

Rules Of The Crusader League 2010

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.
6. The committee shall not have the power to borrow
7. 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.
 - a. The financial year shall be from 1st August to 31st July
 - b. The league's accounts shall be presented at the AGM for inspection as required
 - c. 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
8. The league shall consist of one or more divisions, each division comprising at least FOUR competing clubs.
 - a. 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.
 - b. Clubs are top draw lots for home galas.
 - 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 ONE club promotion and ONE club relegation shall apply to all divisions of the league.
9. 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.
 - a. The use of spare lanes will not be permitted.
 - b. The galas shall take place on Saturdays and Sundays between 14th January and 30th June.
10. A programme of events to be drawn up by the committee and changed only at an AGM.
11. There will be no dead heats.
12. Swimmers may compete in THREE individual events with a maximum of TWO events in any one age group,
 - a. Swimmers who are fifteen and over may compete in THREE individuals, one of which must be the Open I.M. No restrictions on relays.
 - b. 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.
13. Gala dates and venues are to be determined at the AGM.
14. Clubs failing to attend a gala commitment shall be liable to suspension or fine at the discretion of the committee.
15. 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. Each Club shall deliver a list of their swimmers to the results secretary prior to the first gala in their Division.

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- a. All swimmers on a club's list shall be bona fide members of that club and must be eligible to compete under ASA laws
 - b. If a swimmer is a member of more than one club competing in the League he/she must designate the club they will represent before being included on any club's list.
 - c. A swimmer can be listed for only one club competing in the League in any one season.
 - d. Each club is responsible to verify any swimmers designation and a penalty deduction of 20 points will be made for each swimmer who swims in breach of this rule.
 - e. All swimmers participating in any League gala must be included in their club's list of swimmers, A penalty of TWENTY points for each swimmer who was unregistered to be deducted from the teams total for the gala concerned
 - f. The list shall be in the form required by the results secretary and include forename, surname, gender and date of birth.
17. 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.
- a. The swimmer will then remain an 'A' team registered swimmer for the remainder of the current season.
 - b. 'A' TEAM REGISTERED SWIMMERS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE 'B' TEAM.
18. 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
19. A scrutiny will be kept of swimmers to ensure that they swim in the correct age groups.
- a. A penalty of TWENTY points for each default to be deducted from that team's total for the gala concerned.
 - b. Swimmers in default will be disqualified from the event(s) in which they default and results adjusted for the other teams.
20. 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
- a. 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 arising from competitions under the control of the league shall be dealt with in accordance with ASA judicial procedures.

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Crusader League Gala Procedures - 2009

1. PROGRAMMES

- a. Home club to provide gala programmes from master provided via the League Website.
- b. All door money collected at galas to be kept by the home club.
- c. All raffle money collected at Crusader galas to be kept by the home club.

2. OFFICIALS

- a. Referee - Arranged by home club
- b. Recorders - From home club (ideally 3)
- c. Timekeepers - From each club (ideally 2)
- d. Judges - 1 from each club
- e. All other officials - From home club

3. GALA NOTES

- a. Gala to be swum according to the current version of The Extracts of ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules also Code of Ethics Guidelines to Competition and Prompt Cards.
- b. Lane draws to determine lanes prior to warm-up except for last gala when lanes will be allocated according to points to give spear head format.
- c. Start may be delayed by up to 20 minutes to allow for late arrivals.
- d. Depth of water at shallow end to be announced.
- e. There will be no starting blocks at the shallow end.
- f. 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.
- g. All starts to be at deep end where possible.
- h. No diving in the shallow end.
- i. No dead heats.
- j. Swimmers with a disability to be notified to the referee before the start of the first race.
- k. Any mixed relay to be swum in the following order: girl, boy.
- l. Any cannon relay to be swum in the following order: girl, boy and youngest to oldest age groups.
- m. Swimmers names for all events to be PRINTED in full on the OFFICIAL TEAM SHEET supplied by the league or a HyTek Report and handed to the recorder before the start of the gala. Any alterations to The Team Sheet during the Gala must be carried out by the Team Manager or Official. Only the WINNERS name, each team position and points to be entered on the Recording Sheet

4. GALA POINTS

	Individual /Relay	Cannon
1st	6 points	12 points
2nd	5 points	10 points
3rd	4 points	8 points
4th	3 points	6 points
5th	2 points	4 points
6th	1 points	2 points

5. NUMBER OF SWIMS BY COMPETITOR

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- a. Must be League registered swimmer.
- b. THREE individual events with a maximum of TWO in any one age group (except age 15 and above – THREE individual events, one of which must be the IM).
- c. No restrictions on relays.

6. PENALTIES

- a. Each default of above will:-
- b. Result in disqualification for the event (s) and results adjusted accordingly.
- c. Incur a penalty of 20 points.

7. BEFORE THE START

- a. Home club to provide adequate means of recording results (paper or electronic as approved by the League) to produce SIX copies (FIVE in a 4-club division) for the gala.
- b. Each club to provide timekeepers with time slips for all events.
- c. Swimmers' names to be PRINTED on slips for all individual events.
- d. Each club to provide recorders with a programme (endorsed by the Team Manger) naming ALL swimmers in EACH event.
- e. Names to be PRINTED IN FULL for clarity and amendments made neatly. Clubs must ensure the swimmers for each event can be clearly identified on the programme. Unregistered swimmers must be declared and may only swim in relay events.