

1. WWRU competitions will only be open to clubs who have signed the WRU Statement of Truth (Non-payment of players).
2. All eligible WWRU Clubs will be entered into their respective WWRU Competitions, unless they inform the WWRU Secretary to the contrary.
3. Each Club's WWRU Competition matches will be the first four 'home' and first four 'away' matches in its WRU allocated League fixtures. In the event of the match not being played the replacement fixture will be the next available game at the appropriate venue not included in the Club's WWRU Competition and from the Club's WRU League Programme.
4. WRU League rules regarding Permits and Dual Registration of players will apply in all instances **at the Merit Table Stage Only**.
5. If a match is abandoned, WRU League rules will apply.
6. The Competition will run on a League basis with the top four teams at the end of the WWRU Competition programme progressing to the Semi Final stage of their respective Competitions, which will then be run on a knockout basis.
7. There will be two points for a win and one for a draw. In the event of a tie for any of the top four positions, the team with the greater number of tries will go forward. If this still results in a tie, the team with the bigger points difference will progress through to the Semi Finals.
8. (a) NO PERMIT players will be allowed in the Semi Finals or Final ***other than for front row cover when a single (one) permit will be allowed, this player can only come from a club which has signed the Statement of Truth. The Permitted player may start the game in any front row position or else be named as one of the allowed substitutes.***

Competition	Clubs from where the front row permit may be obtained
WWRU Cup	Regional Academy or Championship or Divisions 1 to 3 District Member clubs (OVERALL MAXIMUM OF ONE PERMIT PLAYER PER MATCH) Registered Championship player will be allowed to permit to another Championship side or down to Division 1 club only.
WWRU Bowl	Regional Academy or Divisions 1 to 3 District Member clubs (max 1) (OVERALL MAXIMUM OF ONE PERMIT PLAYER PER MATCH)
WWRU Plate	Regional Academy or Divisions 2 to 3 District Member clubs (max 1) (OVERALL MAXIMUM OF ONE PERMIT PLAYER PER MATCH)

UNCONTESTED SCRUMS

As per WRU national league rules

If teams elect to go passive from the start of the game they will only be allowed 14 players at any time. Also, they will only be allowed a maximum of two replacements.

Team sheets will be required by the WWRU Secretary before each game.

PLAYER LOAN. ***The player loan scheme has now been removed as per WRU regulations.***

Dual Registration***No player on dual registration is eligible to play in the competition at the knock out stages.***

If a player whose primary registration is with a Premiership club he will be ineligible to play or be dual registered, for the knockout stages of the competition

(b) Eight replacements shall be allowed in both Semi Finals and Finals (increased to 8, to enable full front row cover) ***application as per WRU cup rules***

(c) In the Semi Finals and Finals, if the result is a draw (at the end of normal playing time), the winners will be declared in the following way:-

(i) The Club scoring the greater number of tries.

(ii) The Club scoring the greater number of converted tries

(iii) If after (i) and (ii) have been applied and no clear winner has emerged, then,

.... **FOR THE SEMI FINAL ONLY**, extra time of twenty minutes (10 minutes each way) will be played.

The winners will be declared as per (i) or (ii) above. If the result is still a tie then a replay will be ordered at a venue and date decided by the Management Committee.

FOR THE FINAL ONLY.... A period of extra time of twenty minutes (10 minutes each way) will be played with rules (i) and (ii) above appertaining. If there is no outright winner another period of extra time, as above, will commence and the first to score will be declared the winners. Failure to find a winner after the second extra time period will result in both teams sharing the trophy (Six months each)

9. All WWRU Clubs must purchase at least two tickets for the Annual Presentation Dinner. Failure to attend the Annual Presentation Dinner and the Annual General Meeting of the WWRU will result in the forfeiture of any cash awards due.
10. Management committee decisions will be final and binding on all matters.
11. In the event of any side withdrawing from any competition at the Semi Final stage the Management Committee reserve the right to allocate the next best placed side to replace them.
12. In the event of any side withdrawing from any competition at the Final stage, the Management Committee reserves the right to allocate the next best placed side to replace them.

13. Should any side in any Final competition refuse to play the next best placed side as per 12, the Management Committee reserves the right to withhold such competition prize money and trophy as it deems fit.
14. Any club found to play an ineligible player in the semi final or final of any of the West Wales competitions would be disqualified from the competition losing all their prize money and any trophies won.
15. All clubs have a responsibility to field a minimum of twelve players at the commencement of any semi-final and/or final match.

DECLARATION OF WINNERS

The winners of each WWRU Competition shall be declared the WWRU Cup, WWRU Bowl or WWRU Plate winners as the case may be, and shall be eligible to:-

- (a) Receive the WWRU Cup, WWRU Bowl or WWRU Plate and to hold for 12 months.
- (b) Receive 23 winners' medals for the team and replacements.
- (c) Shall receive a sum of money from the Unions accounts, the value to be approved by the Management Committee annually. **This shall be subject to rules 13 and 14 above.**

OTHER MEDALS

The losing Finalists shall receive 23 Finalist medals and a sum of money from the Unions accounts, the value to be approved by the Management Committee annually. The referee and touch judges shall receive commemorative medals similar to the finalist medal.

Cup Semi-Final Dates

Clubs taking part must re-arrange their fixtures for these dates if necessary.

Complimentary Tickets

26 entrance tickets will be sent out for the semi-finals playing squad and support staff 23 players, 2 coaches, 1 first aider.

The same will apply for the Finals plus an additional 6 tickets for club officials; total of 32 tickets.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

In the event of a player of any affiliated Club receiving a fatal injury whilst playing for his Club, all Clubs shall donate £100 each, together with a suitable donation from the Union Funds to be decided by the Management Committee, and then donated to the Benefit Fund as a Union Donation.

DISPUTES

In the event of any dispute in the administration and running of the WWRU competitions, the decision of the WWRU Management Committee will be final and binding.