

RULES OF THE CRUSADER LEAGUE 2009

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 - a) OBJECTIVES: To find the premier club in each division of the league to be swum under A.S.A. Laws
 - b) ASA/Swim Wales Safety Laws apply
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 - a) A committee of ONE representative from each competing club shall manage the league.
 - b) The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary shall be the officers elected by simple majority at the Annual General Meeting.
 - c) Each club is to have a maximum of ONE vote at all times.
 - d) The elected Chair shall remain in office for a period of ONE year and shall rotate between each competing club.
 - e) Upon an equalism of votes the Chair shall have the casting vote
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 - a) 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.
 - b) The quorum shall be SIX clubs.
 - c) Any proposed changes in the rules, duly seconded by another club, must reach the Secretary by 31st July each year.
 - d) One delegate per club shall have voting rights.
 - e) At the AGM alterations to rules shall require a TWO-THIRDS majority.
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 - a) The Secretary of such a request may call an Emergency General Meeting on receipt from TWO clubs.
 - b) TWENTY-ONE days notice of such a meeting shall be given and the quorum shall be SIX clubs.
 - c) Matters for discussion shall be limited to those on the notice calling the meeting.
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 - a) The committee shall meet as and when required, with at least one week's notice from the Secretary.
 - b) The Secretary shall send all communications to a person nominated by each club.
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 - 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.
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 - The financial year shall be from 1st August to 31st July.
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 - The league's accounts shall be presented at the AGM for inspection as required.
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 - 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.
 - a) The league shall consist of one or more divisions, each division comprising of up to six competing clubs.
 - b) Each division shall swim FOUR galas in each year of competition.
 - c) Clubs not holding a home gala one-year will be given priority next year.
 - d) The total number of points gained by each club shall determine the final league position.
 - e) At the end of each competing year, the club with the highest number of gala points in each division shall be the winner.
 - f) The system of club promotion and club relegation shall apply to each division 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.
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 - a) The galas shall take place on Saturdays and Sundays between 1st January and 30th June.
 - b) Clubs are to arrange start times as follows:
 - Saturdays - in the evening
 - Sundays - at or before 5pm
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 - a) A programme of events to be drawn up by the committee and changed only at an AGM.
 - b) Points for all relay and individual events: 1st - 6, 2nd - 5, 3rd - 4, 4th - 3, 5th - 2, 6th - 1.
 - c) Points for cannon: 1st - 12, 2nd - 10, 3rd - 8, 4th - 6, 5th - 4, 6th - 2.
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 - a) There will be no starting blocks at the shallow end.
 - b) There shall be no diving in the shallow end.

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- 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 a) 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.
b) No restrictions on relays.
c) 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 a) Gala dates and venues to be determined at the AGM for each division.
b) If any host club find it necessary to change a confirmed gala date, then that host club will be responsible in arranging any such alteration, which must be agreed by all the visiting clubs concerned.
c) The host club should inform the League secretary when all alternations have been confirmed.
- 15 a) Clubs failing to attend a gala commitment shall be liable to suspension or fine at the discretion of the committee.
b) 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 a) All swimmers participating in the league shall be registered with the league.
b) 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.
c) A swimmer can only be registered for one competing club in the league within any one season.
- 17b a) Each club shall, at the first gala in the year of competition, supply to the Host Recorders a printed list of the registered swimmers.
b) These lists will give name, date of birth and any other club(s) of which the swimmer is a member (if known) and be grouped Alphabetically by age at 30th Jun and sex
c) The Host recorders will ensure lists all are sent to the Results Secretary along with the gala results.
- 17c • Additional registrations will be allowed at each gala, on a printed list, either as a complete new list or as an agendum to the original list.
- 18 a) Clubs with 'A' and 'B' teams will be allowed to promote 'B' team registered swimmers to their 'A' team, provided that notice in writing is received by the Recorders (together with the team sheets) before the start of the gala.
b) 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 30th June of the competition year.
- 20a a) A scrutiny will be kept of swimmers to ensure that they swim in the correct age groups.
b) 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 registration sheets, team sheets and 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 31st July.

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- 22 a) 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.
b) League trophies should be returned to the League Secretary, by the third gala of the season. This is to ensure the trophies are available to be presented at the final of each division.
- 23 a) 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).
b) Any decision by this committee shall be referred to the Executive at the next meeting.
- 24 • Protests and appeals – As per ASA Judicial Laws 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107