

PROMOTERS CONDITIONS 2022

Licensed Level: TBC (If applicable)

The league is affiliated to The West Midlands Swim England

1. AIMS OF THE LEAGUE

The league is a junior league for new and improving swimmers to give them the opportunity of safe and friendly competition. To this end the events have maximum times ie, speeding tickets to ensure A grade swimmers (eg. swimmers with district times) do not compete.

See Programme for events and speeding times.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF SWIMMERS

- a) Team registration forms are to be completed and sent to the league coordinator by 1st January in the year of competition. This should include all eligible swimmers up to 150 swimmers they must be paid members of the club they represent in the League and also members of the Swim England.
- b) Swimmers can be added to the list up to one week before the first round (if submitted early) but not afterwards. Only 9 year olds can be added to team registrations up to one week before **Round Four**. All swimmers must be registered with the league and comply with the registration rules before swimming.
- c) Once registered the swimmers cannot be registered with any other team in the league that year.

Age groups –

9yrs-10yrs-11yrs-12yrs and 13/14 will have a joint age group
Ages are calculated as per the date of the Final.

A grade swimmers –

- a) Swimmers who have achieved a Midland /South West Swimming Championship Regional Time at any time in the year prior to the year of competition (at either a licensed or unlicensed meet) shall not be eligible to take part in any event.
- b) However, swimmers who achieve such a time in the year of competition can compete but not swim the stroke or strokes in which they have achieved the time.
- c) A check will be made on Registered Lists for under age swimmers and Regional swimmers.

3. ON THE DAY OF THE FINAL

- a) A Team List of each team must be presented at the recorder desk before the start of the gala. This will include all swimmers including all relay swimmers. Any alterations to the original entry list must be highlighted to the result recorder. The Promoter is responsible for making sure that teams comply.

- b) All competing teams are asked to supply one judge and two timekeepers. Additional judges from the visiting teams would also be welcome to run the gala.
- c) Clubs should bring their own prepared time slips but they must have the same swimmer names on the time slips including relays who actually swim the event
- d) The lane draw for competing will also be the same for the warm up.
- e) Clubs will be advised before the Final which lane they will complete in.
- f) Team size on the day of the final is limited to 40 swimmers for health and safety reasons on poolside.
- g) The graded times apply to all age groups. Times are set by the league. Any Swimmers who swim faster than these times will have their time recorded on the recorder sheet but their swim will receive no gala points for that race (speeding Ticket).
- h) Times recorded on each lane must be by a timekeeper from a different team to the competing team using that lane. The second timekeeper should be from the competing team of the lane and record the swimmer names and act as a backup timekeeper.
- i) Electronic timing may be used.
- j) The electronic file or Team Selection Entry sheet will be sent to all eight clubs in the final and must be returned to the promoter six days before the final date. (Sunday before final)
- k) All starts are from the deep end unless pools allow diving from the shallow end and the referees decide if it is safe and appropriate to do so.

EVENTS

- a) The programme will be the same for each gala and final (Programs are to be downloaded and printed by each club)
- b) Mixed relays for 9 year olds are 2 boys and 2 girls
- c) Cannon - one boy and one for the girl from each age group. Ages swim in order, starting 9yrs first.

GALA POINTS Gala /Final points will be given to the teams.

8 for 1st place, 7 for 2nd place, 6 for 3rd place, 5 for 4th Place, 4 for 5th place, 3 for 6th place, 2 for 7th Place, and 1 for 8th place.

PACING

The PGL competition is designed as development gala. It is not in the spirit of competitive swimming for swimmers to be encouraged to slow down or be paced in a race by a club official or coach. Moreover, if a swimmer over-performs expectations and receives a speeding ticket this should be celebrated by the club, swimmer and coaches. If the referee observes pacing, no warning will be given and the swimmer will lose the points from the race and will have a further 4 points deducted (8 points in the final). The referee's decision is final and there is NO right of appeal.

PROTESTS

Any protests should initially be addressed to the referee on the day and follow ASA guidelines. These and any other concerns should also be made in writing as soon as possible and sent to the co-ordinator of the league.

Final

- a) The final will be held at Gloucester each year if available or a suitable alternative pool with eight lanes.
- b) Electronic timing will be used if available.
- c) The Final will be Licensed at Level 4 where possible.
- d) Teams must complete all 4 rounds to qualify for the final.
- e) Only the top eight clubs swim in the final.
- f) To compete in the final swimmers must have competed in at least one of the previous rounds.
- g) All teams must provide time keeper slips for their team for the final. Pre-writing the swimmers names on the slips must follow the same rules as per normal gala rules i.e. they must reflect the actual swimmer or swimmers who swims.
- h) All teams start equal in the final and the winner wins the PGL Junior league trophy.
- i) Top three clubs receive medals (limited to 40 per team). Teams can purchase extras.
- j) Lanes in the final will be spear headed on league positions prior to the final.

GENERAL

- a) Failure of any team to attend the Final will result in a fine of £25.
- b) All electronic communication from League Secretary, i.e, email must be acknowledged so that the sender knows that it has been received.
- c) Promoter and Referee reports and results will be sent to the Licensing officer after Final (if applicable). Results will also be sent to the Ranking Office.
- d) Start lists/Team Lists will be used.
- e) Clubs must keep the league up to date with the latest contact numbers, addresses and email addresses to ensure good and effective communication.
- f) The league is run under British Swimming technical rules,
- g) Any items not covered by these rules will be as decided by the referee on the day subject to British Swimming technical rules.