allocate each team to a gala which would normally contain six or eight teams. The number of pools and the number of lanes required is determined by the number of teams in a Division. The first drawn team will be allocated lane 1, the second drawn team will be allocated lane 2 etc. until all the lanes in the pool have been filled.

- 6.3. **Round 2** In each Division a random draw will be made by the Executive Committee to allocate each team to a gala which would normally contain six or eight teams. The number of pools and the number of lanes required is determined by the number of teams in a Division. The first drawn team will be allocated lane 1, the second drawn team will be allocated lane 2 etc. until all the lanes in the pool have been filled.
- 6.4. **Round 3** In each Division based on the cumulative number of gala points from Round 1 and Round 2 the teams are seeded from highest to lowest. The highest placed teams are then allocated to the top gala and similarly (if there are enough teams in a division) the next group of teams form the middle gala and the remaining teams form the bottom gala. In each gala the teams are spearheaded according to their accumulative points. These points are then expunged. The gala points gained in Round 3 by a team determine the position of that team in the final table of the Division with the top gala teams taking the top gala positions and similarly for the middle gala and the bottom gala.
- 6.5. In the event of a team not attending Round 3 that team will be placed last in the Division irrespective of which gala it had been allocated to in Round three
- 6.6. The club finishing in first place in the final gala points table of the Premier Division shall be for the succeeding year the Premier Club and will represent the National Arena Swimming League North West in the National Inter League Cup Final. The club finishing in second place in the final gala points of the Premier Division shall represent the National Arena Swimming League North West in the National Inter League B Final. This is under Review and is subject to the National AGM.
7. **Scoring System:**
- 7.1. **Gala Points**
In each gala, gala points shall be awarded for the placing achieved by each swimmer or relay team in each race on the basis of:-
- 6.1.1. In an eight team gala
1st - 8 gala points, 2nd - 7 gala points, 3rd - 6 gala points, 4th - 5 gala points, 5th - 4 gala points, 6th - 3 gala point, 7th - 2 gala points, 8th - 1 gala point. In the case of a dead heat full place points shall be awarded. In the case of a disqualification 0 gala points will be awarded. The total number of gala points scored will determine the final position of each team in a gala.
- 6.1.2. In a six team gala
1st - 6 gala points, 2nd - 5 gala points, 3rd - 4 gala points, 4th - 3 gala points, 5th - 2 gala points, 6th - 1 gala point. In the case of a dead heat full place points shall be awarded. In the case of a disqualification 0 gala points will be awarded. The total number of gala points scored will determine the final position of each team in a gala.
- 7.2. **Ties**
If teams tie on total gala points in any gala, precedence will be given to the team scoring the greatest number of wins. If the number of wins is also equal then second places will be taken into account and so on until the tie is broken.
- 7.3. **Modifications**
- 7.3.1. In an eight team gala the race points will be:-

8 team	=	8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
7 team	=	7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
6 team	=	6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
5 team	=	5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
4 team	=	4, 3, 2, 1.
- 7.3.2. In a six team gala the race points will be:-

6 team	=	6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
5 team	=	5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
4 team	=	4, 3, 2, 1.
3 team	=	3, 2, 1.
- 7.3.3. For less than eight teams in an eight-team gala the total gala points scored in each gala will be adjusted by appropriate formulae to represent the scores from an eight-team gala.
- 7.3.4. For less than six teams in a six-team gala the total gala points scored in each gala will be adjusted by appropriate formulae to represent the scores from a six-team gala.

8. **Programme of Events**

8.1. As detailed in Programme of Events

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