

LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

Redditch SC competes in five different leagues, which provide competitive opportunities at various levels for a large proportion of our swimmers.

WORCESTER WINTER LEAGUE

This is an important local league, comprised mainly of clubs from Worcester County. For the past two years two Redditch teams (A and B) have competed in this competition. This has allowed us to expand selections to include some swimmers who might not get picked for our main senior competition, the National Arena League.

Our teams will be competitive, with the intention to gain the best possible league positions for both teams. In recent years we have achieved unprecedented success, with our first WWL trophy win in 2013, followed by 3rd and 2nd place finishes for our A team in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Age groups: 11/under, 13/under, 15/under, open. Age at the date of the final round.

2015 gala dates: 17 January, 21 February and 19 April.

ROSS PGL LEAGUE

The PGL League is mainly aimed at swimmers who are currently below County standard, and there are 'speed limits' to ensure that swims that are too fast do not gain any points. Midland standard swimmers are specifically excluded.

Although aiming to reach the final of the competition each year, we use this league to give experience to some of our less experienced swimmers, who may get few opportunities in the main competitions. The PGL league is also used by our coaches to assess the form of swimmers on the fringes of selection for other competitions.

Age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13/14. Age at the date of the league final.

2015 gala dates: 7 February, 28 March, 25 April and 16 May; with the final on 6 June (at GL1 Gloucester)

NUNEATON & DISTRICT JUNIOR SWIMMING LEAGUE ("DIDDY LEAGUE")

The Diddy League, as it is commonly known, is the primary competition for our Junior swimmers. Redditch competes in Division 1 of our regional league, which has approximately 60 teams (from across the West Midlands, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire) in three divisions.

Teams are selected to be as competitive as possible, to try to ensure the highest possible league position.

In recent years RSC has achieved huge success in this competition. Since promotion to Division 1 in 2009, we have reached three finals (2010, 2012 and 2013) and consistently finished in the top eight.

Age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12. Age as at date of regional final.

2015 gala dates: 18 April, 9 May and 27 June; with the regional finals on 12 September (at Wolverhampton Central Baths).

MERCIAN SUMMER LEAGUE

This is a league of 24 teams from across the West Midlands. Any swimmer who has achieved a Midland qualifying time, in any competition since 1st October in the previous year is excluded from competing. Consequently, galas in this competition provide opportunities for some swimmers who might not be selected for the National Arena or Nuneaton and District Junior leagues.

Although not a key competition for us, we still aim to be competitive and to achieve a good position in the final league table.

Age groups: 10/under, 12/under, 14/under, open

2015 gala dates: 25 April, 13 June and 11 July.

NATIONAL ARENA LEAGUE

The National Arena League is the club's primary competition for our Senior squad swimmers (and some of our older Juniors).

We compete in the Premier Division (West Midlands) and have reached two regional finals in recent years. The league includes teams from as far away as Shropshire, Derbyshire and Bedfordshire – so some fairly distant away trips can be expected!

As for most clubs, this league is always a priority target and teams are selected to achieve maximum success in every round.

Age groups: 11/under, 13/under, 15/under, open. Age at 31 December.

2015 gala dates: 10 October, 14 November and 12 December.