

# RULES OF THE WHU (NORTH REGION) CUP COMPETITIONS

## 1) Preamble

The following rules are applicable to all men's cup competitions played within the control of WHU (NR). During the season 2001-2 the North Region will organise three cup competitions. These are:-

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> teams,      2) 2<sup>nd</sup> teams      3) League Cup

The 1<sup>st</sup> team cup winners will represent the Region in the North Wales-South Wales playoff to select the WHU club champions. Because of the importance of the 1<sup>st</sup> team competition up to an 18 player squad will be allowed for all rounds. Prior to the first round all 1<sup>st</sup> teams must submit the names of 10 regular first team players to the Cup secretary. These named players will not be allowed to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI competition. This will be controlled through the match card system.

## 2) Management and Control

The executive committee of the WHU (NR) (the Committee) has full control of all the cup competitions and will appoint a cup secretary.

## 3) Entry

Entry to the 1<sup>st</sup> team competitions is automatic for all clubs in the WHU(NR) and will include UW Aberystwyth for 2001-2. Entry to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cup is automatic for those 2<sup>nd</sup> XI teams playing in the North West League but those 2<sup>nd</sup> XI teams playing in the North Wales league must advise the Cup Secretary by 25 September 2001 that they wish to enter. All teams playing in the North Wales league will be entered in the league Competition. An entry fee will be payable for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team cups but not for the league cup. The entry fee includes all expenses for appointed umpires and officials, medal and cup costs, and charges for the venue for the final games only (see 17a below). The fee will be decided at the September meeting of the Committee prior to the start of the season. All clubs must have paid the WHU affiliations fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team cups and league fees for the league cup. All team members must be registered with the WHU (or EHU for English clubs in the league). Failure to pay the entry fee, affiliation or registration fees will result in automatic disqualification from the competitions after 31 December 2001, regardless of any results.

## 4) Draw

All draws will be made at the appropriate meeting of the Committee. Depending on the number of participating clubs the strongest teams, as determined by their position in the Northern Counties/North West league structure, will be seeded to the quarter final stage of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team cup competitions. The team drawn first will be the home team.

## 5) Rules of Play

All matches will be played according to Rules of the game of Hockey as issued by the Hockey Rules Board. If the WHU has adopted experimental rules, cup games will be played to such rules during their currency. If there is a clash of colours, the away team must change to different colours.

## 6) Dates of Matches

The Committee will advise the dates of matches before the start of the season.

## 7) Priority

The Cup competitions have priority over the North Wales league but WHU under-18, under-21 and senior national squads, training and matches and national cup competitions, as published in the calendar of the WHU 2001-2 handbook, have priority over the North Wales cups.

## 8) Time and Duration of Play

All matches should be played at a time convenient to both clubs without recourse to artificial light and must be confirmed by the home team to the away team and umpires 10 days prior to the game. Sufficient time must be booked to allow for extra time and penalty strokes, if needed. If not then the home team will forfeit the game.

In the event of a draw after full time, there will a 5-minute break, captains toss, and then extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played. If extra time does not decide the game a penalty Stroke Competition will take place as per FIH regulations.

## 9) Grounds

All matches will be played on artificial turf. The Committee will decide the venue for the finals.

## 10) Matches – Postponement, Failure to fulfil, Conceding, Abandonment

**a) Postponement** - A match may be postponed due to adverse weather. It is Home team's responsibility to the Away team prior to the Away team leaving their home ground, thereafter it is the Umpires' responsibility. A match may be postponed if adverse weather prevents the Away team from travelling. A match may also be postponed if a club has 2 of more players/team officials involved in a higher priority fixture.

Any postponements other than the above must be advised to the cup secretary in writing within 48 hours with the explanation. The guilty party may incur a fine and match expenses. Postponed games must be played within 14 days as per section 8 above.

**b) Conceding** - Conceding a game is unacceptable and the offending club will be fined and may incur match expenses.

**c) Abandonment** – umpires' responsibility – before the 50<sup>th</sup> minute, match to be replayed within 14 days. From the 50<sup>th</sup> minute the team with the most goals wins. If a draw, to be replayed within 14 days.

## 11) Umpires

The WHUA (NR) will appoint umpires for all 1<sup>st</sup> team cup games, the 2<sup>nd</sup> team semi-finals and finals and the League final. Club umpires are to be used for all other games. After the matches both umpires will confirm the result by signing the match card.

In the event of the non-arrival of an appointed umpire(s) at the designated time, first the game will be delayed by 10 minutes. After 10 minutes the Home captain will ascertain if there is a qualified umpire(s) available from amongst the spectators who is willing to officiate. The replacement umpire(s) will become the temporary umpire(s). If there are no suitable spectators then the two captains shall nominate from amongst their playing squads, a qualified umpire(s) to act as temporary umpire(s). A player(s) may be withdrawn from either or both squads for this purpose. If a temporary umpire is withdrawn from one squad the other team must withdraw one of its squad. In the event of the appointed umpire(s) arriving before beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half then the temporary umpire(s) will stand down and the any withdrawn players will rejoin the game.

If no replacement umpire(s) is available the match shall be postponed.

## 12) Results

It is the responsibility of the Home team to ensure that a match card with a list of both sides is handed to the umpires prior to the start of the match and at the end of the match to receive the signed match card from the umpires. The result of the game, even if postponed, must be phoned by the Home team to the cup secretary before 6pm on the day of the match and the match card must be posted to the cup secretary within 48 hours. Failure to phone or send in the card will result in a fine.

## 13) Disputes/Appeals

Any complaint/protest in connection with any match will only be considered if it is received in writing by the Chairman of the Committee within one week of the match. The WHU(NR) Committee will determine the action to be taken. Clubs have the right to appeal to WHU Competitions Committee which shall appoint, if necessary, an Appeals Committee which is independent of the WHU(NR). The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.

## 14) Eligibility

All players participating in the North Wales Cup Competitions must comply with the WHU Registration Rules and players shall only play, in the Competitions covered by these rules, for the club with which they are registered. Players shall not play in any of the Competitions covered by these rules if they have played in any competition in that season for a club which is not affiliated to the WHU, without prior approval of the Committee. A player who has played for one club in the competition may not play for another club in the same year even after an approved transfer.

## 15) Discipline

The WHU Disciplinary Code and the WHU Pitchside Code of Conduct will apply to all matches.

## 16) Doping Control

As per WHU Constitution, it is possible that any player could be subject to Dope testing in any match.

## 17) Expenses, Fines

- a) Expenses** - For rounds up to and including the semi-finals the Home team will meet the match expenses, including the provision of the pitch, match balls and reasonable refreshments after the game. Any umpires' expenses for games for these rounds must be shared between both clubs. The Away team will meet its own travelling expenses.

For the final games the first named team will be responsible for match balls.

- b) Expenses** – if a team fails to fulfil a fixture it will be liable for any expense incurred by their opponents.

- c) Fines** –
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| 1) Postponed for other reasons - | £50 max as agreed by the Committee |
| 2) Conceded -                    | £75 max as agreed by the Committee |
| 3) Non-notification of results-  | £5 each                            |