

## Clyde Coast Mini League – Programme of Events

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Girls	Boys		
1	2	12 years	4 x 50m Medley Relay
3	4	11 years	4 x 50m Medley Relay
5	6	10 years and under	4 x 25m Medley Relay
7	8	12 years	50m Breaststroke
9	10	11 years	50m Backstroke
11	12	10 years	50m Butterfly
13	14	9 years and under	25m Freestyle
15	16	12 years	50m Butterfly
17	18	11 years	50m Freestyle
19	20	10 years	50m Backstroke
21	22	9 years and under	25m Butterfly
23	24	12 years	50m Freestyle
25	26	11 years	50m Butterfly
27	28	10 years	50m Breaststroke
29	30	9 years and under	25m Backstroke
31	32	12 years	50m Backstroke
33	34	11 years	50m Breaststroke
35	36	10 years	50m Freestyle
37	38	9 years and under	25m Breaststroke
39	40	12 years	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
41	42	11 years	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
43	44	10 years and under	4 x 25m Freestyle Relay
45	46		6 x 25m Squadron Freestyle Relay (2 swimmers from each age group [10&u, 11s & 12s] swimming in age order, youngest first)

**Age on 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Match points: 5, 3, 2 for all events.**

**Finals: 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. For all events.**

### **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”.*

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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 up to 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 £80.00 to be made each year to cover the League Convenor's expenses, hire of pool for finals and purchase of trophies and medals. Cheques made payable to 'Clyde Coast Leagues' or BACS – Sort Code 83-24-15 Account No. 00129982.
8. All early round matches will be Level 4 matches. Each host club to submit a Level 4 Licence Form to the West District which can be found on the West District website. The final[s] will be a Level 3 meet, the Leagues committee will arrange the licence form and pay the fee.
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, swimmers racing in the 10-, 11- and 12-years age groups 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.
11. All matches will be swum under SASA Rules **.Age as at 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

12. During the rounds all competing clubs should provide at least one timekeeper or above for each match. For the A and B finals each club should provide one Judge and one timekeeper. The League Convenor will arrange a referee.

13. Swimmers who change club part way through the league and have already competed in the league may **NOT** swim for their new club until the following year.

14. Clubs missing a match will not be allowed to swim in either of the two finals. Unless there are very extenuating circumstances for missing a match, for example, a bus has mechanical failure or extreme weather conditions forcing the bus to return home. The Swimming Leagues Committee would deal with any of these cases in conjunction with the clubs involved.

15. Any disagreements, which is forwarded to the League Convenor, must be accompanied by a report from the coaches of the clubs involved. Any complaints must be lodged with the League Convenor within seven days of the incident.

### **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.

Once the groupings for each round have been worked out the clubs in each match will be informed and the club at the top of the list will have first refusal of organising the match. If this is impossible the second club must be given the chance to run the meet and so on down the list.

If the date of a round is not suitable, the host club to be informed immediately and a new date will be mutually agreed.

If a match has been arranged and pool booked, matches can only be changed if all clubs in that group agree to the change.

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.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> places, the final placing will be determined by the meet points. In the case of two clubs with equal league and match points for 6<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.