

WILKINSON SWORD COMPETITION RULES

1. Any club that is affiliated to the County Association shall be entitled to enter **one** team in the 'Wilkinson Sword' Diddy Gala.
2. In the event of there being more teams than lanes available, then heats will be swum with the result being decided by the times achieved.
3. Each team may swim one swimmer per event or, in the case of relays, one team per event.
4. Each Team Manager shall submit their team list to the recorders before the start of the Gala.
5. Swimmers must be registered members of the club for which they swim.
6. The Wilkinson Sword programme will consist of the following age groups:
 - 9 years
 - 10 years
 - 11 years
7. All swimmers must be at least 8 years old on the day of the gala.
8. All ages are taken as '**Age on 31st December in the year of competition**'.
9. All age groups will swim 50 metres Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.
10. Swimmers in the top age group may swim **two** individual events.
11. All other swimmers may swim in **three** individual events with a maximum of **two** in their own age group and the third event being in a higher age group.
12. Relays are 4 x 25m Freestyle, and 4 x 25m Medley for each age group.
13. Gala points shall be awarded according to the number of teams competing i.e. if eight teams are competing then 1st place gets 8 points, 2nd place gets 7 points, and so on. If seven or fewer teams compete, then 1st place is awarded points to match the number of teams competing, 2nd place get one point less and so on. Equal places are awarded the same number of points, with the next placed team getting two points less than the equal teams.
14. The 'Wilkinson Sword Trophy' will be presented to the winning team, and the 'Runners-up Trophy' will be presented to the runners-up at the end of the Gala.
15. Trophy winners from the previous year will be responsible for ensuring that the trophies are engraved and available for presentation.
16. The NASA executive shall determine any matter arising for which these rules do not provide.
17. Each club to provide the 2 judge level 1 officials and 1 judge level 2 official, in addition to any officials who have been asked to be chief timekeepers, starter or referee.
18. Each club to provide one volunteer to assist with the running of the gala.