

# Swimming Gala

## Rules & Regulations

### Adult Swimmers

Any adult over 18

### Young people swimming

Younger members can swim in an older age group within their section, but older ages cannot swim in younger age groups. Only invested members will be able to participate. A person whose birthday is on the day of the Gala must swim in the older age group. i.e. A Cub Age 9 = Class B

### Age Class

Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers
Class A – Age 6	Class A – Age 8	Class A – 10.5 to 11	Class A – 14 and 15
Class B – Age 7	Class B – 9 to 10.5	Class B – 12 and 13	Class B – 16 and 17

### Scoring of points

Points will be awarded according to the finishing place of each entrant in the race, the points are allocated as follows:

- First place = 10
- Second place = 8
- Third place = 6
- Fourth place = 4
- Fifth place = 2

**NOTE:** Double points scored for relay races. Half points awarded in heats.

### Special Events / Races

The Relay and District Championship are separate “Special Events” with their own Trophies and awards therefore these races **WILL NOT** count towards the overall points.

### Number in events

- Each Colony, Pack, Troop and Unit may only enter a maximum of 2 competitors for each race.
- Each competitor may enter a maximum of 2 events, excluding the Relay or District Championship
- No competitor may swim twice in the Relay.

**Non swimmers’ race (for young people that cannot swim) (novelty race) for Beavers ONLY!!**

This event is for any Beaver Scouts that cannot swim.

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## **POR ruling on swimming**

All youth members need to be able to swim to take part in the competitive swimming races but members taking part in the **non**-swimmers (Beavers egg and Spoon race) need to be members that cannot swim.

## **The District championship**

- Scouts – Can only be swum by Scouts from Class B
- Explorers – Open to all Explorer Scouts and Young Leaders

## **Heats and Finals**

Heats will be run for each event where there are more than six entrants, the race will be run as two heats. Where possible entrants from the same group will be put in different heats.

If there are six or less competitors for a race, the race will run and scored as a final.

## **Heat & Finals winners**

All swimmers who finish in a pointed place (1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup> etc.) will receive a token or place card, which they must then take to the score keepers table; who will record their name, group & finishing place to ensure the scores are added correctly to the groups running total.

## **Swimming Strokes**

We are not part of any Swimming Clubs, and we do not expect all of the young people taking part in the event to be of club level, but we do expect all competitors to know how to do the strokes including which leg kicks to use, **if a young person does not know how to swim a stroke, or fails to swim the correct stroke, that young person could be disqualified from that race.**

## **Footwear**

No outside footwear worn internally at poolside.

## **Members and leaders watching and cheering**

Can you all please make sure that while we all know that we all get very excited while we are at the event, it is of uppermost importance that you all remain seated, so that we don't have any accidents, can you please make sure that all young people walk on poolside as this again will stop any potential accidents.

VIDEO RECORDING and PHOTOGRAPHTY is prohibited whilst poolside.

**In all Rules and matters above, the Judge's decision is final**