

Moors Swim Squad



Moors League of Swimming Clubs Rules and Regulations Updated following 2026 AGM for 2027 Season

1. Governance

- a. The governing body of the Moors League of Swimming Clubs (the League) will be formed from its constituent swimming clubs.
- b. The following officers will be elected at each Annual General Meeting (AGM):
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Membership Secretary
 - Competitions Secretary
- c. Each constituent club may provide the following representatives to the governing body:
 - Club Chairperson
 - Head Coach
 - Moors League Representative (optional)
- d. Each club will have one vote on decisions and rule changes. Where a vote is tied, the Chairperson will have the casting vote, except where these rules specifically assign the casting vote to the Membership Secretary.
- e. A formal AGM will be held following the completion of each season.
- f. The Chairperson will give at least four weeks' notice of the AGM.
- g. Agenda items must be submitted to the Chairperson at least two weeks before the AGM.

2. Club Membership and Fees

- a. Each club will declare its membership of the League for the following season at the AGM.
- b. The Chairperson of each member club must sign the League membership paperwork.
- c. By signing the membership paperwork, a club commits to a full season of membership and to all charges agreed at the AGM.
- d. The 2027 annual invoice for each club will be £250, comprising:

Item	Purpose	Amount
i.	Annual League affiliation fee	£100
ii.	Refundable deposit for the League Final	£75
iii.	Refundable deposit for the Moors Championships	£75

- e. Each £75 deposit will be refunded or offset where the club attends the relevant competition, meets the agreed participation requirements and fulfils its allocated responsibilities.
- f. A club may forfeit the relevant deposit if it fails to attend or does not meet the agreed attendance or participation threshold.

- g. All transactions will be recorded transparently and invoiced accordingly.
- h. A club that leaves the League remains liable for the full year's fees. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted to the Chairperson at least four weeks before the AGM.
- i. The Membership Secretary will receive and distribute the League insurance certificate and ensure that it is available through the League website where appropriate.
- j. Each constituent club must provide current membership numbers and evidence of insurance and affiliation when requested.

3. Individual Membership

- a. Each constituent club is responsible for obtaining and maintaining the appropriate Swim England membership for all swimmers, officials and coaches.
- b. Any fee charged to the League as a result of an administrative or membership error will be passed to the relevant swimmer's club.
- c. Swimmers entered collectively as Moors Swim Squad members for external competitions must be registered appropriately, normally as second-claim members, before the relevant entry deadline.

4. Swimmer Eligibility

- a. Eligibility to compete in the League and in other meets hosted by Moors Swim Squad will normally be based on the swimmer's longest-standing Swim England-registered club.
- b. The membership declaration date for the 2027 season is 1 January 2027 and will be shown on the annual fixtures document.
- c. All swimmers must have been fully paid members of their club for at least 28 days before competing.
- d. Season membership reports must be submitted at the start of the season and must include all active swimmers. Clubs must report new members, leavers and transfers promptly.
- e. Where Swim England processing is delayed, signed membership documentation may be considered as evidence, subject to approval by the League.
- f. A swimmer who represents another club above regional level must be declared unless the representation is through a university competition.
- g. University swimming, including British Universities and Colleges Sport competition, will not by itself make a swimmer ineligible to represent their home Moors club.
- h. A swimmer who trains predominantly with another club must be declared.
- i. Where eligibility is unclear or disputed:
 - the matter will be considered on a case-by-case basis;
 - a vote may be conducted through an online poll;
 - each member club will receive one vote;
 - the decision will be final; and
 - if the vote is tied, the Membership Secretary will make the final decision.
- j. A swimmer must not represent more than one Moors League club in the same season unless the releasing club has agreed to the change.
- k. Where a swimmer transfers between two member clubs during the season, the releasing club will be consulted and the decision will be communicated to the other member clubs.
- l. Eligible swimmers may join the League series during the season, including the League Final, provided all other conditions have been met.

5. General Competition Rules

- a. All galas will be held in accordance with these rules and Swim England Technical Rules of Swimming.
- b. All competitions will operate on an age-on-the-day basis.
- c. The League age groups will be 10/under, 11/12 years, 13/14 years, 15/16 years and 17/over.

- d. Competitions will use Colorado electronic timing and live results services where these are available and where sufficient trained personnel are present.
- e. Competitions will be licensed where enough technical officials are available to meet the relevant licensing requirements.
- f. Swimmers, team staff and spectators must follow all safety procedures and venue instructions.
- g. The spectator fee for the 2027 season will be £5.00 unless a different fee is expressly approved for a particular event.

6. League Series and Final

- a. The League competition will consist of a number of qualifying galas, each hosted and organised by a member club, followed by a League Final in which all member clubs may compete.
- b. The AGM will agree the gala dates, host clubs and participating clubs.
- c. Each qualifying gala will normally include four clubs.
- d. Gala points for each race at a qualifying gala will be awarded as follows:
 - 1st place – 4 points
 - 2nd place – 3 points
 - 3rd place – 2 points
 - 4th place – 1 point
- e. League points following each qualifying gala will be awarded on the same 4–3–2–1 basis according to each club's overall placing.
- f. Race points at the League Final will be awarded as follows:
 - 1st place – 6 points
 - 2nd place – 5 points
 - 3rd place – 4 points
 - 4th place – 3 points
 - 5th place – 2 points
 - 6th place – 1 point
- g. Final League points after the League Final will also be awarded on a 6–5–4–3–2–1 basis according to the clubs' overall placings.
- h. One additional gala point will be awarded to a club for each Moors League record broken at a qualifying gala or the League Final.
- i. Swimmers may swim up an age group where their coaching team and team manager consider this appropriate.
- j. The cannon relay must include a swimmer from each age group. Where no eligible 17/over swimmer is available, a 15/16 swimmer may swim up, provided that swimmer has not already competed as an open swimmer during the gala.
- k. A ten-minute break will take place immediately before the cannon relay to allow provisional points to be totalled and announced. Team sheets may be amended during this break.
- l. Where the League Final produces an extremely close result or a tie, results will not be announced until fully checked. If clubs remain tied, gala points will determine the final positions.
- m. A swimmer may compete in the League Final if they meet the general eligibility and 28-day membership requirements. Previous participation in a qualifying gala is not required.

7. Moors Championships

- a. The Moors Championships will be held as a separate competition away from the League Final where practical.
- b. All current eligible swimmers from member clubs may enter, provided they have completed the 28-day membership period and meet the general eligibility rules. Participation in the League series is not required.
- c. The Championships will operate on an age-on-the-day basis.
- d. The entry fee will be stated in the published meet conditions.

- e. The Championships will be licensed at the most appropriate level where sufficient officials are available.
- f. The winner of each skins event will receive £30, unless a different award is approved and published in advance.
- g. The date, programme and licensing level will be confirmed through the annual competition plan.

8. Club-Hosted Time Trials

- a. Time-trial competitions will not be centrally funded or underwritten by the League.
- b. Individual member clubs may organise licensed time trials at suitable venues, including Bedale and Eston.
- c. The host club will carry the financial and organisational responsibility for its event.
- d. Moors member clubs will receive the first opportunity to enter before remaining spaces are offered more widely.
- e. Clubs should indicate likely attendance sufficiently early to allow the host club to plan the programme and invite other clubs where spaces remain.
- f. Dates should be coordinated between clubs to reduce clashes and maximise opportunities for swimmers.
- g. Member clubs should support time trials with officials and volunteers where reasonably possible.
- h. Separate club-hosted time trials may be linked into a wider series by agreement between the organising clubs.

9. Host Club Responsibilities

- a. The host club must ensure that the gala is organised in accordance with these rules, the published meet conditions and venue requirements.
- b. The host club must provide or source:
 - an announcer;
 - appropriate marshalling;
 - door and spectator-admission staff;
 - support for the results team;
 - sufficient general volunteers; and
 - any agreed fundraising or refreshments provision.
- c. The referee and starter must be organised in advance.
- d. The host club must confirm that the pool booking is correct and notify the Competitions Secretary immediately if any issue arises.
- e. The host club, working with the Competitions Secretary, will determine whether the gala uses full automatic timing, semi-automatic timing or manual timing.
- f. Where online spectator tickets are used, Moors Swim Squad will account for ticket income and pool-hire costs. The relevant host club will be invoiced for any net deficit after transaction fees.
- g. The host club may retain income from raffles, cake stalls, refreshments and similar fundraising activities.
- h. If inadequate door controls result in lost spectator income, the resulting shortfall may remain the responsibility of the host club.
- i. Where spare lanes are available, the host club may use them for non-scoring, guest or development swimmers, provided this does not compromise the main competition.

10. Competing Club Responsibilities

- a. Each competing club must provide sufficient officials and volunteers. Unless otherwise agreed, this will include:
 - two timekeepers;
 - at least one judge or trainee judge;
 - marshalling support; and
 - any additional role allocated through the gala staffing plan.

- b.** The names of officials and volunteers should be provided to the organiser in advance.
- c.** Where a club cannot provide support in one technical area, it should provide additional support in another agreed area.
- d.** All clubs should support the development of additional timekeepers, judges, results operators and electronic-timing personnel.

11. Entries, Team Sheets and Results

- a.** Each club must use the latest version of the official Moors team-entry spreadsheet published on the website.
- b.** Older versions must not be reused where a newer version is available.
- c.** Team sheets should be submitted by Thursday evening before each gala, unless an earlier deadline is stated in the meet information.
- d.** Clubs are responsible for checking the accuracy of swimmer names, preferred names, dates of birth, competition category and membership status.
- e.** Team sheets may be amended during a gala where permitted by the event rules and where the amendment does not breach eligibility requirements.
- f.** The results team will process and publish results through the approved electronic systems where available.

12. Records and Awards

- a.** Moors League records may be set only at a League qualifying gala or the League Final.
- b.** Records may not be set at the Moors Championships or at time-trial competitions unless the governing body formally amends this rule before the event.
- c.** Record certificates will continue to be produced and distributed.
- d.** Each club may nominate swimmers for the Moors Swimmer of the Year award by the published deadline, with reasons for the nomination.
- e.** The Competitions Secretary will coordinate the selection, which will be confirmed after consultation with member clubs.
- f.** A Community Award may be presented each year to recognise dedication and commitment to Moors Swim Squad.
- g.** An award will be presented to the swimmer who accumulates the most individual Moors League points during the season. Relay and cannon points will not count.

13. External and Representative Competitions

- a.** The League may enter swimmers collectively under Moors Swim Squad at regional, relay, invitational or representative competitions where this supports swimmers and member clubs.
- b.** Collective entries may be used to coordinate seating, coaches, team managers, chaperones and relay teams.
- c.** Swimmers will retain their underlying club identity and may wear their club kit where the competition rules permit.
- d.** Participation in a collective Moors entry will be subject to agreement by the relevant club and the swimmer being registered appropriately.

14. Safeguarding, Complaints and Conduct

- a.** The League will adopt Swim England safeguarding and child-protection procedures and recognises that the welfare and safety of children is everyone's responsibility.
- b.** Complaints must be made verbally or in writing to the Chairperson during a gala or within 14 days of the event.
- c.** A meeting will be called within 14 days of receipt of a formal complaint, and all relevant parties will be invited in accordance with Swim England guidance.

- d.** All participants and spectators must behave respectfully and follow the instructions of officials, venue staff and event organisers.

15. Financial Authority

- a.** An elected officer may authorise expenditure of up to £500 with the agreement of the required officer group.
- b.** For expenditure above £500, an email will be sent to the Chairs of the supporting clubs. A response will normally be required within 14 days.
- c.** A failure to respond within the stated period may be treated as acceptance of the proposed expenditure.
- d.** An emergency fast-track process may be used only in exceptional circumstances.
- e.** Facility hire may continue to be booked centrally and recharged in accordance with the agreed competition arrangements.

16. Review and Publication

- a.** These rules will be reviewed at each AGM and may be amended through a vote of the member clubs.
- b.** The current approved version will be published on the Moors Swim Squad website.
- c.** Where these rules conflict with mandatory Swim England requirements, the applicable Swim England rule will take precedence.