

# Thames Valley Junior League Swimming

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## **CONSTITUTION**



## **RULES AND CONDITIONS OF THE THAMES VALLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE**

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1. Membership of the "Thames Valley Junior League" (TVJL) shall be restricted to clubs affiliated to the Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Amateur Swimming Association.
2. The financial year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September.
3. The administration of the League shall be taken annually by each Member Club in turn. The Chairman and the League Secretary each year must come from the Member Club concerned. The Treasurer shall be elected at the AGM.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the TVJL Secretary from the Member Club in post to affiliate the TVJL to the ASA South East Region for the following year's competition before the end of March proceeding the competition year.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

5. The Annual General Meeting shall be held either in September of each year to: receive reports from the Officers, receive the accounts (Treasurers Report), approve the next year's subscriptions, revise the Rules, election of Officers and carry out any other necessary business.

### **MANAGEMENT**

6. The Management Committee of the League shall be composed of Representatives of the participating Clubs. When decisions merit a vote to be taken, each Club and the Secretary and Treasurer shall have one vote. Simple "majority voting" will apply. The Chairman shall have a deciding vote when required.
7. Alteration may be made to any rules at any Committee Meeting provided that no fewer than six Member Clubs are represented.
8. The Management Committee shall meet as required but not less than once between AGMs.
9. The League's cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer alone.
10. The League Secretary is responsible for ensuring that pool bookings have been made by Sponsoring Clubs.

### **COMPETITION**

#### **Eligibility**

11. Every swimmer shall be a member of the Club he/she is representing and shall not have competed in the League in the current year of competition for any other Club participating in the League in the current year of competition.
12. The four age groups for purposes of the competition shall be: 9 year age group (relay races only), 10 year age group, 11 year age group and 12 year age group with eligibility to swim within these age groups being age on day of the last day of competition. No swimmer under 9 years of age on day of the last day in the year of competition shall be allowed to participate. Swimmers are not required to hold ASA Registration.

13. Each swimmer is allowed to swim a maximum of two individual events plus the two relays in his/her own age group and in addition may swim up out-of-age in the other age groups. 9 year age group are permitted to swim up in the 10 year age group relays only and are not allowed to compete in the individual events for the 10 year age group.

### Programme of Events

14. The Programme of Events based on 25 metre pools shall be as follows:

1	12 year girls medley relay	24	11 year girls 50m breast
2	12 year boys medley relay	25	11 year boys 50m breast
3	10 year girls medley relay	26	9 year mixed medley relay
4	10 year boys medley relay	27	12 year girls 50m fly
5	11 year girls medley relay	28	12 year boys 50m fly
6	11 year boys medley relay	29	10 year girls 50m free.
7	9 year girls medley relay	30	10 year boys 50m free.
8	9 year boys medley relay	31	11 year girls 50m backstroke
9	10 year girls 50m breast	32	11 year boys 50m backstroke
10	10 year boys 50m breast	33	12 year girls 50m breast
11	11 year girls 50m fly	34	12 year boys 50m breast
12	11 year boys 50m fly	35	9 year girls freestyle relay
13	12 year girls 50m free.	36	9 year boys freestyle relay
14	12 year boys 50m free.	37	10 year girls freestyle relay
15	10 year girls 50m fly	38	10 year boys freestyle relay
16	10 year boys 50m fly	39	11 year girls freestyle relay
17	9 year mixed freestyle relay	40	11 year boys freestyle relay
18	11 year girls 50m free.	41	12 year girls freestyle relay
19	11 year boys 50m free.	42	12 year boys freestyle relay
20	12 year girls 50m backstroke	43	8 x 25 squadron relay
21	12 year boys 50m backstroke		1 girl / boy from each age group ascending order
22	10 year girls 50m backstroke		
23	10 year boys 50m backstroke		

### Organisation

15. In addition to booking pools, Sponsoring Clubs will be responsible for the provision of the principal officials for the gala (Referee, Starter, Chief Timekeeper, Announcer, Recorders, Stewards, Runners and False-start rope Operators and will administer entry, programmes, raffles etc.
16. Participating Clubs, including Sponsoring clubs, will provide two Timekeepers equipped with hand held electronic timers in accordance with ASA Law, Poolside team Managers and at least one Judge. Manual timings only to be recorded for results purposes, but if electronic timing present then it shall be used as good experience for swimmers.
17. Timings shall be to 1/100<sup>th</sup> second.
18. Sponsoring Clubs will send results to the League Secretary on the day following a round of the League.
19. Admission to events shall be by programme. Prices of programmes will be fixed annually at the AGM.
20. Sponsoring Clubs shall cover their expenses from the gate money. The pool hire charges shall be a priority payment by the Clubs sponsoring a round of the League.

If a club wishes to claim monies to offset shortfalls from galas then they should bring this to committee. Clubs should complete a form for accounts purposes after each gala.

21. Starting blocks will be provided.

## **GALAS**

22. Based on 12 teams competing, the first round of the League will be based on Club rankings resulting from the previous year's competition and the second round taken from the ranked placings of the first round. Rankings will be from 1 to 12.

In the event of the second round being identical to the first the competing clubs would be altered at the discretion of the committee.

Round One and Two will be swum in 25 metre pools as follows: -

Pool A  
Teams 1,3,5,7,9,11

Pool B  
Teams 2,4,6,8,10,12

The final Round will be swum at separate pools as two Finals "A" and "B" taken from the placings in the league table after Round 2 results have been consolidated.

Final A  
Teams 1 to 6

Final B  
Teams 7 – 12

23. The rankings following the Final Round (i.e. the League Result for the Year) shall be in accordance with the placings of the "A" Gala followed by the "B" Gala.
24. Points scoring for each event at a gala: the 1st. placed team shall score points equal to the number of teams competing and each subsequent place will score points reduced by 1, down to 1 point for last position; 0 points to be scored for 'no swimmer' or a disqualification. When teams tie for places the points for those places shall be added together and the average calculated which will be scored by each team that tied.

A team will be deemed not to have participated when it has undertaken fewer than fifteen events in the programme.

In the event of a tie, League points will be shared and rankings will be determined according to the highest number of first places, then second places etc., as necessary.

25. If no time is recorded for a swimmer – in Rounds 1 or 2 – then all swimmers with times shall be first placed in accordance with the official places and times. Then the swimmer with no time shall be placed in such a manner that the relative placing of other swimmers is not altered, assuming the worst possible time 'for the missing swimmer' by comparison with his/her placing at his/her Gala.
26. The total gala points for each team in a gala that does not have the same number of teams competing in other galas in the same division shall be adjusted by the League Secretary in accordance with the formula: accepted points = recorded points x (base team requirement +1 / number of teams competing + 1)

## **COMPILING LEAGUE TABLES**

27. League points will be awarded according to rankings after Round 1, with Round 2 points added to the League points scored in Round 1. Clubs will then be re-ranked according to their cumulative total of League points after Rounds 1 & Round 2 respectively.

The League Secretary shall compile League Tables after each round using points scored as follows:

Round 1 & 2: 6 points for the winner of each gala, 5 points for 2nd, 4 points for 3rd, 3 points for 4th, 2 points for 5th, and 1 point for 6th.

Final Round: As Round 1 basis except double points. Plus a bonus of 6 points for the six clubs in Gala 1.

[Calculations are based on divisions of 12 teams.]

## **Teams**

28. There will be a maximum of [12](#) teams in the League. Applications for more than one team per club may be made by any member club, up to the maximum limit of participating teams at the AGM preceding the next year's competitions. Once accepted the application will continue indefinitely. Applications from new clubs affiliated to South Bucks and Berks will also be considered at the AGM.