

WILTSHIRE LEAGUE

COMPETITION GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Competition will be competed for annually.
2. To be valid, all entries, correctly completed, shall reach the Organiser(s) by the date specified on the meet details. Late entries will not be accepted. Entries withdrawn after the closing date will not be refunded.
3. Clubs shall be responsible for remitting the competition entry fees to the Hon. Treasurer as soon as advised of total amount due.
4. Eligibility
The Competition shall be open to swimmers registered as Swim Train or Swim Compete, and eligible according to Swim England by having been a member of the Wiltshire club in whose name they are competing for, for 60 days prior to the starting date of the competition, or the final, and who have at least ONE of the following qualifications.
 - a) Resided within the county for not less than 60 days immediately prior to the starting date of the competition
 - b) Shall have been born in the county of Wiltshire.
 - c) Their fee paying club shall be a Wiltshire affiliated club.
 - d) In the case of members of the H.M. Forces affiliated under Swim England Law, the fact of the competitor's name being on the books at the closing date shall be sufficient.
5. Age Groups shall be Open and Female. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary policy. By entering the female category a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.
6. In the interest of the sport, in cases of extenuating circumstances the League Management Team shall decide if the swimmer is eligible to compete. Their decision, by majority shall be final.
7. Competitors shall be a minimum of nine years on the last day of competition or date specified on the entry form. Sunday 23rd June 2024. Swimmers who are aged 8 (9 by 23/06/2024) may only compete in relays until they are 9.
8. Clubs may only enter ONE team and will be entered in the name of that club. By definition it is assumed that all members registered to a club are eligible for selection throughout the league programme. Age Groups: 9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13/14yrs, 15+yrs.
9. Clubs shall enter their teams by Hytek. To the Joint League Secretaries 7-days before the first date of Round 1. Swimmers may be added to these lists. These additions must be notified before swimming to both League Secretaries and gala Referee on the night.
10. The Entry Fee shall be £125 per team payable to the County Treasurer 7-days prior to the date of the start of Round 1.
11. Any movement and/or change of club membership must be sent to both League Secretaries. A Swimmer who changes clubs during the competition may compete for their new club at the Final as long as condition 4 is met. Dual registered swimmers may only compete for one club.
12. Trophies and Certificates shall be awarded after the Final Galas at Hengrove.
13. The Joint League Secretaries will normally discharge Wiltshire obligations and responsibilities as Promoter, as required by the hiring agreement, Swim England Law, and any guidelines on safety

procedures recommended. They may appoint a substitute to act as promoter, provided it is done in writing with appropriate guidelines given.

COMPETITION CONDITIONS

ROUNDS 1, 2 and 3

1. The League is open to all clubs affiliated to Wiltshire. Each club may enter one team only. The League will have a maximum of 20 teams. Clubs shall enter their team, via Hytek to the Joint League Secretaries, 7-days prior to their first gala commitment. Entry fees must be paid before competing.
- 2.. In Rounds 1 and 3 and the Hengrove Final it shall be the duty of the clubs in the league to fulfil their gala commitments. All teams will be assumed to be re-entering unless they resign in writing by midnight on the 30th June.
3. Any proposals for changes to League Conditions must be with the Hon League Secretaries, proposed and seconded, in writing, by midnight on the 30th June.
4. The League AGM will be held on the 2nd Wednesday in July.
5. Officials
 - a. Referees will be appointed by the League.

Host Club

- 1 x Starter (JL2S Minimum)
- 2 x Chief Timekeepers (JL1 Minimum)
- 2 x Timing Collectors (no Qualifications)
- 1 x Timekeeper/Inspector of turn (TK or JL1t minimum)
- 1 x Technical Official (JL1 minimum but JL2 preferred)

- 1 x Announcer
- 2 x Recorders
- 2 x Changing Room Stewards

Visiting Clubs

- 1 x Timekeeper/Inspector of turn (TK or JL1t minimum)
- 1 Technical official (JL1 minimum but JL2 preferred)

b. Round 4 – the final at Hengrove will be licensed. All officials shall be offered expenses in accordance with Wiltshire Expenses Policy.

c. Officials who passed Wiltshire examination prior to 1998. Start, Judge, Timekeeper may be used in Rounds 1-3.

6. A swimmer competing in an event for which they are not eligible, for any reason, will be disqualified. Any points gained shall be deducted from the match total of the club concerned and all other points upgraded where applicable.

7. In the event of unforeseen circumstances at a gala, a decision of the Lead Referee shall be final.

8. The League Management Sub-committee will decide on any issue not covered by League Conditions.

9. Rounds 1 to 3 will be swum in 25m pools.

10. Swimmers may only swim in two individual events in their own age group plus the 100m IM. There are no restrictions on the number of relays entered. There are no restrictions on swimmers age 9+ racing in older age groups.

11. Rounds 1-3 – Clubs will be arranged into geographical groups. Date windows for each round will be September, November/December, and March. Dates to be announced by 1st January each year. Rounds 1 and 3 will be swum according to the groups agreed at the League AGM. Round 2. Clubs can swim the event within their own sessions. If clubs wish to swim with other clubs that is permissible.

12. Official Times will be recorded from all galas. For each round each event all teams shall be listed and placed in accordance with the times from fastest to slowest.

13. 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, 2nd place plus 1 second, etc. If only one time is absent the time will be 1-100th faster than the team finishing behind them, in accordance with Swim England Technical Rules.

14. For each event the team placed first on time will be awarded points equal to the number of teams entered. This will reduce by one point for each successive place in the event. In the event of a tie-on time the points will be shared equally between the tied teams.

15. After Rounds 1-3 points will be added together and an overall team placing established for the Hengrove Final in June.

16 Squadron races will be swum youngest to oldest. The Cannon race in round 1 to be swum Female then Open. Cannon race in round 3 to be swum Open then Female.

Hengrove Final

1. The gala will be swum at Hengrove Leisure Centre in a 25m pool on Sunday 23rd June 2024.

2. The competition shall be divided into two divisions based on finish positions from the results from Rounds 1 - 3. An independent draw will take place to establish lane allocation.

3. Times, duly adjusted in accordance with Swim England 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.

4. Points will be added together for all events for each team and an overall team placing established for the League for each Division.

5. All results shall be agreed with the competing teams and the Referees before the presentation of awards.