

## **North Wales Cups 2009/10**

### **1) The Competition will be run in three separate categories.**

(a) **The Senior Cup** – To comprise of 12 Div 1 North clubs (season 2008/09) and the TOP four clubs in Div 2 North on the 31st May 2009.

Losers of the 1<sup>st</sup> round to compete in a PLATE competition running parallel to the CUP competition

(b) **The Intermediate Cup** – To comprise of the remaining six Div 2 North clubs (Bangor, Newtown, Welshpool, Wrexham, Rhos and Machynlleth) plus the two finalists of the newly inaugurated **Junior Cup**.

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(c) **The Junior Cup** – To comprise of former WDRU clubs. (5 from Gwynedd Districts and 6 from NE Counties)

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### **2) The first two rounds of both the SENIOR and INTERMEDIATE Competition shall be played on a HOME & AWAY basis. With any further rounds being played as a straight knockout. The Junior competition will be played on a straight knockout basis with a Preliminary round played on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. The initial rounds will be played provincially with the semi finals played regionally**

### **3) Eligibility:**

- a) All Clubs that are fully subscribed members of the NWRU council or WDRU Clubs affiliated via N.E.C. or Gwynedd at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008
- b) All players must be registered with their Club and respective Union, i.e. the WRU or the WDRU.
- c) No permit or loan players are permitted to play in this Cup Competition. However, the NWRU Cup Committee will consider applications to play a front row player(s) on loan or on permit in the Semi Finals and the Final; applications should only be made in exceptional circumstances, permission will be granted in exceptional circumstances
- d) Cup tied players may NOT play for their new Club in the next scheduled round.
- e) Team lists inclusive of the names of replacements MUST be handed to the Match Referee at least 20 minutes prior to kick off, these sheets to be returned to the NWRU Council Secretary by the match referee within 3 days of the match being played, indicating which replacements played and the final score.
- f) In the early rounds teams will be allowed a maximum of 19 players, 5 of which must be able to play in the front row.

In the Semi final and Final a maximum of 22 will be allowed 5

of which must be able to play in the front row.

- g) Any clubs violating the eligibility rules shall be disqualified and lose their deposit.

#### **4) Entry:**

The 'competitions committee' must receive application for entry into the competition by the Friday 15th August. Applications are to be accompanied by a £20 entrance fee and a £100 deposit, to be sent to:-

Alwyn Jones, 13 Penyffridd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2LZ

Entry into the Cup competition will be mandatory for the 1<sup>st</sup>

Teams of clubs participating in all North Wales leagues.

Deposits will be returned to the club treasurer when all allocated matches have been completed.

#### **5) Dates of Rounds:**

##### **Junior Cup**

Semi Finals to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 with the final being played later in the year. Preliminary ties will be played on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

##### **Intermediate Cup**

A time frame (window) will be allocated for each round with ties to be completed by a stipulated date. The 1<sup>st</sup> round will be in November (dates to follow)

First two rounds to be played Home and Away with further rounds on a Knockout Basis.

### **Senior Cup**

A time frame (window) will be allocated for each round with ties to be completed by a stipulated date. The 1<sup>st</sup> round will be in November (dates to follow)

First two rounds to be played Home and Away with further rounds on a Knockout Basis.

Finals - To be played at a Neutral venue or at a ground agreed by both clubs.

a) All matches to be played on the dates shown or earlier by mutual consent.

**(this is a requirement as the Refs Society are working closely with N.W.R.U. due to potential shortage of Refs.),**

Postponements are only permitted due to adverse weather/ground conditions. Postponed matches must be rearranged and played before the given date for the next round, failure to adhere to this Rule will result in the match being put “into dispute” and the NWRU ‘Competitions Committee’ will adjudicate on the matter.

b) Venue: The first Club out of the hat being the Home Club can if they prefer arrange with their opposition’s agreement for the match to be played under floodlights at a convenient ground.

c) Any club failing to complete its fixtures will lose its deposit.

### **6) Organisation:**

a) All match requirements apart from the Finals will be the responsibility of the Home Club.

- b) Gate receipts are the responsibility of the Home Club.
  
- c) The North Wales Council Executive committee will decide upon the venue and all arrangements for the finals.

## **7) Officials:**

### **a) Referees:**

To be appointed by the WRU or the NW Referees Society upon request by the Home Club, up to and including the Semi Finals, thereafter by the NWRU.

### **b) Touch Judges:**

The responsibility of the competing Clubs up to and including the Semi Finals, thereafter the NWRU Council to arrange.

## **8) Declaration of Winners:**

- a) The Team, which has scored the greater number of points.
  
- b) In the event of an equal number of points being scored, the following criteria will apply: -
  - 1) The Team that has scored the greater number of tries.

- 2) The Team that has scored the greater number of goals (converted tries).
- 3) If no clear Winner has emerged at stage 3, then 20 minutes of extra time will be played, ten minutes each way. If still no clear winner, the team playing away from home will be declared the winners, should the game be played at a neutral venue other than in the Final, the Match Referee will decide by the toss of a coin.
- 4) In the Final, if at the end of extra time there is no clear winner, the result will be declared a draw, and each Club will hold the Cup for 6 months.
- 5) Abandoned games: Providing that both teams agree the result shall stand. No time element exists. Otherwise the game shall be replayed at a date set by the Cup committee.
- 6) Protests and Disputes: Complaints, protests or appeals arising out of the playing of games in the Competition must be made in writing and received by the NWRU Secretary within 4 days of the match being played together with a Cheque for £50, which may or may not be returned.

## **9) Competitions Committee**

The Competitions Committee shall have absolute discretion in dealing with any matters relating to this Competition, whether or not provided for herein, and their decision shall be **Final.**