

# DURHAM & DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE

AFFILIATED TO NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM A.S.A

## SECTION A: LEAGUE OBJECTIVES AND ORGINSIATION

### 1. AIM:

To find the best junior team competing in the League and introduce young swimmers to competitive swimming.

### 2. CHILD PROTECTION:

The League shall in accordance with ASA Laws adopt the ASA Child Protection Procedures; and shall recognise that the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and that all children and young people have a right to have fun, be safe and be protected from harm. Members of the League shall in accordance with the ASA Laws comply with the ASA Child Protection Procedures.

### 3. AREA OF THE LEAGUE:

The League is open to Clubs affiliated to Northumberland & Durham ASA.

### 4. LEAGUE SIZE:

There will be 3 (three) Divisions; Division One 8 Clubs, Division Two 8 Clubs and Division Three 5 or more, up to 8 Clubs. Thereafter the structure of the League will be changed at the AGM. There will be six teams per gala, with the top six teams in Division One going on to the final gala, to determine the League winner and promotions.

Relegation will be determined at the end of the final round.

a. Where Division 3 falls below 5 Clubs, said Clubs will join Division 2 to make 12 with the top 6 going into Division 2 final and the bottom 6 into a Division 3 final.

b. Each Club can only enter 1 team.

### 5. DRAW:

This will take place at the AGM; position is determined by the previous years placing.

Any new members will start in Division Three at the lowest point.

### 6. AFFILIATION FEES AND MEMBERSHIP:

The affiliation fee payable for new Clubs is £6.00. The annual membership fee is £15.00 and is payable on or before the Annual General Meeting. The only exception being new clubs whose fees should be included with their affiliation fee (to be returned if a club is not accepted in to the League).

### 7. ELIGIBILITY:

1. The League is open to swimmers who have been bona-fide members of an affiliated Club for at least 4 (four) weeks before the date of any League competition in which they intend to swim.

No competitor shall compete for more than one Club in any year. If a club is found to have allowed an ineligible swimmer to compete, ALL league points gained by that club, in the round(s) will be forfeited.

2. All swimmers who intend to compete must be registered with the League by

i) 31<sup>st</sup> January each year of competition.

ii) additions to the list will be accepted for League qualifying heats provided that the swimmers are registered **two (2) weeks before their first gala**, registered on the appropriate form and signed by the Team Manager.

3. **No poolside registrations will be accepted.**

4. Last day for registration of swimmers will be two weeks before the final heat gala.

5. Only swimmers registered for the heat galas are eligible to represent their Club in the Final.

Information required by the League registration secretary shall be:

1. Name of Club      2. Swimmers Name      3. Date of Birth      4. Date of Joining Club

A Junior League committee member must be informed **BEFORE** a gala starts if there is to be an unregistered swimmer entered in the competition.

Points gained by an unregistered swimmer, either individually or as member of an age group team, will be forfeited and will not count towards the final total for the round in which they have competed.

**8. GALA POINTS:**

These will be awarded to each team on the results of each gala - 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 in winning order so as to formulate a League table.

**9. LEAGUE TABLE:**

This will be used at the end of the Final Round to determine the teams to compete in the League Finals Gala's.

**N.B.** If after final heats any two or more teams are awarded equal League Table points, then the individual and team wins in **ALL HEATS** will be used to determine the exact position in the **LEAGUE TABLE**. If this does not satisfactorily resolve, then the proceeding places will be progressively used.

**10. FINALS GALAS:**

These will comprise of the top six teams in each Division at the end of the final Heats, provided they have competed in their three designated heats. If two or more teams have scored equal points at the end of the **FINALS** a count of individual and team wins in the **FINAL** will be used to the teams: final position in the Division. If this does not satisfactorily resolve, then the proceeding placings will be progressively used.

**11. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION:**

Inter Division promotion will be 1 up 1 down between Divisions 1, 2, and 3. Promotion will be determined by the League Table at the end of the **FINALS** but relegation will be determined by the League Table at the end of the **HEATS**.

**12. TRAVELLING EXPENSES:**

Each Club is responsible for its own travelling expenses.

**13. TROPHIES:**

All trophies **MUST BE RETURNED ENGRAVED** to a League Committee Member present at the **FINAL HEATS** at which the team holding the trophies are swimming.

1. All Clubs will be fined £50.00 per trophy for none return of any trophies by the last heat that they are competing at.

2. All trophies must be returned engraved. Trophy engraving is the responsibility of the holding Club. Any damage to the trophies must be paid for by the holding club.

**14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

This will take place each year in October to elect Officer's review rules and carry out any necessary business.

**15. APPOINTMENT OF LEAGUE OFFICER'S:**

The League shall be managed by a Committee consisting; HON. CHAIRMAN, HON SECRETARY, HON. TREASURER and SIX other members. The COMMITTEE shall be elected annually. Meetings to have a quorum of five. The Committee may co-opt as necessary.

**16. LEAGUE AND COMPETITION RULES:**

The interpretation of any contingency not covered by these rules will be determined by the League Committee.

New Rules for the Durham & District Junior League.

Agreed at the Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at The Louisa Leisure Centre, Stanley.

Chairman.....

Secretary.....

JUNIOR LEAGUE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FORM

Will you please add the following name(s) to the registration list.

Swimmers Name	B	G	Date of Birth	Date Joined

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