

NWCFA Cup Rules

Management

- 35.1 The competitions for the cups shall be annual.
- 35.2 The entire control and management of the competitions shall be vested in the Competitions Committee of the North Wales Coast Football Association whose cup competitions shall be next in order of precedence as follows:
- 1 FAW Competitions
 - 2 Welsh Men's Premier League and Welsh Women's Premier League
 - 3 Other Directly Affiliated Leagues
 - 4 Area Association Competitions
 - 5 Non-Directly Affiliated Leagues
- 35.3 All competitions shall bear the name of the sponsors pro-tem.

Entry

- 36.1 Each club competing shall give notice to the General Secretary of the Association on or before 1st August in each season and shall with such notice, forward the appropriate entrance fee.
- 36.2 The Executive Council may reject the entry of any club if they deem such a course desirable.

Qualification of Players

- 37.1 The competing teams shall number eleven players each plus five (5) named substitutes.
- 37.2 The members of each team may be changed during the series of matches, if thought necessary, but (a) no individual shall play for more than one competing team during the season, and (b) he must be a registered player of the competing Club before 5:00pm on the day before the Conference date.
- 37.3 A player may not register with the Secretary of the Association after the last Saturday in March for Saturday clubs and last Sunday in March for Sunday clubs.
- 37.4 Any registered player(s) of a club withdrawing from its parent league during the season who had participated in any competition shall not be deemed 'cup tied'.

Cup Draws

- 38.1 The clubs who have entered shall be drawn as the Competitions Committee shall decide.
- 38.2 The clubs shall be drawn in pairs until there are two clubs left. These shall then compete in the final.

- 38.3 The lots shall be drawn and the matches played on or before the conference date, the only exception to this would be the safety of ground conditions or as agreed with the Competitions Committee.
- 38.4 The Competitions Committee shall have the power to alter these dates if circumstances warrant alteration.
- 38.5 The Competitions Secretary will send each competing club the result of the draw, the date the match is to be played and the time of kick-off.
- 38.6 No club shall receive more than one bye in the competition unless all the teams left in have a bye, or the divisions are so arranged as to render it unavoidable.
- 38.7 Any team, which requires an open date on the conference date of the competition, must send a letter or e-mail to the Competition Secretary giving at least fourteen days (14 days) notice of the date. Failure to do this will result in a £20.00 fine.

Grounds

- 39.1 Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the clubs which are first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of grounds. (CHALLENGE CUP ONLY) 'Clubs who do not have floodlights and have been drawn at home against a club with floodlights: if neither agree to play on the conference date the match shall be played at the ground that has floodlights, on a date before the conference date'. If they fail to agree 14 days before the conference date then the NWCFA will give clear instructions as to where and when the fixture will be played. Failure to adhere to these instructions will incur a minimum fine of £75.00
- 39.2 In the case of drawn matches the club last drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground for the second match, and so on alternatively, but, except by mutual consent, it shall not be allowed for a club to select any ground other than that on which they are accustomed to play.
- 39.3 Clubs which are unable to fulfil the fixture within two weeks of the conference date may forfeit ground advantage at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

Duration of Matches

- 40.1 The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes (45 minutes each way) unless otherwise specified in these rules.
- 40.2 Clubs shall not mutually agree to play a match in lieu of a cup-tie. If a match is played to a conclusion it must be a cup-tie.
- 40.3 Postponed matches must be played within 7 days.
- 40.4 In all matches, including the semi-final and final ties, in the event of the scores being level at the end of 90 minutes, a further 30 minutes (15 minutes each way) extra time

shall be played.

- 40.5 Should the scores still be level at the end of extra time, the match must be decided by the taking of penalties as laid down by the FA of Wales. Any club failing to comply with the regulations will be dismissed from the competition.

Referees

- 41.1 The referee appointed must be upon the Register of the Association.
- 41.2 The referee in all cup competitions shall not belong to either of the competing clubs, and shall be appointed by the Council of the Association, and his expenses be paid to him in his dressing room by the club receiving the gate money.
- 41.3 The Secretary of the club upon whose ground the cup-tie is arranged to be played must immediately notify the referee of the date of match, time of kick-off and situation of ground and dressing room.
- 41.4 The referee may declare the match no cup-tie as a consequence of the state of the ground, such to be made before commencing the game and a written declaration to be handed to the captain of each team.
- 41.5 If through any cause the match is not played and the referee and linesmen (where appointed) attend the ground, they shall be paid half their fees in addition to their expenses.
- 41.6 In the event of the referees or linesmen appointed not attending a match, or not being in time to commence the game, the following procedure shall apply.
- 41.7 In the case of the referee the two clubs may agree to a person from amongst those present on the ground, in all cases preference being given to a registered referee.
- 41.8 In the case of a linesman, the referee being present shall appoint such person or persons as he shall deem competent.
- 41.9 All such emergency officials shall be considered officials during the period in which they officiate.
- 41.10 On arrival the officially appointed official(s) shall take over their duties, but a report of their late arrival shall be made by both clubs to the Association.
- 41.11 The Competitions Committee shall deal with the whole circumstances connected with the match and decide the result thereof.
- 41.12 The Referee shall oversee the exchange of team sheets of both clubs in his dressing room 30 minutes prior to kick off in all North Wales Coast Football Association Cup Competitions, except for the Under 16's, Under 14's and Under 12's when the team sheets should be exchanged 15 minutes prior to kick off. Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be fined £25.00.

Results

- 42.1 The Secretary of each club shall within 4 days (excluding Sunday) after the match, send notice of the result of the match, to the Competition Secretary, together with the full names and the registration numbers of the players in each team. Also the Referee's name and marks out of ten duly signed by an official of the club. Failure to comply with any of the above will result in a £10.00 fine. If a club has e- mail facilities then they may scan and send the completed team sheets within the time stipulated.
- 42.2 The Secretary of the home club shall also telephone the result of the match to the Competitions Secretary immediately upon the completion on the day of the match. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of £15.00.

Cup Draws - Withdrawals

- 43.1 No club shall be allowed to scratch from any round unless notice has been given to the Competitions Secretary of the Association before the draw is made for the round in question.
- 43.2 Any club failing to play on the day appointed by the Competitions Committee shall be adjudged to have lost the match and be liable to a fine not exceeding £75.00 together with any expenses incurred by the non-offending team unless a valid reason is given to the Competitions Committee for allowing an extension of time.
- 43.3 A Club withdrawing from a competition after the draw has been made will be held responsible for any expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the tie, such expenses to be properly vouched by the claimant.
- 43.4 The guilty club may also be fined a sum as decided by the Competitions Committee.

Colours

- 44.1 Should two clubs be drawn together, both of whom have registered the same colours, the home club must change their colours for that match.
- 44.2 In all final ties, if colours clash then both clubs will play in neutral colours.

Substitutes

- 45.1 A club may, at its discretion, use any three of the five named substitute players at any time in a match, except to replace a player who has been suspended from them by the referee.
- 45.2 Only the substitutes named on the team sheets provided to the referee prior to kick off should be allowed to participate in any Cup match under the jurisdiction of the North Wales Coast Football Association.
- 45.3 Only substitutes who have actually taken part in the match on the field of play shall be deemed to have participated.

Late Start

46.1 Any club found guilty of causing a late start will be fined £1 for every minute late.

Leaving Ground without Permission

47.1 Any club leaving the ground before the expiration of the game must be adjudged to have lost the match, and shall be liable to be dealt with by the Competitions Committee for misconduct.

Misbehaviour

48.1 The referee shall have power to disqualify any player for misbehaving during a match, and the team to which such player belongs shall play the remainder of the game without him, nor shall any substitute be allowed.

Doubt as to the Qualification of Players

49.1 If the Competitions Committee has any doubts as to the qualification of any player competing in a cup competition, it shall have power to call upon such player or the club to which he belongs, or for which he has played, to prove to the satisfaction of the Competitions Committee that he is properly qualified according to the rules.

49.2 Failing such satisfactory proof, the Competitions Committee shall have power to disqualify such player and remove such club from the competition. In the case of any player being found ineligible for a cup-tie, the club playing him must be adjudged to have lost the match and will be liable to a fine not exceeding £50 for each round that the ineligible player has played.

Protests

50.1 All questions of eligibility, qualifications of competitors or interpretation of the rules or laws of the game shall be referred to the Competitions Committee.

50.2 Should any club in connection with any dispute or protest have a member on the Council, the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Council while such dispute or protest is being considered.

50.3 No protest relative to the playing ground, goal-posts or bars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Competitions Committee unless it is laid down with the referee before the commencement of the match.

50.4 Such protest may be made verbally but must be handed to the referee in writing before he has left the ground; written notice of such protest must be lodged within four days (Sundays excluded) of the conclusion of the match with the Competitions Secretary of the Association.

50.5 A deposit of £45.00 must accompany the protest.

50.6 Any protest relative to the interpretation of the rules or laws of the game will not be entertained unless laid with the referee on or before the conclusion of the match.

- 50.7 The referee's decision must be acted on in the field, although under protest. Such protest may be made verbally but must be handed to the referee in writing before he has left the ground.
- 50.8 A written notice of such protest must be lodged within four days (Sundays excluded) of the conclusion of the match with the Competitions Secretary of the Association.
- 50.9 A deposit of £45.00 must accompany the protest.
- 50.10 Any objection to the qualification of a player must be made within four days (Sundays excluded) of the conclusion of the game in which the player objected to play.
- 50.11 The club lodging the objection must furnish the Competitions Secretary of the Association with a copy of the particulars of objection and must, if required, attend before the Commission with the full evidence in support thereof.
- 50.12 A deposit of £45.00 must accompany the protest.
- 50.13 If it is found on enquiry that a protest is frivolous the club laying the protest, in addition to forfeiting the protest fee or otherwise, may be held liable for the cost of the Commission of Enquiry.

Gate Proceeds

- 51.1 In all club competition matches, with the exception of the final ties, the proceeds of the gate, including permanent stand receipts, after paying fees of referee and neutral linesman (if appointed), police charges, printing and advertising (not to exceed £10.00) shall be equally divided between the two competing clubs.
- 51.2 In all final ties, the Association shall divide the net proceeds of the gate, retaining one half and equally dividing the remaining half between the competing clubs.
- 51.3 Competing clubs in the finals ties shall receive 20 complimentary tickets for their officials and players.
- 51.4 In all competition matches the first drawn club will be considered the home club, this shall include the Semi Finals. All NWCFA Finals shall be played on neutral grounds.

Travelling Expenses

- 52.1 In all matches, with the exception of the final ties, all the visiting clubs shall pay their own travelling expenses.
- 52.2 In the final ties, teams travelling by coach may claim the net amount paid or 35 pence per mile; whichever is the smaller (which figure may be altered by the Council as thought desirable).

Presentation

- 53.1 When the winning club shall have been ascertained, the cup shall be handed over to the representatives of the winning club present to receive the cup, and such presentation to such representatives shall be deemed to be the club generally, and to the Committee of Management of the club, who jointly and severally, shall be held responsible for the safe custody of the cup, and for its prompt return to the Competitions Secretary or any other official of the Association who may be appointed to receive the cup.
- 53.2 The cup must be returned in good order by the 31st December the same year. Failing to do so will result in a £250.00 fine.

Mementoes

- 54.1 In addition to the cup, the Competitions Committee shall present 16 suitable mementoes to the named players in the final ties, if the final tie is completed.

General Rules

- 55.1 The general rules shall also be applicable to all the cup competitions.
- 55.2 The match report form has to be signed by the Referee 30 minutes prior to kick off in the Senior Challenge, Junior Challenge, Sunday Challenge and the Youth Cups. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £20.00 for each offending club. In the Under 12/14/16 the match report form has to be signed by the Referee 15 minutes prior to the kick off. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £10.00.

NWCFA Challenge Cup Rules

Title

- 56.1 The cup shall be called 'The North Wales Coast Football Association Challenge Cup'.
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Best Team

- 58.1 Clubs entering this competition must play their best available team or be dealt with for misconduct by the Competitions Committee.

Ground and Facilities

- 59.1 Clubs must provide separate changing facilities for the Match Officials.

Exemption

- 60.1 Only clubs playing in Tier FOUR (4) and above within the current Welsh Pyramidal System & English Conference League can compete in this Competition, provided their ground are within the boundaries of the NWCFA.

Qualification of Players

61.1 A playing member is one who is registered with the Secretary of the League of which the club is a member before 5:00pm on the day before the Conference date.

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NWCFA Junior Challenge Cup

Title

66.1 The cup shall be called 'The North Wales Coast Football Association Junior Challenge Cup'

Entrance Fee

67.1 Entrance fee shall be £20.00.

Qualification of Players

68.1 The playing members of each team shall be non-contract players. A playing member of the club is one who is registered with the Secretary of the League of which the club is a member before 5:00pm on the day before the Conference date.

68.2 Players in the Junior Challenge Cup Competition must not have played more than three league and Cup matches in senior competitions during the current season. For the purpose of this rule the Senior Leagues are all Leagues and Cups above and including Tier Four (4) within the current Welsh Pyramidal system. The full Council of NWCFA will consider and determine which other Senior Welsh or English Leagues and Cups within the meaning of this rule before the commencement of the season. A player under 18 years of age on the 1st September in the current season shall be eligible to take part in this competition, irrespective of the number of senior matches he has played, but he must comply with Rule 68.1.

68.3 Clubs in Tier FIVE (5) and below within the current Welsh Pyramidal system who are within the boundary of this Association must enter the competition. Any club that has two teams may enter both teams into the competition but their registered players can only play for one team. Once they have played for a team they will then be considered to be cup tied for that team.

NWCFA Sunday Challenge Cup Rules

Title

69.1 The cup shall be called 'The North Wales Coast Football Association Sunday Challenge Cup'.

Competition

70.1 All Sunday League Clubs may enter this competition.

Entrance Fee

71.1 The entrance fee shall be £15.00

Qualification of Players

72.1 A playing member of the club is one who is registered with the Registration Secretary of the League of which the club is a member before 5.00pm on the day before the conference date.

Duration of Matches

73.1 In all cup-ties, should the scores be level at the end of 90 minutes, a further 30 minutes (15 minutes each way) extra time shall be played. If the scores are still equal after extra time then the match must be decided by the taking of penalties as laid down by the FA of Wales.

Postponed Matches

74.1 Postpones and abandoned matches shall be played on the following Sunday.

NWCFA Youth Cup Rules

Title

75.1 The Cup shall be called 'The North Wales Coast Football Youth Challenge Cup'.

Entrance Fee

76.1 Each club desirous of competing shall give notice to the *General Secretary* of the Association on or before 1st September in that season in which such club proposes to compete and shall with such notice forward an entrance fee of £10.00. The Cup ties will be played on Sunday Afternoons.

76.2 Clubs participating in a designated Under 18's and/or Youth League who are located within the boundaries of this Association shall be allowed to enter the Competition. The Competition is not open to any Academy or Centre of Excellence team(s).

Qualification of Players

77.1 A playing member must not have attained the age of 18 years at midnight on 31st August of each season.

77.2 A playing member is one who has actually registered with a club seven days prior to the conference date fixed for the match or one who has, in writing on Form A, intimated to the Secretary of the Association fourteen days before the conference date for the match that he desires to be considered a playing member of that club, or one who has registered with the Secretary of the League of which the club is a member fourteen days before the conference date.

- 77.3 A player may not register with the General Secretary of the Association after the last Saturday in March. No individual shall play for more than one competing team during the season.
- 77.4 NWCFA Composite Cup Rules to apply.

The Youth Cup Competitions of the NWCFA

Title

78.1 The cups shall be named as follows:-

- Under 12 -
- Under 14 -
- Under 16 -
- Under 14 Girls -
- Under 16 Girls -

Administration

- 79.1 Entry fees shall be £10.00 and determined by the Competitions Committee.
- 79.2 These rules shall apply to all cup competitions as per rule 78.
- 79.3 Teams who enter the cup competitions organised by the Competitions Committee must fulfil their fixtures. Any team that withdraws from the competition after the first round draw is made will be dealt with by the Competitions Committee and if found guilty may be fined up to a maximum of £25.
- 79.4 The Competitions Committee shall have the entire control of the competition under the guidance of Council.

Venue, Duration and Fulfilment of Ties

- 80.1 Teams shall be drawn in pairs and the first team so drawn shall have home advantage in all rounds leading up to the final itself. The Competitions Secretary will be responsible for making cup draws and where practicable the draws shall be made at Competitions meetings, if this is not possible then the Secretary shall arrange for an alternative venue for the draw.
- 80.2 All cup matches shall be played to a conclusion, that is, there will be no replay of a match drawn at the end of normal playing time, duration of matches shall be as follows:
- Under 12 - 30 minutes each way - size 4 football to be used.
 - Under 14 - 35 minutes each way- size 4 football to be used.
 - Under 16 - 40 minutes each way- size 5 football to be used.
 - Under 14 Girls - 35 minutes each way- size 4 football to be used.

Under 16 Girls - 40 minutes each way- size 5 football to be used.

If scores are level at the end of these periods, extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played, and if the scores are still level, matches will be decided on by the taking of penalties as laid down by the FA of Wales.

- 80.3 Any team failing to play on the appointed date of the match, or leaving the ground before the completion of the match, shall be dealt with by the Competitions Committee for misconduct. If the offending team cannot render a satisfactory explanation then they will be adjudged to have lost the match and may also be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.
- 80.4 Only when a team has two or more players involved in school activities may a team be allowed to seek permission from the Competitions Secretary, to postpone a match. This will only apply when at least 14 days' written notice is given to the Competitions Secretary by the team concerned. This ruling will not apply in the case of Final Ties.
- 80.5 If a cup match is postponed on its due conference date then the match will take place the following week and replace any arranged league fixture. A NWCFA cup fixture takes priority over any league fixture.
- 80.6 Postponed and abandoned matches must be replayed on the date given by the Competitions Secretary.
- 80.7 The home club is responsible for telephoning the result of their match to the Competitions Secretary immediately upon conclusion of the game taking place. Failure to do this will result in a £10.00 fine. The completed match result form (players' full names, registration numbers, referee's name and marks out of ten) is to be sent to the Competitions Secretary, so as to reach him within 4 days (excluding Sunday) of the match being completed. Failure to do so will result in a £10.00 fine. If a club has e-mail facilities then they may scan and send the completed team sheets within the time stipulated.

Qualification of Players and Teams

- 81.1 All players participating in this competition must be registered with their League and must be participating members of that league's domestic competitions. All players must also be registered with the NWCFA Registration Secretary (Junior Level) at least fourteen days prior to the set conference for any tie.
- 81.2 A player shall be deemed eligible if he is under the age of the competition he intends to play in on or before midnight on 31st August.
- 81.3 Up to and including Under 16's age group flying substitutes will be allowed i.e. any number of substitutions can be made and a player may re-enter the game (All substitutions to be made during a break in play with the permission of the match referee) but no player shall play for more than one competing team in the same season. If however a player(s) has played in any cup competition for a team/club and

that team/club disbands, then the said player(s) will be eligible to play for a new team/club in further rounds of any competition. In the case of postponed, abandoned, drawn or replayed matches, only those eligible on the original date of the fixture shall be eligible to play.

- 81.4 Teams participating in this competition must be affiliated to the NWCFA.
- 81.5 Clubs may not inter change players from other teams within their club so as to make up a club representative side to compete in this competition. Clubs may only enter teams that regularly participate as a team within their respective Junior Leagues.
- 81.6 The Under 12's competition shall be organised and based on the FAW Mini Football Regulations 9 v 9 format, with Academic Years six (6) and seven (7) players eligible to participate.

Player Identity Slips

- 82.1 Managers of competing teams must have in their possession their NWCFA Players Identification Slips when participating in a match. Any player whose ID Slip is not readily available before the commencement of a match will not be allowed to participate in that match until such ID Slip is produced. Opposing team managers, referees or NWCFA officials are allowed to inspect a player's ID Slip before, during or after a match. Managers failing to provide such officials with players' ID Slips will be dealt with by the Competitions Committee. If a match is postponed due to a manager failing to provide sufficient players' ID Slips then that manager will be dealt with by the Competitions Committee and, if found guilty, then the team will be deemed to have lost the match.
- 82.2 All Coaches/Managers must carry and produce their valid FAW ID Card or Valid DBS Certificate when requested by an accredited officer of the Association. If any Coach or Manager fails to produce either of these documents, then they will be reported to the Association's Disciplinary Secretary who will charge the said coach/manager for breaching Rule 27.8 of the Association's Rules.

Ineligible Player

- 83.1 If a player is found ineligible, then the team playing him shall be adjudged to have lost the match. The team may also be fined up to a maximum of £25.
- 83.2 An ineligible player shall be deemed as:
- a) A player who is suspended from playing through misconduct
 - b) A player who is not named on the team sheet provided to the Referee prior to kick off
 - c) A player who is not properly registered with the North Wales Coast Football Association

Incorrect Date of Birth

- 84.1 In the event of a team being found guilty of playing a player with the wrong date of

birth being stated on his ID Slip, if the player would be ineligible, the offending team shall be fined £10 for every round that player has played. In the event of the player concerned being the subject of a protest laid in accordance with Rule 49, the team playing him will be adjudged to have lost the match.

Laws

- 85.1 All matches shall be played under the rules of the FA of Wales and in accordance with the laws of the game.
- 85.2 A team at its discretion may use five substitutes at any time in a match, except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the referee. The names of the substitutes must be given to the referee prior to the match.
- 85.3 The Competitions Committee at their discretion, shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for under these rules.

Protests

- 86.1 Person(s) or team(s) making a protest/complaint to the Competitions Committee must reach the Competitions Secretary in writing within four working days (Sundays not included) after the conclusion of the game. This protest/complaint must be accompanied with a fee of £45.00 which will be reimbursed if their protest/complaint is successful.

Disability Football

- 87.1 Competitions for Disabled players who are over the age of 8 years on the 1st September in any playing season shall be governed, sanctioned and controlled as set out in the Regulations for Disability Football in Wales.