

# British Universities Lifesaving Clubs' Association

Annual General Meeting 2024





## **British Universities Lifesaving Clubs' Association Annual General Meeting Agenda**

Location: Sir John Beckwith Centre for Sport

Date: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Start Time: 10:00

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

### **2. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

<https://www.bulsc.co.uk/resources/view/d2e6df73-3247-4966-a6a5-b5732c46db88>

### **3. BULSCA officer reports**

- a. **Mia Green, Chair**
- b. **Sarah Benson, Secretary**
- c. **Amelie Harrison, Treasurer**
- d. **Annabel Cruse, Club Development Officer**
- e. **Noah Hollowell, Data Manager**
- f. **Alice Ford, Communications Officer**
- g. **Glafki Schellekens, Champs coordinator**
- h. **Kirsty Reed, Welfare, and Inclusions Officer**

### **4. BULSCA Committee Officer Elections**

- a. **Chair**  
Declared candidates: Amelia Parnell, Tom Park
- b. **Secretary**  
Declared candidates: None
- c. **Treasurer**  
Declared candidates: None
- d. **Club Development Officer**  
Declared candidates: Tom Park
- e. **Data Manager**  
Declared candidates: Noah Hollowell
- f. **Championships Coordinator**  
Declared candidates: None
- g. **Communications Officer**  
Declared candidates: None

### **5. Discussion of Proposals**

- a. **Rope Throw Scoring**  
Proposer: Anton Oleinik, Seconder: Holly Nevill  
Committee Recommendation: No recommendation  
See Appendix A



b. **Allowing Corrective Goggles in Aquatic-based SERCs**

Proposer: Alice Ford, Seconder: Kirsty Reed

Committee Recommendation: Accept with discussion

See Appendix B

**6. BULSCA Awards**

- a. Sportsperson of the year
- b. Volunteer of the year
- c. Club of the year
- d. Fresher of the year
- e. Club member of the year

**PART 2:**

Location: TBC

Date: TBC

Start Time: TBC

**7. Competition Applications for the 2024/2025 Season**

- a. Allocation of Freshers Competition  
Applicants: TBC
- b. League Competition Allocations  
Applicants: TBC

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

**9. Any Other Business**



## Proposal A – Rope Throw Scoring

### Is this an Online Voting Proposal or a General Meeting Proposal?

General Meeting

### Proposer Name and Position

Anton Oleinik – Warwick President

### Seconder Name and Position

Holly Nevill – Warwick Speeds TO

### Aim – What do you want to achieve?

Modify the scoring procedures for 4x12m Line Throw Relay.

### Background – What do we need to know to consider the proposal?

*(N.B. This proposal was written before the proposer found Proposal B from the 2019 AGM, which at the time was accepted, but did not get implemented. This has been incorporated into this proposal in the italicised paragraph and this final proposal is a refinement of both.)*

The current scoring system was designed to maintain the relative gaps between teams in different events. Put simply, it was introduced to ensure that 'close' event results yield 'close' event scores. It has been successful in this, except for some edge cases in rope throw.

For one, since there is usually a low number of teams that get all 4 in, it is often the case that two teams with very close times will receive a wide range of points. A good example of this is rope throw at Bristol in the 22/23 season. Warwick A and Loughborough B were separated by only 0.01 seconds, and yet Warwick A received 74 more points than Loughborough B simply because they were the quicker of the two. Given the two teams were so close, and given that they had both achieved very quick times and were the only two teams to do so, it would have made sense to yield close scores.

Another similar consequence of the current formula is that groups of "4-in" teams are not rewarded for all attaining quicker times. Considering a hypothetical scenario where a fixed number of teams achieve 4-in, and considering a second hypothetical scenario where the exact same teams all achieve times exactly 10 seconds (as an example) quicker compared to the first scenario, we find that there is no difference in the scores yielded between the two situations. Arguably, if all the 4-in teams achieve quicker times compared to those that DNF, they should all be rewarded with a higher score – if all the 4-in teams are 10 seconds quicker, then they are separated from those that do not finish by an extra 10 seconds.

*A further consequence of the current scoring procedures is that, on occasion, it is possible for a team with 3-in to score more points than if they were to get 4-in. This happened at Warwick in the 18/19 season, where Loughborough A were the*

*slowest team to get their 4th in, and so were placed at the lower end of the 4-in band. But by getting 3-in instead, they would have both gained more LSp by being put in the middle of the 3-in band, and would have also dropped Bristol A to the bottom of the 4-in band, consequently attaining a net ~400 point gain on Bristol A. This is all detailed further in 1819-Proposal-B-Rope-Throw.pdf.*

### Proposal Details – What, specifically, do you want to do?

Adjust the scoring system for the 4x12m Line Throw Relay to:

- A) Interpolate '4-in' times between the fastest time and the time limit (150 seconds)
- B) Add one dummy team to each stratum.

The first two situations as resolved by point (A). The third situation is resolved by point (B) and is further helped by point (A). For technical changes, amend the clauses under 2.2.4 of the Calculation of Results Document to:

2.2.4.1. A Disqualification results in being awarded 0 LSp

2.2.4.2. LSp per team not disqualified is calculated by the following formula:

$$\text{LSp per Team } (L_{Team}) = \frac{1000}{(\text{Total Number Teams not DQ in event}) + 5}$$

2.2.4.3. LSp awarded to the number of teams that got 0 to 3 Members to the side (in accordance with the current issue of the BULSCA Competition Manual) are awarded following the below table of calculations:

Number In	Section for Result	LSp Scored
0	$\alpha = ((\text{Number that got 0}) + 1) \times L_{Team}$	$\text{LSp} = \frac{\alpha}{2}$
1	$\beta = ((\text{Number that got 1}) + 1) \times L_{Team}$	$\text{LSp} = \alpha + \frac{\beta}{2}$
2	$\gamma = ((\text{Number that got 2}) + 1) \times L_{Team}$	$\text{LSp} = \alpha + \beta + \frac{\gamma}{2}$
3	$\delta = ((\text{Number that got 3}) + 1) \times L_{Team}$	$\text{LSp} = \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \frac{\delta}{2}$

2.2.4.4. If a team get all 4 team members to the side (in accordance with the current issue of the BULSCA Competition Manual) the below formula is used to calculate the result. Let  $\mu = \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$ . Then

$$\text{LSp} = \mu + \left( \frac{\text{Time Limit} - \text{Time Achieved}}{\text{Time Limit} - \text{Fastest Time}} \right) \times (1000 - \mu),$$

where the Time Limit is that listed under 6.1.7 of Part 2 of the Competition Manual.

2.2.4.4.1. If the fastest time in an event equals the time limit, then all teams who get all 4 team members in are awarded 1000 LSp, as the above formula in 2.2.4.4 is undefined in this case.

### Motivation – Why are you proposing this?

To ensure the equitability of scoring and hence also the fairness of competition.

### Timetable and Actions – What do we need to do?

Action	Deadline
Implement new scoring procedures into the BULSCA	Start of next season



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Update new scoring documentation	Start of next season

#### Supplementary Documents (attached)

1819-Proposal-B-Rope-Throw.pdf: Original proposal from the 2019 AGM.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KzzWSA-0Jk2gOiix4QsDXwEJWSbfkLcU/view?usp=sharing>



## Proposal B – Allowing Corrective Goggles in Aquatic-Based SERCs

### Is this an Online Voting Proposal or a General Meeting Proposal?

General Meeting

### Proposer Name and Position

Alice Ford, BULSCA Communications Officer

### Seconder Name and Position

Kirsty Reed, BULSCA Welfare

### Aim – What do you want to achieve?

Make competing accessible and fair to people with visual impairments.

### Background – What do we need to know to consider the proposal?

The current BULSCA rules do not allow goggles or masks to be worn during aquatic-based SERCs (point 2.3.2).

2.3.2 Neither goggles nor masks are permitted, regardless of their optical qualities. Contravening this rule shall result in disqualification from the event (DQ302).

DQ302 is the DQ code for wearing goggles and masks during SERCS and reads as follows:

DQ302 Corrective goggles or masks are not permitted in either SERC.

The current rules acknowledge that certain venues may not allow glasses in the pool, but do not provide any alternative to make SERCs accessible to competitors in this instance.

2.3.1.4. If the risk assessment disallows glasses in the pool, competitors may only wear corrective eyewear whilst they are on the poolside, placing it in the box provided before entering the water and reclaiming it upon exiting.

### Proposal Details – What, specifically, do you want to do?

Change point 2.3.2 to read:

‘Masks are not permitted. Goggles are only permitted in SERCs for corrective purposes. Contravening this rule shall result in disqualification from the event (DQ302).

Add point 2.3.2.1 to read:

‘Corrective purposes refer to correcting a competitor’s ability to see and should not provide any competitive advantage to the individual.’

Update DQ302 to read: Masks are not permitted in either SERC. Goggles may only be worn for corrective purposes.

Removal of point 2.3.1.4

**Motivation – Why are you proposing this?**

To allow competing at all league competitions to be accessible to all competitors. Currently, competitors who require corrective eye wear find themselves at a disadvantage at certain competitions as they are unable to see their casualties in the water, or it is unsafe for them to enter the water whilst wearing contact lenses.

**Timetable and Actions – What do we need to do?**

Action	Deadline
Update the BULSCA competition events manual.	Before start of 2024/25 season

**Supplementary Documents (Attached)**