

Clyde Coast Mini League - Rules for 2023

Aim of the league:

The aim of the league is to introduce younger swimmer to a competitive atmosphere, and this should be a happy occasion for them. To encourage parents to participate as "Timekeepers" and for judges and above to assist as "Starters" or "Referees".

1. The league will consist of West District Affiliated Clubs. All swimmers must have Scottish Swimming (SASA) membership.
2. There will be three rounds with three clubs in each round.
3. The specified Programme of Events will be swum in each match. The points scoring system will be common to all matches, the first three rounds being 5, 3, 2 for all events.
4. A League Convenor will be appointed, and each participating club will appoint a League Representative.
5. The League Convenor will inform each representative of the groupings, for each round and the league positions after all the results for that round are received and checked. All results sheets to be forwarded to League Convenor within two days of the match. The website will be updated regularly. League points for each round will be awarded as follows.

The winner of each match	5 points
The second placed club	3 points
The third placed club	2 points
6. The groupings for each round will be randomly allocated as per the groupings sheet.
7. A charge of £75 to be made each year to cover the League Convenor's expenses, hire of pool for finals and purchase of prophies and medals. Cheques made payable to 'Clyde Coast Leagues' or BACS – Sort Code 83-24-15 Account No. 00129982.
8. All matches will be Level 4 Licenced Matches. Each host club to submit a Level 4 Registration Form to the West District which can be found on the West District website.
9. Coaches have a duty not to swim swimmers unable to swim legal strokes. The West District STO Committee have ruled that as it's not always possible for a qualified referee to attend each match, therefore:
 - During the first three rounds no swimmer will be disqualified.
 - In the finals, the ultimate decision must nevertheless lie with the Referee.
10. To encourage as many swimmers as possible taking part in the league, 10-, 11- and 12-years swimmers are only allowed 2 individual swims in their age group in the heats and finals. There are no restrictions on the number of individual swims for 9&under swimmers in their own age group. There are also no restrictions on the number of relay swims.

Clyde Coast Mini League – Host Clubs and Finals Information

Host Clubs

Please bear in mind the finishing time of the match where visiting teams have long journeys home with young swimmers, especially if they have school the next day. Saturday matches are preferable. All matches must be confirmed in writing/email within seven days, stating date, venue, and warm-up times. The visiting clubs must acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

The host club must obtain and send each of the participating clubs in that round a copy of the results showing swimmers name and time. A copy of these results is to be sent to the League Convenor within two days of the match date.

'B' Teams

Clubs can enter a 'B' team, with the following rules in place:

- 'A' and 'B' teams cannot swim in the same group at any point in the first 3 rounds. The random draw will be structured in a way to ensure that this does not occur.
- Only one team ('A' or 'B') can be put forward to the A or B Final. The team which is placed higher in the League Table will be in one of the Finals (if they qualify).
- Swimmers can move between 'A' and 'B' teams but only on the following basis:
 - o Individual swimmers can only compete in 3 rounds (excluding the finals)
 - o Individual swimmers cannot compete in the same round for 'A' and 'B' teams
- Clubs with 'A' and 'B' teams are asked to submit a list of swimmers selected for each team in each round to the League Convenor before the first team swims their round.

2023 Finals

This will be a Level 3 match and the League Convenor will apply and pay for licence out of league funds.

Finals points scoring will be 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for all events.

After round three finishes and before 30th June, the top six clubs will swim in the A final and clubs seven to twelve will swim in the B final, dates and venue to be arranged. The final placing will be determined by the league points. If the league points are equal for 6th and 12th places, the final placing will be determined by the meet points. In the case of two clubs with equal league and match points for 6th or 12th places, the club that has swum against the greater number of clubs will be allocated the place in the A or B final. If the clubs are still equal a swim-off, then needs to take place or if clubs prefer a toss of a coin.

For the A and B Finals withdrawals and changes to teams **must be** with the Recorder at least 30 minutes before the session start time. No late entries will be accepted.

Medals for the first 3 placed clubs and pin badges will be awarded to all 4th, 5th and 6th placed clubs in both finals. A copy of the results showing swimmers name and time will be sent to the clubs in both finals. Clubs 13 plus will receive pin badges as a memento of the League.