

THE CENTRAL WALES FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

In addition to the League Championship, an annual cup competition known as the Central Wales Football League Cup (hereafter 'the League Cup'), will be organised for each Club to enter.

Rules of the League Cup

1. Definitions

1.1 In these Rules the the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings

Club: a club admitted to membership of the Central Wales Football League

Conference Date: the date specified by the Executive Committee as the date on which the ties in a round of the League Cup are to be played.

Comet: the football management system used by the FAW.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee of the Central Wales Football League

FAW: The Football Association of Wales

IFAB: The International Football Association Board

Laws of the Game: the laws and other rules for playing association football as prescribed by IFAB from time to time

League: The Central Wales Football League

League Secretary: the secretary of the League

Team Sheet: a list of players and Technical Staff including up to five substitute players selected by a Club for a League Cup match.

2. Eligibility of Players, Substitutes and Team Sheets

2.1 Only amateur players within the definition of Amateur Players in the FAW Rules are eligible to participate in the League Cup.

2.2 Only players registered to a participating Club in strict compliance with section H of the FAW Rules shall be eligible to play in the League Cup.

2.3 A player may only play in the League Cup for the Club to which he is registered.

2.4 A player may play for more than one Club in the League Cup in any one season provided he is registered to the Competing club in accordance with Rule 2.2.

- 2.5 In the event of a postponed League Cup fixture only those players who were eligible to play on the Conference Date of the round or the Conference Date of the match in accordance with Rule 3.4 shall be eligible to participate in the postponed fixture.
- 2.6 For each League Cup fixture a Club may use three substitutes from a total list of five substitutes recorded on the Team Sheet. A substitute may be used to replace a player for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the referee.
- 2.7 A substitution shall only be made when play has stopped for any reason, and the referee has given permission for the substitution to take place.
- 2.8 Deleted
- 2.9 Each Club involved in a League Cup fixture shall submit an electronic Team Sheet to the referee and via Comet not later than 30 minutes before kick-off.
- 2.10 After Team Sheets have been provided to the Referee by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:
- (i) If any of the 11 players indicated on the Team Sheet as forming the starting 11 are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by one of the five substitutes listed on the initial Team Sheet, with the exception of the goalkeeper, who may be replaced by a non-listed substitute. The substitute(s) in question may then only be replaced by a player or players registered in accordance with Rule 2.2 not listed on the initial Team Sheet, so that the quota of substitutes is not reduced. During the match, three players may still be substituted.
 - (ii) If any of the five substitutes listed on the Team Sheet are not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by a player registered in accordance with Rule 2.2 not listed on the initial team sheet.
- 2.11 Players shirts shall be clearly numbered in accordance with the Team Sheet. A player shall not change shirt number during the match, except for a change of goalkeepers. Any infringement of this rule may lead to the Club being charged with a disciplinary offence.

3. The Draw, Grounds and Colours

- 3.1 Only the first round of the League Cup shall be drawn on a regional basis. For the first round, the Executive Committee in their absolute discretion shall first divide the Clubs into regional groups of equal number or nearly equal number so that competing Clubs are paired as conveniently (geographically) as may be possible.
- 3.2 Byes shall be drawn at the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 3.3 Immediately after each draw; the Conference Date, the fixtures and the time of kick-off shall be notified to Clubs and published on the League website. The Executive

Committee shall have the absolute discretion and authority to determine the kick-off time and the date of each fixture in accordance with Rule 3.4.

- 3.4 In any round where paired Clubs desire to play on a date other than the Conference Date, both Clubs shall notify the League Secretary of their request within 7 days of the draw. League Cup matches shall not be played after the Conference Date, with the exception of the immediate Sunday afterwards (the following day), and shall only be permitted if the two participating Clubs have agreed. Whenever a request pursuant to this Rule 3.4 is granted the re-arranged date shall be regarded, for all purposes as the Conference Date for the round concerned.
- 3.5 In each League Cup tie the match shall be played on the registered ground of the Club first drawn. If the registered ground is unavailable, the fixture must be reversed to the opponents registered ground. When the fixture has been reversed, the Club which will now host the match is responsible for all of the expenses as described in Rule 6.1.
- 3.6 When a match has been postponed or abandoned before its completion on two occasions, the fixture will be reversed with home advantage being awarded to the visiting team. When a fixture has been postponed by the Executive Committee for whatever reason this will not count as one of the two occasions. When the fixture has been reversed, the club which will now host the match is responsible for all income & expenses.
- 3.7 Clubs must not agree to play on an alternative ground to a registered ground or neutral ground other than with the consent of the Executive Committee.
- 3.8 The Executive Committee shall have the power to order any League Cup match to be played on an alternative ground if it is deemed necessary.
- 3.9 Semi-final and final League Cup ties shall be played on a neutral ground.
- 3.10 It shall be the duty of the home Club to provide free dressing room accommodation for visiting teams and match officials.
- 3.11 In the event of any paired Clubs registering the same or similar kit colours, the away team shall change colours.

4. Match Arrangements

- 4.1 In all League Cup matches including the final tie, if the scores are level at the end of 90 minutes, an extra 15 minutes each way ('extra time') will be played. If still a draw at the end of extra time, the match will be decided by the taking of penalty kicks, in accordance with international penalty kicks procedures.
- 4.2 No Club shall be allowed to scratch from any round unless notice has been given to the Executive Committee before the draw is made for the round in question.
- 4.3 In the event of any Club failing to play a League Cup match when ordered to do so, the Club in default shall be adjudged to have lost the match and shall be dealt with by the

Executive Committee for misconduct and fined a sum of £150 plus any appropriate match costs incurred by their opponents where applicable.

- 4.4 Fines for late starts shall be similar to those for late starts to League matches.
- 4.5 The home Club must record the details of the goal scorers and substitutions on behalf of both teams (along with times of each) on Comet as soon as practicable following the end of the match. A Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee for misconduct.

5. Protests

- 5.1 All protests raised in respect of the League Cup whether by Clubs, players or officials, including interpretation of these Rules or the Laws of the Game, shall be heard and determined by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the League Cup whether specifically provided for in these Rules or not.
- 5.2 In the event of a member of the Executive Committee being from a Club involved in the protest the said member shall not be present at the Executive Committee whilst the protest is being considered.
- 5.3 All protests, (and two copies thereof), shall be lodged in writing with the League Secretary within two days (Sundays excepted) of the date of the match, except those relating to the suitability of the ground, which must, (in the first instance), be notified to the referee before commencement of the match, and lodged with him or her in writing before he or she leaves the ground.
- 5.4 All protests must be accompanied by a deposit fee of £20, which sum may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be forfeited in the event of such protest not being sustained.
- 5.5 In the event of any player being found ineligible, the Club playing him shall be adjudged to have lost the match.
- 5.6 Any Club leaving the ground before expiration of the match shall be adjudged to have lost the match, and shall be liable to be dealt with by the Executive Committee for misconduct.
- 5.7 The findings and decisions of the Executive Committee may be appealed to FAW in strict compliance with the FAW's appeal procedures.

6. Gate Receipts and Expenses

- 6.1 In League Cup matches, with the exception of the semi-final and final ties, the proceeds of the gate, including any permanent stand receipts, after paying printing, postages, and advertising (the total of same not to exceed £5, except by mutual arrangement), police charges, referees fees and expenses, reasonable charges for floodlights to the maximum

of £25, shall be equally divided between the two Clubs immediately after the conclusion of the match.

- 6.2 In the semi-final ties, the Executive Committee shall first deduct the same expenses as set out in Rule 6.1, and the usual fee of £100 for use of the ground. The Executive Committee shall then divide the remaining balance of the takings equally between the League and the two competing Clubs.
- 6.3 In the final, after all the expenses as set out Rules 6.1 and 6.2 have been deducted, the net gate will be retained by the League. The Executive Committee shall, in addition to the cup, present miniature cups or medals to the winning players, and match officials, and, if funds allow, miniature cups or medals to the losing finalists.

7. Prize Monies

- 7.1 The following prize monies will apply to this League Cup Competition;
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| WINNERS; | £200 |
| RUNNERS-UP | £100 |