

## **SCHEDULE 3**

### **RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION CUP COMPETITIONS**

#### **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 Clubs other than Junior Clubs in the Area must enter at least one of the Association Cup Competitions for which it is eligible to enter
- 1.2 The Association Cup Competitions will have priority over all league and cup Competitions in the Area, with the exception of FAW Competitions, and National Level league and cup Competitions. Clubs which enter for any or all of the Association Cup Competitions must play off all their ties in any round concerned in any such Competition concerned, on or before the Conference Date fixed by this Association in respect of such round or on or before such other date as fixed by the Council.
- 1.3 The Council reserves the right to reverse fixtures in the Association's four Cup Competitions should the circumstances warrant such a reversal when, for example, the ground of the home Club is declared unfit on the first Saturday (the first Saturday being the Conference Date). On the second Saturday an early inspection of the ground to be undertaken by 9.00a.m at the latest, so that the match can be reversed provided that the Away Club's ground is available.
- 1.4 Any Club withdrawing from an Association Cup Competition shall be liable to a fine determined by the Council of the Association
- 1.5 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the rules of any Recreational Level league or cup competition return substitutions are permitted in all leagues and cup competitions played exclusively at Recreational Level within the Area.
- 1.6 Return substitutions are permitted in all Association Cup Competitions provided that all Clubs permitted entry to the competition play exclusively at Recreational Level.
- 1.7 Whenever return substitutions are permitted, Clubs may at their discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game name and use five substitutes and any player who has been substituted shall become a substitute and may replace a player at any

time during the game provided the substitution is carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game.

## **2. RULES OF THE SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP**

- 2.1 The Cup shall be called the “Central Wales Football Association Senior Challenge Cup”. The Competition shall be annual, and shall be open to the affiliated Clubs of this Association. The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council of the Association.
- 2.2 Each Club intending to enter the Competition shall do so via Comet on or before 31 July and pay the entry fee. The Council may reject the entry of any Club to the Competition if it deems such a course necessary. Clubs entering the Competition must play their best available team on the Conference Dates set for the various rounds or on such alternative date as set by the Council.
- 2.3 The Players of each team may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary, and a Player may play for more than one competing team in the Competition during the season. A Player is one who is properly registered to the Club on Comet by 5.00 pm on the last Business Day prior to the Conference Date.
- 2.4 In the case of postponed, matches, only those Players who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the completion of the round shall be eligible to play.
- 2.5 A Club may, at its discretion, use five substitute Players from five named substitute Players for any reason (injury or otherwise) except to replace a Player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. A substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. Substitutions can only take place on three occasions during a match excluding half time. Substitute Players shall be named to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game.
- 2.6 The competing teams shall number eleven Players each. Every Player must wear the distinctive colours of his Club. Whenever Clubs have similar colours, the **HOME** Club shall

change its colours. Should Clubs concerned in a Semi-Final or Final tie have similar colours, then both Clubs must change, and in the event of such Clubs not agreeing upon the colours to be worn the Association shall decide.

- 2.7 The Council may divide the Clubs who have entered the Competition into groups as nearly equal as possible. The names of the Clubs in each group shall be drawn in couples with each other. The Clubs then remaining in the Competition shall be drawn together as the Council may determine, and the winners of the Final tie shall be the holders of the Cup for the current year.
- 2.8 Byes shall be drawn at the discretion of the Council.
- 2.9 Each Club involved in a cup fixture shall submit an electronic Team Sheet via Comet at least 20 minutes prior to kick off. The numbers on the shirts of the players must correspond with the electronic team sheet.
- 2.10 Immediately after each draw has been made the Competition Secretary shall notify the Secretary of each Club in the Competition the name of the Club it is drawn against and the time of kick off. 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 not later than the following Saturday or Sunday (only if agreed by all parties) or as determined by the Council
- 2.11 The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes.
- 2.12 If following completion of the match the result is a draw, the winner shall be determined by a series of kicks from the penalty spot.
- 2.13 Unless otherwise mutually arranged, the Clubs which are in each instance first drawn in the ballot, shall have the choice of ground. Except by mutual consent, it shall not be allowed for a Club to select any ground other than which it is accustomed to play. If the ground of the Club having choice of ground is considered unsuitable for a cup-tie, their opponents may appeal within seven days of the Draw to the council, who, if such appeal be sustained, shall

order the match to be played on the ground of the appealing Club, or on a neutral ground. If such appeal be not sustained, the complaining Club may be called upon at the discretion of the Council to pay the expenses incurred in deciding such appeal. It shall be permissible for a Club whose ground is not suitable to play its cup-tie on an adjacent ground of regular dimensions, provided such Club can satisfy the Council at the beginning of the season that it has done all in its power to improve its ground or secure another, also providing the Club has registered with the Association, at the time of entering the Competition, the name and location of the said adjacent ground.

2.14 In the Semi-Final and Final ties, the matches shall be played on a neutral ground. If in the Semi-Final ties, the Council should decide to play the match on the ground of one of the Clubs taking part, no charge for the use of the ground shall be made by the Club in question. The Council shall appoint the Match Officials the same to be duly registered with the Association, and have all management thereof. In the event of a Club failing to play when ordered to do so, it shall be adjudged to have lost the match and such Club shall be dealt with by the Council for misconduct and shall be liable to a financial penalty.

2.15 The Referee in the Competition ties shall not belong to either of the competing Clubs. The Council shall, if they think fit, after the second round, appoint neutral Assistant Referees, and their 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-fee in addition to their expenses. The Referee may on appeal declare the match no Cup-Tie in consequence of the state of the ground, such declaration to be made before commencing the game, and a written copy to be handed to the captain of each team. No member of the Council shall be appointed as a Match Official.

2.16 All questions of eligibility, qualifications of competitors, or interpretation of the Rules or Laws of the Game, shall be final. 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 in 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 Laws of the Game be entertained unless laid with the Referee or before the conclusion of the match. Such protests must be handed to

the Referee in writing before he has left the dressing room or ground. A written notice of such protest or protests, **and two copies thereof**, must be lodged with the General Secretary of this Association within four days (Sundays excepted) after the conclusion of the match, within which time a written protest against the eligibility of any player may be lodged. The sum of (£20) Twenty Pounds must be deposited with the General Secretary of this 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. 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 Panel of enquiry. In the case of any Player being found ineligible, the Club playing him shall be adjudged to have lost the match and shall be liable to a fine of up to a maximum of £100.

- 2.17 Any Club leaving the ground before the expiration of the game shall be adjudged to have lost the match, and shall be liable to be dealt with for misconduct.
- 2.18 The Referee shall have power to disqualify any Player for misbehaviour during a match. the Team to which such Player belongs shall play the remainder of the game without him, nor shall any substitute be allowed to replace the substituted player.
- 2.19 If the Council shall have any doubts as to the qualification of any Player competing in this Competition, it shall have the power to call upon such Player, to prove to the satisfaction of the Council that he is a properly qualified Player 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.
- 2.20 In the Competition ties, with the exception of the Semi Final and Final tie, the proceeds of the gate, including permanent stand receipts, after paying printing, postages, advertising, Police charges, charges of the Referee and neutral Assistant Referees, travelling expenses of officials (if any) appointed by the Council, shall be kept by the home club. The Association shall receive the gate in the Semi-Finals and Final ties and the Association will meet the reasonable costs of the host club in making the ground available for the tie and the provision of food and other reasonable ancillary expenses

- 2.21 The ground for Cup-ties shall not be less than 100 yards by 50 yards and not more than 120 yards by 80 yards; the ground to be roped off 2 yards from touch and goal lines, which are to be clearly defined. Goal nets must be used in all Cup-ties.
- 2.22 In addition to the Cup, the Council shall present suitable mementos to the players (16 per team) in the Final tie.
- 2.23 All reports concerning Players and others officially cautioned, dismissed from the field of play, or reports of misconduct, must be submitted by the Referee in duplicate, to the Disciplinary Secretary of the Association as instructed on the Appointment Form.
- 2.24 When the winning Club shall have been ascertained, the Cup shall be handed over to the representative 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 responsible for the safe custody of the Cup, and for its prompt return no later than 28 February (engraved with winning club's name and date, cleaned and undamaged) to the General Secretary, or other official of the Association who may be appointed to receive the Cup.
- 2.25 Match Officials should arrive at the ground at least 45 minutes before kick-off.
- 2.26 Any Club withdrawing from the Competition will be liable to a fine as determined by the Council in its absolute discretion.

### **3. RULES OF THE J. EMRYS MORGAN CUP**

- 3.1 This Competition will be played under the same Rules as the Senior Challenge Cup, with the following amendments: -
- 3.2 Players who have played in six or more matches at National Level (Levels 1 -3) in the season of the Competition shall be deemed ineligible. Grounds on which ties are played need not be roped off.

- 3.3 Return substitutions are permitted. Clubs may at their discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game name and use five substitutes and any player who has been substituted shall become a substitute and may replace a player at any time during the game provided the substitution is carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game.
- 3.4 The competition is for amateur players only, Professional Players as defined in the Rules of the Football Association of Wales are not eligible to participate in the Competition.
- 3.5 Entry to the Competition is limited to affiliated clubs playing at Level 4 and below or reserve teams of clubs playing at National Level or above.

#### **4 RULES OF THE YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP**

- 4.1. The Cup shall be called the “Central Wales Football Association Youth Challenge Cup”. The competition for the Cup shall be annual, and shall be open to all Clubs within the Area of the Association. The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council of the Association. This Competition will be played under the same Rules as the Senior Challenge Cup, subject to any amendments hereafter stated
- 4.2. Each Club intending to enter the Competition shall do so via Comet on or before 31 July and pay the entry fee. The Council may reject the entry of any Club to the Competition if it deems such a course necessary.
- 4.3. The competing teams shall number eleven Players. Every Player must wear the distinctive colour of the Club for which he is a playing member and should two clubs have similar colours, the **HOME** side shall change its colour. Should both Clubs concerned in a Semi-Final or Final tie have similar colours, then both Clubs must change, and in the event of such Clubs not agreeing upon the colours to be worn the Association shall decide.
- 4.4. The members of each team may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary, and (a) an individual may play for more than one competing team during the competition, provided (b) he is a properly registered playing member of the Club with

which he proposes to compete, and (c) he has not attained the age of 19 years by the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the season of the Competition, and (d) he was a properly registered Player for his Club by 5.00 pm on the last Business Day prior to the Conference Date.

- 4.5. In the case of postponed matches only those Players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date fixed for the completion of the round.
- 4.6. A Club may, at its discretion, use five substitute Players from five named substitute Players for any reason (injury or otherwise) except to replace a Player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. A substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. Substitutions can only take place on three occasions during a match excluding half time. Substitute Players shall be named to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game.
- 4.7. Each Club involved in a cup fixture shall submit an electronic Team Sheet via Comet at least 20 minutes prior to kick off. The numbers on the shirts of the players must correspond with the electronic team sheet.
- 4.8. The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes. If following completion of the match the result is a draw, the winner shall be determined by a series of kicks from the penalty spot.
- 4.9. Each round shall be a knockout round. Byes shall be drawn at the discretion of the Council.
- 4.10. Immediately after each draw has been made the Competition Secretary shall notify the Secretary of each Club the name of the Club its drawn against and the date and time of kick-off. 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 where possible.
- 4.11. 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 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. No Club shall be allowed to scratch from any Round unless notice has been given to the Council before the Draw is made for the Round in Question.

- 4.12 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.
- 4.13 In the Final tie, the ground shall be chosen by the Council, who shall appoint the Match Officials, and have all management thereof. 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.
- 4.14 The Referee in the 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 Council. If, through any cause, the match is not played and the Match Officials (where appointed) attend the ground, they shall be paid half their fee in addition to their expenses. No member of the Council of the Association shall be appointed as a Match official.
- 4.15 All questions of eligibility, qualifications of competition, or interpretation of the Rules, or Laws of the Game, shall be referred to the Council, whose decision shall be final. 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 a 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 in writing before he has left the dressing room or ground 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 dressing room or ground. A written notice of such protest or protests, and two copies thereof, must be lodged with the then Secretary of the Association within two days (Sunday excepted) after the

conclusion of the match, in which time a written protest against the eligibility of any Player may be lodged. The sum of £20 (Twenty) must be deposited with all such protests, which sum shall be forfeited to the funds of the Central Wales Football Association in the event of such protest not being sustained. In the event of a protest being laid against a Club for playing a Player over age, such Club playing him shall, within two days of receiving a copy of such protest, produce the Hon. 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 Panel of Enquiry. In the case of any Player being found ineligible the Club playing him must be adjudged to have lost the match.

- 4.16 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.
- 4.17 If the Council have any doubts as to qualification of any Player competing in the Competition it shall have the 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 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 action as deemed expedient.
- 4.18 The proceeds of the "Gate" up to and including the Semi-Finals, after paying printing, posting, advertising, Police charges, charges of the Match Officials (where appointed), shall be equally divided between the two Clubs. The proceeds of the "Gate" in the Final tie, shall deduct the expenses set out above, and the remainder retained by the Association.
- 4.19 The ground for Cup-ties shall not be less than 100 yards by 50 yards and not more than 120 yards by 80 yards.
- 4.20 In addition to the Cup the Council shall present suitable mementos to the Players in the Final tie.

- 4.21 When the winning Club shall have been ascertained, the Officials of the winning Club shall sign a receipt for the Cup and ~~to~~ return the Cup in like order and condition, clean and with the winning club's name and date, no later than 28 February to the General Secretary, or other official of the Association who may be appointed to receive the Cup.
- 4.22 If in the Final tie the Council should decide to play the match on the ground of one of the Clubs taking part, no charge for the use of the ground can be made for the Club in question.
- 4.23 Match Officials should arrive at the ground at least 45 minutes before kick-off.

## **5. RULES OF THE LADIES CHALLENGE CUP**

- 5.1 The Cup shall be called the `Central Wales Football Association Ladies Challenge Cup`. The Competition for the Cup shall be annual, and shall be compulsory to all Ladies Clubs registered with the Central Wales Football Association and who play in Leagues under the jurisdiction of the Association. The entire control and management of the Competition is vested in the Council of the Central Wales Football Association.
- 5.2 This Competition will be played under the same Rules as the Senior Challenge Cup.

## **5. INTER-LEAGUE (UNDER 18) COMPETITION RULES**

- 5.1 Eligible players must not have attained their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday prior to **1<sup>st</sup> August** preceding the season in question.
- 5.2 All players must be registered on Club forms of a Club, who are members of the League with which the player proposes to participate.
- 5.3 Players with dual qualification – i.e. eligible for selection by more than one League – must, if selected, represent the League with whom he has played most games 14 days prior to the Competition day and during the season in question.
- 5.4 Duration of games – as determined by Youth Committee.
- 5.5 Players “Sent Off” will miss the remainder of the competition.
- 5.6 Players cautioned /sent off will be reported for Disciplinary action.

- 5.7 All questions of eligibility, qualification of competitors, or interpretation of the rules shall be dealt by the Youth Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- 5.8 All Leagues must enter – Leagues withdrawing will be dealt with by Disciplinary Committee.
- 5.9 Players under 16 years of age are not eligible to play.

**6. RULES RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATION, REGISTRATION AND CONTROL OF REFEREES**

- 6.1 No person shall officiate as a Referee in any Competition under the jurisdiction of the FAW unless he is registered with an Affiliated Association.
- 6.2 A Referee must be registered with an Affiliated Association on payment of the subscription fixed by such Association. Each Affiliated Association shall keep a register and shall issue lists of the Registered Referees prior to the commencement of each season or as required by The Council of the FAW.
- 6.3 A Referee must be registered with the Affiliated Association, within whose area he resides, and subject thereto, he may also be registered with any other Affiliated Association on payment of the subscription fixed by such Association.
- 6.4 Any person desirous of being registered shall make application on a form supplied by the Secretary of an Affiliated Association and shall, with his application, pay a fee according to his grading. That Affiliated Association shall then be his parent Association and shall deal with all matters concerning him as a Referee.
- 6.5 The qualification of such applicants shall be subject to such examination as The Council of the FAW or the Affiliated Association shall from time to time determine.
- 6.7 A Referee shall not be registered unless able to satisfy his Affiliated Association of his date of birth.
- 6.8 Grading shall be in three grades 1 - 4 with respective fees as determined by the Affiliated Associations. The grading of a Referee by an Affiliated Association must be accepted by all other Associations affiliated to the FAW
- 6.9 Each Referee shall purchase annually a Referees' Chart from his Area Association unless the previous year's edition has not been revised, in which event his ruling will only apply to new Referees.
- 6.10 All Fees and Subscriptions are payable Annually and each Affiliated Association shall, on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July in each year, classify their Referees and forward complete list to the FAW on or before the first day of October in each year
- 6.11 Referees must not travel in company with teams.

- 6.12 No Referee under the age of 16 years shall be registered.
- 6.13 Referees should go on the field in proper costume, and Referees in Grade 1 should wear the Official Badge of The FAW. Referees in all other classes should wear the Official Badge of the Affiliated Association to which they are registered.
- 6.14 No Referee shall be allowed to officiate in any Association Cup, League or other Competition sanctioned by The FAW or an Affiliated Association, or any friendly match between Association Clubs, if not registered with an Affiliated Association.
- 6.15 Referees registered with an Affiliated Association are not permitted to act either as Match Officials in any League or Competition in which they also take part as players.
- 6.16 If from unforeseen circumstances, a registered Referee is unable to officiate, Competitions or Clubs may agree on some other person to act in the emergency.
- 6.17 Any Referee proved to have been concerned as an agent for a Club in the transfer and/or engagement of a player shall have his name removed from the Register of an Affiliated Association.
- 6.18 An applicant under the age of 16 may be registered as a Junior Referee by an Affiliated Association.

#### **MEMORANDUM CONCERNING SCHOOLBOYS AND SCHOOL GAMES**

One of the important aspects of games in school is the opportunity they afford of developing a boy's sense of loyalty and honour. It is, therefore, of concern when interest in games outside the school conflict with a boy's loyalty to his school and/or school's organisation activities.

1. It is usually the boy of outstanding football ability whose services are sought by any Club, and he is most likely to be a member of the school or Association team. While schools' matches are often arranged on Saturday mornings and Club matches take place in the afternoon, it is considered that a boy should not play in two matches on the same day, for the one match is likely to affect his play in the other.
2. An outside Club or organisation should consult the Head Master before selecting any schoolboy to play for a team, and should accept the Head teacher's decision on these matters.
3. Head teachers of schools should not restrain boys, who are not selected for school games of any kind, from playing for an outside organisation during their free time.

