

# ARENA JUNIOR INTER-LEAGUE SWIMMING COMPETITION

(Affiliated direct to the ASA)

## COMPETITION RULES

1. **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.
2. **Date and Venue:** The Inter League Grand Final will take place on the last Sunday in November in the year of the member Leagues' competitions. The venue shall be decided by the Executive Committee.
3. The Inter League Regional Finals will take place on the first Sunday in October. The venue shall be decided by the League responsible for the organising of the Inter-League Final.
4. **Pool Size:** Pools of 25 metres shall be used.
5. **Ages:** The qualifying ages shall be 31 December for 10, 11 and 12 year olds and the date of the last Sunday in November, ie the date of the competition for 9 year olds.
6. **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
<b>Relays</b>				
	9 years	10/under	11/under	12/under
Freestyle	4 x 25 metres	4 x 25 metres	4 x 25 metres	4 x 50 metres
Medley				
Mixed Freestyle Team	8 x 25 metres (1 boy + 1 girl from each age group in ascending order).			

7. **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. Final team lists for the are to be handed to the Recorder by all competing teams, these are to be retained by the Organising League for 12 months.
8. **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.
9. **Forfeiture:** All member leagues must, before the 20<sup>th</sup> September each year, have provided details of the Qualifying club from their league to the Secretary of the Arena Junior



Inter-League for conveyance onto the Organising Committee of the member League responsible for the organisation of the Regional Final. Failure to comply with this will result in the member League forfeiting their place at that years Regional final.

10. **ASA Law:** All events shall be swum under ASA Rules and ASA Technical Rules of Swimming.
11. **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.
12. **Points:** Points shall be awarded on a reverse winning order basis according to the number of teams allocated to compete in the gala. In the event of a dead heat, the teams will be awarded equal points. The winning team will be the one with the most points. No points will be awarded for the non-submission of a swimmer, a disqualification or ineligible swimmer already registered with the Referee.
13. **Allocation of final points:** If there is a tie at the end of the competition the final points will be decided by number of 1<sup>st</sup> positions awarded, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> positions, if required, etc.
14. **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.
15. **Waiting Time:** No waiting time to be permitted at an Inter-League competition.
16. **Officials:** The League hosting Regional Final, or the Inter-League Final is to be responsible for providing the Referees, Starter and any additional Officials that may be required to run the competition. Each competing Club must provide qualified and licensed 2 x J1 and 1 x J2.
17. **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.
18. **Interpretation of Rules:** Interpretation of any contingency not covered by these Rules is to be determined by the Executive Committee.
19. **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.