

RULES OF THE CWFA JUNIOR CUPS

The following rules apply to any junior cup organised by Central Wales Football Association ('the Council')

- 1.1 The name of the Cup shall be determined by the relevant applicable age group as follows:

U12 Boys The Cup shall be called the "Central Wales Football Association U12 Boys Cup".

U14 Boys The Cup shall be called the "Central Wales Football Association U14 Boys Cup".

U16 Boys The Cup shall be called the "Central Wales Football Association U16 Boys Cup".

U12 Girls The Cup shall be called the "Central Wales Football Association U12 Girls Cup".

U14 Girls The Cup shall be called the "Central Wales Football Association U14 Girls Cup".

U15 Girls The Cup shall be called the "Central Wales Football Association U15 Girls Cup".

The competition for each of the Cups ('the competition') 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 who shall appoint a junior competitions secretary for the purposes of administering the competition.

- 1.2 Each Club intending to enter the competition shall do so via Comet on or before 31 August and pay the entry fee. The Council may reject the entry of any Club to the competition if it deems such a course necessary.
- 1.3 Any matches shall be played in accordance with the FAW Junior Football Regulations or FAW Small Sided Games Regulations as they apply to the relevant age group and for the avoidance of doubt:

U12 Girls:

Applicable FAW SSG Regulations	U12
Playing Format	9 v 9
Ball Size	4
Match Duration	70 mins (35 min halves)
Pitch Size	64 x 44 yards
Goal Size	7 x 16 ft
Player eligibility	Those female players eligible to play at U11/12/13 during the season of the competition

U14 Girls:

Applicable FAW SSG Regulations	U14
Playing Format	11 v 11
Ball Size	5
Match Duration	70 mins (35 min halves)
Pitch Size	Full Pitch
Goal Size	Full Size
Player eligibility	Those players female eligible to play at U13/14/15 during the season of the competition

U15 Girls:

Applicable FAW SSG Regulations	U15
Playing Format	11 v 11
Ball Size	5
Match Duration	80 mins (40 min halves)
Pitch Size	Full Pitch
Player eligibility	Those female players eligible to play at U14/15/16 during the season of the competition

U12 Boys:

Applicable FAW SSG Regulations	U12
Playing Format	9 v 9
Ball Size	4
Match Duration	70 mins (35 min halves)
Pitch Size	64 x 44 yards
Goal Size	7 x 16 ft
Player eligibility	Those male & female players eligible to play at U11/12 during the season of the competition

U14 Boys:

Applicable FAW SSG Regulations	U14
Playing Format	11 v 11
Ball Size	5
Match Duration	70 mins (35 min halves)
Pitch Size	Full Pitch
Goal Size	Full Size
Player eligibility	Those players male and female eligible to play at U13/14 during the season of the competition

U16 Boys:

Applicable FAW SSG Regulations	U16
Playing Format	11 v 11
Ball Size	5
Match Duration	80 mins (40 min halves)
Pitch Size	Full Pitch
Player eligibility	Those male and female players eligible to play at U15/16 during the season of the competition

- 1.4 The home team shall be responsible for the appointment and payment of a referee and for ensuring that the referee's details are entered on COMET accordingly. No member of the Council shall be appointed as a Match official.
- 1.5 Every Player must wear the distinctive colour of the Club for which s/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 Council shall decide.
- 1.6 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) s/he is a properly registered playing member of the Club with which s/he proposes to compete.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 Each round shall be a knockout round. Byes shall be drawn at the discretion of the Council but if in the discretion of the junior competitions secretary numbers permit, the first two rounds will be regionalised.
- 1.11 Immediately after each draw has been made the junior 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 but clubs may amend the date, time and venue if both clubs are in agreement and the junior competitions secretary is notified accordingly and provided such matches are completed before the next round is due to commence. 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 as soon as possible.

- 1.12 In the event of any Clubs drawn together in any tie, failing to play the tie on the appointed date or such other date as may be agreed between the Clubs 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. No Club shall be allowed to scratch from any Round unless notice has been given to the junior competitions secretary before the Draw is made for the Round in question.
- 1.13 In each tie the game shall be played on the ground of the Club first drawn in the ballot unless otherwise mutually arranged otherwise and the junior competition secretary notified in advance.
- 1.14 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.
- 1.15 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 her 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.

- 1.16 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.
- 1.17 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 s/he belongs or for which s/he has played, to prove to the satisfaction of the Council that s/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.
- 1.18 In addition to the Cup the Council shall present suitable mementos to the Players in the Final tie.
- 1.19 When the winning Club shall have been ascertained, the Officials of the winning Club shall sign a receipt for the Cup and 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 Council who may be appointed to receive the Cup.
- 1.20 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.

1.21 Match Officials should arrive at the ground at least 45 minutes before kick-off.