

NORTH LANCASHIRE SWIMMING AND WATER POLO ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to ASA North West Region

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C. Myles, 1932-1933; R. Hodgson, 1934-1935; R. Marshall, 1936-1939, 1947-1953;
L. Dean, 1954-1955; C.M. O'Callaghan, 1956-1957, A.H. Turner, 1958-1959;
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F. Moorhouse, 1966-1967; A.E. Shipley, 1968-1969; G. Musk, 1970-1971; T. Lyth, 1972-1973;
J. Sharples, 1974-1975; G.H. Harris, 1976-1977; H. Booth, 1978-1979;
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N Cowburn, 1998-1999, T Detko, 2000-2001, B Walsh, 2002-2003, Mrs J Whittle 2003-2005,
M Carroll 2005-2007, G Whittle 2007-2009, A Howarth 2009-2011, Mrs J Whittle 2011-2013,
R Thompson 2014-2015

Past Hon Secretaries

B. Clumpstey, 1892-1894; T. Greenwood, 1895; T. Clegg, 1896-1914; E.V. Todd, 1914-1918;
R. Marshall, 1919-1935; J. Wilding, 1936-1956; A.H. Turner, 1956-1960; H.S. Johnston, 1960-1966; G.H. Harris,
1967-1989; E. Fitchie 1990-2000; S Tinkler 2001-2015

Rules of the Association relating to competitions

1 Fixtures Meeting

1.1 A meeting shall be held for the purpose of finalising fixtures for the Swimming League and the Water Polo League competitions.

1.2 Clubs taking part in either the Swimming League or Water Polo League MUST be represented at the Fixtures Meeting.

1.3 Failure to attend the Fixtures Meeting, without reasonable cause, may result in a Club being expelled from the competition(s) for the current year and/or a fine not exceeding £100.

1.4 Once a fixture has been made, it may not be rearranged without the consent, in writing, of either the Hon. Swimming or Water Polo Secretary, who MUST have the agreement in writing of a majority of competing Clubs.

1.5 Failure to comply with rule 1.4 may result in all Clubs involved being liable to a fine not exceeding £100.

2 Life Members

To mark exceptional service, Life Members may be elected at an Executive Meeting by a majority of two thirds of those present and voting, such election to be subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting.

3 Selection

A swimmer, having been selected and having accepted his selection to participate in any Association team event, who without reasonable cause, fails to keep his engagement, shall render himself liable to disciplinary action.

4 Awards

The Association will make the following awards annually;

Bob Marshall Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded to the Club whose swimmers obtain the greatest number of points in the Individual Championships. Points to be awarded as follows; 1st place - 3 points, 2nd place - 2 points and 3rd place - 1 point). In the event of a tie on aggregate points, the Clubs tying shall hold the trophy jointly.

Brian Porter Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded each year to the Club whose particular teams obtain the greatest number of points in the Squadron and Cannon Championships. Points to be awarded as follows; 1st place - 3 points, 2nd place - 2 points and 3rd place - 1 point). In the event of a tie on aggregate points, the Clubs tying shall hold the trophy jointly.

Jack Sharples Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded each year to the Club obtaining the most points in both the Water Polo League and the Swimming League shall be awarded this trophy. In the event of two or more Clubs gaining equal points, the title and trophy shall be held jointly.

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The Merigold Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded annually to the team obtaining the most points in the Water Polo League. In the event of a tie on aggregate points, the teams tying shall hold the trophy jointly.

The Association Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded annually to the team obtaining the most points in the Junior Water Polo Winter League. In the event of a tie on aggregate points, the teams tying shall hold the trophy jointly.

Darwen ASC Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded annually to the team who to the winning team in the Swimming League- Division One.

Clitheroe & District ASC Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded annually to the team who to the winning team in the Swimming League- Division Two.

John Wilding Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded annually to the team who to the winning team in the Swimming League- Division Three.

Richard Hodgson Trophy

This trophy shall be awarded annually to the team who to the team obtaining the most points in the Autumn Knockout Competition.

George Harris Salver

The George Harris Salver is available to the Club, Official, Teacher, Coach, Swimmer or Administrator, deemed by the Executive to have done the most to popularise or project the image of any of the various disciplines covered by ASA Laws, either within or for the Association.

The award may be withheld in any year at the discretion of the Executive.

Nominations for this award from member Clubs to be submitted to the Hon Secretary of the Association by August 1st. The Hon Secretary will then circulate nominations to delegates by 1st September, in order that Clubs can discuss and place their vote at the next Executive Meeting thereafter.

5 Trophies

All trophies presented to the Association shall remain the property of the Association and are awarded on a perpetual basis only.

The Executive Committee shall make regulations for the care and control of all trophies owned by the Association.

Except for the trophies mentioned at Rule 4 above, the executive may allocate trophies to competitions, after consideration of the known wishes of, and, where possible, consultation with the donor.

6 Interpretation

Any question arising as to the correct interpretation of any of these rules, or any other question not herein provided for, shall be decided by the Executive.

Competition Conditions

Conditions for licensed graded meets

1. The Competition

- 1.1 The Association will, each year, promote Swimming Competitions.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Competitions is to determine the team selection for the Inter-Association Competition and other team competitions that the Executive may decide to enter.
- 1.3 The Competition will take place each year and will be completed in accordance with the ASA Swimming Calendar and, before the Inter-Association Competition.
- 1.4 The Competition shall be open to ASA members of Clubs, which are affiliated to the Association and duly registered with the Association.
- 1.5 Awards shall be made to those swimmers achieving first, second and third places or when the swimmer exceeds any time limits, a speeding ticket.
- 1.6 The entry fee will be reviewed each year and determined by the Executive taking note of any recommendation given by the Swimming Sub-Committee.

2. Entering the Competition

- 2.1 All Clubs will be circulated with Entry Forms, Calendars and other relevant information on the association's web site.
- 2.2 Competitors shall compete in their own age group only but may enter any number of events in that age group.
- 2.3 The closing date for entries will be set by the Swimming Committee.
- 2.4 All entries will be made on the official Entry Form provided by the Hon Swimming Secretary and submitted, in bulk, through Club Secretaries or other designated Club official along with the appropriate fees. Individual entries and those not submitted via Club Secretaries or other designated Club official may not be accepted.
- 2.5 Appropriate fees for all entries must be received by the Hon Swimming Secretary before the start of the Gala. Those entries not paid for, will be considered invalid.
- 2.6 The Programme of events and the awards to be made will be arranged by the Swimming Committee and approved by the Executive.
- 2.7 For Declared Heat Winner events, submitted times, converted to a 25m pool size using ASA Equivalent Performance Tables, will be required.

3. Team Selection

- 3.1 All swimmers selected for the North Lancashire Team MUST attend and participate in the events at the licensed graded meets and using national rankings. Seven days prior, written notice of any unavailability must be given by the swimmer's parent or guardian, both to the Hon Age Groups Secretary and the Team Manager.
- 3.2 Only bona fide reasons for non-attendance will be acceptable. Any swimmer in default without just cause may, thereafter, be excluded from future North Lancashire Team events for such period and/or upon such conditions as the Executive in its absolute discretion shall determine.

4. Disputes and Protests

- 4.1 The Promoter of the Competitions is the Association.
- 4.2 Any dispute regarding the eligibility of a swimmer to participate in the competition shall be settled by the Referee, according to the Promoters Conditions and ASA laws. If there can be no agreement or if there is insufficient information to settle the dispute, then the Gala must be swum under protest and the matter reported to the Association Hon Secretary within 7 days, who shall either:
 - a) Report the matter to the next Executive Meeting,
 - b) Call an Emergency Committee Meeting to resolve the dispute, or
 - c) Deal with the matter in accordance with ASA Judicial Laws

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Conditions for Association Individual Championships

1. The Competition

- 1.1 The Association will, each year, promote individual Swimming Championships.
- 1.2 The Competition shall be open to members of Clubs, which are affiliated to the Association.
- 1.3 The entry fee will be reviewed each year and determined by the Executive taking note of any recommendation given by the Swimming Committee.
- 1.4 The Competition will be held each year on a date or dates to be determined by the Executive taking due note of recommendations from the Swimming Committee.
- 1.5 The competition shall be open to ASA members of Clubs which are affiliated to the Association and duly registered with the Association.
- 1.6 The Competition may be run either as a separate gala, combined with the Squadron Championships or it may be run concurrently with the Age Group Competitions.
- 1.7 If the Competition is run concurrently with the Age Group Competitions then control of the Competition will pass over to the Hon Age Groups Secretary

2. Entering the Competition

- 2.1 All Clubs will be circulated with Entry Forms, Calendars and other relevant information at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in the December prior to the year of competition.
- 2.2 The closing date for entries will be set by the Swimming Committee and will be at least three weeks before the gala each year unless the Championships run concurrently with the Age Group Trials, in which case the closing date will be the same as that for the Age Group Competitions.
- 2.3 All entries will be made on the official Entry Form provided by the Hon Swimming Secretary and submitted, in bulk, through Club Secretaries or other designated Club official along with the appropriate fees. Individual entries and those not submitted via Club Secretaries or other designated Club official may not be accepted.
- 2.4 Entries received without the appropriate fees will be considered to be invalid

3. The Competition

- 3.1 All age groups are determined to be Open except for the Junior Gents and Junior Ladies Competition events where competitors must be under 17 years of age on 31st December in the year of competition.
- 3.2 Where dimensions of the bath make it necessary, the distance of 50mtrs, 100mtrs, and 200mtrs shall be substituted accordingly. These alteration distances shall be recognised for record purposes. Record times can only be set in baths of 25mtrs or 50mtrs in length.

4. Trophies

- 4.1 The following events are to be held annually and the trophies indicated will be awarded to the winner to be held for twelve months or until the promoter requests their return to the Association:

Junior Ladies 50m Freestyle	Association Trophy
Junior Gents 50m Freestyle	Association Trophy
Ladies 100m Breaststroke	Windsor Winter Woollies Trophy
Gents 100m Breaststroke	Association Trophy
Ladies 100m Backstroke	F. Tibbett's Trophy
Gents 100m Backstroke	Fleetwood & District ASC Trophy
Ladies 100m Freestyle	Mary Kenyon Trophy
Gents 100m Freestyle	Baxendale Cup
Ladies 100m Butterfly	Susan Brown Trophy
Gents 100m Butterfly	Fleetwood & District ASC Trophy
Ladies 200m Freestyle	Tomlinson Trophy
Gents 200m Freestyle	George Butler Trophy
Ladies 4 X 100m Individual Medley	Association Trophy
Gents 4 X 100m Individual Medley	Association Trophy

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- a) Report the matter to the next Executive Meeting,
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Conditions for Squadron Championships

1. The Competition

- 1.1 The Association will, each year, promote the Squadron Championships.
- 1.2 The Competition shall be open to Clubs affiliated to the Association.
- 1.3 The entry fee will be reviewed each year and determined by the Executive taking note of any recommendation given by the Swimming Committee.
- 1.4 The Competition will be held each year on a date or dates to be determined by the Executive taking due note of recommendations from the Swimming Committee.
- 1.5 Team members shall be ASA members of Clubs affiliated to the Association and duly registered with the Association.

2. Entering the Competition

- 2.1 All Clubs will be circulated with Entry Forms.
- 2.2 The closing date for entries will be set by the Swimming Committee and will be at least three weeks before the gala each year.
- 2.3 All entries will be made on the official Entry Form provided by the Hon Swimming Secretary and submitted, in bulk, through Club Secretaries or other designated Club official along with the appropriate fees. Individual entries and those not submitted via Club Secretaries or other designated Club official may not be accepted.
- 2.4 Entries received without the appropriate fees will be considered to be invalid

3. The Competition

- 3.1 In the Squadron events, each team will consist of 4 swimmers. Each swimmer shall swim one or two lengths of the pool as shall be determined by the Swimming Committee. In events designated as 12 and under, all swimmers must be aged 12 years old or under and in events designated as 13 / 14 years, all swimmers must be 13 or 14 years old on the day stated in Rule 3.7.
- 3.2 In the Ladies and Gents Cannon Squadron events, each team shall consist of 6 swimmers, 2 of whom must be 12 years old or under as, 2 of whom must be 13 or 14 years old and 2 other swimmers aged as on the day stated in Rule 3.7 below. Each swimmer shall swim one or two lengths of the pool as shall be determined by the Swimming Sub-Committee
- 3.3 In the Mixed Cannon event, each team shall consist of 12 swimmers, 2 males and two females who must be 12 years old or under, 2 males and 2 females who must be 13 or 14 years old and two other males and two other females on the day stated in Rule 3.7. Each swimmer shall swim one or two lengths of the pool as shall be determined by the Swimming Committee
- 3.4 Clubs may enter more than one team, but no more than three teams, into the Competition.
- 3.5 Clubs having more than one team in the Competition must, before the start of the Competition, submit details, on separate registration forms, of the members of each team. There shall be no transfers between teams once the registration forms have been submitted. The swimmer of any team who has been transferred from one team to another will be considered ineligible.
- 3.6 The swimming of an ineligible swimmer in an event will result in their team being eliminated from that event.
- 3.7 The age of the swimmers will be age at midnight on the date of the competition.

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4. Trophies

4.1 The following events will be held annually and the trophies indicated will be awarded to the winning teams to be held for twelve months or until the promoter requests their return to the Association.

Girls 12/under Freestyle	Garstang ASC Trophy
Boys 12/under Freestyle	Carnforth & District Trophy
Girls 12/under Medley	Darwen Trophy
Boys 12/under Medley	Piranha ASC Trophy
Girls 13/14 Freestyle	George Wilson Memorial Trophy
Boys 13/14 Freestyle	Fearfull Trophy
Girls 13/14 Medley	Blackpool Trophy
Boys 13/14 Medley	Ian & Jean Gibb Trophy
Ladies Open Freestyle	Newton Hall SC Trophy
Gents Open Freestyle	Fred Holmes Shield
Ladies Open Medley	Accrington ASC Shield
Gents Open Medley	Corner Shield
Gents Cannon	Lancaster City ASC Shield
Ladies Cannon	Clitheroe & District ASC Shield
Mixed Cannon	Fleetwood & District ASC Shield

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- a) Report the matter to the next Executive Meeting,
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Conditions for Association Swimming League

1. The Competition

- 1.1 The Association will, each year, promote a Swimming League Competition.
- 1.2 The Competition should take place between 1st January and 31st July each year.
- 1.3 The Competition shall be open to Clubs correctly affiliated to the Association.
- 1.4 Awards shall be made to the winners of each division in accordance with Rule of the Association.
- 1.5 The entry fee will be determined each year by the Executive taking note of any recommendation given by the Swimming Committee.
- 1.6 The Current Entry Fee to this Competition is £20 per team.
- 1.7 Team members shall be members of Clubs affiliated to the Association.
- 1.8 Age as at 31st July in the year of competition.

2. Entering the Competition

- 2.1 Any Club wishing to take part in the Association Swimming League Competition must indicate their intention to the Hon Swimming League Secretary by the 1st November in the year preceding the competition. Applications received after this date may not be accepted.
- 2.2 Clubs may enter any number of teams into the Competition.
- 2.3 All Clubs having more than one team in the Competition shall list Twelve swimmers who shall be starred as "A" team only competitors, comprising of two girls and two boys from each age group. Such Lists shall be submitted to the Swimming League Secretary on or before the 1st January in the year of competition.
- 2.4 No swimmers once competing for the "A" team they may not then swim for any lower ranked team.
- 2.5 New teams will join the League at the bottom of the lowest division.
- 2.6 Swimmers can only represent one club in the competition in any year but may represent their new club if they haven't already swum for their previous Club in that year.

3. Exclusion, Withdrawal and Suspension

- 3.1 In the event of any Club withdrawing or being suspended from the Swimming League during the season, their record of points thus far shall be expunged from the League Tables.

4. Organisation of Fixtures

- 4.1 A Fixtures Meeting shall take place following the Annual General meeting of Association. Each club competing in the Swimming League for the following year must a representative to this meeting.
- 4.2 The actual date, time and location of this meeting will be communicated to the Clubs involved by the Hon Swimming League Secretary.
- 4.3 Once a fixture has been made, it may not be rearranged without the consent, in writing, of the Hon Swimming League Secretary, who **MUST** have the agreement, in writing, of at least three of the competing Clubs.
- 4.4 Failure to comply with the above condition may result in all Clubs involved being liable to a fine not exceeding £100.
- 4.5 Clubs **MUST** inform the Hon Swimming League Secretary of the start time and location at which their fixtures will be held. This information will be included on the Associations Web site (www.swimnorthlancs.co.uk) along with the dates and match details.

5. Gala Organisation

- 5.1 The Home Club shall appoint a ASA Licensed Official (minimum qualification J2S) to referee.
- 5.2 Each competing team shall appoint a Judge. The Referee will allocate their duties.
- 5.3 The Home team shall pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Referee.
- 5.4 No League Fixture shall be scheduled to start later than 8:00pm, except on Friday or Saturday when the scheduled starting time may be no later than 8:30pm.
- 5.5 Any Club causing to fixture to start more than 15 minutes late shall be reported by the Referee to the Hon Swimming Secretary. This, in turn will be reported to the Executive who may inflict a fine not exceeding £100. This condition applies equally to Home and Visiting teams.
- 5.6 The lane allocation for each gala will be by random draw conducted by the Referee.

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- 5.7 If all the teams cannot agree a date for a fixture, then if 3 or more teams agree on a date, the fixture will be completed on that date. This will depend on the availability of the home team providing a location to hold the fixture.
- 5.8 Each Club must provide a signed, fully completed team sheet in the format prescribed by the league to the recorder prior to the commencement of the gala.
- 5.9 A club failing to provide a signed, fully completed team sheet in the format prescribed by the league shall incur a fine of £50
- 5.10 It is the responsibility of the Home Club to submit the signed team sheets, the score sheet and the referee's slips to the Hon Swimming League Secretary within 7 days of the gala date.
- 5.11 Any Home Club failing to submit the correct gala paperwork within 28 days may be subject to sanctions to be determined by the swimming committee
- 5.12 A club failing to comply with rule 5.10 shall be subject to a fine of £50
- 5.13 Fines levied under rule 5.9 and 5.12 should be paid to the Hon Treasurer of the Association within 7 days of being notified by the Hon Swimming League Secretary
- 5.14 A club failing to comply with the rule 5.13 may be subject to sanctions to be determined by the Swimming Committee.

6. Competition Rules

- 6.1 The number of teams per division and the number of divisions will be decided by the Hon Swimming League Secretary dependent upon the number of teams having entered the Competition. Priority will be given to maximising the number of divisions.
- 6.2 As far as possible, the divisions will consist of an equal number of teams with any imbalance being taken first in the higher divisions.
- 6.3 The Hon Swimming Secretary has the formula to determine the home and away fixtures regardless of the number of teams in the division.
- 6.4 The top and bottom teams in each relevant division will be promoted and relegated respectively at the end of the season, wherever possible and regardless of conditions 6.2 and 6.3 above.
- 6.5 Teams shall compete in three sections, each section being divided into Male and Female sub-sections.
- 6.6 The three sections are defined as follows:
 - 12/under
 - 14/under
 - Open Age

6.7 Events

The individual events, in each sub-section for Male/Female shall be Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle. The distances shall be 50 metres or the nearest distance that the pool will allow.

In each section there shall be a 4x50m freestyle and Medley relay.

Event 1 shall be a 4x50 metre Mixed medley relay comprising 2 male and 2 female swimming in that order. The team will be comprised of a male or female from the 12/under age group, a male and female from the 14/under group and a male or female from the open age group. The open swimmer must be aged 15 or over for this event

Event 38 shall be a 6x50 metre Mixed Freestyle Relay comprising of 1 male and 1 female from each of the three sections being swum in any order

- 6.8 A swimmer may take place in not more than two individual events and in any number of relay events, provided they do not swim in any age group for which they do not qualify. Any Club swimming a swimmer in breach of this condition, shall be deemed to have swum an ineligible swimmer

- 6.9 Gala points are to be awarded as follows:

All Events

1st place	4 points
2nd place	3 points
3rd place	2 point
4th place	1 point

with 0 points being awarded for any disqualification.

- 6.11 Upon completion of the fixture, League Points shall be awarded as follows:

1st place	4 points
2nd place	3 points
3rd place	2 points

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4th place 1 point

7. Ineligibility and Failure to Compete

- 7.1 Any Club swimming an ineligible person in any race shall forfeit the gala points for the race plus a 10point penalty
- 7.2 Any Club failing to complete the whole of the programme by the 31st July in the year of competition shall forfeit the points for that fixture.
- 7.3 If the Home team fails to compete and the fixture does not take place, then the 9 remaining gala points for that fixture shall be distributed equally between the visiting teams.
- 7.4 If any visiting team fails to compete and the fixture takes place, then the 9 remaining league points will be awarded according to the result of the reduced fixture.

8. Disputes and Protests

- 8.1 The Promoter of the Competition is the Association.
- 8.2 Any dispute regarding the eligibility of a swimmer to participate in the Competition shall be settled by the Referee according to the Promoters Conditions. If there can be no agreement or if there is insufficient information to settle the dispute, then the Gala must be swum under protest and the matter reported to the Association Hon Secretary within 7 days, who shall either:
 - a) Report the matter to the next Executive Meeting,
 - b) Call an Emergency Committee Meeting to resolve the dispute, or
 - c) Deal with the matter in accordance with ASA Judicial Laws

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Conditions for Association Water Polo League

1. The Competition

- 1.1 The Association will, each year, promote a Water Polo League Competition.
- 1.2 The Competition will take place between 1st February and 31st October each year.
- 1.3 The Competition shall be open to Clubs correctly affiliated to the Association.
- 1.4 Awards shall be made to the winners in accordance within the rules of the Association.
- 1.5 The entry fee will be determined each year by the Executive taking note of any recommendation given by the Water Polo Committee.
- 1.6 The Current Entry Fee to this Competition is £30 per team.
- 1.7 Team members shall be members of Clubs affiliated to the Association and duly registered with the Association.

2. Entering the Competition

- 2.1 Any Club wishing to take part in the Association Water Polo League Competition must indicate their intention to the Hon Water Polo Secretary by the 14th December in the year preceding the competition. Applications received after this date may not be accepted.
- 2.2 Clubs may enter any number of teams into the Competition.
- 2.3 All Clubs having more than one team in the Competition shall, by the 1st February in the year of competition, have submitted details, on separate registration forms, of the members of each team to the Hon Water Polo Secretary.
- 2.4 No water polo player shall compete in more than one team during the year of competition and, where a Club has entered more than one team, no water polo player may be registered for more than one team during the same year. Failure to comply with this condition will cause the water polo player to be deemed ineligible.

3. Exclusion, Withdrawal and Suspension

- 3.1 In the event of any Club withdrawing or being suspended from the Water Polo League during the season, their record of points thus far shall be expunged from the League Tables.

4. Organisation of Fixtures

- 4.1 A Fixtures Meeting shall take place, in accordance within the rules of the Association, at a location be decided beforehand for the purpose of finalising fixtures for the Water Polo League.
- 4.2 The actual date, time and location of this meeting will be communicated to the Clubs involved by the team manager/coach/captain prior to the fixture.
- 4.3 If the team cannot make the fixture once it has been arranged then the home club can:
 1. Re-arrange the match with the away team
 2. if the game cannot be re-arranged then the club that could not fulfill the fixture will have to give up the game and the other team will win the game 5-0.
- 4.4 Failure to comply with the above condition may result in all Clubs involved being liable to a fine not exceeding £100.
- 4.5 Clubs **MUST** inform the Hon Water Polo Secretary the start time and location at which their fixtures will be held.

5. Match Organisation

- 5.1 It shall be the duty of the Home Club to provide two competent Timekeepers and a Secretary.
- 5.2 At all matches, each team manager/coach/captain, before entering the water, shall give to the Referee a list of his players with cap numbers.
- 5.3 All under 18s should be marked on the match sheet with a single cross next to their name.
- 5.4 The home team shall appoint neutral Referees for each match.
- 5.5 The home team will send one match sheet to the Hon Water Polo secretary, giving one sheet to the away team and keeping one match sheet. Failing to send match sheet to the Hon. Water Polo secretary will incur a £5 fine per missing match sheet.
- 5.6 Each team shall meet its own travelling expenses. The Home team shall pay any expenses incurred in the hiring of baths, or equipment and the expenses of the appointed Referees in accordance with ASA Law.

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6. Competition Rules

- 6.1 Each team shall meet each other twice, Home and Away, during the season.
- 6.2 Two League points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.
- 6.3 In the event of a tie in points between two or more Clubs at the completion of the Competition
- 6.4 The game will be played under the FINA rules 2013-2017 with the exception of :
 - a). WP12.1 – Only two times out permeated during a game
 - b). WP5.1 – The team can have twelve outfield players and only one goalkeeper.
 - c). WP11.2 – There should be a 2 minute interval at half time.

7. Ineligibility and Failure to Compete

- 7.1 Any Club playing an ineligible person section shall forfeit the points for the fixture and these shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- 7.2 Any Club failing to fulfill any League fixture on the arranged day shall forfeit the points for the fixture and these shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- 7.2 Any Club failing to complete the whole of the programme by the 30th October in the year of competition shall forfeit the points for those outstanding fixtures and the opposite team will get a 5-0 win.

8. Disputes and Protests

- 8.1 The Promoter of the Competition is the Association.
- 8.2 Any dispute regarding the eligibility of a water polo player to participate in the Competition, shall be settled by the Referee according to the Promoters Conditions. If there can be no agreement or if there is insufficient information to settle the dispute, then the water polo match must be played under protest and the matter reported to the Association Hon Secretary and Hon Water Polo secretary within 7 days, who shall either:
 - a) Report the matter to the next Executive Meeting,
 - b) Call an Emergency Committee Meeting to resolve the dispute, or
 - c) Deal with the matter in accordance with ASA Judicial Laws

Appendix 1 Tie Breaking

- 1. If two (2) teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:
 - 1.1. The team winning the game between the two(2) teams shall be placed higher
 - 1.2. If the game between the two(2) teams resulted in a tie, a further classification shall be established based on their results against the other teams including tied teams in the order of their ranking; first based upon goal difference, and next, based upon goals scored. The comparison shall be made first, compared to the highest team or tied teams and then if still tied to the next highest team, and so on.
- 2. If three (3) or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:
 - 2.1 Any time during the application of the Section 2, when the number of the then tied teams is reduced to two(2), Section 1.1 and section 1.2 shall be followed.
 - 2.2 The results among the tied teams shall determine the placings. The comparison shall be made upon first, the points of the games then, next, the goal difference, and next, based upon goals scored.
 - 2.3 If more than two (2) teams are then still tied a further classification shall be established based on their results against the other teams including tied teams in order of their ranking: first, based upon goal difference, and next, based upon goals scored. The comparison shall be made first, compared to the highest team or tied teams, and then, if still tied, to the next highest team or tied teams, and so on.

Conditions for Association Junior Water Polo League

The conditions of the junior water polo league will be the same as the Water Polo League above, with the age limit of the water polo players being under 18 at the 1st February

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Details of Member Clubs

Those Clubs with entries highlighted have not yet fully informed the Association of their Officers for the coming year and their details could be incorrect.

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