CORNWALL & WEST DEVON LEAGUE
Rules for 2015 Season

Constitutional Rules

1. The League will be affiliated to the South West Region ASA.

2. All participating Clubs must be affiliated to either the Devon County ASA or Cornwall County ASA.

3. An Annual General Meeting will be held early in each year or at some other mutually agreed time to elect Officers, to consider changes to Rules and conduct other League business. Each club will have one delegate.

4. A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected annually at the AGM. Nominations may be made in advance to the Secretary, or at the AGM.

5. Changes to rules must be submitted in writing to the Secretary 15 days prior to the AGM and can be passed with a two thirds majority of those present and voting. The AGM may accept, reject or amend the proposed changes. There will be no quorum.

6. All member Clubs will pay a subscription per team entered agreed at the previous AGM to cover incidental expenses. This fee must reach the Treasurer by 31 January each year.

7. Clubs that have resigned from the League and wish to rejoin will be required to re-apply and will be considered as new applicants to join the League.

8. Applications to join the league should be submitted to Secretary and the application fee must reach the Treasurer by 31 January each year. These will be considered by the existing members.

Promoter's conditions / Competition rules

General arrangements:

1.1 Galas will be held under ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules.

1.2 The start of a gala may be delayed up to a maximum of 20 minutes to allow for the late arrival of a team.

1.3 The Officers (the Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary) shall have the power to decide any matter not covered by these Rules.

1.4 Any suspected misdemeanour or breach of the promoter's conditions identified at the time of the competition should be addressed solely through the referee who will refer the matter to the League Secretary when further investigation is required.

Eligibility of swimmers and event restrictions:

2.1. Swimmers may only compete for one club or team in any one year. Swimmers who belong to more than one club must swim only for the club they have designated to be the "Rank Club" or as defaults to the "Rank Club" on the ASA membership database, except that swimmers who do not have the League club as their "Rank Club" may be "borrowed" from other clubs subject to the following restrictions: (Note: if the "Rank Club" is not designated it defaults to the club of longest unbroken membership).

    a.   A national qualifier in any stroke may not be "borrowed".

    b.   "Borrowed" swimmers must be members of the club that "borrows" them and registered with the ASA as members of that club.

    c.   A maximum of three swimmers may be "borrowed" during the League swimming season. They may not swim in the final round unless they have swum in a previous round.

2.2   The AGM may allow teams of several clubs to participate in the League subject to any special conditions. In this case the names of all clubs in the team will be listed in documentation. When spare lanes are available in a gala clubs may enter a non-scoring team to give the swimmers experience of such competitions subject to the agreement of the host club or the League officers in advance.

2.3   Swimmers ages shall be as at the last day of the final round of the competition.

2.4   Swimmers may swim in a maximum of 2 individual events in their own age group and a maximum of 2 individual events in any higher age group.

Swimmers holding current National Age Group, National Youth, National Championships or British qualification may not compete in those strokes in individual or relay events (including those strokes in a medley relay event) in any age group including open in the final round.

2.5   Team lists must be handed to the Recorders table prior to the gala and not deviated from without exceptional circumstances, such as illness or injury, approved by the referee.

2.6   If a club enters more than one team, swimmers may swim in only one team in each round but may change their team between rounds.

2.7   A team swimming an ineligible swimmer in an event will receive no points for that event.

2.8   The secretary is empowered to check swimmer eligibility.

Technical officials:

3.1   Each team in a gala will provide a minimum of one Judge 1 or above.

3.2   The host club will provide in addition two full judges or above who could act as Referee and Starter.

3.3   Where a qualified referee or starter is provided by any club attending a gala, that qualified referee or starter will be used in that position in preference to a lesser qualified official. However a trainee referee or starter may be used under supervision.

3.4   Clubs having difficulty finding the necessary officials should contact the Secretary at least 7 days in advance of the gala and he will try to help find officials.

3.5   Timekeepers and timing are the responsibility of each club as it might wish and will play no part in determining the results of a race unless the referee wishes to refer to them.

3.6   The Cornwall & West Devon League is considered a good opportunity for training technical officials and every reasonable provision will be made for this.

Gala dates and pool hire:

4.1   The League Secretary or other designated person will decide on provisional dates for galas and location of galas in conjunction with prospective host clubs.

4.2   Host Clubs will pay the cost of pool hire and retain any profits made from entry fees, raffles and the sale of programmes. [The reasoning is that the host club will not incur travel costs but will incur pool hire costs. Visiting teams will mostly incur travel costs.]

Except that if the Life Centre is used for the final round, the teams will pay an equal contribution to the pool hire costs involved.

4.3   A club may be asked to host a gala at a nearby pool.

4.4   The host club will arrange the booking of the pool with the pool operator.

Notification of results:

5.1　Host clubs should send summary results to the Secretary by e-mail or phone on the evening of the gala and the full results, including team sheets, by post or e-mail as soon as possible after that.

5.2　The Secretary will post the results on the League website as soon as possible and inform the clubs to this effect by e-mail.

Penalties:

6.1 The League is intended to be a "friendly", low-level, cooperative league, and as such there are no specified penalties. Clubs should ensure their own compliance with the rules. In the case of serious or repeated non-compliance by a club the League Secretary will report the matter to the next AGM, which may impose conditions on the deviant club or expel it from the League.

The gala programme:

Event number	Sex	Age	Event
1	Girls	11, 13, 15 & under & Open	4 x 50m Cannon Freestyle Relay, youngest age group to oldest
2	Boys	11, 13, 15 & under & Open	4 x 50m Cannon Freestyle Relay, youngest age group to oldest
3	Girls	11 & under	50m Freestyle
4	Boys	11 & under	50m Freestyle
5	Girls	13 & under	50m Breaststroke
6	Boys	13 & under	50m Breaststroke
7	Girls	15 & under	100m Butterfly
8	Boys	15 & under	100m Butterfly
9	Girls	Open	100m Backstroke
10	Boys	Open	100m Backstroke
11	Girls	11 & under	50m Breaststroke
12	Boys	11 & under	50m Breaststroke
13	Girls	13 & under	50m Freestyle
14	Boys	13 & under	50m Freestyle
15	Girls	15 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
16	Boys	15 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
17	Girls	Open	4 x 50m Medley Relay
18	Boys	Open	4 x 50m Medley Relay
19	Girls	11 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
20	Boys	11 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
21	Girls	13 & under	4 x 50m Medley Relay
22	Boys	13 & under	4 x 50m Medley Relay
23	Girls	15 & under	100m Backstroke
24	Boys	15 & under	100m Backstroke
25	Girls	Open	100m Butterfly
26	Boys	Open	100m Butterfly
27	Girls	11 & under	50m Backstroke
28	Boys	11 & under	50m Backstroke
29	Girls	13 & under	50m Butterfly
30	Boys	13 & under	50m Butterfly
31	Girls	15 & under	100m Freestyle
32	Boys	15 & under	100m Freestyle
33	Girls	Open	100m Breaststroke
34	Boys	Open	100m Breaststroke
35	Girls	11 & under	50m Butterfly
36	Boys	11 & under	50m Butterfly
37	Girls	13 & under	50m Backstroke
38	Boys	13 & under	50m Backstroke
39	Girls	15 & under	100m Breaststroke
40	Boys	15 & under	100m Breaststroke
41	Girls	Open	100m Freestyle
42	Boys	Open	100m Freestyle
43	Girls	11 & under	4 x 50m Medley Relay
44	Boys	11 & under	4 x 50m Medley Relay
45	Girls	13 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
46	Boys	13 & under	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
47	Girls	15 & under	4 x 50m Medley Relay

48	Boys	15 & under	4 x 50m Medley Relay
49	Girls	Open	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
50	Boys	Open	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
51	Mixed	11, 13, 15 & under & Open	8 x 50m Freestyle Cannon Relay Girl before boy, youngest age group to oldest

The competition structure:

Number of teams, rounds and dates:

8.1   The competition will consist of 3 rounds on dates decided by the Secretary and confirmed at the AGM, normally in April, May and June.

8.2   The arrangements outlined below assume that there are 12 to 18 teams in the League. If the number changes the arrangements will need to be re-written.

Allocation of teams to galas:

9.1   Galas will be arranged to consist of 4, 5 or 6 teams depending on the number of teams in the league, the availability of pools and which round it is as explained below in the details for each round. A different arrangement will be made for Round 3 if the Plymouth Life Centre is used, as explained below.

9.2   Allocation to the first round will be made at the AGM. Allocation to galas in the subsequent rounds will be based on rankings from the previous round as described in the scoring system below.

9.3   In the event of unexpected problems caused, as examples, by non-availability of pools or withdrawal of teams, the secretary is empowered to make reasonable adjustments to the gala arrangements.

The scoring system and allocation to galas:

Round 1: Twelve to Fifteen Teams in the League:

Galas will consist of 5 or 4 teams in three galas.

This will be done by a random draw except that this may be modified to prevent both teams from the same club for competing against each other in Round 1 or to reduce travel distances in Round 1. a. Points will be awarded for each race as follows:

	5 teams attending						4 teams attending			
Place	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4
Points	5	4	3	2	1		4	3	2	1

In the event that only 3 teams actually attend the points will still be awarded 4, 3, 2.

In the event of a dead heat in a race, each team will be given equal points: For example if there is a dead heat for 3rd place in a race in a gala of 5 teams the points will be 5, 4, 3, 3, 1.

b.   Gala points will be calculated as follows:

The points achieved by a team in each race will be added together to obtain the total gala points for that team.

Teams will be ranked within a gala on the basis of number of gala points, followed by number of first places then number of second places if necessary.

When the number of teams in a round is a mixture of 5 & 4 the League Secretary will multiply the total gala points for each team in the galas with 4 teams by 6/5 and round up to a whole number to obtain "adjusted gala points".

c.   League points will be calculated as follows:

If there is an equal number of 5 teams in each gala the league points will be awarded as follows:

	5 teams				
Rank in gala	1	2	3	4	5
League points	5	4	3	2	1

If there is an equal number of 4 teams in each gala the league points will be awarded as follows:

	4 teams			
Rank in gala	1	2	3	4
League points	4	3	2	1

If there is an unequal number of 4 or 5 teams that actually attended the galas league points will be awarded as follows

	5 teams attended						4 teams attended			
Rank in gala	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4
League points	5	4	3	2	1		5	4	2	1

In the event that a team fails to attend a gala designed for 4 teams, league points will be awarded to the other teams as if the missing team were present, i.e. 5, 4, 2, and the missing team will receive no league points.

Round 1: Sixteen to Eighteen Teams in the League:

Galas will consist of 5 or 4 teams in four galas.

This will be done by a random draw except that this may be modified to prevent both teams from the same club for competing against each other in Round 1 or to reduce travel distances in Round 1.

If none of the teams in Galas 1 & 2 has a 5 (or 6) lane pool available and it is required, teams 17 and / or 18 will be moved to other galas by drawing lots.

a.　Points will be awarded for each race as follows:

	5 teams attending						4 teams attending			
Place	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4
Points	5	4	3	2	1		4	3	2	1

In the event that only 3 teams actually attend the points will still be awarded 4, 3, 2.

In the event of a dead heat in a race, each team will be given equal points: For example if there is a dead heat for 3rd place in a race in a gala of 5 teams the points will be 5, 4, 3, 3, 1.

b.　Gala points will be calculated as follows:

The points achieved by a team in each race will be added together to obtain the total gala points for that team.

Teams will be ranked within a gala on the basis of number of gala points, followed by number of first places then number of second places if necessary.

When the number of teams in a round is a mixture of 5 & 4 the League Secretary will multiply the total gala points for each team in the galas with 4 teams by 6/5 and round up to a whole number to obtain "adjusted gala points".

c.　League points will be calculated as follows:

If there is an equal number of 4 teams in each gala the league points will be awarded as follows:

	4 teams

Rank in gala	1	2	3	4
League points	4	3	2	1

If there is an unequal number of 4 or 5 teams that actually attended the galas league points will be awarded as follows

	5 teams attended				
Rank in gala	1	2	3	4	5
League points	5	4	3	2	1

	4 teams attended			
Rank in gala	1	2	3	4
League points	5	4	2	1

In the event that a team fails to attend a gala designed for 4 teams, league points will be awarded to the other teams as if the missing team were present, i.e. 5, 4, 2, and the missing team will receive no league points.

Rankings after Round One for entry into Round Two

a. Following Round 1 the teams will be ranked by "adjusted" gala points gained in Round 1.

b. In the event of a tie on gala points, the number of first places will be used to determine the rank order. If there is still a tie, the Secretary will draw lots.

Round 2: Twelve to Fifteen Teams in the League:

Galas will consist of 5 & 4 teams. Teams will be allocated to galas in the rank order in accordance with the following table where the number in the cell is the position in the ranking:

Gala 1	Gala 2	Gala 3
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15

Points for each race, gala points and league points will be awarded as for Round 1.

Round 2: Sixteen to Eighteen Teams in the League:

Galas will consist of 5 & 4 teams. Teams will be allocated to galas in the rank order in accordance with the following table where the number in the cell is the position in the ranking:

Gala 1	Gala 2	Gala 3	Gala 4
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18		

If none of the teams in Galas 1 & 2 has a 5 (or 6) lane pool available and it is required, teams 17 and / or 18 will be moved to other galas by the Secretary drawing lots.

Points for each race, gala points and league points will be awarded as for Round 1.

Rankings after Round Two for entry into Round Three

a. Following Round 2 the teams will be ranked by total league points obtained in Rounds 1 & 2.

b. In the event of a tie on league points, the total number of "adjusted" gala points obtained in Rounds 1 & 2 will be used to determine the rank order. It there is still a tie, the Secretary will draw lots.

Round 3:

Teams will be allocated to galas in the rank order following Rounds 1 & 2 in accordance with the following tables where the number in the cell is the position in the ranking:

Case 1: 12 teams in the league:

Gala 1	Gala 2
1	7
2	8
3	9
4	10
5	11
6	12

Case 2: 13 teams in the league:

Gala 1	Gala 2	Gala 3
1	6	10
2	7	11
3	8	12
4	9	13
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Case 3: 14 to 15 teams in the league:

Gala 1	Gala 2	Gala 3
1	6	11
2	7	12
3	8	13
4	9	14
5	10	15

Case 4: 16 to 18 teams in the league:

Gala 1	Gala 2	Gala 3
1	7	13
2	8	14
3	9	15
4	10	16
5	11	17
6	12	18

a.   Points will be awarded for each race as follows:

	6 teams					
Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
Points	6	5	4	3	2	1

	5 teams				
Place	1	2	3	4	5
Points	5	4	3	2	1

	4 teams			
Place	1	2	3	4
Points	4	3	2	1

In the event of a dead heat in a race, each team will be given equal points: For example if there is a dead heat for 3rd place in a race in a gala of 5 teams the points will be 5, 4, 3, 3, 1. b. Gala points will be calculated as follows:

The points achieved by a team in each race will be added together to obtain the total gala points for that team.

Teams will be ranked within a gala on the basis of number of gala points, followed by number of first places then number of second places if necessary.

When the number of teams in Round 3 is a mixture of 5 & 4 the League Secretary will multiply the total gala points for each team in the galas with 4 teams by 6/5 and round up to a whole number to obtain "adjusted gala points".

When the number of teams in Round 3 is a mixture of 6 & 5 the League Secretary will multiply the total gala points for each team in the galas with 5 teams by 7/6 and round up to a whole number to obtain "adjusted gala points".

(Adjusted gala points will only be calculated if required to separate a tie in league points in the final rankings.)

c. League points will be calculated as follows:

	6 teams					
Rank in gala	1	2	3	4	5	6
League points	6	5	4	3	2	1

	5 teams				
Rank in gala	1	2	3	4	5
League points	6	5	4	2	1

	4 teams			
Rank in gala	1	2	3	4
League points	5	4	2	1

If it is not found possible to use a sufficient number of 6 & 5 lane pools 5 & 4 lane pools will have to be used and the distribution, race points, gala points and league points will be as for Rounds 1 & 2.

Following Round 3:

League points achieved in Round 3 will be doubled for those teams swimming in the finalist gala (Gala 1) and each team will be given a bonus of 10 league points. (This will ensure that the top teams in the final rankings were in the finalist gala and awards can be made at that gala).

The teams swimming in Gala 2 in Round 3 will receive a bonus of 5 league points.

The teams swimming in Gala 3 (if any) or lower in Round 3 will receive no bonus league points.

Final rankings and awards:

Teams will be ranked in order of the total of league points achieved in all three rounds, including the doubling of points in finalist gala and the bonus points.

In the event of a tie the teams in the tie will be ranked in accordance with the total number of gala points (adjusted if necessary) achieved in all three rounds.

The winner's shield will be awarded to the team at the top of the rankings.

The old cup will be awarded to the top team in Gala 2.

The teams that have taken part in the top gala (Gala 1) will be awarded trophies.

A note on the reasoning behind the allocation of league points in the third round (Doubling of points and addition of 10 points / addition of 5 points)

The following example is based on anticipated average results after the second round with 17 teams:

Position in Round 3 gala	Points from Rounds 1 & 2 (R1 + R2)	Points from Round 3 (R3)	Total league points, R1 + R2 + R3
Top of Gala 1	10	(6 x 2) + 10	32
Bottom of Gala 1	8	(1 x 2) + 10	20
Top of Gala 2	7	6 + 5	18
Bottom of Gala 2	5	1 + 5	11
Top of Gala 3	4	5	9
Bottom of Gala 3	2	1	3

This shows that Gala 1 is genuinely the gala that determines the top 6 places in the League.

Added for 2016 – CDSSL

- For 2016 this part of the 2015 eligibility rule 2.4: "Swimmers holding current National Age Group, National Youth, National Championships or British qualification may not compete in those strokes in individual or relay events (including those strokes in a medley relay event) in any age group including open in the final round." has been replaced by: *"Swimmers holding a qualification for the British Championships (Long Course and/or Short Course) in the year of competition, or swimmers who were invited to compete in the British National Summer Championships and/or one of the Home Nations National Summer Championships in the previous year of competition may not compete in that/those particular stroke/s in individual and/or relay events (including those strokes in a Medley relay event) in any age group. For clarity, Home Nations National Summer Championships includes those of the English ASA, Scottish ASA and Welsh ASA"*