



19<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Dear Club Secretary,

I am writing to confirm the specific rules for promotion and relegation within the new WRU National League structure which will operate from season 2014/15.

The WRU Board has continued to take feedback aimed at ensuring the requirements of each District are accurately and properly represented in the new format.

To ensure this, WRU administrators, district representatives and club representatives have held a series of detailed discussions.

This course of action was approved after a number of concerns were raised at the 15 June Extraordinary General Meeting about specific details of the restructure.

I can also remind you that a Panel will monitor the new structure throughout the season ahead, take appropriate feedback from participating clubs and review the structure at the end of the season.

I can now share with you the result of the most recent deliberations regarding promotion and relegation which were given final approval by the WRU Board on 18 August.

The alterations to the original promotion and relegation format you received on 23 May ensure that every league winner is promoted and there are no end of season play-offs below Division 1.

## PROMOTION AND RELEGATION RULES FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE STRUCTURE FOR SEASON 2014/15.

### **Principality Premiership Division**

No promotion.

The Club finishing bottom of the Division will be relegated, subject to winner of the Championship Division meeting the criteria for promotion.

### **The Championship**

The winner will be promoted subject to achieving the set criteria.

The two clubs in the bottom two places in the Division will be relegated to one or other of the Divisions 1.

## **Division 1**

Two clubs will be promoted to The Championship.

To determine these two clubs there will be two play-off matches at the end of the season in which the winner of Division 1 East will play the winner of Division 1 East Central and the winner of Division 1 West will play the winner of Division 1 West Central. The winners of these two play-off matches will be promoted to the Championship.

The two Clubs that finish bottom in each of the 4 Divisions 1, ie 1 East, 1 East Central, 1 West Central and 1 West will be relegated to one or other of the Divisions 2.

## **Division 2**

The top two Clubs in each of the four Divisions 2, ie Divisions 2 East, 2 East Central, 2 West Central and 2 West will be promoted to one or other of the Divisions 1.

The three bottom teams in each of the four Divisions 2 will be relegated to one or other of the Divisions 3.

## **Division 3**

### **West**

The three winners of the three Divisions West, ie 3 West A, 3 West B and 3 West C will be promoted to Division 2 West.

There will be no relegation from these three Divisions

### **West Central**

The three winners of the three Divisions West Central, ie 3 West Central A, 3 West Central B and 3 West Central C will be promoted to Division 2 West Central.

There will be no relegation from these three Divisions.

### **East Central**

The two winners of Divisions 3 East Central A and 3 East Central B will be promoted to Division 2 East Central, together with the club with the better playing record of the two runners up in Divisions 3 East Central A and 3 East Central B.

The bottom clubs in Divisions 3 East Central A and 3 East Central B will move to Division 3 East Central C.

The top Club in Division 3 East Central C will move to Division 3 East Central A and the second club in Division 3 East Central C will move to Division 3 East Central B.

## **East**

The first three clubs in Division 3 East A will be promoted to Division 2.

The bottom three clubs in Division 2 East will be relegated to Division 3 East A.

The winner of 3 East B will move to 3 East A and the bottom club in 3 East A will move to 3 East B.

The winner of 3 East C will move to 3 East B and the bottom club in 3 East B will move to 3EC

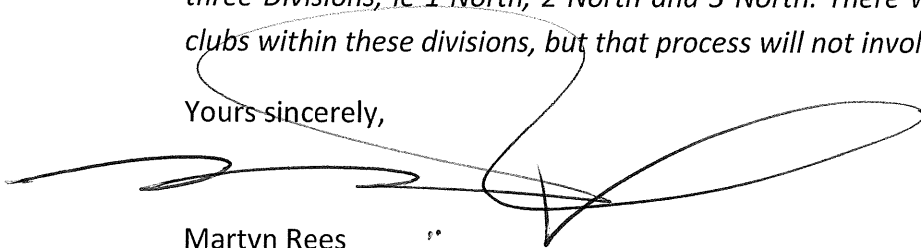
The winner of 3 East D will move to 3 East C and the bottom club in 3 East C will move to 3 East D.

Relegation in Division 3 will be restricted to a move within the structures for Divisions 3 East and Divisions 3 East Central for five clubs as described above. There will be no relegation in Divisions 3 West and 3 West Central.

## **North Wales**

*There will be no change to the existing structure in North Wales where clubs are in one of three Divisions, ie 1 North, 2 North and 3 North. There will be promotion and relegation of clubs within these divisions, but that process will not involve play off matches.*

Yours sincerely,



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