

CEREDIGION LADIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS



1. NAME

- (i) The League shall be called the 'Ceredigion Ladies Football League' (hereinafter called the League) and the entire control and management of the League shall be vested in the hands of the League Executive Committee. The acceptance of the following rules shall constitute a condition of membership of the League.
- (ii) The League and all Clubs must be affiliated to the Central Wales Football Association, and all matches must be played under F.A.W Rules.

2. CLUBS

- (i) The League shall consist of Clubs whose headquarters are within the county of Ceredigion. All Clubs must inform the League Secretary in writing of the name and address of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members of the Club. The League Secretary must be informed of any changes in these positions at any Club.
- (ii) Membership may be offered to Clubs from outside the county of Ceredigion at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

3. LEAGUE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) The affairs of the League shall be governed by the Executive Committee, consisting of a President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures/Appointments Secretary, and known as the League Officers, together with four (4) elected members. In all League Executive Meetings four (4) members shall form a quorum.
- (ii) All members of the Executive shall have one (1) vote, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matter in which his/her Club is directly involved.
- (iii) In the event of equal votes the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- (iv) The League Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and the Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a further two members.

4. OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITIES

- (i) The President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Fixtures/Appointments Secretary shall be responsible for the safe custody of all Cups, monies and property of the League and shall deal with the same as instructed by the League Executive Committee.
- (ii) The League funds and deposits from each Club shall be banked in the name of the League at a bank to be decided by the Executive Committee. All debts shall be paid by cheque, signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary.

5. ANNUAL MEETING

- (i) An Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held annually in the close season. Each Club shall send a representative, who alone may vote. Other representatives may attend and speak, but shall not vote. The Agenda giving date, place and time of such meeting shall be forwarded to each club not less than fourteen (14) days before the A.G.M. The League Executive Committee or any clubs

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acting through the Committee may call a Special General Meeting for which not less than fourteen (14) days notice shall be given to all Clubs, with an agenda for such a meeting.

- (ii) Failure to attend the A.G.M or S.G.M shall result in the offending Club being fined the sum of £25.00
- (iii) Clubs to be informed by the end of May of the date of the A.G.M
- (iv) A report of the working of the League for the previous season, together with an audited statement of accounts of the League funds shall be presented for adoption at the A.G.M

6. ALTERATION OF RULES

- (i) No alteration shall be made to these rules, except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, and twenty-eight (28) days notice must be given to the League Secretary of any proposed alteration or addition, the same to be forwarded to the Clubs at least fourteen (14) clear days before the meeting.

7. FEES

- (i) The Annual Membership for each Club shall be £25.00 which shall be paid to the Treasurer two (2) weeks after the A.G.M or by the 1st September, whichever is later. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £20.00

8. LEAGUE COMPETITION

- (i) All matches must be played subject to F.A.W Rules.
- (ii) The Championship scoring in the League will be on the following basis: Win – 3 points, Draw – 1 point At the end of each season's competition, the Club securing the largest number of points shall be declared the Champion Club of the League, but should two or more teams be equal on points, the League Championship shall then be decided on goal difference. If goal difference is identical, then the Club scoring the most goals shall be deemed Champions. If this fails to separate the Clubs, the Champions will be the Club with most victories. In the final resort, the Clubs concerned will play off a deciding match or matches. In addition, the League Executive will present fourteen (14) medals or other souvenirs to the League Champion and Runners Up.
- (iii) The duration of a match shall be in accordance with F.A.W Rules, unless mutually agreed by the two captains, but in no circumstances less than 70 minutes. Any match of less than 70 minutes duration shall not be allowed to stand as a completed match and must be replayed.
- (iv) Return substitutions are permitted and 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.

9. FIXTURES

- (i) League Fixtures shall not be postponed unless the date selected becomes a specified cup-tie date or a specified Cup replay date. These Cup competitions are:-
 - (a) Cups arranged by the F.A.W

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- (b) Cups arranged by the C.W.F.A
- (c) Cups arranged by the League
- (ii) Postponed League matches shall be re-arranged by the Fixtures/Appointments Secretary
- (iii) Clubs guilty of infringing this rule will be liable to a maximum fine of £25.00 and can have three (3) points deducted from its League total
- (iv) Clubs having failed to complete their League fixtures will not be re-admitted into the League unless a bond of £30.00 is paid. This may be forfeited along with a maximum fine of £50.00 should they fail to compete for a second time.
- (v) No League match shall be allowed to count as a Cup match

10. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- (i) Players shall register for one club only in the League and shall sign on for a Club via the FAW COMET system.
- (ii) No player can register with a Club after the last Thursday of March in each season.
- (iii) FAW COMET will see that all particulars on the Registration Form are correctly filled by the player registered, and will approve/advise on amendments.
- (iv) A player being registered for more than one Club in this League shall incur a suspension of four (4) weeks from all competitions organised by this League. Any player signing forms for more than one (1) Club in the League shall be deemed to be registered for the Club which she was first registered with the League Secretary.
- (v) It shall be the duty of the League Secretary to report to the ensuing Executive Committee Meeting any cases in which ineligible players have played.
- (vi) Any Club fielding an ineligible player under the provision of this Rule shall have three (3) points deducted from its points tally for each match or for each player involved, and be liable to a fine, the maximum of which shall be £25.00. Also the Executive Committee may order the match to be replayed.

11. TRANSFERS

- (i) No Club official or member of any Club, shall induce or attempt to induce a bona-fide player to leave her Club until the end of the current season without first obtaining the sanction of the Club for whom she is a playing member.
- (ii) A player wishing to be transferred, the new club must complete an official transfer using FAW COMET system.
- (iii) No transfer will be granted to the Clubs after the last Thursday of March in each season.

12. MATCH OFFICIALS

- (i) Whenever possible Referees commissioned to control League games must be registered Referees with the Central Wales Football Association. Fees to be in line with CWFA.
- (ii) Each Club must nominate at least one individual as a 'Club Referee' who may be called to officiate should no registered Referee be available. The home team's 'Club Referee' must be accepted by their opponents. Should the home team's 'Club Referee' be unavailable the away team's 'Club Referee', if available and willing to officiate must be accepted.

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- (iii) In the case of inclement weather a registered Referee shall decide whether a ground is fit for play. The opinion of the land owner should be given due consideration when inspection of the playing surface is made by the Referee.
- (iv) Misconduct of Clubs, Players, Officials, and Spectators etc. must be reported by the Referee to the C.W.F.A
- (v) Referees must upload the result of the match being played on FAW COMET system. They must also report any Club or Clubs responsible for kick off being delayed.
- (vi) Any Club guilty of delaying the start of a match shall be reported by the Referee to the League Executive Committee, and the offending Club will be liable to a fine of 20p for every minute the kick off was delayed.
- (vii) All Clubs must provide an Assistant Referee (linesman) in all matches except where neutral assistant referees are appointed by the League.

13. MATCH RESULTS

- (i) Club Secretaries must upload their team sheet for each fixture on FAW COMET at least 30 minutes prior to the kick off time. Should a team sheet be uploaded after this time, or not be fully completed, the offending club shall be liable to a fine, the minimum of which shall be £5.00. Should no team sheet be completed, the offending Club shall be liable to a fine, minimum of which shall be £20.00
- (ii) A Club sending in a false name will be liable to a fine of £25.00. The Club may also be reported to the C.W.F.A for misconduct.

14. GROUNDS

- (i) All grounds must be clearly marked in accordance with the laws of the game. All Clubs must have the minimum changing facilities which include the following requirements:-
 - (a) A clean dry dressing room
 - (b) Warm water
 - (c) Benches etc.
 - (d) Separate accommodation for Referees.
- (ii) It shall be the duty of the home Club to notify the location and provide free dressing room accommodation for visiting teams and Referees.
- (iii) Games arranged by this league are to be played on a clubs first choice ground.

15. REPRESENTATION, TRIALS AND COACHING SESSIONS

- (i) Players registered with the League shall be eligible to play for the League in matches arranged by the League.
- (ii) If a Club has two or more players selected to represent the League on the same day as a Club game then the Club game may be postponed.
- (iii) Any player selected to play in any match arranged by the League, failing or refusing to play shall in the absence of any good reason, be charged with misconduct.
- (iv) Any Club found to have encouraged such conduct will be fined a maximum of £50

16. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) The League Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters appertaining to the League whether specially provided for in these Rules or not.

17. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

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- (i) All Clubs to be informed when they are to be reported to the Executive Committee for any breach of League Rules.
- (ii) Any protest submitted by a Club must be heard and decided by the Officers of the League, and if such protest is related to a match it must be received by the Secretary within five (5) days of the match to which it refers.
- (iii) All protests must be accompanied with a deposit of £10.00 which may be forfeited if the protest or appeal is not sustained.
- (iv) A copy of any protest must be sent to the Club against which it is made.
- (v) All Clubs have the rights to appeal to the C.W.F.A and must be lodged within ten (10) days of the date on which the decision appealed against was received by the party or parties concerned in writing, and must be accompanied by a deposit as determined by the C.W.F.A

18. FINES

The following is a list of fines which may be imposed in accordance with League Rules:-

- (i) Failure to attend A.G.M or S.G.M £25.00
- (ii) Failure to buy membership fee by 1st August £20.00
- (iii) Playing an ineligible player £25.00
- (iv) Delaying the start of a match 20p per min
- (v) Failure to return a completed or properly completed team sheet Min of £5
- (vi) Failure to return a team sheet Min of £20
- (vii) Sending in a false name £25
- (viii) Failure to pay a fine on time £20
- (ix) Unauthorised postponement of a match Max of £25
- (x) Encouraging player not to play for the League Max of £50

All fines imposed by the Executive Committee shall be paid within 14 days of notification and Clubs breaching this Rule with incur a surcharge of £20.00. This Rule will not apply if an appeal has been made to the C.W.F.A or the F.A.