

WILTS COUNTY ASA

WINTER LEAGUE

1. Clubs may enter more than one team. An annual entry fee, per team, as decided at the League A.G.M., shall be paid to the Hon. Treasurer before competing, but in the event of the cost to the Association being greater than the entry fees, the costs may be shared equally between the competing teams.
2. All galas will be swum in 25m pools. The Hon. League Secretary to hire sufficient pools to stage one round on each of the fixed dates.
3. A swimmer may swim in any number of events.
4. The age groups will be:- under 13yrs, under 15yrs, under 17yrs, and Open, age as at last day of competition.
5. The competition is open to all clubs affiliated to Wilts County ASA.. There is no restriction on the number of teams.
6. The competition shall be divided into two divisions. The number of teams in each division shall be in multiples of four or six. If this is not possible the split shall give the closest to multiples of four, the higher division having the one additional gala the lower division to have any remaining teams.
7. The ranking into two divisions shall be based on the League table at the conclusion of the previous year's competition. After removing any withdrawals, any newly entered teams shall be placed at the bottom of the table. The listing will be divided as per rule 6.
8. The first round draw is based on the previous year's positions, the draw to be announced at the June Executive meeting.
9. Teams will swim within the two divisions for the first three rounds. Allocation of teams to galas for rounds two and three shall be based on the first round draw. This allocation will be advised at the AGM.
10. Times, duly adjusted in accordance with A.S.A. law, will be recorded for every swim in all events. For each event all teams in both divisions shall be listed and placed in ascending order from fastest to slowest.
11. For each event the team placed first on time will be awarded points equal to the number of teams in the League. This will reduce by one point for each successive place in the event table. No points will be awarded for a disqualification. In the event of a tie on time the points will be shared equally between the tying teams.
12. Points will be added together for all events for each team and an overall team placing established for the League.
13. The procedure detailed in Rules 10 to 12 is repeated for rounds one to three, and a cumulative points total for each team established. After round three this points table is used to rank the order of teams.
14. For the final round the top six teams from the ranking established in rule 13 will swim in the 'A' final. The next group of the remainder will be divided into a 'B' final, the next to a 'C' final etc. The number of teams in each of the lower finals will be determined by pool availability and the number of teams in the League. The number shall be decided annually at the League A.G.M. All finals shall be spearheaded in accordance with ASA procedures.
15. In the event of a tie after three rounds, the selection shall go to the fastest of the tied teams in the cannon in round three. Failing that, the team with the highest number of firsts, seconds etc. until a difference is established.
16. The winner of the round four 'A' final is the overall League winner. No points will be carried forward to round four from the previous rounds. The ranking after round four will be decided by the placing of all the teams in their round four galas. The top six in the table will be those in the 'A' final, ranked in their finishing order, followed by the 'B' finalists etc. This forms the ranking list from which separation into the following years divisions is established (rule 7).
17. Small shields shall be presented to the winners of all finals and certificates awarded to all clubs..
18. If no time is recorded for a lane, the referee may attempt to make a valid judgement based on an immediate on the spot assessment. Should this not be possible, the following formulae will be applied by the Referee:-
 - 1st. place will be awarded 2nd. place time minus 1 second.
 - Last place will be awarded previous time plus 1 second.
 - Any intermediate place will be the average of the times for the places on either side of the one missed.
19. If the number of County listed timekeepers is less than one per lane, at the referee's discretion, the gala may be run, but no times, and subsequently no League points, will be allocated to those teams not providing their required number of timekeepers.