

RULES OF WELSH YOUTH CUP COMPETITION

- Name 1. – The Cup shall be called “The Football Association of Wales Youth Challenge Cup”. The competition for the Cup shall be annual, and shall be open to registered clubs of the Association and Affiliated Associations.
- Control 2. – The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council of The Football Association of Wales.
- Competing Clubs to enter on or before 1st August – 3. – Each Club desirous of competing shall give notice to the Secretary of the Association on or before the 30th June immediately prior to that season in which such club proposes to compete, and shall with such notice forward an Entrance Fee of Nine Pounds 61p sterling plus v.a.t. The Council may reject the entry of any club if they deem such a course desirable.
- Number of Players and colours 4. – The competing teams shall number **sixteen** players each. Every player must wear the distinctive colours of the Club for which he 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.
- Definition of Playing Member 5. – 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 have been a playing member of the Club for which he proposes to compete, and (c) he must not have attained the age of 19 years before the 31st August of each season and (d) he has reached the age of sixteen on the day that the match is played. Any individual duly qualified to play in the First and second Round Ties in each season shall be eligible for the remainder of that season. A playing member is one who has been registered on a League Form for the Club for which he proposes to compete (play) 24 hours prior to the aforesaid Conference date.
- Substitutes A Club may at its discretion use 3 substitutes 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.
- Postponed Matches, etc. 6. – In the case of postponed matches, only those players

shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the Conference Date.

Size of Ground 7.– The Field of Play for Cup Ties shall not be less than 100 yards by 50 yards, and not more than 120 yards by 80 yards. Goal nets must be used in all Cup Ties.

Clubs to be exempted 8. – The four Clubs which competed in the Semi-Final ties in the previous season shall be exempted from taking part in the Competition until the later stages. The Council shall divide the remainder of the Clubs who have entered into groups, as nearly geographically as may be possible. The names of the Clubs in each such group shall be drawn in couples, these couples shall compete with each other, and the names of the winners shall be drawn in couples and compete with each other.

Qualifying Competition 9. – The winners of each division shall be divided by the Council into groups as conveniently situated geographically as possible, and shall be drawn in couples; these couples shall compete with each other, and the names of the winners shall be placed in one lot, and shall be divided into groups by the Council as conveniently situated geographically as possible, and shall be drawn in couples; these couples shall compete with each other, and the names of the winners shall be drawn in couples and compete with each other, and the winner of the Final Ties shall be the holder of the Cup for the current year.

Byes 10. – Byes shall be drawn at the discretion of the Council.

Draw 11. – The lots shall be drawn, and the Competition matches played as the Council of the Association may determine. Immediately after each drawing the Secretary shall intimate to the Secretary of each club by printed minutes, the name of the Club it is drawn against and the time of Kick-Off, and the time within which the Tie must be played.

Immediately upon receipt of the Draw for each round, Secretaries of Clubs drawn at Home must communicate with their opponents and agree upon a date for the match.

Any further changes to the draw as stated in the original printed minutes must be authorised by the Football Association of Wales.

Secretaries of Clubs drawn at home must notify the Secretary of The Football Association of Wales of the agreed date in writing within 7 days of receipt of the draw.

Any club failing to carry out these provisions will be fined a sum not exceeding £10 at the absolute discretion of the Committee.

Clubs shall not mutually arrange to play a match in lieu of a Cup Tie. If a match is played to a conclusion it must be a cup tie. Postponed matches shall be played the following Sunday, and notify the same to the Secretary of the Association.

All Cup Dates are Conference Fixtures and must be strictly adhered to unless otherwise authorised by the Council.

12. (a) – The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes.

(b) When a match has resulted in a draw, an extra 20 minutes must be played, and in this event the game shall be recommenced in accordance with Law 8 and 10 minutes shall be played each way.

(c) When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time, the winner shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the International Board recommended procedures.

Date for
Postponed
matches

13. – Postponed matches shall be played on the following Sunday, unless the Clubs agree to play midweek prior to the following Saturday, and notify the same to the Secretary of the Association.

Kicks from
Penalty-spot

14. – If, following the completion of extra time the result is a draw, the winner shall be determined by a series of kicks from the penalty spot.

Failing to play
off

15. – In the event of any Clubs, drawn together in any tie, failing to play the same off within the appointed time, they shall be struck out of the Competition, unless they shall have played an extra 20 minutes, or shall have played twice before the date fixed for the conclusion of the tie, or unless sufficient reasons be given to the Council for allowing an extension of time. Any clubs drawn together in the Competition having arranged to play on a certain date, either Club failing to comply shall be disqualified.

Clubs intending
to Scratch

16. – No clubs shall be allowed to scratch from any Round unless notice has been given to the Secretary of the Association before the Draw is made for Round in question.

Sending Results

17. – (a) Clubs shall hand copies of a list of names of players taking part in the game (including the name of nominated substitutes) to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the Referee's dressing room at least 30 (thirty) minutes before the official time of kick-off.

Any Club failing to carry out these provisions will be fined a sum not exceeding £10.00 at the absolute discretion of the Committee.

Players shirts shall be clearly numbered one to sixteen in accordance with the list handed to the Referee before the match and there shall be no change of numbering during the match except for a change of goalkeeper.

(b) The Secretary of each competing Club shall within two days (Sunday excepted), after the day of the match, send notice of the result in writing, together with the full names and addresses of the players in each team, to the Secretary of the Association. Secretaries failing to comply with this Rule

shall be dealt with for misconduct.

Choice of
Ground

18. – In each Tie the game shall be played on the ground of the Club first drawn in the ballot, unless otherwise mutually arranged and the consent of the Council obtained. In drawn matches the Club last drawn in the ballot shall have the choice of ground for the second match, and so on, alternatively, unless the Council shall decide to fix a neutral ground.

Choice of
ground for
Semi- and
Final Ties

19. – In the semi-final and Final Ties the ground shall be chosen by the Council, who shall appoint Assistant Referees and Referee, and have all the management thereof; and in the event of any Club failing to play when ordered to do so, they must be adjudged to have lost the match, and be dealt with by the Council for misconduct.

Referee and
Assistant
Referees

20. (a) – The Referee in all Cup Competition matches shall not belong to either of the competing Clubs, and shall be appointed by the Council of the Association, and his expenses shall be paid by the Club receiving the gate money. If through any cause the match is not played, and the Referee and Assistant referees (where appointed) attend the ground they shall be paid half their fees, in addition to their expenses. No member of the Council of the Association shall be appointed as an official.

(b) – *Scale of fees to be paid to officials*

(i) **Rounds 1 to 3**

Referee £18.00, Assistant Referees £12.00

Round 4

Referee £18.00, Assistant Referees £14.00

(iii) **Semi Final**

Referee £30.00 Assistant Referees £15.00

(iii)

Final Tie

Referee £50.00 Assistant Referees £25.00,
Reserve official £25.00.

Question of
eligibility

21. – All questions of eligibility, qualifications of competitors, or interpretation of the Rules, or Laws for the game, shall be referred to the Council, whose decision shall be final.

Protests

22. – (a) Should any Club in connection with any dispute or protest have a members on the Council, the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Council while such dispute or protest is being considered. No protest relative to the playing ground, goal-posts, or bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Council, unless it is laid with the Referee **before the commencement of the match**, nor shall any protest relative to the interpretation of the Rules or Laws of the Game be entertained unless laid with the Referee on or before the conclusion of the match. Such protests may be made verbally, but must be handed to the

Referee in writing before he has left the ground or dressing-room. A written notice of such protest or protests, and **two copies thereof**, must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association, within two days (Sunday excepted) after the conclusion of the Match within which time a written protest against the eligibility of any player may be lodged.

(b) The sum of Twenty-Five Pounds sterling must be deposited with the Secretary of the Association, together with all such protests, which sum shall be forfeited to the funds of the Association in the event of such protest not being sustained. In the event of a protest being laid against a club for playing any player over age, such club playing him shall, within two days of receiving a copy of such protest produce to the Secretary of the Association a copy of the birth certificate of any player so claimed ineligible, and should the protest fail under this heading, the cost of such birth certificate shall be met by the club protesting.

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 costs of the Commission of Enquiry.

Playing ineligible players

23. – In the case of any player being found ineligible, the Club playing him must be adjudged to have lost the match.

If the Council have any doubt as to the qualification of any player competing in this competition, it shall have the power to call upon such player, or the Club to which he belongs or for which he played, to prove to the satisfaction of the Council that he is properly qualified according to the Rules, and failing such satisfactory proof, the Council shall have power to disqualify such player, and remove such Club from the Competition or to take such other action as deemed expedient.

Clubs leaving ground without permission

24. – 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 Council for misconduct.

Referee's powers as to Players

25. – The Referee shall have the power to disqualify any player for misbehaviour during the match, and the team to which such player belongs shall play the remainder of the game without him, nor shall any substitute be allowed.

Division of Gates

26. – The proceeds of the "Gate", after paying printing, posting, advertising (the total charge for same not to exceed £25.00 except by mutual arrangement) police charges, charge of the Referee and Assistant referees (where appointed), shall be equally divided between the two competing Clubs. In the semi-final and final ties, the nett gate shall be equally divided between the Association and the two competing Clubs respectively.

Receipt for safe-keeping of Cup

27. – We,
Club, and

Secretary of the
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Members of and representing the said Club, which has been declared to have won The Welsh Youth Cup for the current year, and the same having been delivered to us by or on behalf of the said Association, do hereby, on behalf of the said club, individually and collectively, engage to return the same to the said _____ or to the Secretary of Association for the time being, 28 days before the Final match, in the next season, in like good order and condition, and in accordance with the conditions of the annexed Rules, to which also we have subscribed our respective names.

The Club winning the Cup shall insure the same through The Football Association of Wales at its current value.

In addition to the Cup, the Council shall present Souvenirs to the Players and the substitutes in the Final Tie.

Rules
governing
Competition

28. – The Rules to be observed in the Competition shall be those of “The Football Association of Wales”.