



Thames Valley Junior League Swimming

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RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR GALAS

RULES OF THE THAMES VALLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY

1. 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.
2. The four age groups for purposes of the competition shall be: 9 year age group, 10 year age group, 11 year age group and 12 year age group with eligibility to swim within these age groups being age on the day of the last (*i.e.* final) round of the competition.
3. Swimmers must hold ASA registration but are not required to hold ASA Category 2 Registration.
4. 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

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

1	12 year girls medley relay	26	9 year boys 25m fly
2	12 year boys medley relay	27	10 year girls 50m backstroke
3	9 year girls medley relay	28	10 year boys 50m backstroke
4	9 year boys medley relay	29	11 year girls 50m breast
5	10 year girls medley relay	30	11 year boys 50m breast
6	10 year boys medley relay	31	12 year girls 50m fly
7	11 year girls medley relay	32	12 year boys 50m fly
8	11 year boys medley relay	33	9 year girls 25m free
9	9 year girls 25m backstroke	34	9 year boys 25m free
10	9 year boys 25m backstroke	35	10 year girls 50m free
11	10 year girls 50m breast	36	10 year boys 50m free
12	10 year boys 50m breast	37	11 year girls 50m backstroke
13	11 year girls 50m fly	38	11 year boys 50m backstroke
14	11 year boys 50m fly	39	12 year girls 50m breast
15	12 year girls 50m free	40	12 year boys 50m breast
16	12 year boys 50m free	41	9 year girls freestyle relay
17	9 year girls 25m breaststroke	42	9 year boys freestyle relay
18	9 year boys 25m breaststroke	43	10 year girls freestyle relay
19	10 year girls 50m fly	44	10 year boys freestyle relay
20	10 year boys 50m fly	45	11 year girls freestyle relay
21	11 year girls 50m free	46	11 year boys freestyle relay
22	11 year boys 50m free	47	12 year girls freestyle relay
23	12 year girls 50m backstroke	48	12 year boys freestyle relay
24	12 year boys 50m backstroke	49	8 x 25m squadron relay
25	9 year girls 25m fly		

All medley and relay races are 4 x 25m, unless stated otherwise.

Event 49 (8 x 25m squadron relay) is swum with 1 boy and 1 girl in each age group, swum in ascending order of age group. Within the age group the order of boy / girl is not defined.

ORGANISATION

6. 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, and Runners and will administer spectator entry, programmes, raffles etc.
7. Participating Clubs, including Sponsoring clubs, will provide one Timekeeper equipped with hand held electronic timers in accordance with ASA Law, Poolside team Managers and at least one Judge.

8. Points are award by placing. Manual timings only to be recorded for results purposes, but if electronic timing present then it shall be used as good experience for swimmers. Timings shall be to 1/100th second.
9. Sponsoring Clubs will send results to the League Secretary by the Monday following a round of the League.
10. Admission to events shall be by programme. Prices of programmes will be fixed annually at the AGM.
11. 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 request, detailing income and expenditure for accounts purposes after each gala.
12. Starting blocks will be provided.
13. The team manager shall submit a team list, showing the name, date of birth and ASA registration number of each swimmer on a the programme including relays by the end of warm up.

GALAS

14. Round 1 lane allocation shall be based on the previous year's final league placing). Lane allocation in the Final shall be spearheaded by League position
15. The second round will be by the results of round 1, and spearheaded: -

Pool A	Pool B
Teams 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11	Teams 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
16. The allocations of clubs to galas may be changed by the agreement of a meeting of the Management Committee.
17. Round One and Two, and the final will be swum in 25 metre pools.
18. 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 event 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 competed when it has undertaken fewer than fifteen events in the programme.
19. If gala points are equal, the result will be decided by reference to the highest number of first places, then second places, etc. as necessary.
20. 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 / number of teams competing).

COMPILING LEAGUE TABLES

21. 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 and 2 plus a bonus of 6 points for the six clubs in Gala 1.

[Calculations are based on divisions of 12 teams.]

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.

LEAGUE WINNERS

22. 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.

GUIDELINES TO THE RULES OF THE LEAGUE

This section includes the considered guidance to swimmers, coaches, team managers and gala organisers.

This is a junior development league and as such should be a ‘learning experience’ for young swimmers. Team managers/coaches should assist swimmers to prepare for their races, both at the start & relay take-over. However, they should not coach the swimmer as to when to dive but rather stand back to allow the swimmer to learn the process. (Also ensures that one team manager shouting ‘go’ doesn’t trigger a swimmer in another lane.)

Severe weather & pool closure policies.

If the pool operators close both the pools due to be used – the round shall be forfeited.

- i. If round 1 is cancelled, then the round 1 draw will be used, as far as possible, for the next fixture. (Adjustments to the draw may be needed to match booked pools and host clubs with the draw.) The top 6 teams after that fixture will contest the ‘A’ final, the lower 6 teams will contest the ‘B’ final.
- ii. If round 2 is cancelled, then results from round 1 will determine the top 6 and lower 6 teams and the final be swum as above.
- iii. If round 3, the final round, is cancelled then league results will be declared from league tables after round 1 + 2.

One pool operator closes the pool, the other doesn’t

One fixture can go ahead as normal. Then:

- i. If a venue & date agreeable to at least 4 of the teams who should have contested the other fixture can be found such that it can be swum within 2 weeks of the original date, then it will be contested and results used to compile league tables. (Amendment needed to eligibility rules to ensure that any club with an A & B team cannot use a swimmer in the fixture on the original date and use the same swimmer again on the re-arranged date)
- ii. If no mutually agreeable venue or date can be found to swim the ‘lost’ round, then the results from the round that was swum shall be treated as a ‘one off’ fixture. League results will be determined as in the first scenario.

Bad weather forecast causes one or more team choose not to travel to the fixture

That team (or teams) will be placed last in the fixture that they should have contested and league tables will be drawn up accordingly.