

FENLAND LEAGUE RULES 2016

1. The League: Shall be called **THE FENLAND SWIMMING LEAGUE**.
2. Aim: To find the best Junior Fenland League Team (13 & Under) and Senior Team.
3. Area of League: The League will operate within a radius of approximately 50 miles of Wisbech.
4. The League will be swum under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules: All member clubs must be affiliated to an ASA Region and all competing members shall be eligible to compete as per ASA Laws.
5. Annual General Meeting: This will take place each year normally in September/October, 28 days shall be given in writing. A quorum for the AGM shall consist of six delegates from participating clubs.
6. The Financial Year: Shall be from 1st September to 31st August in each year and the accounts shall be audited and submitted to the AGM. Auditors will be appointed at the AGM.
7. League Sizes: The League size will be determined by the number of applications at the AGM.
8. Affiliation & Annual Membership Fees: Clubs seeking affiliation of the League should do so to the Hon. Secretary and shall pay an affiliation fee as agreed by the AGM. The annual membership fee shall be determined by the AGM, and is due on 1st January of each year, payable to the Hon. Treasurer. Any club not paying by 1st February, following the AGM shall be deemed as having resigned their membership from the League.
Each club is responsible for the cost of hiring the pool for its own gala and the fixture of its own admission price.
All clubs are responsible for the Health & Safety of swimmers.
9. Fines: Any club failing to turn up to participate in any of the League galas shall pay a fine of £40.00. This fine to be paid within 28 days of the gala or the club may be suspended from the league until such time as the fine is paid.
10. Appointment of League Officers: The Chairman and the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected annually at the AGM by a simple majority and shall be members of an ASA affiliated club and also members of the Fenland League participating clubs. The Executive Committee will consist of the above officers plus one delegate from each of the participating clubs.
11. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall have the authority to make regulations within the Constitution and ASA Laws and manage the League.

A quorum of the Executive Committee Meetings shall consist of six delegates from participating clubs.

12. Extraordinary General Meeting: An EGM shall be held at the time expressed on written request of a minimum of two participating teams, or by the officers of the committee, such meetings shall occur within 28 days of the receipt by the Hon. Secretary of a written request, such meetings to deal only with the matter for which the notice is given in the request. For an EGM 14 days notice in writing shall be given to the delegates.
13. Any Proposed Changes: Any proposed changes to the rules should be in writing submitted to the Hon. Secretary 28 days before the AGM or an EGM called for that purpose.
14. Rules Changes: A simple majority of the authorised team delegates present at the AGM is required for any rule changes. The Officers will be entitled to vote, together with one delegate from each competing club.
15. Clubs Wishing to Resign: Clubs wishing to resign from the League to do so in writing to the Hon. Secretary not later than 28 days prior to the AGM.
16. Protests and Complaints: Protests and Complaints shall be dealt with in accordance with ASA Law.
17. In the Event of the League Ceasing: In the event of the League ceasing to exist no funds or other properties of the League shall be paid or distributed amongst the members of the League except as allowed by ASA Law. In the event of dissolution of the League the assets remaining shall be distributed equally amongst teams in good standing with the League for use with objectives similar to those of the League.
18. For the purposes of complying with all aspects of ASA Law the Host Club will act as an agent and or promoter of the League for the period of the gala, and will be responsible for ensuring that Pool Safety Laws as stated in the current ASA Laws and their pool hire agreement are complied with in full.
19. League Rules: The interpretation of any contingency not covered by these will be determined by the League Committee.

PLEASE NOTE AT ANY MEETING ONLY ONE VOTE PER CLUB
(ALTHOUGH MORE THAN ONE DELEGATE CAN ATTEND).

JUNIOR FENLAND LEAGUE

ROUND ONE

Three home teams to be drawn or nominated to fit into clubs home programme.

The remaining 12 clubs to be drawn at random to each of the arranged galas.

Round one to be completed by an agreed date – say mid February. Actual date of gala to be agreed by competing clubs.

ROUND TWO

Three further home clubs to be drawn. The remaining 12 clubs to be allocated by a random draw. Round two to be completed by mid April.

ROUND THREE, FOUR & FIVE

To be arranged by the above method with round three completed by mid May. Round four by the end of July and round five by the end of October.

All lanes to be allocated at the draw, host club to be given lane three.

FINALS

Three clubs to volunteer to host the three finals. In the event of there not being a suitable club volunteering to host a particular final then the least recent club, in the relevant gala(s), to host a final will host. The five top clubs to be in the 'A' Final. The five middle clubs in the 'B' Final. The five bottom clubs in the 'C' Final. Teams going into the 'A' Final to receive **ten** bonus league points, and those in the 'B' Final **five** bonus league points. In the event of a tie, after five rounds, in both league and gala points for 5th and 6th position and for 10th and 11th position the number of first places will be taken into account when deciding which final the teams are allocated. The points received in the three finals would be added to the points scored from the previous five rounds, which together with the bonus points would decide The League Winners and the final positions 1st to 15th.

Trophies to be awarded to the **League Winner** and to the **Individual Winners of Each Final**. All trophies to be perpetual.

Any club failing to participate in any gala rounds 1-5 shall have 80 points deducted from their total gala points scored in the last round gala (finals gala).

Any club that swims an ineligible swimmer in rounds 1-5 shall have 2 points deducted from their total gala points scored in the last round gala (finals gala) for each event (race) that any ineligible swimmer swims.

The leagues management committee shall have the power to disqualify any club from taking part in any league finals should they consider that the club has attempted to manipulate their league position by means of failing to provide a team to compete at galas.

POINTS

Scoring shall be 5 points for first place down to 1 point for fifth place. Non starters, non finishers and disqualified swimmers shall score zero points. In the event of a tie or dead heat all teams concerned will be awarded the highest points for that place. Each gala winner will receive 5 league points, second place receive 4 points, third place 3 points, fourth place 2 points and fifth place 1 point. In the event of clubs with equal points at the end of **the six** galas the league positions will be determined by the club(s) with the higher number of race points. If a tie still exists the number of race first and subsequent placings will be taken into account. In the event of a gala having less than five teams competing the points will be adjusted afterwards by the secretary/adjudicator. If four teams are competing the gala points for each team will be reduced by ten.

PROGRAMME

Ages shall be as at the date of the **Finals** for the year in which the competition takes place. Only swimmers that have reached the age of 9 years by the date of **these finals** may compete in any round as per ASA Laws

Cut off times are used as follows:

‘THE JUNIOR FENLAND LEAGUE GALA CUT OFF TIMES’ are as per our printed programme for 25m pools for the following age groups: 13/U, 12/U, 11/U, 10/U and 9 years. Swimmers who have achieved these times at **any gala or time trials** cannot compete in the appropriate individual events or relays unless the time is achieved on the night of the gala. There is no penalty for achieving the times in the gala but obviously the swimmer will be debarred from swimming that event thereafter. The 9 years butterfly swimmers must not have achieved the 10 years 50m butterfly cut off time prior to the gala.

EVENTS

12/U and 13/U – 50m all strokes plus 4x25m Individual Medley.

11/U and 10/U – 50m all strokes.

9 years – 50m all strokes, accept Butterfly to be 25m.

Squadron relay to be 8x1 length – one boy one girl from 10/U, 11/U, 12/U and 13/U age groups. Freestyle cut off time to apply for the age group the swimmer is competing.

No ineligible swimmers to compete in individual or team events (overage, unregistered, previously broken cut off times, previously swam for another club etc.) for a time only swim.

All relay and individual swimmers names must be handed in to the recording desk before the gala starts. **Full names** as registered with the League must be used.

Squadron relay names to be in race order, youngest to eldest, boys first, girls second.

Official recorder sheets will be provided and should be used.

Each home club is responsible for giving results of the gala to all participating clubs and must send a copy to the League for scrutiny.

Any club that has used a swimmer that has previously achieved THE JUNIOR FENLAND LEAGUE GALA CUT OFF TIME standard will lose the points for that race and amended results will be issued.

SWIMMERS IN SPARE LANE: THIS WILL BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE.

REGISTRATION OF SWIMMERS

All swimmers must be registered two weeks before round one and additional swimmers to be registered three days before taking part in any later gala.

Separate list for male and female with their date of birth.

Registration of names to be sent to the secretary.

Swimmers having **swum** with a club are not allowed to **swim** with another club during the same competition year January – December.

FINANCE

Each club to pay an affiliation fee to be set at the AGM each year to cover cost of programmes, result sheets and expenses.

SENIOR FENLAND LEAGUE

ROUND ONE

Two teams to volunteer to host round one. In the event of two clubs not volunteering to host then the least recent club(s) to host a Senior League gala will host.

The remaining teams to be drawn at random to each of the arranged galas.

On the night of the gala the points will be scored depending on the number of teams competing, for example a six team gala will score 6 points for 1st place, 5 points 2nd place, 4 points 3rd place etc.

A league table will be drawn up by scoring each event from the two round one galas depending on the number of teams competing in the league, for example a twelve team league will be scored 12 points for the fastest time, 11 points for the next fastest, 10 points for the next fastest etc.

FINALS (ROUND TWO)

Two teams to volunteer to host the round two finals. In the event of two suitable clubs not volunteering to host then the least recent club, in the relevant gala(s), to host a Senior League gala will host.

Any club failing to participate in the first round gala shall have 80 points deducted from their total gala points scored in the second round.

‘A’ Final to be contested by the six highest scoring teams in the round one galas when an 11/12 team division and by the five highest scoring teams when a 9/10 team division.

‘B’ Final the remaining teams.

The trophies to be awarded to the winners of the ‘A’ & ‘B’ Finals.

If a tie exists the number of race first and subsequent placings will be taken into account.

PROGRAMME

Ages as at the date of the second round ‘A’ & ‘B’ final galas for the following age groups: 10/U, 12/U, 14/U & Open.

Only swimmers that have reached the age of 9 years by the date of these finals may compete in either round as per ASA Laws.

Each home club is responsible for giving results of the gala to all participating clubs and must send a copy to the League for scrutiny.

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FINANCE

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