

RULES OF WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

- Title of Competition 1. – The Competition shall be called “The Football Association of Wales Women’s Challenge Cup Competition”.
- Cup Ownership 2. – The Cup is the property of The Football Association of Wales Limited.
- When the winning Club shall have been ascertained, the Association shall deliver the Cup to such Club, which shall be responsible for its return to the Association on or before the 1st day in March in the ensuing year in good order and condition.
- Should the Cup be lost, destroyed or damaged by fire or any other cause whilst under the care and custody of the Club the latter shall refund to the Association the amount of its current insured value or the cost of thorough repair in addition to any other penalty which the Football Association may impose.
- Souvenirs 3. – In addition to the Cup, the Association shall present medals to the Players and Substitutes in the Final Tie. When a Player taking part is ordered to leave the field of play for misconduct, the medal to which he may be entitled may be withheld at the discretion of the Council.
- Control of Competition 4. – The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council.
- The Council shall have the power to formulate Rules of the Competition and to alter or add to the Rules as they, from time to time, deem expedient. The Council shall appoint a Committee to control and manage the Competition on their behalf and to give decisions on matters arising out of the Competition which, within the Rules laid down by the Council, shall be deemed decisions of the Council. Clubs shall be bound by any Contract entered into by the Council in relation to the Competition. In any matter not specifically mentioned in these Rules, the Committee shall have the power to take such action and impose such penalties as it deems necessary.
- Eligible Clubs 5. – (a) The Competition shall be open to all clubs who play football within Wales and who have affiliated to their Area Association.
- Dates for Entry and Exemptions 6.(a) Each Club desirous of competing shall complete an Entry Form and return it to the Association no later than 30th June immediately prior to that season, in which such club proposes to compete and shall, with such notice, forward an entrance fee of £19.44 plus v.a.t. Exemptions or byes as may be considered appropriate shall be granted or made at the discretion of the Council.
- Competition Organisation of Competition 7. – The Competition shall be on a Knockout basis.
8. – The Competition shall be played on a geographical

basis. The Council shall decide the geographical distribution of the Clubs participating in the competition.

The Draw

9. – The Clubs shall be drawn in couples. These couples shall compete, and the winners shall be drawn and shall compete in the same manner and this shall be continued until the end of the Competition, when the winning Club shall hold the Cup. Immediately after each draw is made, notice shall be given to each Club of the name of its opponent, and the date by which the game must be played.

Immediately after each draw, the Secretaries of Clubs drawn at home must communicate with their opponents, agree upon a date, venue and the time of kick off and notify the Secretary of The Football Association of Wales within seven days of the draw.

Where Clubs fail to agree as to the date fixed for the Tie, or any other particulars of the match The Football Association of Wales shall decide the issue upon such terms and conditions as it shall deem expedient.

Any Club refusing to play the Club against which it has been drawn within the time intimated to it, without sufficient reason for doing so, shall be adjudged to have lost the match.

The Club having choice of ground shall, 7 days at least prior to the date of time, notify the Secretary of the opposing Club and the referee all particulars necessary for the players of the tie. Clubs failing to do this may be subject to a fine.

Ground for
Cup Ties

10. – (a) *Choice of Ground* – In each tie, up to the Semi-final Tie, the club first drawn in the ballot shall have the choice of ground.

(b) *Dimensions of Field of Play and Ground Facilities* The dimensions of the field of play for all Cup Ties shall be as follows:

Maximum length, 120 yards; minimum length, 100 yards

Maximum breadth, 80 yards; minimum breadth, 50 yards

The Home Club shall ensure that:

Goal nets are used in all Ties.

Corner Flags are in place.

A First Aid Kit is available.

(c) *Appeal – Unsuitability of Ground*

If the ground of the Club entitled by the draw to have the Cup Tie played on its ground is considered unsuitable for the Cup Tie, having regard to all the circumstances, the opposing Club may appeal to the Council within three days of confirmed venue by the home club.

Such appeal must be accompanied by a fee of £25.00 which may be forfeited if the appeal is not sustained.

The Council may order the match to be played on the ground of the appealing Club, or on a neutral ground. The

payment of the expenses incidental to the Appeal shall be at the discretion of the Council.

(d) Playing Condition of the Ground

Each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in playing condition and, if necessary, either Club may appeal to the Association and the Secretary shall require the Referee or some other Referee to examine the ground and decide as to its fitness for play in sufficient time to save expenses of unnecessary journeys being incurred by the Clubs. Subject to this Rule, the Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and must report to the ground where the match is to be played at least one hour before the time of kick-off.

Club Colours

11. – The competing teams shall number **sixteen** players each. Every player must wear the distinctive colours of the club for which she is a playing member, and should two Clubs have similar colours, the AWAY Club shall change its colours. Should both Clubs concerned in a Final Tie have similar colours, then it will be decided by the toss of a coin and in the event of such Clubs not agreeing upon the colours to be worn the Association will decide.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from the other Players and the Match Officials.

Advertising up to a maximum of 32 sq. ins (200 sq. cms) may be worn on Players' clothing.

Duration of
Matches

Provisions for all Matches

12. – (i) The duration of each match shall be one hour and a half. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. If the match ends in a draw after 90 minutes played, or if in the opinion of the Referee prevailing circumstances would not permit the match being finished, 10 minutes each way may be played. In this case, the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both Teams.

When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time it must be decided on penalties in accordance with the rules of the International Football Association Board.

(ii) Any late kick-off must be reported by the Referee to The Football Association of Wales and the Council shall have power to impose a fine.

(iii) *Matches which are postponed or abandoned*

When a first match has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of 90 minutes

and neither club being at fault, it must be played on the same ground. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the chosen ground of the Club second drawn on the following Sunday. Matches abandoned through the fault of the Clubs shall be dealt with by the Council.

- Reporting Results 13. – (i) The Secretaries of each Club shall send notice of the result, on the Match Report Form supplied, with the names of the players competing, to the Secretary of the Association so that it is received within two days of the match (Sundays not included).
(ii) Clubs failing to comply with this Rule or submitting an incorrect Match Report Form shall be subject to a fine as determined by the Council.
- Provisions for Semi-final and Final Ties 14. – (i) The Council shall fix the ground for the Semi-final and Final Ties and shall have direct control of the arrangements.
- Provisions for Scratching from the Competition 15. – (i) Any Club intending to scratch must give information of their intention to do so to the Secretary of the opposing Club, not less than eight days before the date fixed for playing.
(ii) A Club failing to comply with this rule shall be reported to the Council, who shall have power to compel such offending Club to pay the expenses incurred and take such action as they may deem expedient.
(iii) Clubs failing to give a satisfactory reason for scratching or withdrawing without first obtaining the consent of the Council may not be allowed to enter the Competition the following Season and shall be liable to a fine at the discretion of the Council.
(iv) In the Semi-Final and Final Ties any Club failing to play without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play, may be adjudged by the Council to have been guilty of serious misconduct.
- Provisions Concerning Qualification of Players 16. – (i) The Cup shall be competed for annually in accordance with these Rules and matches shall be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board. Unless a satisfactory reason is given, each team shall represent the full available strength of each competing Club.
(ii) A club may at its discretion use 3 Substitute Players at any time in a Cup Tie, except to

replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee after play has commenced.

- (iii) A registered player is one who has registered on a league form for the Club for which she proposes to compete 24 hours prior to the said Conference Date.
- (iv) A Player shall not in the same Season play for more than one competing Team or Club, but the members of each respective Team may be changed during the series of matches.
- (v) A Player who has been suspended may play in postponed ties after the term of his suspension has expired.
- (vi) A Substitute who is not used is entitled to play for another Team or Club in the same Season.
- (vii) Clubs must hand copies of a List of Names of Players taking part in the game (including the names of the nominated substitutes) to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee at least 30 minutes before the advertised time of kick off. Any Club failing to carry out these provisions may be fined a sum.

Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the team sheet to the Referee and before the kick-off she may be replaced provided the Referee is informed.

Validity of
Players’
Qualifications

17. – If the Council have any doubt as to the qualifications of any Player taking part in this Competition, they shall have power to call upon such Player, or the Club to which she belongs, or for which she played, to prove that she is qualified according to the Rules, and failing satisfactory proof the Council shall remove the Club from the Competition, and may impose such other penalty as they may think fit.

Disqualification

18. – The Council shall have the power to disqualify any competing Club, or Official, or Players for any competing Club, who may be proved to be guilty of any breaching of the Association Rules.

Provision
Concerning
Referees &
Assistant
Referees

19. –
- (i) In all matches Referees and Assistant referees shall be appointed by the Football Association of Wales. Neither past nor present members of either contending Clubs shall be eligible.
 - (ii) The fees and expenses of all match officials appointed by the Association for all matches prior to the semi-final ties, shall be paid by the FAW. The HOME club shall be responsible for the payment of these fees and expenses on the day of the match, which may then be reclaimed from the Association.
 - (iii) *Scale of Expenses to be Paid to Officials*

- (a) An allowance of £0.22 per mile will be allowed to all officials officiating in the Competition who travel by private car.
- (b) Matches preceding the Semi-Final Tie:
Referee, £18.00
Assistant referees, £12.00
Semi-Final Tie;
Referee, £30.00;
Assistant referees, £15
Final Tie;
Referee, £50.00
Assistant referees, £25.00 and a Souvenir
Reserve Official, £25.00 and a Souvenir.
- (iv) Officials are entitled to their travelling expenses if incurred and half their fees if the match to which they were appointed is not played.
- (v) Referees and Assistant referees shall acknowledge acceptance of appointments for all matches in the Competition to the Secretary of the Association.
- (vi) The Home Club shall send details of the match to the Referee and Assistant referees who shall acknowledge receipt.
- (vii) The duties of the Referee and Assistant referees shall be as defined in Laws of the Game 5 and 6.

Provisions relating to Protests

20. –
- (i) All questions relating to the qualification of competitors, or interpretation of the Rules, or any dispute whatever shall be referred to the Council, whose decision shall be final and binding on both Clubs.
 - (ii) Every protest must be made in writing and must contain the particulars of the ground upon which it is founded. Two copies of the protest must be lodged with the Association, accompanied by a fee of £25.00 within two days of the match to which it relates (Sundays not included). The fee shall be forfeited to the Association in the event of the protest not being sustained.
 - (iii) The Council may order any Club engaged in a dispute or protest to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred.
 - (iv) Any protest relating to the ground, goal posts or bars or other appurtenances of the game shall not be entertained by the Council unless an objection has been lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match, and not later than one hour before the official time of the kick-off. The Referee shall require the responsible Club to correct the cause of the

objection, if this is possible without unduly delaying the progress of the match.

- (v) When an objection has been lodged with the Referee, a protest must be made to the Association and neither objection nor protest shall be withdrawn, except by leave of the Council.
- (vi) The Secretary of the Association shall send a copy of the protest and particulars to the Club protested against.
- (vii) Each Club may support its case by witnesses.
- (viii) If a member of the Council is connected with the Club concerned in a dispute of protest, he shall not sit on the Council while the dispute or protest is being considered.
- (iv) A Club summoned to attend a Hearing of a dispute of protest may be represented by one (1) or more of its Members. A Barrister or Solicitor may represent the Club of which he is Chairman or Secretary at the time of the alleged offence, but otherwise only with the prior consent of the Council. Any person summoned to attend a Hearing of a dispute or protest must attend personally and shall not be legally represented except with the prior written consent of the Council.

21. – All notices required to be given to the Association by any of these rules shall be addressed to the Secretary, at the offices of The Football Association of Wales, 11-12 Neptune Court, Vanguard Way, Cardiff CF24 5PJ.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES U-16's GIRLS CHALLENGE CUP

Rules apply as Women's Cup except for the following variations:

U-16 Provisions for Matches

Preceding Final Tie

6. (a) Each Club desirous of competing shall complete an Entry Form and return it to the Association no later than 30th June immediately prior to that season, in which such club proposes to compete and shall, with such notice, forward an entrance fee of £5.88 plus v.a.t. Exemptions or byes as may be considered appropriate shall be granted or made at the discretion of the Council.

Club Colours

11. – The competing teams shall number **sixteen** players each. Every player must wear the distinctive colours of the club for which she is a playing member, and should two Clubs have similar colours, the AWAY Club shall change its colours. Should both Clubs concerned in a Final Tie have similar colours, then it will be decided by the toss of a coin and in the event of such Clubs not agreeing upon the colours to be worn the Association will decide.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from the other Players and the Match Officials.

Advertising up to a maximum of 32 sq. ins (200 sq. cms) may be worn on Players' clothing.

Duration of
Matches

12. – (i) The duration of each match shall be 35 minutes each way. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. If the match ends in a draw after 70 minutes played a further 10 minutes each way shall be played, or if in the opinion of the Referee prevailing circumstances would not permit the match being finished, 5 minutes each way may be played. In this case, the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both Teams.

When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time it must be decided on penalties in accordance with the International Football Association Board procedures.

(ii) Any late kick-off must be reported by the Referee to The Football Association of Wales and the Council shall have power to impose a fine.

- (iii) *Matches which are postponed or abandoned*
 When a first match has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of 60 minutes and neither club being at fault, it must be re-played on the same ground. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the chosen ground of the Club second drawn on the following Sunday. Matches abandoned through the fault of the Clubs shall be dealt with by the Council.
- Provisions for Final Tie 14. – (ii) If a Final Tie has resulted in a draw, an extra 10 minutes must be played. If the match is still a draw, it must be decided on penalties in accordance with the the International Football Association Board procedures.
- Provisions for Scratching from the Competition 16. – (ii) A Club may at it's discretion use up to 5 Substitute Players in a Cup Tie, except to replace a Player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee after the play has commenced.
- (iii) A registered player is one who has registered with the club whom she wishes to play on a league form.
- Provisions Concerning Referees and Assistant Referees 19. – (iii) *Scale of Expenses to be Paid to Officials*
- (a) An allowance of £0.22 per mile will be allowed to all officials officiating in the Competition who travel by private car.
- (b) Matches preceding the Final Tie:
 Referee, £18.00
 Assistant referees, £12.00
- Semi-final Tie:**
 Referee, £30.00
 Assistant referees, £15.00
- Final Tie;**
 Referee, £50.00;
 Assistant referees, £25.00 and a Souvenir
 Reserve Official, £25.00 and a Souvenir.