

Rules of the Kent Junior League (revised 2015)

1. The League shall be called The Kent Junior League and the League Galas. The League shall be run and Galas shall be held in accordance with A.S.A. Law and A.S.A. Technical Rules. The League shall be comprised of clubs with their Headquarters in the County of Kent (both in Kent Rural S.A. and Kent London S.A.) or in close proximity to Kent, and shall be affiliated to ASA South East Region or ASA London Region. Applications to join the League shall be made in writing to the League Secretary to be received by 31st January.
2. **Object.** The object of the League is to provide for as many clubs as possible, to participate in friendly, well organised competition to encourage club teamwork.
3. **Management.** The League shall be managed by an Executive Committee, elected annually at the A.G.M., consisting of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Any contingency not covered by the Rules shall be referred to the Executive Committee for interpretation and decision. If there is a dispute it shall be handled in accordance with the A.S.A. Guidelines.
4. **A.G.M.** The Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) shall be held in March at a venue decided by the Committee. At the A.G.M. the accounts shall be put before the participating clubs for approval. The Financial Year shall end on 28th February.
5. **Rules and Programme Changes.** The rules and programme can only be changed where there is a two-thirds majority of those voting members present at the A.G.M. in favour of the change.

Any proposals for changes to the programmes for discussion at the A.G.M. shall be received by the League Secretary by 31st January. Any proposed revisions shall be agreed by the participating clubs at the A.G.M.

Any proposals from participating Clubs for additions, deletions or alterations to the Rules must be sent to the League Secretary to be received by 31st January for distribution to all participating Clubs with the notice of the A.G.M.
6. **Club Representation.** Two representatives per club may attend the A.G.M..
7. **Voting.** There will be one vote per Club at the A.G.M..
8. **Subscription.** An annual subscription, to be decided by the League Treasurer, in conjunction with the Chairman and the League Secretary, will be advised to clubs and must be paid to the Treasurer by each Club by 31st January for the forthcoming competition.
9. **Care.** Participating clubs shall be responsible for all aspects of care for their members, including the provision of suitable poolside staff to supervise the swimmers.

10. **Competing age groups -**

9/10 yrs.	11 yrs. & under
12 yrs. & under	13 yrs. & under

(For individual events 9 year olds can only in the 9/10 yrs events and cannot swim up)

Ages to be at 31st December in year of competition.

11. **Competition restrictions.**

Each swimmer to compete in a maximum of four individual events, with a maximum of two in their age group.

12. **Non-Participation.** Any club unable to attend a gala shall advise the League Secretary and shall pay £5 to the League Secretary to cover the cost involved in replacing the team. If a replacement team cannot be found, they shall pay one fifth of the total entrance money collected, or a minimum of £50 to the sponsoring club.

13. **Gala Sponsorship.** Each club shall take its turn at sponsoring the galas. The sponsoring club to be responsible for the following:

13.1. Paying for the hire of the pool (retaining the entrance money and running a raffle to reimburse them).

13.2. Supplying all non-qualified officials necessary for the smooth running of each gala, e.g. announcer, recorders, drinks distribution, runners etc., The Referee, Assistant Referee, Chief Timekeeper, Assistant Chief Timekeeper and starter shall be appointed by the League Secretary. Each participating Club shall be responsible for appointing a Judge and a Timekeeper.

13.3. Printing of programmes - copies of which should be sent to the participating clubs at least four weeks before the event.

13.4. Supplying and distributing results sheets to the participating clubs and the League Secretary either immediately after the event, or within a few days.

14 Eligibility. Any competitor having swum for one club in the League will be ineligible to swim for another club in the League in the current year of competition, 1st January - 31st December. Every swimmer participating in the League shall have joined the Club he/she represents and appropriately registered for the competition.

15. Registration of Swimmers. Clubs shall register swimmers eligible to swim in the League with the Secretary before the date of the first gala and any additional swimmers prior to subsequent galas. In the case of Clubs with 'A', 'B' and 'C' Teams in the League, A, B and C Teams are interchangeable but not within the same round. A separate list for each Team will be lodged with the League Secretary in the normal way before the first round.

16 Promotion/Relegation.

16.1 Each year the top two scoring Division 2 Clubs to be promoted to Division 1 and the two lowest scoring Division 1 Club will be relegated to Division 2. .

16.2 Clubs shall be deemed to have been promoted or relegated immediately after the final gala in each year.

17 Composition of the League and Gala Draw

Division 1 will have 12 teams and Division 2 will have a maximum of 18 teams

Teams that were promoted/relegated shall maintain their relative positions in their new division. e.g. promoted winners 11th, runners up 12th and the team finishing second from bottom of a division, and relegated, will considered 1st in the lower division and the team finishing bottom 2nd

Where less than 6 teams compete in a division there will be one gala.

17.1 Gala Draw

The draw for the twelve teams in Division 1 will be as follows:

ROUND I The league positions of the teams after the Round 3 of the previous year shall be used to decide the teams that shall swim in round 1 galas as follows:

Gala 1 – Teams that were 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 12th

Gala 2 – Teams that were 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th

ROUND II Teams with odd placing's in one gala meet teams with even placings in the other gala.

The draw for the eighteen teams in Division 2 will be as follows:

ROUND I The league positions of the teams after the Round 3 of the previous year shall be used to decide the teams that shall swim in round 1 galas as follows:

Gala 1 – Teams that were 1st, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 18th,

Gala 2 – Teams that were 2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th,

Gala 3 – Teams that were 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th,

ROUND 2: the results of Round 1 shall be used to decide the teams that shall swim in the galas on the designated Round 2 date in the following manner:

Gala 1: Teams that were 1st in gala 1, 2nd in gala 2, 3rd in gala 3, 4th in gala 1, 5th in gala 2, 6th in gala 3

Gala 2: Teams that were 1st in gala 2, 2nd in gala 3, 3rd in gala 1, 4th in gala 2, 5th in gala 3, 6th in gala 1

Gala 3: Teams that were 1st in gala 3, 2nd in gala 1, 3rd in gala 2, 4th in gala 3, 5th in gala 1, 6th in gala 2

ROUND III The League Points after Round 2 shall be used to decide the teams that shall swim in the galas as follows:

Gala 1: The six teams gaining the highest total of League Points after Round 2.

Gala 2: The teams gaining the next highest total of League Points after Round 2.

Gala 3 (Division 2) The teams gaining the next highest total of League Points after

Round 2.

17.2 Gala Points

At each gala point for each event, individual and relay will be as follows:

1st place in each race will be awarded 6 points reducing to 1 point for 6th place.

In the event of a dead heat the two points should be added together and divided by two e.g. where there is a dead heat for second place, the points for 2nd (5) and 3rd (4) are added together and each

club is awarded 4½ points.

No points shall be awarded for disqualification or no swimmer.

To determine placing's if teams tie on points after:

ROUND I Placing for the purposes of determining the ROUND II draw only, the number of first places to be taken into account, then seconds until a winner is determined.

ROUND II In the event of a tie for league points, the total number of gala points scored in ROUNDS I & II will be taken into account. If there is a tie on the total gala points then the total number of first places etc. will determine league positions.

ROUND III The final league tables will be determined by the number of league points gained from all galas with tied placing's to be determined by the number of gala points gained in round 3. If there is a tie on the total gala points then the total number of first places etc. in Round III will be taken into account. The total Gala Points for each team in a gala that does not have the same number of teams competing in other galas in the same division shall be adjusted by the League Secretary in accordance with the formula: accepted points = recorded points x (base team requirement +1 / number of teams competing + 1) points will be rounded to the nearest half point.

17.3 League Points

At each gala league point's for each event, individual and relay will be as follows:

ROUND I & II League points will be awarded for gala results as follows:

1st. placed team in each gala shall be awarded 6 league points reducing to 1 point for 6th place.

In ROUND III In division 1 12 bonus points will be awarded to the teams ranked 1-6 (gala 1) to ensure they retain their league position above teams ranked 7-12.

In division 2 where there are three galas the teams ranked 1-6 (gala 1) will be awarded 24 bonus points 7-12 (gala 2) 18 bonus points will be awarded to each team.

ROUND III League points will be awarded for gala results as follows:

1st. placed team in each gala shall be awarded 12 league points reducing by two for each place down to 2 point for 6th place.

Where less than 6 teams compete in a division league points will be awarded as follows:-

1st – 6	2nd – 5	3rd – 4	4th – 3	5th - 1
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18. Team Late Arrival.

In the event of a club arriving late a gala will be held back, at the discretion of the Referee, for a maximum of 15 minutes

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