

DURHAM & DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE

AFFILIATED TO NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM ASA

SECTION B: COMPETITION RULES

1. **AGES:** Shall be in the year of competition. The ages will be 9yrs to 12yrs as at the last Sunday in November in the current year of competition.
2. **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS: DIVISION 1/2/3 51 EVENTS:**
 - 9yrs Individual: 1 length Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly
 - 10yrs Individual: 2 lengths Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly
 - 11yrs Individual: 2 lengths Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly
 - 12yrs Individual: 2 lengths Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly

Team Races: 4 x 1 length Freestyle & Medley
Mixed Team: 8 x 1 length Freestyle (1 girl, 1 boy from each age group)
Boys Team: 8 x 1 length Freestyle (2 boys from each age group)
Girls Team: 8 x 1 length Freestyle (2 girls from each age group)
- a. **BUTTERFLY 10yr OLD:**

A swimmer shall not swim more than 50m in a 25m pool. Where the pool is longer than 25m they shall swim **ONE LENGTH** only.
3. Each competitor is allowed to swim **TWO** individuals in their own age group. Team races may only include **ONE** swimmer from the age group immediately below.

DIVISION 2 & 3 ONLY:

 - a. Each competitor shall be limited to **TWO** individual swims in their own age group plus **ONE** individual swim in the age group immediately above.
 - b. Relay races can be made up of 2 swimmers in the correct age group and 2 from the age group below. ie: 2 12 yrs & 2 11 yrs.
THESE RULE TO BE REVIEWED ON A YEARLY BASIS.
4. **POINTS:** will be 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for ALL events.
5. **A.S.A LAW:** All events will be swum under A.S.A Law.
6. **FIRST CLAIM:** See rule 6, section A; is deemed as A.S.A law.
7. **POOLSIDE ADMITANCE:**

NO MORE THAN FOUR PEOPLE will be allowed on the poolside with their team. A penalty of 10 points for extra team officials will be imposed for any Club failing to comply. Any penalty is at the discretion of the committee (e.g.: medical reasons).
8. **OFFICIALS:**
 - a) Each competing Club must provide a **JUDGE** for all gala's (**except final**). Referee and starter for each gala will be provided by the League. All officials from the finals will be appointed by the League.
 - b) Any Club failing to provide a **JUDGE** at a gala (**except final**) will be **fined £10**, which must be paid by their next gala or they will not be allowed to swim.
9. **COMPLAINTS:**

The Junior League has introduced an in house system. A complaint must be made verbally or in writing during a gala or within 14 days of the event. A meeting will be called within 14 days of the receipt of the complaint to which all relevant parties will be invited. Three people from the Committee, but not connected to the Club's involved will be appointed to hear the complaint.

If a complaint is made during the final and this affects the results, the results will not be announced/ published until a satisfactory outcome has been reached.
10. At the Junior League final a 10 minute break shall be held after the penultimate race to allow recorders time to check all the points, during the heats the interval shall be 5 minutes.
11. If the final of the Junior League produces an extremely close finish or tie, the results will not be announced or published until fully checked, which could be the following day.