



These guidelines will represent the specific rules and regulations that will govern Scottish Student Aquatics, primarily in regards to the SS Swimming Leagues.

All Scottish Student Sport competitions will be hosted on sport technology platform, Playwaze. This site will host all league fixtures as well as results which can be accessed by all swimmers, coaches, institutional staff members as well as any team supporters, all in one place.

Please note that all participating swimmers will be required to register to Playwaze to compete in any SS Swimming League. For more information on how to register and join the SSS Playwaze community, please contact a member of staff at your sports unions.

Who are the member clubs of SS Aquatics?	Any University or College team that has entered the Scottish Student Swimming leagues and/or BUCS leagues for Water Polo operated by SSS will automatically become a member of Scottish Student Aquatics.
What leagues operate under SS Aquatics?	All institutions now enter the SS Swimming league structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SS Swimming Division 1• SS Swimming Division 2 All institutions now enter the BUCS Water Polo league structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BUCS Scottish Tier 1
How do you become a member of SS Aquatics?	You must have entered one of the leagues listed above and paid the appropriate fee.
Do I contact the opposition to arrange a fixture?	All fixtures have been scheduled, in accordance with your published available academic dates, by the SSS staff. If you would like to change the date of any arranged fixture then your respective Sports Union or nominated individual should agree a date suitable to both parties.
Who do I speak to if I have a problem with SS Aquatics?	In the first instance you should contact your Sports/Athletic Union who will make contact with the SSS office. The main contact for the SSS office will be the SS Swim league administrator: Sean Berthelsen – SSS Competitions Assistant sean@scottishstudentsport.com



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Rules and Regulations for SS Swimming Leagues – Appendix A

Rules

All events will be swum under FINA and Scottish Swimming rules and regulations except where there are variations discussed below.

League Structure

Divisions SS Swimming Leagues for 2023-2024 will comprise of two divisions:

1. Division 1 will consist of 6 teams in total
2. Division 2 will not have a team limit and will be populated with all remaining teams entered not assigned into Division 1

Divisions will be allocated based on league placement from the previous season (2022-2023), implementing a “one up and one down” promotion and relegation method

Promotion/Relegation One Up/One Down promotion/relegation method indicates that the lowest placing team at the conclusion of the season from top division will be relegated to next lowest division. Whereas the winner of lower division (e.g Division 2) will be promoted to the next highest division within the SS Swimming league structure.

Points Per Match There shall be three points awarded for a win and one point for a draw.

Equal points Should there be 2 teams tied in league points at the conclusion of the season, the rankings will be determined from the head to head competition between the two teams.

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.
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Match Organisation

Match Events Each SS Swimming match is required to follow a specific template of events to ensure consistency, dependent on the division of competition.

Templates, including the recommended event order for both Division 1 and Division 2 can be found in Appendix B (enclosed).

Facility Requirements It is the responsibility of the named home team to book adequate facilities, in line with the minimum requirements outlined below:



Division 1

- All Events must be swum in a 25 metre pool and be considered as a suitable competition venue
- Starting blocks must be in place
- Minimum of 1.5 hours of pool time is required for each fixture. Although 2 hours is recommended where possible.

** In the event that a 25m facility is not available, participating teams can request to hold their match in a 25 yards pool. However, teams must seek approval of SSS before the scheduled fixture for results to remain valid.

Division 2

- Whenever possible, it is recommended that matches are held at a 25m pool. However, 25 yard pools are also acceptable for matches within this division
- Minimum of 1.5 hours of pool time is required for each fixture. Although 2 hours is recommended where possible

**In the event that neither a 25m nor a 25 yard pool is available, teams may use a facility with an alternative length. However, events will need to be adjusted to ensure distances remain the equivalent to the required events listed in Appendix B.

Appointment of Officials It is the responsibility of the home team to appoint enough timers and starters to efficiently run the match events.

Minimum official requirements for each Division are as follows:

Division 1

- 1 Starter
- 1 Secretary
- 1 timer per lane

Division 2

- 1 Starter
- 1 Secretary
- 1 timer per lane (recommended)

Eligibility

Matriculated students only Swimmers taking part in any SS Swimming competitions must be matriculated students at a SSS member institution.

Team Selection Teams are to select 2 swimmers for each individual event and 1 relay team prior to each match.

If an institution has multiple teams competing in any given season, each team should be selected as though the other teams would be playing in a



Multiple Teams from One Institution match of equal importance at the same time. Thus, it would be expected that the first team would always be the strongest team available.

For example, if the first team is not scheduled to compete during a typical fixture period (i.e. one week) but the second team is, no swimmer who would normally represent the first team is eligible to compete for the second team. In addition, individuals may not swim or be listed as a reserve for multiple teams during the same fixture period.

Competing for a Different Institution Division 1 – All swimmers must be compete for their institution of study (i.e. where the student is matriculated).

Division 2 – Swimmers from institutions who did not have their own distinct team entered into the SS Swimming leagues can compete for other institution.

However, students can only compete for one institution per season. Therefore, once a swimmer has competed for an institution, they will not be eligible to transfer to a team at a different institution until the following season.

League Playing Deadline All SS Swimming matches must be completed by:
Wednesday 27th March, 2024

Rearrangements If teams are unable to accommodate a league fixture on the week assigned on SSS Playwaze, a league fixture may be rearranged to another suitable date. However, all league matches must be agreed upon in writing before changes be made to SSS Playwaze

All rearranged fixtures must be completed by league playing deadline listed above.

Match Scoring

Event Scoring All events must be timed and recorded

At the end of each event, point are allocated depending on the finishing position of a swimmer.

Individual Events:

- 1st Place – 4 points
- 2nd Place – 3 points
- 3rd Place – 2 points
- 4th Place – 1 point

Relays:

- 1st Place – 8 points
 - 2nd Place – 4 points
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The team with the most points are deemed the overall winners of the match

**Only events that are swum can gain points

Event Forfeits

Should a team only be able to field either a men's side or women's side of an event, the opposing team shall receive 7 points for each individual event and 8 points for each relay team that is not completed.

Score Submission

Captains are responsible for submitting overall match score on SSS Playwaze and should aim to update the system within 48 hours after the completion of a fixture.

If an overall match score is not uploaded to SSS Playwaze within 10 days of the fixture being completed, a £25 will be incurred by both institutions.

Squad Lists

Squad Lists must be completed by each captain on SSS Playwaze and should be done in advance of the fixture. Where this is not possible, the official SS Aquatics match sheet will suffice for the game but Playwaze should be updated ASAP following the game. ALL players must be registered on SSS Playwaze to be eligible to swim.

Match Sheets

Completed match score sheets should be forwarded to at least one of the following contacts at the SSS office within 48 hours of a completed fixture:

info@scottishstudentsport.com

or

sean@scottishstudentsport.com

Any match score sheet not returned to the SSS office by the league result submission deadline, 28th March 2024 (i.e. 24hrs following the league deadline) will result in a void of match results and incur the £25 fine.



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Order of Events for SS Swimming Leagues – Appendix B

- 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