THE FUTURE OF THE ARENA JUNIOR INTER-LEAGUE COMPETITION

At the present time we receive £1500 in sponsorship from Arena, through Solo Sport. This agreement is due to run out in the near future and for the sponsorship to continue in a similar way (as well as them being prepared to help with the setting up and inputting of information onto a new website) there will need to be some changes to how the competition is run.

These changes will also be required as Swim England want to bring the competition into their competition calendar, so that they can avoid clashes with the camps being run by them. As part of this there will be a requirement for both a standardised programme (to be discussed on agreement of the changes) throughout all the different leagues and fixed dates for all leagues. The proposal for these dates is the 3rd weekend of April, May and June, starting in 2020. This would make the suggested dates:

* 1. 2020 18/19 April 16/17 May 20/21 June
  2. 2021 17/18 April 15/16 May 19/20 June
  3. 2022 16/17 April 21/22 May 18/19 June

We should consider moving the day of the Northern and Southern Area finals from 2020 due to this now clashing every year with the National County team event, which means that swimmers are having to choose. The possible date for this would be the final weekend of September.

The leagues which have several divisions must have their top division complying with all the National rules. Licensing of the final and possibly the leagues at level 3

Age on the day question will have to be agreed,

The number of swims for each swimmer would be as present:

*Each competitor is limited to 2 swims in their own age group plus one in an age group above in individual events, except 9 year olds who are limited to two individual races in their own age group. There is no restriction with regard to the number of team races except for 9 year olds who shall be restricted to team races for 9 and 10 year olds*

There should be an electronic package for entry and result service to ease the operation of the leagues.

The names of all the leagues are to be standardised as ……(North West) Arena Junior League

A proposed programme would be:

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| Event  1/2 | I2/U | 4 x 50m | Medley Relay | Event  25/26 | 9 yrs | 50m 25m | Backstroke |
| 3/4 | 9 yrs | 4 x 25m | Freestyle Relay | 27/28 | 10 yrs | 50m | Butterfly |
| 5/6 | 10 yrs | 4 x 25m | Medley Relay | 29/30 | 11/u | 50m | Freestyle |
| 7/8 | 11/u | 4 x 25m | Freestyle Relay | 31/32 | 12/u | 50m | Breaststroke |
| 9/10 | 9 yrs | 50m | Freestyle | 33/34 | 9 yrs | 25m | Butterfly |
| 11/12 | 10 yrs | 50m | Breaststroke | 35/36 | 10 yrs | 50m | Freestyle |
| 13/14 | 11/u | 50m | Backstroke | 37/38 | 11/u | 50m | Breaststroke |
| 15/16 | I2/u | 50m | Butterfly | 39/40 | I2/u | 50m | Backstroke |
| 17/18 | 9 yrs | 50m | Breaststrokee | 41/42 | 9 yrs | 4 x 25m | Medley Relay |
| 19/20 | 10 yrs | 50m | Backstroke | 43/44 | 10 yrs | 4 x 25m | Freestyle Relay |
| 21/22 | 11/u | 50m | Butterfly | 45/46 | 11/u | 4 x 25m | Medley Relay |
| 23/24 | 12/u | 50m | Freestyle | 47/48 | I2/u | 4 x 50m | Freestyle Relay |

49 Cannon 8 x 25m - 1Girl, 1Boy from each age group - Girls first in ascending order

A further proposal would be that from 2021 the 9 year olds would do 50m butterfly

A possibility for the youngest age would be the use of mixed relays rather than boy and girl relays

All the above are to be initially discussed at the AGM this month with each of the constituent leagues taking these back for discussion at their own AGM’s early in 2019, so that arrangements can be put into place to make the changes prior to 2020