

# **SWIMGAINZ JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**

## **PROMOTERS CONDITIONS 2024**

### **Licensed Level: 4 (Final Only)**

The league is affiliated to The West Midlands Swim England

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#### **1. AIMS OF THE LEAGUE**

The league is a junior league for new and improving swimmers to give them the opportunity of safe and friendly competition. To this end the events have maximum times ie, speeding tickets to ensure A grade swimmers (eg. swimmers with regional times) do not compete. See Programme for events and speeding times.

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY OF SWIMMERS**

- a) Team registration forms are to be completed and sent to the league coordinator by 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of competition. This should include all eligible swimmers up to 150 swimmers they must be paid members of the club they represent in the League and also members of the Swim England.
- b) Swimmers can be added to the list up to one week before the final round. Clubs MUST use the original registration form and highlight NEW swimmers only. All swimmers must be registered with the league and comply with the registration rules BEFORE swimming in any round.
- c) Once registered, the swimmers cannot be registered with any other team in the league that year.
- d) The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

#### **Age groups –**

9yrs-10yrs-11yrs-12yrs and 13/14 will have a joint age group  
Ages are calculated as age on 30<sup>th</sup> June for annual consistency.  
8 year olds are permitted to swim at each club coach's discretion.

#### **A grade swimmers –**

- a) Swimmers who have achieved a Regional Time, during the qualifying period in the year prior to the year of competition, shall not be eligible to take part in any event.
- b) However, swimmers who achieve such a time in the year of competition can compete but not swim the stroke or strokes in which they have achieved the time. This applies to the IM, relays and the cannon (if applicable).
- c) A check will be made on Registered Lists for under age swimmers and Regional swimmers. Qualifying times will be used for the West Midland Regional Qualifying Times.

### **3. GALAS & FINAL INFO**

- a) A Team List of each team must be presented to the recorder prior to the gala. This will include all swimmers, including all relay swimmers. Any alterations to the original entry list must be highlighted to the result recorder before the gala is concluded. The Host Team / Promoter is responsible for making sure that teams comply.
- b) All competing teams are asked to supply one judge and two timekeepers. Additional judges from the visiting teams would also be welcome to run the gala.
- c) Clubs should bring their own prepared time slips but they must have the same swimmer names on the time slips including relays who actually swim the event
- d) The lane draw for competing will also be the same for the warm up.
- e) Clubs will be advised before the Final which lane they will complete in.
- f) Team size on the day of the final is limited to 40 swimmers for health and safety reasons on poolside.
- g) The graded times apply to all age groups. Times are set by the league. Any Swimmers who swim faster than these times will have their time recorded on the recorder sheet but their swim will receive no gala points for that race (speeding Ticket).
- h) Times recorded on each lane must be by a timekeeper from a different team to the competing team using that lane. The second timekeeper should be from the competing team of the lane and record the swimmer names and act as a backup timekeeper.
- i) Electronic timing may be used for the Final.
- j) The electronic file or Team Selection Entry sheet will be sent to all eight clubs in the final and must be returned to the promoter six days before the final date.(Sunday before final).
- k) The host club is responsible for requesting team sheets for their gala.
- l) All starts are from the deep end unless pools allow diving from the shallow end and the referees decide if it is safe and appropriate to do so.

### **EVENTS**

- a) The programme will be the same for each gala and final (Programs are to be downloaded and printed by each club)
- b) Mixed relays for 9 year olds are 2 male/open and 2 female
- c) Cannon - one male/open and one for the female from each age group. Ages swim in order, starting 9yrs first.

### **GALA RACE POINTS**

For each four team gala, race points will be awarded as follows:  
4 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 3 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 2 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 1 for 4<sup>th</sup> place.

For a three team gala, race points will be recorded as:

3 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place

(When teams compete in a three team gala, gala points will be uplifted to ensure fairness).

### **GALA LEAGUE POINTS**

At each gala, teams will earn the following league points from each round:

4 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place team, 3 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team, 2 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team and 1 point for 4th placed team. At a 3 team gala points 4, 3 and 2 will be awarded.

### **RACE POINTS AT THE FINALS:**

The Final points will be given to the teams.

8 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 7 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 6 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 5 for 4<sup>th</sup> place, 4 for 5<sup>th</sup> place, 3 for 6<sup>th</sup> place, 2 for 7<sup>th</sup> place, and 1 for 8<sup>th</sup> place. If there are less than 8 teams, the highest points available from each race will be limited to the number of teams competing.

## **PACING**

The SJDL is designed as development gala. It is not in the spirit of competitive swimming for swimmers to be encouraged to slow down or to specifically pace a race by a club official or coach. Moreover, if a swimmer over-performs expectations and receives a speeding ticket this should be celebrated by the club, swimmers and coaches. If the referee observes pacing, no warning will be given and the swimmer will lose the points from the race and will have a further 4 points deducted (8 points in the final). The referee's decision is final and there is NO right of appeal.

## **PROTESTS**

Any protests should initially be addressed to the referee on the day and follow ASA guidelines. These and any other concerns should also be made in writing as soon as possible and sent to the co-ordinator of the league.

## **Final**

- a) The final will be held at an 8-lane venue each year if available or a suitable alternative pool with eight lanes.
- b) Electronic timing will be used if available.
- c) The Final will be Licensed at Level 4 where possible.
- d) Teams must complete all rounds to qualify for the final.
- e) Only the top eight clubs swim in the A-Final.
- f) The next 8 teams will compete in the B-Final.
- g) To compete in the final swimmers must have competed in at least one of the previous rounds.
- h) All teams must provide time keeper slips for their team for the final. Pre-writing the swimmers names on the slips must follow the same rules as per normal gala rules i.e. they must reflect the actual swimmer or swimmers who swims.
- i) All teams start equal in both finals and the winner wins the SwimGainz.Junior league trophy for the A or B Final.
- j) Top three clubs receive medals (limited to 40 per team). Teams can purchase extras.
- k) Lanes in the final will be spear headed on league positions prior to the final.

## **GENERAL**

- a) Failure of any team to attend the Final will result in a fine of £100 (If extra teams in the league can take their place then the fine will be withdrawn). Failure to fulfil any other round will be £25 plus no points being scored.
- b) All electronic communication from League Secretary, i.e, email must be acknowledged so that the sender knows that it has been received.
- c) Promoter and Referee reports and results will be sent to the Licensing officer after the Final (if applicable). Results will also be sent to the Ranking Office.
- d) Start lists/Team Lists will be used and cross referenced with timekeeper slips.
- e) Clubs must keep the league up to date with the latest contact numbers, addresses and email addresses to ensure good and effective communication.
- f) The league is run under British Swimming technical rules,
- g) Any items not covered by these rules will be as decided by the referee on the day subject to British Swimming technical rules.