

# The Crusader Swimming League Competition Conditions 2020

## Rule 1. Competition year:

- 1.1 The competition year of the Crusader league shall be 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June.  
1.2 Gala dates and venues will be determined prior to and at the AGM.

## Rule 2. Organisation of galas:

- 2.1 All league galas will be run using Hytek Meet Manager software or such other meet management software as is agreed at the agm..  
2.2 The League Secretary will supply or make available to each team before the start of the season, either electronically or on paper.  
a) Copy of the programme which clubs can copy to suit their needs  
b) Copy of the team sheets which clubs can copy to suit their needs  
c) Copy of Hytek templates to be used for all League galas  
d) Copy of 4 to a sheet finishing slips to be copied to suit gala needs  
e) Copy of both Constitution and Competition Rules

- 2.3 The host club will be responsible for presenting the gala and the scope of this responsibility will include not only all preparatory work but the actual organising and staging of the gala within the swimming pool.

**Note:** *The League Officers and Committee act as an Administrative body for the series of galas known as the Crusader League. The host club being responsible for all aspects of Health and Safety at their Crusader League gala immaterial of the pool used.*

- 2.4 All income accruing from the galas will be the property of the host club. All justifiable expenditure associated with presenting the galas will be met by the host club.

- 2.5 The host club will appoint a gala director - usually a member of the management committee. The gala director will be responsible to the League for the co-ordination and management of the gala including

2.4.1 In association with the referee, ensuring that all appropriate safety requirements are complied with

2.4.2 To adhere to the following appointments

- a) Host Club (Lane 1) Provide Referee, Starter, Recorder, Announcer, Doorkeepers, and two timekeepers.  
b) Lane 2 club Provide one finish judge and one stroke judge, and two timekeepers.  
c) Lane 3 club Provide one turn judge and one stroke judge, and two timekeepers.  
d) Lane 4 club Provide one finish judge, and two timekeepers.  
e) Lane 5 club Provide one turn judge, and two timekeepers.

NOTE : When only four teams are competing Lane 4 provides one finish judge and one turn judge

- 2.4.2.1 All clubs to try and use qualified officials where possible, Where the league gala is licensed all officials must be qualified / licensed per the requirements of the Swim England Open Meet Licensing Criteria for Level 4 meets.

243 If the host club find it necessary to try and change a confirmed gala date, then the host club will be responsible in arranging any such alteration which must be agreed by all the clubs concerned.

244 If a gala has to be cancelled due to bad weather or other circumstances out of the control of the host club then the host club will be responsible in rearranging the gala the date of which should be agreed by all the clubs concerned but in the event of them not being able to agree a date a majority of the clubs concerned can arrange a new date for the gala the results of which will count for the league but clubs that do not attend will not be penalized.

245 The host club should inform the League Secretary when all alterations have been confirmed.

246 At least 14 days before a gala provide each visiting club with details of the venue and time of starting, along with any other information required

247 Host club to provide in addition check recorder, runners, door stewards, and refreshment organisers

248 Ensure door stewards and programme sellers supplied by the host club arrive at the gala venue no later than 45 minutes before the warm-up is timed to start.

249 Ensure each club supervises their own lane during warm-up

24.10 Despatch to the League competitions secretary backup of the Hytek Meet Manager database for the meet and Hytek Meet Manager results report output of the gala within 7 days. Failure to do so will incur FIFTY (50) penalty points.

**Note:** *If the league gala is not licensed then where as it is understood that qualified Technical Officials are not always available and that league galas are often a chance for parents to "Help out" and "Have a go", Clubs are requested to try and use qualified Technical Officials where ever possible. The League Committee realise that league galas are an ideal opportunity for qualified officials to perform a role other than in which they are qualified and to mentor those helpers and volunteers who have made themselves available to assist in the smooth running of the event.*

## 2.5 Water depth

2.5.1 The Water depths, starting block heights and the Pools Standard Operating safety features should be ascertained by the referee before the start of the event.

### 2.5.2 If the water depth is below 1500mm.

1. No diving is permitted and all starts must be in the water.
2. The water depth is considered insufficient for tumble turns.

### 2.5.3 Water depth greater than 1500mm

1. Diving is allowed off the side of the pool or starting block no higher than 750mm above the water surface

2.5.4 It was agreed at Crusader League AGM 2016 that diving in the shallow end will not be allowed at Crusader league galas.

**Note:** *Basically the start rules are as above which is per the ASA. The local pool operating procedure can override this, or the Referee can also override if the Referee thinks there is an element of risk. The final responsibility is with the Referee, if the Referee is happy for dive start then so be it, it is then up to the coaches to ensure their individual swimmers have achieved the standard of the ASA Preliminary Start Award, if not the individual swimmer should start in the water, there is no requirement unless ruled by the Referee, for every swimmer to start in the water. A club can request water starts to the Referee if they feel there is a risk, the Referee can discuss with the other clubs and then make a decision which is final, do not forget the responsibility stops with the Referee.*

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## 2.6 The many and varied contributory duties essential to the running of each gala will be carried out by persons nominated by each club. These duties will include:

- 2.6.1 Not more than three team officials to control their teams in the dressing rooms and on the poolside.
- 2.6.4.1 The provision of an electronic team list – Hytek team manager output, containing the Club, name(s), Swim England registration number and date of birth of the swimmer(s) for each event. It shall be understood that the supplying of this electronic list constitutes an undertaking that:
  - 2.6.4.2 All swimmers listed are nationally registered
  - 2.6.4.3 They are eligible to compete under the League rules.
  - 2.6.4.4 They comply with any age condition
  - 2.6.4.5 Where necessary, they are proficient in the execution of flat entry racing dives in accordance with ASA recommendations and Competitive start award.
  - 2.6.4.6 The team manager accepts, on behalf of his/her club, the promoter's conditions consisting of the rules of the League.
  - 2.6.4.7 That a suitable computer is available for their home gala and has the appropriate Hytek software installed.
  - 2.6.4.8 That any electronic data required has been setup prior to the home gala.
  - 2.6.4.9 That a competent recorder is available to operate the computer and software during the home gala.

## 2.7 A Results Manager will be appointed at the AGM.

- 2.7.1 The Results Manager will receive the Hytek Meet Manager database backup and electronic copy of the computerised results after each gala,
- 2.7.2 The Results Manager will check registrations against ASA database, number of swims, age groups etc.
- 2.7.3 The Results Manager will where necessary adjust the total gala points and inform all clubs in each division of the official score at or before each gala.
- 2.7.4 Forward finalised total gala points to the League Secretary as soon as possible.

2.8 All galas will be run with a zero tolerance approach as covered by the ASA Anti-Bullying policy.

## 2.9 Licensing

- 2.9.1 All league galas will be licensed at level 4 in accordance with the Swim England league licensing criteria and the Swim England open meet licensing criteria unless there is a shortage of suitably licensed officials to run the gala as a licensed meet.
- 2.9.2 The secretary will apply for the license and make sure that all of the required paperwork is completed and that the results are submitted to the rankings database.
- 2.9.3 The license number will be displayed against each licensed gala on the league website.
- 2.9.4 The host club will be responsible for any fees required to be paid for the issue of the license
- 2.9.5 The host club must notify all teams in advance of the license number and that the gala will be licensed at level 4 and display a notice on the entry desk for the spectators at the gala.
- 2.9.6 For the results to be acceptable to the rankings database start sheets (timekeepers sheets) must be produced for the gala and timekeepers must check the names of swimmers against the start sheet prior to each race and note any changes.
- 2.9.7 Amendments to team lists, as a team manager entry file, should be sent by email to the gala organiser to allow sufficient time for preparation of the start lists which will need to be printed for timekeepers prior to the gala. Gala organisers will need to advise cut off date and time after which they cannot accept amendments to the team list.
- 2.9.8 Amendments after the cut off time must be submitted to the recorder on paper (as well as usb stick if possible) including the names, dates of birth and Swim England registration id of swimmers.
- 2.9.9 Any changes to the team or swimmers in events following the issuing of the official start lists must be noted by the recorder and amendments made in Meet Manager following the event but prior to the issuing of the results. Where possible the timekeeper's start lists should be updated manually to include the amendments
- 2.9.10 The host club must send a list of officials, the promoters report and the referees report to the secretary within five working days of the gala.
- 2.9.11 The secretary will forward the list of officials, promoters report and the referees report to the regional licensing officer together with the referees license (SE) number and the region they are affiliated to.

## 3. Results:

- 3.1 The League Secretary will provide or make available to every participating club the results of every gala in the round and a complete gala points table.

## 4. Failure to attend a gala:

- 4.1 A club failing to attend a gala commitment or to perform its contributory duties shall be liable to expulsion from the league or such lesser penalty as the management committee may decide.
- 4.2 The start of the Gala shall be delayed by up to a maximum of twenty minutes to allow for the late arrival of a club.
- 4.3 Any team arriving after twenty minutes will be allocated zero points for each race missed

## 5. Promotion and relegation:

- 5.1. Initial entry to the league will be by the lowest numbered division
- 5.2 Promotion and relegation between divisions shall be on a one up and one down basis, except when modified by withdrawals.
- 5.3 Vacancies in a higher division created by withdrawals and/or relegation will be filled by teams finishing in first, second and, if necessary, subsequent placing in order of finishing in the final gala points table of the next lowest division. In all instances, promotion and if appropriate, relegation are mandatory.
- 5.4 These regulations shall not apply to the lowest division, which shall not have a relegation system. In exceptional circumstances clubs already competing in another higher division may apply for transfer to the lowest division

## 6. Eligibility:

- 6.1 Competitors in league competitions must be Swim England registered members of the club entering them on the date of the competition

6.2 A swimmer shall represent one club only in the league during the 12 months period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December

6.3 Where a swimmer is a member of more than one club in the league the swimmer shall be taken to have nominated a club the first time they

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are entered in an event by that club.

6.4 All competitors in the League must be nationally registered members of the club represented, in accordance with ASA regulations

## 7. Age groups:

7.1 Age group shall be those applying at midnight on the last date of competition for that season.

7.2 Eight year olds must attain nine years of age before the last date of competition for that season.

## 8. Event restrictions:

8.1. In each gala Competitors are permitted to swim three individual events

8.2 Swimmers in age groups other than the open age group may swim a maximum of two individual events in their own age group and one in an upper age group.

8.3. The open age category is regarded as a separate age group for the purpose of these rules.

8.4 Competitors in the open age group may compete in a maximum of three individual events and if swimming in more than two events then one must be the Individual Medley.

## 9. Penalties:

9.1. If it is established that an ineligible swimmer has competed for a team in the league, any points scored by that team in the events in which the swimmer participated - irrespective of whether a relay or an individual event – shall be deducted from the team's total score for the gala and the remaining points reallocated

9.2. A penalty of twenty points, for each and every offence, disqualification of the swimmer and redistribution of place points shall be incurred for infringement of rules i.e.

- Swimmer not registered
- Swimmer in lower age group than registered. (unless declared for nil points)
- Swimmer in too many eligible events
- Swimmer who swim up more than one Individual event
- 10 points penalty for incorrectly filled in time slips, per slip (relay names etc.)

9.3. A penalty of forty points (40) for failure to supply entries for a competition as a Hytek Team Manager entries file exported for Meet Manager.

9.4. Any infringement in respect of these rules which cannot be resolved by the referee shall be referred to the gala director. If no decision can then be arrived at, the gala director shall report the matter to the League Secretary within 24 hours for a decision by the league management committee

9.5 The provisions of this rule can be applied retrospectively up to 30 days following the final gala of the competition concerned and thereafter at the discretion of the management committee or as may be appropriate under ASA laws and regulations

9.6 Where the gala is licensed the penalties described above will not affect a swimmer's approved time being reported to the rankings database

## 10. Competition structure:

10.1 The league shall comprise one or more divisions to accommodate the number of clubs in the league and the available number of lanes at each venue

10.2 Each division shall have a maximum of five teams

10.3 Each division shall have at least three rounds of competition

10.4 Lane order is determined by Gala sequence dates and Home clubs always swim in Lane 1 or Lane 2 (depending on the number of teams taking part)

10.5 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.

10.6 Galas held on a Saturday evening should finish no later than 9.00 pm. For galas held on a Sunday the warm up shall commence not later than 4.30 pm and the first event not later than 5.00 pm. This rule can be varied by the agreement of all clubs taking part in a gala.

10.7 All competitions shall comply with the normal operating safety conditions of the pool provider regarding depth of water and any other safety requirements.

10.8 All competitions shall be conducted in accordance with ASA technical rules of swimming and under ASA laws and regulations.

10.9 The club finishing in first place in the division shall be presented with trophy for that division.

10.10 In the event of swimmers starting their leg in the water, the starting swimmer must maintain hand contact with the starting place until the preceding swimmer touches the wall. (SW 10.10) (see 2.5 above)

## 11. Scoring system:

11.1. **Gala points:** In each gala, gala points shall be awarded for the placing achieved by each swimmer or relay team in each race on the basis of:

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## 11.1.1 Individual and relay events

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 6 gala points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5 gala points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4 gala points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 3 gala points
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 2 gala points
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 1 gala point.

## Points for cannon

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 12 gala points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10 gala points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8 gala points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 6 gala points
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 4 gala points
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 2 gala points

11.1.2 In the case of dead heats full place points shall be awarded to each swimmer.

11.1.3 The total number of gala points scored will determine the final position of each team in a gala

11.2. **Ties:** If two or more teams tie on total gala points in any gala, precedence will be given to the team scoring the greatest number of wins. If the number of wins is also equal then second places will be taken into account and so on until the tie is broken

## 12. Programme of events:

As detailed in appendix "a"

## 13. Insurance:

All clubs participating in the League competitions must be covered by ASA insurance or an insurance scheme approved by any other national body to which they may be affiliated.

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## Appendix 'a' - programme of events

Event	Sex	Age	Distance	Stoke	Event	Sex	Age	Distance	Stoke
1	Ladies	Open	4x1 L	Individual Medley	27	Girls	10u	4x2 L	Medley Relay
2	Men	Open	4x1 L	Individual Medley	28	Boys	10u	4x2 L	Medley Relay
3	Girls	10u	4x2 L	Freestyle Relay	29	Girls	14u	4x2 L	Freestyle Relay
4	Boys	10u	4x2 L	Freestyle Relay	30	Boys	14u	4x2 L	Freestyle Relay
5	Girls	14u	4x2 L	Medley Relay	31	Girls	12u	2 L	Backstroke
6	Boys	14u	4x2 L	Medley Relay	32	Boys	12u	2 L	Backstroke
7	Girls	12u	2 L	Butterfly	33	Ladies	Open	100	Breaststroke
8	Boys	12u	2 L	Butterfly	34	Men	Open	100	Breaststroke
9	Ladies	Open	100	Backstroke	35	Girls	10u	2 L	Freestyle
10	Men	Open	100	Backstroke	36	Boys	10u	2 L	Freestyle
11	Girls	10u	2 L	Breaststroke	37	Girls	14u	2 L	Butterfly
12	Boys	10u	2 L	Breaststroke	38	Boys	14u	2 L	Butterfly
13	Girls	14u	2 L	Freestyle	39	Girls	12u	4x2 L	Medley Relay
14	Boys	14u	2 L	Freestyle	40	Boys	12u	4x2 L	Medley Relay
15	Girls	12u	4x2 L	Freestyle Relay	41	Ladies	Open	4x2 L	Freestyle Relay
16	Boys	12u	4x2 L	Freestyle Relay	42	Men	Open	4x2 L	Freestyle Relay
17	Ladies	Open	4x2 L	Medley Relay	43	Girls	10u	2 L	Backstroke
18	Men	Open	4x2 L	Medley Relay	44	Boys	10u	2 L	Backstroke
19	Girls	10u	2 L	Butterfly	45	Girls	14u	2 L	Breaststroke
20	Boys	10u	2 L	Butterfly	46	Boys	14u	2 L	Breaststroke
21	Girls	14u	2 L	Backstroke	47	Girls	12u	2 L	Freestyle
22	Boys	14u	2 L	Backstroke	48	Boys	12u	2 L	Freestyle
23	Girls	12u	2 L	Breaststroke	49	Ladies	Open	100	Butterfly
24	Boys	12u	2 L	Breaststroke	50	Men	Open	100	Butterfly
25	Ladies	Open	100	Freestyle	51	G/B	Cannon	8x1 L	Freestyle Relay
26	Men	Open	100	Freestyle					

### Notes:

1. Minimum ages: Individual and Team events are 9yrs by the last day of competition.
2. Mixed relay teams: girl / boy
3. Cannon relays girl / boy, youngest to oldest
4. Fina rule SW10.1 for mixed gender events refers to individual events and does not apply to Mixed relay teams
5. First Warm up Ladies
6. Distance of 100 signifies 100 meters or yards, to accommodate 25 meter or 33 yard pools.