# NUNEATON & DISTRICT JUNIOR SWIMMING LEAGUE

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## Affiliated to West Midland Region ASA

**2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday 14th January 2024 @10am**

**Minutes**

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** 36 attendees including League Executive & committee: BILSTON SC, BLYTHE BARRACUDAS SC (2), BURNTWOOD SC & NJSL, CITY OF COVENTRY SC, DOVE VALLEY SC (2), DROITWICH DOLPHINS SC, HALESOWEN SC, KINGSBURY AQUARIUS SC, LEAMINGTON SC, LEICESTER SHARKS SC, NEWPORT SC, NUNEATON & BEDWORTH SC, Sandwell Aquatics, ORION SC, PERRY BEECHES & NJSL (2), REDDITCH SC, STOURBRIDGE SC, STRATFORD SHARKS SC, TAMWORTH SC, Northampton (2), WELLINGTON (TELFORD) SC, WOLVERHAMPTON SC (2), WOMBOURNE SC (2), WORCESTER SC, Jamie Evans (club ?), Delia Reynolds, Hayley Moulton, Rachel Cutler, Susanna Carden, Rachel Saysell

**2. APOLOGIES:** Hinckley, Northgate, Wyre Forest, Biddulph, Stuart Highfield

**3. MINUTES OF THE 2021 AGM** (previously distributed). Agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**Proposed: Delia Reynolds, Seconded: Mandy Blizard**

**4. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS –**

**Chair Report - Nuneaton Junior League**

A good year again with some great & enjoyable galas, we had some issues with pools on round one unfortunately and there are some suggestions to change the league to 2 divisions which we will discuss later.

Thanks to David Marsh & John Randolph for all the years they have put into the league, we wouldn’t be where we are today without all they have done. We wish them well.

Along with Dave McMahons resignation as he has taken up a position overseas we have lost 3 members of the executive committee, we do need more volunteers to come forward to help run the league.

The inter league final was held at Corby and both Leamington Division 1 winners & Nuneaton and Bedworth runners up were invited to take part. Leamington took 3rd place and Nuneaton and Bedworth taking 5th place. Well done to both teams.

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT –** Income & Expenditure & Balance sheetpresented, no questions raised (to be sent out with minutes)
2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS & AUDITOR FOR 2024**

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|  | **Officers** | **Committee Members** |
| Chairman |  | Mandy Blizard |
| Treasurer | Susanna Carden | Robert Haynes |
| Secretary | Hayley Moulton/Rachel Cutler | Stuart Highfield |
| Chairman Elect | TBC | Rachel Saysell |
| Public Relations Officer | vacant | Delia Reynolds |
| Past Chairman | Helen Prdage | Beckie Piggott |

All executive Officers **voted & agreed unanimously**

All committee members **voted & agreed unanimously**

Resignation Mr D McMahon, Mr David Marsh, Mr John Randolph

**Auditors:** Bernard Rogers - **voted & agreed unanimously to continue**

1. **SPONSORSHIP:** The League does not at present have a Sponsor. Any suggestions please forward to the secretary.
2. **LEAGUE STRUCTURE:** A suggestion was put forward to reduce the league to 2 divisions.

2 divisions max 24 teams in each.

For this year the top 6 from division 2 move up to division 1 and no relegations from division 1.

All teams from div 3 move into division 2 and any new teams (Pershore, Northampton A &B, Biddulph).

Division 1 will run 4 x 6 team galas and division 2 will run 2 x 6 team & 2 x 5 team galas (8 pools).

This will make for better competition for all teams and less chance of teams meeting each other in all rounds. It will also mean that all teams feel they belong and are equal, consequently if teams do drop out, we will not end up with only 8 teams in one division.

There will be a division 1 & 2 final – both can be held on the same day – division 2 in the afternoon & division 1 in the evening.

Promotion & relegation to remain as is at the end of next years competition: bottom 4 division 1 go down to division 2 and top 4 in division 2 promoted to division 1.

Following discussion - the above was agreed by the majority.

Decision was also made to change the finals from 6 teams to 8 teams – agreed unanimously.

There was discussion around gala progressions, 2 suggestions were put forward and voted on.

**Suggestion 1** as per current NJSL rules detailed below:

**Progression on to Next Round - 4 Gala Division**

A lane draw will be done some time during the gala.  Assume that the lane draw is as below.  To progress to Round 2, Lane 1 will remain in the same gala.  Lane 2 will progress to the next gala, lane 3 on two galas and lane 4 on three galas.  Lane 5 will remain in the same gala and lane 6 will progress on one gala, as follows:  The lane number drawn is the swim lane for the next round.

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| **ROUND 1** | | | |
| **Gala 1** | **Gala 2** | **Gala 3** | **Gala 4** |
| **A lane 1**  B lane 2  C lane 3  D lane 4  E lane 5  F lane 6 | **G lane 1**  H lane 2  I lane 3  J land 4  K lane 5  L lane 6 | **M lane 1**  N lane 2  O lane 3  P lane 4  Q lane 5  R lane 6 | **S lane 1**  T lane 2  U lane 3  V lane 4  W lane 5  X lane 6 |
| **ROUND 2, etc** | | | |
| **A lane 1 (from gala 1)**  T lane 2 (from gala 4)  O lane 3 (from gala 3)  J lane 4 (from gala 2)  E lane 5 (from gala 1)  X lane 6 (from gala 4) | **G Lane 1 (from gala 2)**  B lane 2 (from gala 1)  U lane 3 (from gala 4)  P lane 4 (from gala 3)  K lane 5 (from gala 2)  F lane 6 (from gala 1) | **M lane 1 (from gala 3)**  H lane 2 (from gala 2)  C lane 3 (from gala 1)  V lane 4 (from gala 4)  Q lane 5 (from gala 3)  L lane 6 (from gala 2) | **S lane 1 (from gala 4)**  N lane 2 (from gala 3)  I lane 3 (from gala 2)  D lane 4 (from gala 1)  W lane 5 (from gala 4)  R lane 6 (from gala 3) |

The same progression is used to go from Round 2 to Round 3.

**Suggestion 2:** The 1st round will be a random draw at the end of the AGM, round 2 – the top 12 are grouped together & the bottom 12 will be grouped together and a random draw will be done from each group so each gala will have 3 from top 12 and 3 from bottom 12. The same would be done after round 2 for progression to gala 3.

A vote was taken and suggestion 1 had the majority vote so will be the way progression will be done for this year. Can be reviewed next year if clubs feel they are not meeting enough different teams.

1. **RESIGNATIONS:** Stafford Apex, Telford Aqua, Sandwell Aquatics B team

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS (as per Rule 8):**  Pershore, Northampton A&B teams, Biddulph – **all accepted unanimously**
2. **AFFILIATION FEES:** Stay at £40 per team, to be paid by 29th February 2024 – **agreed unanimously.**

Bank details for payment of fees:

Bank: Lloyds

Sort Code: 30-94-93

Account Number: 02747688

Account Name: Nuneaton & District Junior Swimming League

Ref: Club name/Fees 2024

1. **PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

Text highlighted in yellow is current wording, blue is proposed amendment/new wording :

37. **GALA PACKAGE**: This will be provided by the League and will be taken to each gala by a member of the Executive.  Each package will consist of the following: 250 programmes, 1 book of Judges slips, 6 Timekeepers pads, gala accounts slips, and 1 book of raffle tickets, Referees' copy of the League Rules.  Two sets of recording sheets will be supplied to Organising Clubs with the round information.

The organising club will be responsible for the printing of programmes (they are also available for spectators to download from the website), supplying time pads & placing slips, raffle tickets and prizes. Results should be done on the spreadsheet where possible, if an organising club needs the recording sheets please let the secretary know so they can be sent with the league rep. The organising club can claim up to £20 towards costs incurred in the provision of the gala package.

Following discussions it was agreed that we should be pointing people towards the website and downloading programmes rather than being printed. It was also agreed that we would put timekeeper and judges slips templates onto the website for clubs to print their own. It was also agreed that each club attending the gala should bring their own completed timeslips with them – this takes the onus off the organizing club and saves timekeepers having to write them out on the night. (They can still be amended where needed on the night). Chris Nash (NBSC) said he had a template that he would send us that will populate team manager and coaches lists also. Organising clubs will need to provide placings slips, raffle tickets & prizes. The rules will be amended to reflect these changes.

50. **AGES** as at **the date of the Fourth Round** for all age groups, ie; 9year olds, 10/under, 11/under and 12/under.

– should we change the age as date?

One rule which is very annoying on the njl is the age moving each year, as if you have swimmers with birthdays in September you get weird situations where they are eligible one year and not the next or that they can swim in the same age group 2 years running.  
  
The ages rule for the younger ones make it very hard to get a team together of 9 year olds. Could the rule be 9 and under?  It seems a bit odd that swimmers who are 8 the whole way though can swim in it if they are 9 on the second weekend in sept but 8 year olds can’t swim in it if they are born after. The main problem with that age group is you can’t swim someone up so it makes it quite difficult again to put teams together.

There was much discussion around this, but it was explained that it is due to ASA rule 410. It was also explained that the Inter league final is a separate competition and their rules are different to the league rules – which does seem unfair for some swimmers who have helped get teams to the final but are then unable to swim.

The executive have taken an action to discuss further and to come back with a definitive answer as soon as possible.

24. **ENROLMENT OF SWIMMERS**: The enrolment forms shall be sent to the League Secretary by 20 March.

As the first round often moves to accommodate Easter, and it would benefit all clubs to allow for competitions taking placing March to inform their selection for A and B, it was to be suggested that the rule state:

**24. ENROLMENT OF SWIMMERS:** The enrolment forms shall be sent to the League Secretary no later than 14 days before the day of the first-round gala (i.e. by midnight of the Friday 2 weeks before).

Agreed unanimously.

A suggestion was put forward by 1 club as follows:

allowing clubs to have mixed relay teams without being DQ'd when they can't field a same sex team due to not having enough swimmers.

This was not accepted by the majority so will not be allowed.

**13.**  **DATES**

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| **DATES 2024** |  | **DATES 2025** |
| 13 April (Easter 31st March) | FIRST ROUND | 5th April (Easter 20th April) |
| 11 May | SECOND ROUND | 10 May |
| 15 June | THIRD ROUND | 14 June |
| 14 September | FINALS | 13 September |
| 12 January 2025 | AGM | 11th Jan 2026 |

**14. ACCEPTANCE OF POOLS:** It is proposed that the League use the following pools in 2024:

Chase Cheslyn Hay Leamington Spa

Nuneaton Redditch Rugby

Tamworth Walsall Halesowen

Wolverhampton Wombourne Worcester

**15. LEAGUE DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND 2023**

Teams as per re-organisation in number 8, see last page for draw.

Draw was done by online random name picker during the zoom meeting so all attendees could see.

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| DIVISION 1 | DIVISION 2 |
| Boldmere A | Wyre Forest |
| Leamington | Rugby |
| Coventry | Northgate |
| Nuneaton & Bedworth A | Camphill |
| Blythe | Boldmere B |
| Worcester | Nuneaton & Bedworth B |
| Solihull A | Cannock Phoenix |
| Leicester Sharks | Burntwood |
| Chase | Dove Valley |
| Braunstone | Cheadle |
| Hinckley | Lichfield |
| Orion | Wellington |
| Stratford Sharks | Droitwich |
| Bromsgrove | Oswestry |
| Bilston | Newport |
| Wombourne | Tamworth |
| Wolverhampton | Solihull B |
| Kingsbury Aquarius | Perry Beeches |
| Walsall | Pershore |
| Evesham | Northampton A |
| Redditch | Northampton B |
| Halesowen | Biddulph |
| Stourbridge |  |
| Sandwell Aquatics A |  |

**ARENA JUNIOR INTER-LEAGUE SWIMMING COMPETITION**

Inter league competition was a straight final again this year, however we were allowed 2 teams in the final.

Leamington were Division 1 league winners, Nuneaton & Bedworth A team were runners up, both teams progressed to the grand final which was held at Corby on 26th November. Leamington finished in 3rd place & Nuneaton 5th.

**Nuneaton & District Junior Swimming League Round 1 – 13 April 2024**

**Division 1 Division 2**

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| **Division 1 Gala 1** | |  | **Division 2 Gala 1** | |
| L1 | Bilston |  | L1 | Wyre Forest |
| L2 | Nuneaton & Bedworth A |  | L2 | Rugby |
| L3 | Leicester Sharks |  | L3 | Nuneaton & Bedworth B |
| L4 | Hinckley |  | L4 | Boldmere B |
| L5 | Stourbridge |  | L5 | Biddulph |
| L6 | Blythe Barracudas |  | L6 | Droitwich |

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| **Division 1 Gala 2** | |  | **Division 2 Gala 2** | |
| L1 | Boldmere A |  | L1 | Cheadle |
| L2 | Orion |  | L2 | Camp HIll |
| L3 | Halesowen |  | L3 | Lichfield |
| L4 | Chase |  | L4 | Wellington |
| L5 | Wolverhampton |  | L5 | Newport |
| L6 | Walsall |  | L6 | Northampton B |

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| **Division 1 Gala 3** | |  | **Division 2 Gala 3** | |
| L1 | Solihull A |  | L1 | Northgate |
| L2 | Redditch |  | L2 | Tamworth |
| L3 | Bromsgrove |  | L3 | Cannock Phoenix |
| L4 | Wombourne |  | L4 | Dove Valley |
| L5 | Evesham |  | L5 | Pershore |
| L6 | Stratford Sharks |  | L6 |  |

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| **Division 1 Gala 4** | |
| L1 | Leamington |
| L2 | Coventry |
| L3 | Sandwell Aquatics |
| L4 | Worcester |
| L5 | Kingsbury Aquarius |
| L6 | Braunstone |

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| **Division 2 Gala 4** | |
| L1 | Oswestry |
| L2 | Northampton A |
| L3 | Burntwood |
| L4 | Solihull B |
| L5 | Perry Beeches |
| L6 |  |

Pools & league Reps for each gala will be advised shortly.