



SOUTH WALES ALLIANCE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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## 1. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:

- 1.1. The Cup shall be called the "W John Owen Cup". All clubs in membership of the League must compete in this Competition unless suspended from the Competition by LMB. **The competition name may be changed under any agreed sponsorship deal agreed by the LMB**
- 1.1.1 Clubs shall pay an entry fee of £10 via the Comet system.
- 1.2. Each round of the Competition will be played on dates as determined by the LMB. These dates will be known as Conference Dates.
- 1.3. All players must have been registered in accordance with FAW Comet regulations.
- 1.4. A player can play for more than one club during the current season.
- 1.5. Any club found guilty of playing an ineligible player, as defined in League Rule 4 and/or Rule 1.3 above, will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

## 2. CUP DRAW & MATCH VENUES:

- 2.1. The draw for the rounds of the Cup will be made by the **Officers or individuals with the consent of the Officers**. The club drawn first will be given the home venue.
  - 2.1.1 **All four clubs who reached the semi-finals in the previous season will be given a bye to the First Round.**
- 2.2. In the event of the ground of the first drawn club not being available on the Conference Date, **the home team may apply to the League to use an alternative ground subject to the agreement of the SWFA and the SWAL.**
  - 2.2.1 **If the home ground or no alternative ground is available the game is to be played on the ground of their opponents who may also apply to the League to use an alternative ground subject to the agreement of the SWFA and SWAL.**
  - 2.2.2 **The match fee and travel expenses for the match official(s) are to be shared equally between both clubs. It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that the match official(s) receives their fees and expenses. The away club is expected to reimburse the home club their share of the match official's fee and expenses before kick-off.**
- 2.3. The Semi-Finals and Cup Final will be played on a neutral ground determined by the LMB.
  - 2.3.1. If a neutral ground is not available then the club drawn first shall play the tie at their own ground. If this is not available then the match shall be played on the ground of their opponents. The distribution of revenue for this game to be the same as that in Rule 4.2 below.

## 3. MATCH ARRANGEMENTS:

- 3.1. Home secretaries must notify the away club and the Official(s) of match arrangements in the same manner as for League matches.
- 3.2. Kick off times for cup matches are stated in Annex 3.

- 3.3. All ties will be one game straight knock-out match of 90 minutes duration. In the event of a game being drawn after 90 minutes play, it shall be decided by a series of penalty kicks, in accordance with the rules of the FAW.
- 3.4. Where the colours of the two competing Clubs clash, the away team must change their colours.
- 3.5. Where the colours of two competing Clubs clash in the Semi-Final and Final, the Club colours should be decided by mutual agreement or, if not agreed, by the toss of a coin, with the winner allowed to wear their choice of colours.
- 3.6. A club found guilty of failing to fulfil a Cup fixture will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.
- 3.7. Substitutes may be used as provided for in Rule 7.4.1.1 of the League Rules.
- 3.8. A club found guilty of causing the abandonment of a Cup match will be expelled from the competition for the current and forthcoming season and the match shall be awarded to the opposing innocent club.
- 3.9. In the event that both clubs are found guilty of causing the abandonment, both clubs will be will be expelled from the competition for the current and forthcoming season.
- 3.10. In addition to the Cup, the SWAL shall present mementos to both the winners and runners-up in the cup final, but such mementos shall not be presented to more than sixteen players of each club except by permission of the SWAL

#### 4. EXPENSES:

- 4.1. All matches, except the Semi- Final and the Final, shall be treated the same as League matches as far as expenses are concerned, i.e., the home club will retain any gate money however the match official(s) fees and expenses are to be paid by both competing teams in equal parts before the match
- 4.2. Match proceeds in all rounds up to the semi-final, the proceeds of matches shall be divided equally between the competing clubs after the payment of those legitimate expenses described below. Legitimate expenses can be defined as:
  - Fees and expenses of the match official(s)
  - Gate attendants
  - Turnstile operators
  - Stewards and Security
  - Advertising
  - Police charges
  - Floodlighting
  - Contribution to First Aid helpers
  - Clearing the ground of snow and water
- 4.2.1 In the Final AND SEMI-FINALS, the proceeds of the gate after payment of all match day expenses, shall be divided as follows:
  - 50% to the League and
  - 25% to each of the COMPETING Clubs.

**ANNEX 1**  
**Fees Subscriptions and Administration Charges**

Rule No	Description	Amount (£)
5.4.2.	Referees Match Fee	40.00
5.4.2.	Referee's Travel Expenses per mile	0.45p
8.1.2	Deposit for protest	£25

**ANNEX 2**  
**Fines and Penalties**

Rule No	Description	Penalty
1.1.3.	Withdrawal From League without notice as per Rule	£200.00
1.2.1.	Late Payment of Fees and Fines 1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	£20.00
1.2.1.	Late Payment of Fees and Fines 2 <sup>nd</sup> and subsequent offences	£30.00
1.2.2.	The maximum Club fine for any individual offence is capped at.	£250.00
5.4.4	Failure to provide Assistant Flags	£10.00
5.4.7	Approaching a referee during half-time or within 15 minutes of final whistle (without invite)	£50 for each offence/person
5.6.3.	Club guilty of causing a late start	£10.00 for each offence
5.9.2.	Starting a game short – per player	£20.00
5.9.2.	Playing a game short – per player	£20.00
7.1.3.	Failure to notify a postponed fixture	£50
7.5.1.	Failure to comply with any aspect of Rule 7 – first offence	£10.00
7.5.1.	Failure to comply with any aspect of Rule 7 – second and each subsequent offence	Additional £10.00 each time i.e., £20.00 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence £30.00 for third offence etc.
<b>Cup Rule 1.5.</b>	Playing an ineligible player	£100.00 fine and elimination from the competition
<b>Cup Rule 3.6.</b>	Failure to fulfil a cup fixture	£100.00 fine and elimination from the competition