

ARENA JUNIOR INTER-LEAGUE SWIMMING COMPETITION

(Affiliated direct to the ASA)

Section B: Competition Rules

15. **Agent:** Any member League acting as the Organising League for any of the Inter-League Competitions shall act as the Agent of the Arena Junior Inter-League Competition assuming the Promoter's duties for that particular competition.
16. **Date and Venue:** The competition will take place on the last Sunday in November in the year of the member Leagues' competitions. The venue shall be decided by the League responsible for the organising of the Inter-League Final.
17. **Pool Size:** Only six (6) or eight (8) lane pools of 25 metres shall be used.

Ages: The qualifying ages shall be the date of the last Sunday in November (ie, the date of the competition) for 9 year olds and 31 December in the year of competition for 10 to 12 year olds.

18. **Programme of Events:** The programme of events and distances to be swum are as follows:

Individual Events	9 years	10 years	11/under	12/under
Freestyle	50 metres	50 metres	50 metres	50 metres
Breaststroke	50 metres	50 metres	50 metres	50 metres
Backstroke	50 metres	50 metres	50 metres	50 metres
Butterfly	25 metres	50 metres	50 metres	50 metres
Relays				
	9 years	10/under	11/under	12/under
Freestyle Medley	4 x 25 metres	4 x 25 metres	4 x 25 metres	4 x 50 metres
Mixed Freestyle Team	8 x 25 metres (1 boy + 1 girl from each age group in ascending order).			

20. **Limitations of Swims:** All competing members shall be bona fide members of Clubs they represent and shall be eligible to swim in accordance with ASA Law. No swimmers under the age of nine, as at the last Sunday in November in the year of competition, may compete in this competition. Each competitor is limited to 2 swims in their own age group plus one in an age group above in individual events, except 9 year olds who are limited to two individual races in their own age group. There is no restriction with regard to the number of team races except for 9 year olds who shall be restricted to team races for 9 and 10 year olds. Team lists are to be handed to the Recorder by all competing teams, these are to be retained by the Organising League for 12 months.
21. **Lane Allocation:** The positions gained in the Regional Finals shall determine the lane allocation in the Final in a spearhead formation. The two Clubs finishing top in their Regional Final will be allocated lanes 4 and 5 (north and south) with the Clubs finishing second being allocated 3 and 6, Clubs gaining third place will swim in lanes 2 and 7 and fourth place Clubs will swim in lanes 1 and 8. The Clubs will swim alternate south, north Regional Finalists across the pool.

22. **Finishes:** All finishes shall take into account safety guidelines for diving into swimming pools, and shall, where practical, be at the shallow end of the pool.
23. **ASA Law:** All events shall be swum under ASA Rules and ASA Technical Rules of Swimming.
24. **First Claim:** Any competitor having swum for one Club in any of the member Junior Leagues is to be ineligible to swim for another Junior League Club competing in the Regional competitions or Inter-League Final in the current year of competition, ie 1 January to 31 December.
25. **Qualification for Final:** If a Club qualifies to represent more than one League in Inter-League competitions, that Club shall represent the League of which they were first a member.
26. **Waiting Time:** No waiting time to be permitted at an Inter-League competition.
27. **Officials:** The League hosting a Regional Final or the Inter-League Final is to be responsible for providing all Officials necessary to run the competition, except timekeepers. Each competing Club is to be responsible for providing two Timekeepers. All officials must be drawn from an ASA District or County List.
28. **Chaperones:** A Chaperone may escort competitors to the end of the pool, but shall withdraw once competitors come under the Referee's control or the start of an event.
29. **Interpretation of Rules:** Interpretation of any contingency not covered by these Rules is to be determined by the Executive Committee.
30. **Penalty for Illegal Swims:** The Recorders shall maintain a check on the number of swims per swimmer. In the event of the Recorders finding that a swimmer has swum an illegal swim that swimmer shall be disqualified from all events he/she wrongly competed in. The points gained from such events shall be deleted from his/her team score. It may be necessary to re-allocate points to the other competing teams. In addition twelve (12) points are to be deducted from the overall team score of the team penalised for the illegal swim.