

RULES OF THE CRUSADER LEAGUE

(amended Sept 2007)

- 1 OBJECTIVES: To find the premier club in each division of the league to be swum under A.S.A. Laws
- 2 The league shall be managed by a committee of ONE representative from each competing club. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary shall be the officers elected by simple majority at the Annual General Meeting. Each club is to have a maximum of ONE vote at all times. The elected Chairman shall remain in office for a period of ONE year. Upon an equalism of votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote
- 3 An Annual General Meeting, with TWENTY EIGHT days notice, shall be held in September each year to elect officers, revise rules and carry out any necessary business. The quorum shall be SIX. Any proposed changes in the rules, duly seconded by another club, must reach the Secretary by 31st July each year. One delegate per club shall have voting rights. At the AGM alterations to rules shall require a TWO-THIRDS majority.
- 4 An Emergency General Meeting may be called on receipt by the Secretary of such a request from TWO clubs. TWENTY ONE days notice of such a meeting shall be given and the quorum shall be SIX. Matters for discussion shall be limited to those on the notice calling the meeting.
- 5 The committee shall meet as and when required, with at least one week's notice from the Secretary. The Secretary shall send all communications to a person nominated by each club.
- 6a All clubs shall pay TEN pounds (£10) on entry into the league and an amount annually to be agreed at the AGM, so long as they remain members of the league
- 6b The financial year shall be from 1st August to 31st July
- 6c The league's accounts shall be presented at the AGM for inspection as required
- 6d In the event of dissolution of the league, the funds remaining shall be devoted to objects associated with swimming as determined by the members of the committee
- 7a. The league shall consist of one or more divisions, each division comprising at least FOUR competing clubs. All divisions shall swim FOUR galas in each year of competition 4-lane clubs will either forfeit their home gala (when in a division with more than 3 clubs) or hold it at an alternative venue. Clubs are top draw lots for home galas. Clubs not holding a home gala one year will be given priority next year.

The total number of points gained by each club shall determine the final league position. At the end of each competing year, the club with the highest number of gala points in each division shall be the winner. The system of ONE club promotion and ONE club relegation shall apply to all divisions of the league.
- 7b. In the event of a tie for first place in each division; the winning club shall be the one with the highest number of first places in all galas.
- 7c. The use of spare lanes will not be permitted.
8. The galas shall take place on Saturdays and Sundays between 14th January and 30th June.

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Clubs are to arrange start times as follows:

- Saturdays - in the evening
- Sundays - at or before 5pm

9. A programme of events to be drawn up by the committee and changed only at an AGM.
 - Points for all individual events: 1st - 5, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3, 4th - 2, 5th - 1.
 - Points for all relay and cannon: 1st - 10, 2nd - 8, 3rd - 6, 4th - 4, 5th - 2.
10. There will be no starting blocks at the shallow end.
11. Where galas take place in pools where handrails are fitted, the referee must be informed before the start of the gala that the league permits the use of them for starts and turns. It is advisable, however, not to use the times for awards.
12. There will be no dead heats.
13. Swimmers may compete in THREE individual events with a maximum of TWO events in any one age group, except swimmers who are fifteen and over may compete in THREE individuals, one of which must be the Open I.M. No restrictions on relays. A penalty of TWENTY points for each default to be deducted from the team's total for the gala concerned, swimmers in default will be disqualified from the event(s) in which they default and results adjusted for the remaining teams.
14. Gala dates and venues are to be determined by the individual clubs in each division.
15. Clubs failing to attend a gala commitment shall be liable to suspension or fine at the discretion of the committee. The start of a gala shall be delayed by up to a maximum of TWENTY minutes to allow for the late arrival of a club.
16. All competing swimmers shall be bona fide members of the clubs they represent and shall be eligible to compete as per ASA law
- 17a. All swimmers participating in the league shall be registered with the league. A penalty of TWENTY points for each swimmer who was unregistered to be deducted from the teams total for the gala concerned; swimmers in default will be disqualified from the event (s) in which they participate and the results adjusted for the remaining teams.
- 17b. Each club shall, before 15 December in the year prior to the year of competition, supply to the Results Secretary 3 copies of all the registered swimmers, giving name, date of birth and any other club(s) of which the swimmer is a member (if known). Clubs failing to submit the list by this date will receive 20 penalty points for every week/part week overdue. The Results Secretary is to sign one copy and return this to the club at least TWO weeks before the first gala. Each club is to ensure that they receive this signed copy prior to the first gala.
- 17c. Additional registrations will only be accepted if notified to the Results Secretary no less than 7 days prior to the second gala or by 12 February whichever is the earliest date.
18. Clubs with 'A' and 'B' teams will be allowed to promote 'B' team registered swimmers to

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their 'A' team, provided that notice in writing is received by the Recorders (together with the team sheets) before the start of the gala. The swimmer will then remain an 'A' team registered swimmer for the remainder of the current season. 'A' TEAM REGISTERED SWIMMERS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE 'B' TEAM.

- 19 The age of the swimmer will be calculated at midnight on the day of the event or the final day of a series of events forming part of one competition. ASA Law 411.5
- 20a A scrutiny will be kept of swimmers to ensure that they swim in the correct age groups. A penalty of TWENTY points for each default to be deducted from that team's total for the gala concerned. Swimmers in default will be disqualified from the event(s) in which they default and results adjusted for the other teams.
- 20b The host club for each gala must return the results to the Results Secretary within 7 days of the gala. Failure to do so will incur FIFTY (50) penalty points.
- 21 A club wishing to withdraw from the following season's competition shall notify the Secretary by the previous 31 July.
- 22 The final gala in each season of competition for each division is to be spearheaded based on the cumulative total points for the galas in the previous rounds.
- 23 Where a matter arises which is not provided for in these rules, it shall be determined by the Officers of the league, who shall form an Emergency Committee (this committee to consist of ONE representative from each club). Any decision by this committee shall be referred to the Executive at the next meeting.
- 24 Protests arising from competitions under the control of the league shall be dealt with in accordance with ASA judicial procedures.