

# **WADSWORTH 6X COMBINATION CUP COMPETITIONS**

## **RULES~ 2016-17**

### **1 MANAGEMENT**

The Cup, Vase & Bowl Competitions shall be under the control of a Sub-Committee appointed by the Combination for that purpose. The decisions of the Sub-Committee concerning any matters relating to the Competitions shall be final and binding on the participating Clubs. Subject to the discretion of the Sub-Committee, any infringement of these rules may debar an offending Club from further participation in the Competitions.

### **2. CLUB ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) Clubs with 1<sup>st</sup> XV's that compete at Leagues Levels 4, 5 and 6 may enter the Cup Competition.
- (b) Clubs with 1<sup>st</sup> XV's that compete at League Levels 7 and 8 may enter the Vase Competition.
- (c) Clubs with 1<sup>st</sup> XV's that compete at League Levels 9 and below may enter the Bowl Competition.
- (d) Competition entry level will be a clubs 1<sup>st</sup> XV league level after promotion and relegation has been confirmed.
- (e) Clubs competing must be members of the Bristol & District Rugby Football Combination to enter any competition.
- (f) No Club may enter more than one team.

### **3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) All players must be regular bona fide playing members of their Club and be 17 years old or over, except in the case of front row players and front row replacements, who must be 18 years or older.
- (b) Having represented a Club in either the Cup, Vase or Bowl, a player may not represent another Club in any Competition during the course of one season.
- (c) If there is any doubt as to player eligibility or if a participating Club wishes to select a player who is not qualified under the above rules, all relevant details must be referred to the Cup Secretary at least seven days prior to the date of the match concerned.

### **4. ENTRIES AND DRAWS**

- (a) Entries must be in the hands of the Sub Committee by the date notified in writing to the member Clubs. Each entry must be accompanied by a fee, fixed by the Combination Management Committee prior to the commencement of a season's Competition.

- (b) All clubs in the Cup, Vase & Bowl Competitions shall enter at the First Round. In the event of an unequal number of clubs entering a Competition, byes will be made at the time of the draw. The draw for all rounds will take place on dates to be determined by the Sub-Committee.
- (c) The team drawn first in each match shall be considered to be the 'home' team.
- (d) The Finals shall be played on grounds to be selected by the Sub-Committee.

## 5 **MATCHES**

- (a) The Sub-Committee will publish the dates by which all rounds will be played. In the event of a postponement, the fixture will be played on a date to be decided by the Sub-committee.
- (b)
  - (i) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Players must wear own Club colours and, in the event of a clash, the 'away' team shall provide and wear distinctive jerseys.
  - (ii) For all Quarter and Semi-Final Matches (and for such other matches as the Sub-Committee may require) the 'Home' Team shall be responsible for making proper provision to ensure that (with exception of Touch Judges) all spectators, replacements and officials are kept at a reasonable distance from the field of play.
- (c) Referees for all matches shall be appointed by the Gloucestershire R.F.U. (Bristol) Referees' Society. Each participating Club must provide a touch judge in every round except for the Semi-Finals and Finals, when nominations will be made by the Referees' Society.
- (d) Before the commencement of each match, each team captain must be able to provide the opposing captain with a list of his players and replacements.
- (e) In matches other than the final, if the scores are level at full time, the team that has scored more tries shall go forward to the next round. If the number of tries scored are equal then the side with the more converted tries shall go through. Should this not produce a result the away team shall go through.
- (f) In the Final, if the scores are level at full time, extra time of 10 minutes each way (with an interval of 5 minutes between end of normal time and extra time) shall be played. Should this not produce a result the team that has scored more tries shall be declared the winner. If the number of tries scored are equal then the side with the more converted tries shall be declared the

winner. If in the Final a result has still not been achieved the match shall be declared a draw.

- (g) The Hon. Secretary of the 'Home team' must advise the Sub Committee of the result within 24 hours of the match being played. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of the Cup Committee, incur a fine of £10. In the event of failure to comply with this rule or non payment of any imposed fine, the Cup Committee may take action against the offending club in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.
- (h) All protests, and grounds thereof, must be in the hands of the Cup Committee within 48 hours of a match being played.

## 6. GENERAL

- (a) Each season, Cups will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of the Main, Vase & Bowl Competitions, but they remain the property of the Combination and must be returned to the Hon. Secretary on request. The insertions of inscriptions on all trophies are the responsibility of the Combination.
- (b) Any surplus funds accrued at the end of the seasons Competitions shall be passed to the Combination.
- (c) Any notices required under these rules must be in writing and addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the Sub-Committee.

### Replacements & Substitutions Regulations

#### 1. Replacements & Substitutions

- 1.1 Replacements are permitted in all matches in accordance with World Rugby Law 3.
- 1.2 A player participating in a match can be used as a replacement or substitute in another match being played at the same time. Injured players may be replaced by players from another pitch. It is also possible to replace the replaced or substituted player from another pitch or by a nominated replacement/substitute.
- 1.3 Players who were replacements or substitutes in an earlier match may participate in a later match on the same day.

#### 2. Number of Replacements and Substitutes

*The number of replacements and substitutes in **all Bristol & District Rugby Football Combination Cup Competitions up to and including Semi Finals shall be as follows:***

- 2.1 not more than **THREE (3)**.

## 2.2 Cup Finals not more than **SEVEN (7)**.

The number of interchanges (if applicable) will be as per current World Rugby/RFU regulations.

## 3. **Front Row**

### Requirements

- 3.1 No player may play in the front row of the scrum during contested or uncontested scrummages in adult rugby until he has reached his eighteenth birthday. Any breach of this Game Regulation shall be considered a serious breach and may give rise to a severe penalty.
- 3.2 In the interest of safety each team should have at least four (4\*) players in their nominated match squad, all at least eighteen years old, who are suitably trained and experienced to be capable of playing in any front row position to ensure that on the first occasion\*\* that a front row player is required to be **permanently** replaced (whether due to injury or a sending off), the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums. (\*Cup Finals = 5 players); (\*\* Cup Finals require first & second occasion).

## 4. **Permanent Replacements**

- 4.1 If any front row player requires to be **permanently** replaced and his team cannot provide a suitable replacement from those who started the match or from the nominated replacements to enable the match to continue safely with contested scrums, but have complied with the requirements of Rule 3.2, the match will continue with uncontested scrums and the result will stand.
- 4.2 If a team does not have the required number of front row replacements (as per 3.2) then the Referee, if he deems it safe to do so, may start the match. Should a situation arise where any front row player requires to be **permanently** replaced and the team cannot provide a suitable replacement, having not complied with Rule 3.2, the game may continue with uncontested scrums (at the Referee's discretion) but the offending team will be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team will go through to the next round.

## 5. **Temporary exclusion (Sin Bin)**.

- 5.1 A front row player who has been temporarily excluded by the Referee may be substituted by another (assuming a suitable front row replacement is available) for the duration of the exclusion. If a replacement from the 'bench' is used then one other team member must be removed from the field. If no suitable front row replacement

is available, the game will continue with uncontested scrums for the duration of the exclusion and the final result will stand.

## **6 Temporary exclusion (Blood Injury).**

- 6.1** A front row player who has been temporarily excluded due to a blood Injury may be substituted by another (assuming a suitable front row replacement is available) for the duration of the exclusion (max 15 minutes).
  - 6.2** If the team has already complied with the requirements of Rule 3.2 and no suitable front row replacement is available, then the injured player may be replaced and the match will continue with uncontested scrums for the duration of the exclusion and the result will stand. Should the injured player not return to the pitch within the 15 minutes allowed, the replacement will be deemed to be **permanent** and Rule 4.1 above will apply.
  - 6.3** If the team has not complied with the requirements of Rule 3.2 and no suitable front row replacement is available, then the player will not be replaced and the game will continue with uncontested scrums for the duration of the exclusion and the result will stand. Should the injured player not return to the pitch within the 15 minutes allowed Rule 4.2 above will apply.
- 7** The Organising Committee may review the circumstances in a case where a match is completed with uncontested scrums.

***PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CLUB IS FULLY AWARE OF THESE PROVISIONS***

## COMBINATION CUP WINNERS

1970/71 Bristol Harlequins  
 1971/72 St Brendan's OB's  
 1972/73 Avonmouth OB's  
 1973/74 Dings Crusaders  
 1974/75 Old Bristolians  
 1975/76 St Mary's OB's  
 1976/77 Bristol Harlequins  
 1977/78 St Mary's OB's  
 1978/79 St Mary's OB's  
 1979/80 Old Redcliffians  
 1980/81 St Mary's OB's  
 1981/82 Keynsham  
 1982/83 Old Redcliffians  
 1983/84 Avonmouth OB's  
 1984/85 Old Redcliffians  
 1985/86 Dings Crusaders  
 1986/87 Avonmouth OB's  
 1987/88 Avonmouth OB's  
 1988/89 St Mary's OB's  
 1989/90 Avonmouth OB's  
 1990/91 Dings Crusaders  
 1991/92 Whitehall  
 1992/93 Cleve  
 1993/94 Avonmouth OB's  
 1994/95 Dings Crusaders  
 1995/96 Dings Crusaders  
 1996/97 St Mary's OB's  
 1997/98 St Mary's OB's  
 1998/99 Hornets  
 1999/00 St Mary's OB's  
 2000/01 St Mary's OB's  
 2001/02 Clevedon  
 2002/03 Hornets  
  
 2003/04 St Mary's O.B's  
 2004/05 Keynsham  
 2005/06 Cleve  
 2006/07 St Mary's O.B.'s  
 2007/08 Cleve  
 2008/09 Clifton  
 2009/10 Avonmouth OB's  
 2010/11 Dings Crusaders  
 2011/12 Avonmouth

### PLATE (First time losers)

St Brendan's OB's  
 Aretians  
 Bristol Harlequins  
 Frampton Cotterell  
 Old Redcliffians  
 Bristol Harlequins  
 Avonmouth OB's  
 Avonmouth OB's  
 Thornbury  
 Ashley Down OB's  
 Southmead  
 Bristol Saracens  
 Chipping Sodbury  
 Ashley Down OB's  
 Gordano  
 Frampton Cotterell  
 Avonmouth OB's  
 Aretians

### VASE (separate competition)

Frampton Cotterell  
 Bishopston  
 Gordano  
 Southmead  
 Southmead  
 Old Colstonians  
 Old Bristolians  
 Whitehall  
 Old Bristolians

**CYRIL PARSONS BOWL**

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|---------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 2012/13 | Old Redcliffians | Barton Hill | Winscombe          |
| 2013/14 | Clifton          | Barton Hill | Chipping Sodbury   |
| 2014/15 | Dings Crusaders  | Clevedon    | St Mary's Old Boys |

