



Swimming Leagues 2016/17

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO QUALIFICATION PROCESS FOR BUCS TEAM FINALS

All fixtures have been scheduled by the SSS office and should not be changed without the permission of the SSS Aquatics group.

The fixtures have been published online (<http://www.scottishstudentsport.com/sports/aquatics>) under the Fixtures & Leagues tab and circulated via Sports Unions.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Scottish Student Sport Swimming League Rules:

1. All events will be swum under FINA and Scottish Swimming rules and regulations except where there are variations discussed below.
2. Eligibility
 - a. All swimmers must be a fully matriculated student with a Higher Educational Institution in Scotland
 - b. In Division 1, all swimmers on a team must be from the same Higher Educational Institution. In Division 2, students may swim for any institution, providing their enrolled institution does not have a team. However, they may only swim for their home institution at the SSS Championships.
3. Team Selection
 - a. If an institution has teams below First Team level, each team should be selected as though the other teams would be playing in a match of equal importance at the same time. It would be expected that the first team would always be the strongest team available to represent that institution. Teams must be selected as if all teams are playing on a given day, for example, if the first team do not have a match but the second team do, no players who would normally represent the first team are eligible to play for the second team. Individuals may not play or be a substitute (playing or non-playing) for different teams on the same date.
 - b. Each Team is allowed 2 swimmers in each individual event and 1 relay team.
4. Order of Events
 - a. 1st Division Teams (mandatory) and 2nd Division Teams (recommended)
 - i. Women's 4 x 50m Medley Relay
 - ii. Men's 4 x 50m Medley Relay
 - iii. Women's 100m Freestyle
 - iv. Men's 100m Freestyle
 - v. Women's 100m Butterfly
 - vi. Men's 100m Butterfly
 - vii. Women's 100m Backstroke
 - viii. Men's 100m Backstroke
 - ix. Women's 100m Breaststroke
 - x. Men's 100m Breaststroke
 - xi. Women's 200m Freestyle
 - xii. Men's 200m Freestyle
 - xiii. Women's 50m Butterfly
 - xiv. Men's 50m Butterfly
 - xv. Women's 50m Backstroke



- xvi. Men's 50m Backstroke
- xvii. Women's 50m Breaststroke
- xviii. Men's 50m Breaststroke
- xix. Women's 50m Freestyle
- xx. Men's 50m Freestyle
- xxi. Women's 100m Individual Medley
- xxii. Men's 100m Individual Medley
- xxiii. Women's 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
- xxiv. Men's 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

b. 2nd Division Teams (mandatory)

- i. Women's 4 x 50m Medley Relay
- ii. Men's 4 x 50m Medley Relay
- iii. Women's 100m Freestyle
- iv. Men's 100m Freestyle
- v. Women's 50m Butterfly
- vi. Men's 50m Butterfly
- vii. Women's 50m Backstroke
- viii. Men's 50m Backstroke
- ix. Women's 50m Breaststroke
- x. Men's 50m Breaststroke
- xi. Women's 50m Freestyle
- xii. Men's 50m Freestyle
- xiii. Women's 100m Individual Medley
- xiv. Men's 100m Individual Medley
- xv. Women's 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
- xvi. Men's 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

5. Facilities Requirements

- a. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to book adequate facilities for Wednesday afternoons/evenings on the appropriate days.
- b. 1st Division
 - i. All events must be swum in 25 metre pools (25 yard pools will be acceptable, should there be not be a 25 metre pool available and approved by SSS)
 - ii. Pools must have starting blocks and be a suitable competition venue
 - iii. Minimum 1.5 hours required for fixture, 2 hours recommended
- c. 2nd Division
 - i. Encouraged for events to be competed in 25 metre pools, but 25 yard pools are also acceptable. If 20 or 33 yard pools are all that is available, then events can be truncated to fit the program.
 - ii. Minimum 1.5 hours required for a fixture, 2 hours recommended

6. Scoring

- a. All events must be timed and recorded
 - i. Individual Events
 - 1. 4 points for 1st place
 - 2. 3 points for 2nd place
 - 3. 2 points for 3rd place
 - 4. 1 point for 4th place
 - ii. Relays



1. 8 points for 1st place
2. 4 points for 2nd place

- b. The Team with the most combined points will be the overall winner of the match.
- c. Only events that are swum can gain points.

7. Forfeits

- a. Should a Team only field either the Men's side or the Women's side, the opposing team shall get 7 points for each individual event that isn't competed by the forfeiting team and 8 points for each of the relays not competed by the forfeiting team.
- b. Should a Team not field either a Men's or a Women's side, the opposing team will get 7 points for each individual event and 8 points for each relay in the program. (1st Division 172 Points, 2nd Division 116 Points).

8. Officials

- a. It is the responsibility of the Home Institution to provide enough timers and starters¹ to efficiently run the meet.
- b. 1st Division
 - i. 1 Timer per lane, 1 Starter and 1 Secretary required
- c. 2nd Division
 - i. 1 Starter and 1 Secretary required, 1 timer per lane recommended
- d. Expenses can be claimed from SSS using the normal claiming procedures.

9. Reporting of Scores and Times

- a. The full names of swimmers, what Institution they swim for and the times and scores for each event must be recorded onto the official match score sheet.
- b. A copy of the match score sheet, should be emailed (info@scottishstudentsport.com), or posted to the SSS office the day following the match.
- c. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to send the completed match form to SSS. However, both teams should retain a copy in case of discrepancy.

10. Complaints

- a. If a team has concerns about a fixture not adhering to these regulations, it is recommended that a BUCS Playing Under Protest (PUP) form is completed as soon as the area of concern is noted.
- b. If a team wishes to challenge a result then they should provide all information possible (including PUP) to their Sports Union who should then get in touch with the SSS Office. SSS will consider the appeal and communicate the decision through the Sports Union.
- c. Decisions will be made to ensure fair competition but within the core Scottish Student Sport tenet that completed matches should, where possible, stand and that the desire of competition is to have matches played rather than given as walkovers.

¹ SSS recommends that all timers and officials are Scottish Swimming qualified. However, this is not mandatory but all should be aware of current FINA/Scottish Swimming regulations



11. League Points

- a. Teams will be awarded
 - i. 3 Points for a win
 - ii. 1 Point for a draw
 - iii. 0 Points for a loss

- b. Tie on Points
 - i. Should there be 2 teams tied in league points, the rankings will be determined from the head to head competition between the two teams
 - ii. Should there be more than 2 teams tied on league points:
 1. Head to head competitions between the teams will be used to rank the teams, with all other matches being ignored
 2. Should there still be tie on league points, total match points from the competitions between the teams tied, ignoring all other matches, will be used to break the tie.

12. Divisions

- a. The 1st Division will consist of the Top 6 Teams.

- b. The 2nd Division will consist of the remainder of Teams wishing to compete.

- c. Divisions will be calculated based on league placement from the previous year.

13. Fines

- a. Failure to complete a fixture by Friday the 10th of February 2017 will result in a £50 fine for both teams involved.

- b. Failure to return a match score sheet to the SSS office within 10 working days will result in the Home team being fined £25.

- c. Failure to field a Team at the BUCS Teams Competition after qualifying and not notifying SSS will result in a £200 fine.

14. BUCS Team Championships

- a. It will be expected that teams qualifying for the BUCS Teams competition will compete in that competition. Those teams that cannot make that commitment need to notify the SSA Chair and SSS Office ASAP.
 - i. ~~The top 2 finishing teams from the 1st Division will have direct entry to the BUCS Swimming Team Championships~~
 - ii. ~~The third place finishing team from the 1st Division will have a direct entry to the BUCS Swimming Team Trophy~~
 - iii. ~~The fourth place finishing team from the 1st Division will have a direct entry to the BUCS Swimming Team Shield~~

Qualification for BUCS Team Finals for 2016/17 is at the discretion of the BUCS Office and is based on performance at Team Finals in 2015/16/