

## **SWFA/Cardiff Combination AFL Standard Rules**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **C.1 NAME**

The League Shall be called The Cardiff Combination AFL. The League Management Council (LMC) is authorized at its discretion to change the name of the League to incorporate the name of any sponsor, provided that prior permission has been obtained in writing from the South Wales Football Association (SWFA).

#### **C.2 AFFILIATION**

- C.2.1.** The League will affiliate to the South Wales Football Association and recognize and abide by the rules and regulations of the Association.
- C.2.2.** The League will function as part of the Football Association of Wales ("FAW") pyramid structure and will operate within the regulations of the FAW pyramid as laid down by, and from time to time changed by the FAW (and SWFA).  
(C.2.2. not applicable to from Youth and Junior football).

#### **C.3 AREA OF OPERATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

- C.3.1.** The League will operate within the boundary areas as defined by the South Wales Football Association.
- C.3.2.** Only those clubs affiliated to the SWFA will be permitted as members of the League.
- C.3.3.** The League will consist of Divisions as agreed by the League Management Council (LMC).

#### **C4 GENERAL MEETINGS**

- C.4.1.** A General Meeting will be held each calendar year, no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> July, this meeting will be called the Annual General Meeting ("AGM").
- C.4.2.** All other meetings called General Meetings.
- C.4.3.** The Hon. Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") on receipt of a requisition signed by one-third of member clubs. The LMC may by Unanimous decision call an EGM at any time. An EGM may be called at any time and for any purpose provided a fully compliant requisition is received by the Hon. Secretary.
- C.4.4.** At least seven business days' notice will be given for all general meetings.  
*For the avoidance of doubt, a business day is defined as any of Monday to Friday and excludes Saturdays, Sundays & Bank / National Holidays in Wales.*
- C.4.5.** The agenda for all general meetings will be forwarded by the Hon. Secretary by e-mail to all member clubs not less than 5 business days prior to the meeting.
- C.4.6.** In the case of the AGM, a duly audited statement of accounts and balance sheet must accompany the agenda.
- C.4.7.** Clubs in membership of the League will be entitled to nominate a single representative to attend and vote at any general meeting. A maximum of two people can attend such a meeting although only one will be permitted to speak at the meeting. Attendance is compulsory for all clubs, failure to attend may result in a fine as per appendix.
- C.4.8.** All members of the LMC may attend any general meeting of the League in their own right and will be entitled to vote as an individual at any such meeting. An individual may not also be a club representative – no person apart from the Chairman of the meeting shall have more than one vote. For the avoidance of doubt, this rule requires that an individual cannot attend and vote as an LMC member and as a club representative.

- C.4.9.** In the event of a tied vote at any general meeting, the Chairman will be given an additional vote which he/she will exercise as the deciding vote, provided that he/she has already exercised his/her right to vote in C. 4.8 above.  
*For the avoidance of doubt, this means if the Chairman fails to vote on the matter in hand, he or she cannot then exercise the right to an additional deciding vote on the same matter.*

## **C.5 LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

- C.5.1.** The officers of the League may include the following posts  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hon. Assistant Secretary (Senior Fixtures)  
Hon. Assistant Secretary (Finance)  
Hon. Assistant Secretary (COMET)  
President  
Chair  
Vice Chair  
Social Media Officer / Webmaster  
An individual may hold more than one post but will only be entitled to one vote at meetings.
- C.5.2.** The affairs of the League will be managed by a LMC consisting of Officers, Vice Presidents, and a maximum of six duly elected club representatives who shall be nominated in accordance with C.5.4 below.
- C.5.3.** Club representatives as stated in C.5.2 will be elected at the AGM of the League for a period not greater than 2 years prior to seeking re-election
- C.5.4.** Nominations for LMC members must be submitted in writing to the Hon Secretary at least 10 business days before the AGM
- C.5.5.** deliberately left blank
- C.5.6.** The appointment of President, Vice Presidents and Officers will be vested in the LMC
- C.5.7.** deliberately left blank
- C.5.8.** All Life Members & Vice Presidents will be entitled to attend and exercise full voting rights at LMC meetings and all League General Meetings. Where Life members and Vice Presidents exercise their right to attend meetings, they will be considered part of a quorum.
- C.5.9.** A Life Member or a Vice President, who concurrently holds a position as a League Officer may continue in that post subject to the conditions stated in C.5.2 above.
- C.5.10.** No Club shall have more than two representative(s) on the LMC either as an officer or an LMC member
- C.5.11.** No Referee currently registered and active in the League will be allowed to serve on the LMC in any capacity.

## **C.6 MANAGEMENT OF THE LEAGUE**

- C.6.1.** The LMC will meet as required.
- C.6.2.** The agenda for the meeting and any relevant papers for discussion will be circulated by the Hon. Secretary by e-mail not later than 3 days prior to the meeting.
- C.6.3.** At its discretion the LMC may appoint a subcommittee to deal with any matter and may delegate all necessary powers to the subcommittee.
- C.6.4.** A meeting will be deemed quorate provided at least 5 members are present, but this number must include at least one officer as defined in C5.1
- C6.5.** Where necessary, all decisions at meetings shall be decided by a vote of those in attendance (this includes meetings conducted via video conference). In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote. Although it may be possible for an individual to hold more than

one post on the LMC, no individual shall be entitled to more than one vote with the exception of the Chair of the meeting when they are exercising a casting vote.

- C6.6.** Changes to these rules are to be submitted via Leagues for consideration by the South Wales FA and amendments will be put to a vote of all affiliated clubs at the South Wales FA Annual rules revision meeting.

**C.7 URGENT MATTERS**

- C.7.1.** The Hon. Secretary will manage the day-to-day affairs of the League and will be authorised to deal with urgent important matters wherever possible by consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, or another League Officer either by telephone or e-mail. If for whatever reason the consultation process is not possible, the Hon. Secretary will be empowered where necessary to make an immediate decision. This decision will be communicated to the Chairman as soon as possible after the event and will be ratified at the next LMC.

**C.8. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

- C.8.1.** Members of the LMC will be entitled to claim travelling expenses for attendance of meetings at the rate given in Annex 1.
- C.8.2.** Any member of the LMC who fails to attend three consecutive meetings, including sub committees, without reasonable excuse, will be notified in writing that absence from the next meeting will be considered as immediate resignation from the LMC.
- C.8.2.1.** The definition of reasonable in C.8.2 above will be at the sole discretion of the LMC.

## **RULES:**

### **1. MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **1.1. Subscription:**

**1.1.1.** All clubs shall pay an Annual Subscription as shown in Annex 1.

A Guarantee Fee, as shown in Annex 1, shall be paid by all clubs entering the League. This fee shall be placed in a deposit account, and the LMC shall have the power to return it to the club on losing its membership of the League, providing the conduct of the club has been satisfactory, and it has fulfilled all its obligations with the League and its clubs.

**1.1.3.** No club shall withdraw from membership of the League, except on giving notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary, not later than 31st March in any year of its intention to do so at the end of the current season. Any club ignoring this rule, and leaving the League without giving the required notice, shall be liable to a fine as shown in Annex 2.

#### **1.2. Payment of Accounts/Fines:**

**1.2.1.** All accounts, including the levying of fines MUST be paid within 31 days of the date of such account. Failure to comply without good cause will incur a fine as shown in Annex 2. The LMC will suspend the fixtures of any club who fails to comply within the time limit. Any fixtures postponed, as a consequence of this action, will be dealt with under Rule 5.8.2.

**1.2.2.** The maximum fine that can be imposed by the LMC on a club for any individual offence will be capped as stated in Annex 2.

#### **1.3. Friendlies:**

**1.3.1.** All friendly matches must have appropriate sanctions in accordance with FAW Rules 108-112. Sanctions are not considered valid unless given in writing or by email

#### **1.4. Conduct of Clubs:**

**1.4.1.** Any club whose conduct has been, in the opinion of the LMC, objectionable may be excluded from membership of the League, provided that a motion to exclude the offending club is supported by a simple majority of club delegates present, and entitled to vote at either an AGM or an EGM.

**1.4.2.** Any club which fails to attend either an AGM or an EGM will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

**1.4.3.** All League correspondence requiring a response MUST be answered within 7 business days of the date of the communication, or sooner if specified. Failure to reply within the specified period may incur a fine as shown in Annex 2.

**1.4.4.** Clubs must provide an active e-mail address to enable the League to forward urgent information and name a minimum of 2 club officials who have full access to this email account or, if this is not appropriate, a second active email address.

### **2. PROMOTION/RELEGATION:**

## **2.1. League Competition:**

- 2.1.1.** Three points will be awarded for a win, and one point for a draw.
- 2.1.2.** At the conclusion of each season's competition the club in each Division attaining the largest number of points shall be declared the Champion Club.
- 2.1.3.** In the event that two or more clubs finish equal on points, then highest position will be awarded to the club with the greatest goal difference. If two or more clubs are equal on points and goal difference, then the highest position will be awarded to the club scoring the greatest number of goals in the season. In the event of clubs still being equal, the LMC shall have the discretion to order a play-off match(es) between the club(s) concerned or declare the teams to have finished in equal position(s)
- 2.1.4.** Trophies and mementoes shall be presented to the winners and runners-up of League Competitions at the discretion of the LMC.
- 2.1.5.** Trophies are the property of the League. Clubs in receipt of trophies must return the same, in good condition, by March 1st of the following season. The League will require a written indemnity for each trophy which must be signed by two Officials of the recipient club(s), who will guarantee to cover loss or damage by whatever cause. Such loss or damage is to be made good, at no expense to the League, up to the value of the respective trophy as determined by the LMC.
- 2.1.6.** Where a League comprises more than one division, the League Management Committee shall promote a minimum of two clubs from each lower division. A minimum of two clubs shall also be relegated but this number may be varied at the discretion of the LMC in the event of vacancies occurring in the higher division.
- 2.1.7** At the end of an uncompleted season, the champion club will be determined by the following method. A points per game ratio across the games played until the curtailment. The same methodology will be used for determining runners up and if required any relegation places.

## **2.2. Promotion to South Wales Alliance League:**

- 2.2.1.** Promotion to the SWAL will be subject to the SWFA Pyramid Regulations.
- 2.2.2.** Any club intending to seek promotion to the SWAL must apply to the secretary of the SWFA by 31<sup>st</sup> December in accordance with systems and procedures laid down by the SWFA..

## **2.3 Additional Rules for Junior Divisions**

- 2.3.1** Three points will be awarded for a win, and one point for a draw.
- 2.3.2** At the conclusion of each season's competition the club in each Division attaining the largest number of points shall be declared the Champion Club.
- 2.3.3.** In the event that two or more clubs finish equal on points, the LMC shall have the discretion to order a play-off match(es) between the club(s) concerned or declare the teams to have finished in equal position(s). If team(s) are still equal after play-off match(es) are completed any trophies will be shared between the team(s) involved.
- 2.3.4** At the end of an uncompleted season, the champion club will be determined by the following method. A points per game ratio across the games played until the curtailment. The same methodology will be used for determining runners up and if required any relegation places.

### **3. FACILITIES:**

**3.1.** All clubs in membership of the League must at all times provide adequate ground and dressing room facilities for both teams and match officials.

**3.2** Any appropriately identified member of the LMC shall have free access to the ground during the progress of any game played under the jurisdiction of this League.

### **4. REGISTRATION/TRANSFERS:**

#### **4.1. Registration:**

**4.1.1.** The League will operate in accordance with the Registration Rules of FAW.

**4.1.2.** All players must be registered for the club for which they are competing.

**4.1.3.** All clubs must register at least 11 players for each senior team and each junior age group team except under-12 and under-13 where the minimum will be nine, 7 days prior to the start of a season. Clubs failing to comply will be liable to a fine as detailed in annex 2.

**4.1.4.** No registrations will be permitted after 5pm on the last Thursday in March each season.

**4.1.5.** The LMC will have the right to accept, reject or withhold a player's registration at any time, subject to the right of appeal to the SWFA.

#### **4.2. Transfers:**

**4.2.1.** The League will operate in accordance with the Transfer Rules of FAW.

**4.2.2.** No transfer of a player from one League club to another will be permitted after 5pm on the last Thursday in March each season.

#### **4.3. Ineligibility:**

**4.3.1.** A player will be deemed ineligible in the event of non-compliance with any aspect of the procedures stated in the FAW Rules and Regulations.

#### **4.4. Approaching Players:**

**4.4.1.** Officials and members of clubs shall strictly comply with the provisions of the Rules of the FAW with regard to the approach of players, and any alleged breaches will be reported to the SWFA.

#### **4.5. Rule Infringement:**

**4.5.1.** Any infringement of Rule 4 will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

### **5. FIXTURES/POSTPONEMENTS:**

#### **5.1. Fixture Arrangements:**

**5.1.1.** All fixtures will be arranged by the LMC. Changes to a published fixture list to accommodate any Cup Matches and/or rearranged fixtures will be made by the LMC.

#### **5.2. Free Dates:**

**5.2.1.** Teams will be allowed a maximum of 3 free dates for League fixtures only. All requests must be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary not less than 28 days prior to the required free date (14 days for youth/juniors).

**5.3. Match In Lieu:**

**5.3.1.** Clubs shall not mutually agree to play a match in lieu of a League or Cup match. Any match that is played to a conclusion must count as a League or Cup match.

**5.4. Match Officials:**

**5.4.1.** The Referee (and any Assistants), for any matches under the jurisdiction of the League, will be appointed by the LMC. Match officials must accept or reject using the systems and procedures set by the Association from time to time. Failure to do so could affect any future match appointments from the League.

**5.4.2.** The home club shall pay the fee and the expenses of the appointed Match Officials on the day of the match. The fees and expenses are shown in Annex 1.

**5.4.2.1.** Any club paying a referee more than his claimed fee and travelling expenses shall be reported to SWFA.

**5.4.2.2.** Any Match Official claiming more than the agreed fee and expenses shall be reported to SWFA.

**5.4.2.3.** In the event that the match official attends a match which subsequently is postponed prior to kick off, the home club will pay half the match fee, as stated in Annex 1, plus travelling expenses.

**5.4.3.** Neutral Assistant Referees will be appointed only by special requests or when deemed necessary by the LMC.

**5.4.4.** Where Assistant Referees are not provided, each club must appoint an Assistant Referee who must be advised to the Match Referee before kick-off.

**5.4.5.** Match Officials should attend the ground at least 30 minutes before kick-off.

**5.4.6.** Club Officials, players or spectators must not approach the Match Officials for 15 minutes following the final whistle unless invited to do so by the Referee.

**5.4.7.** In the event of an appointed Referee or Assistant Referee not attending a match or no referee being appointed, the two clubs must agree prior to the start of the match to appoint an official at the ground. Such Referee shall be considered to be the Match Official. Priority must be given to anyone who holds a referee qualification and is prepared to undertake the appointment.

**5.5. Fitness of Grounds:**

**5.5.1.** Each club must take every precaution to keep its ground in a good playing condition.

**5.5.2.** Where the ground belongs to a Local Authority or University, or ground under Community Asset Transfer, that Authority may exercise its right to postpone a fixture due to adverse weather.

**5.5.3.** On all other grounds, the Referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of playing surface.

**5.5.4.** In adverse weather, the home club may arrange that a referee inspect the ground conditions at least one hour before the scheduled kick-off time. This referee, if not the appointed Match Referee, must be a currently registered Official on COMET

**5.5.5.** It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure goal nets and corner flags are supplied for each match, Failure to comply may result in a fine as listed in Annex 2

**5.6. Kick Off Times:**

**5.6.1.** All kick off times will be arranged by the LMC as stipulated in Annex 3.

**5.6.2.** Application for earlier or later kick-offs than the above must be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and the appointed match official involved and must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary at least 5 days before the scheduled date of the match. In exceptional circumstances (e.g. during spells of bad weather) the League can agree a request at a shorter period of notice provided both clubs and the match referee are in agreement.

**5.6.3.** Any club causing a late kick off, without reasonable cause, will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

**5.7. Duration of Matches:**

**5.7.1.** All matches shall be played under the Rules of the FAW and the FIFA Laws of the Game.

**5.7.2.** Senior & Youth matches will be of 90 minutes duration.

**5.7.3** Junior Matches will be of the following duration

U/16's & U/15's            80 minutes of equal halves

U/14's & U/13's            70 minutes of equal halves

U/12's                        70 minutes of equal halves

**5.7.4.** Matches at under-12 and under-13 must also be played in line with the FA of Wales regulations on small sided football

**5.8. Postponement:**

**5.8.1.** No League or Cup game arranged by the LMC shall be postponed by a club other than with the permission of a League Officer.

**5.8.2.** Any Club which, without reasonable cause, fails to fulfil a League or Cup fixture will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

**5.8.3.** At the discretion of the LMC, the offending club in 5.8.2 may be ordered to reimburse their opponents for any reasonable expenses incurred.

**5.8.4.** The definition of 'reasonable cause' in 5.8.2 above and 'reasonable expenses' in 5.8.3 above will be at the sole discretion of the League Management Council.

**5.9. Under Strength Teams:**

**5.9.1.** Any club found guilty of deliberately fielding an under strength team in either a League or Cup Match will be dealt with at the discretion of the League Management Council.

**5.10. Abandonment:**



**5.10.1.** When a match is abandoned due to inclement weather or injury or other reason apart from misconduct, the LMC will have the right to decide if the score at the time of abandonment shall be the Final Score or if the Match shall be replayed.

**5.10.2.** Any match abandoned by the Match Official due to indiscipline of a Club or Clubs must be reported by the Match Official to the SWFA Assistant Secretary Discipline.

**5.10.3.** Any club found guilty by the SWFA of having caused the abandonment of a match (or if the cause is attributed to that club's player(s) spectator(s) or club officials(s)) will have 3 points deducted from its League record for each such offence.

**5.10.4.** The LMC may, at its sole discretion, award the match to the opposing innocent club by a score of 3-0 or by the actual score at the time of the abandonment, whichever is the greater.

**5.10.5.** In the event that both clubs are found guilty by the Area Association, the LMC may, at its absolute discretion, declare the match void and order that it be replayed.

#### **5.11 Substitute players:**

**5.11.1** In the senior and youth divisions a maximum of 5 substitutes may be nominated, using the systems and procedures set by the Association, 5 nominated substitutes will be allowed to play in the senior and youth divisions.

**5.11.2.** In the junior divisions, a maximum of 5 substitutes may be nominated, using the systems and procedures set by the Association. In junior divisions 5 substitutes are allowed to play. Returning substitutes can be used at any time during the match, except to replace a player who has been sent off, and can only be made when play has stopped and the referee has given permission.

**5.11.3.** In matches at under-12 & under-13 levels, substitutions shall be permitted in accordance with the FAW regulations on small-sided football. Returning substitutes can be used at any time during the match, except to replace a player who has been sent off and can only be made when play has stopped and the referee has given permission.

### **6. CLUB COLOURS AND NUMBERING:**

#### **6.1. Colours:**

**6.1.1.** Each club in the League shall register the colours of its shirts, shorts, and socks with the Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Clubs shall not play against each other in the same colours. The colours of the opposing clubs must be distinctive. In the event of two clubs having similar playing colours, the visiting club shall make a change.

**6.1.2.** The goalkeepers shall play in colours distinct from the other members of both teams. Goalkeepers are not permitted to wear black jerseys.

**6.1.3.** No team will be allowed to play in predominantly black shirts.

**6.1.4.** All clubs must wear kits & equipment in accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the Game. This includes undergarments.

**6.1.5.** The match referee shall have sole discretion of what constitutes a clash of colours in rule 6.1.1. or a breach of rule 6.1.2 or 6.1.3.

#### **6.2. Numbering:**

**6.2.1.** Players' shirts, including the goalkeeper and substitutes, must be numbered for all matches and the numbers must correspond to the information given on the COMET

**6.3. Rule Infringement:**

**6.3.1.** Any infringement of Rule 6 will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

**7. PRE-MATCH COMMUNICATION:**

**7.1. Home Team Responsibilities:**

If a match is postponed, it is the responsibility of the home club Secretary to notify the League, the opposing team and the Match Official immediately. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a fine in accordance with Annex 2.

**7.2. Team Sheets:**

**7.2.1.** At least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of a League or Cup match (15 minutes for junior and youth games), each club must submit a completed Team Sheet using the systems and procedures set by the Association from time to time

**7.3. Rule Infringements:**

**7.3.1.** Any infringement of Rule 7 will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

**8. POST-MATCH COMMUNICATION:**

**8.1. Team Responsibilities:**

**8.1.1.** Each club is required to complete submission of their match result and game details using the systems and procedures set by the Association from time to time. Teams can mutually agree a variation of this but each club retains responsibility for the correct submission of their details

**8.1.1.2.** If any difficulties arise during this process, the home team are responsible for contacting the Hon. Secretary, or the nominated League Officer, within the timescales.

**8.2. Rule Infringements:**

**8.2.1.** Any infringement of Rule 8 will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

**9. PROTESTS/APPEALS:**

**9.1. Protests and Complaints:**

**9.1.1.** Any protest must be submitted via an email address registered to the club on COMET to the League secretary and to the opposing club within 2 business days of the match to which it refers.

**9.1.2.** A protest must be submitted and accompanied by a fee as stated in Annex 1. The deposit may be forfeited in the event of the protest being deemed frivolous.

**Procedure for submission of a protest**

By 2.00pm of the next Business Day following the day of the match submit in writing via or e-mail to the League Secretary their intention to submit a protest and the particulars upon which the protest is based.

(By 2.00pm on the second Business Day following the day of the match, submit to the League Secretary written statements and evidence (including video/DVD where available) in support of the claim together with the relevant fee as set out in Annex 1.)

**9.1.3.** All protests will be heard and decided upon by the LMC.

**9.2. Appeals:**

**9.2.1.** Any club wishing to appeal against a decision of the LMC should appeal to the South Wales Football Association in accordance with their rules.

**10. NOT PROVIDED FOR:**

**10.1.** The LMC will deal with all matters not provided for in these rules.

**11. HANDBOOK**

**11.1.** The LMC shall produce a digital League Handbook to include these rules plus names and addresses of every club contact and referee. Each club will have access to a digital version of this handbook and will have to acknowledge receipt of an email containing the link to the digital handbook within 10 business days of it being sent out. Failure to acknowledge receipt of this email will be dealt with in ANNEX 2.

On request, the LMC will supply all referees, appointed to officiate in this League, with a free paper copy of the League Handbook.

## **CUP COMPETITIONS:**

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### **1. Entry and Eligibility:**

**1.1.** The Cups shall be called the Harris Parker Spooner Super Cup, The Milsom Harries Cup, The Cardiff Combination Cup and the Sam Cornish Cup. All clubs in membership of the League must compete in the relative Competition unless suspended from the Competition by LMC.

**1.2.** All players must have been registered in accordance with FAW rules.

**1.3.** Any club found guilty of playing an ineligible player, as defined in League Rule 4 and/or Rule 1.2 above, will be dealt with in accordance with Annex 2.

**1.4.** The Harris Parker Spooner Cup will be a four-team competition comprised of the following:

- Senior Division Champions (if promoted to the SWAL, then the runners-up will be invited)
- First Division Champions
- Second Division Champions
- Milsom Harries Cup Winners

In the event that the First or Second Division Champions are unable to participate, then the next highest Division Champion will enter, if not, then one of the Cup Winners as described following will be invited.

In the event the Milsom Harries Cup Winner is unable to participate, then the winner of either The Cardiff Combination Cup (first), or Sam Cornish (second), or another cup will be invited.

If selection cannot be completed in the above manner, then the decision of the next invitee is left to the discretion of the LMC.

### **2. Match Venues:**

**2.1.** The draw for the rounds of the Cup will be made by the LMC. The club drawn first will be given the home venue.

**2.2.** In the event of the ground of the first drawn club not being available on the Conference Date, the game must be played on the ground of their opponents. Only if the grounds of both clubs are not available will a postponement of the match be allowed.

**2.3.** The Semi-Finals and Final will be played on a neutral ground determined by the LMC.

**2.3.1.** 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.

### **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.** Unless expressly stated, all ties will be one game straight knock-out match of 90 minutes duration. Junior cup matches shall be of the same duration as stated in League Rule 5.7.3. In the event of a game being drawn, it shall

be decided by a series of penalty kicks, in accordance with the rules of the FAW. Leagues may organise Cup competitions to include a group stage element at their discretion. Where Leagues exercise this right, they will provide appropriate instructions to competing clubs before the start of each competition.

**3.4.** Where the colours of the two competing Clubs clash, the home team must change their colours.

**3.5.** Where the colours of two competing Club's 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 5.11 of the League Rules.

**3.8.** A club found guilty of causing the abandonment of a Cup match by the South Wales Football Association (or if the cause is attributed to that club's player(s) spectator(s) or club officials(s)) will be expelled from the competition for the current 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 expelled from the competition for the current season.

**3.10.** A minimum of 16 mementoes may be awarded to both the winners and the runners-up of the Competition.

#### **4. Expenses:**

**4.1.** All matches, except the Semi-Final and Final, shall be treated the same as League matches as far as expenses are concerned, and managed in accordance with League Rule 5.4.2

**4.2.** For the Final, the Match Officials will each receive a memento plus expenses. These costs will be borne by the League

## ANNEX 1

### Fees Subscriptions and Administration Charges

Rule No	Description	Amount (£)
C.8.1.	LMC Members Travelling Expenses	£0.35p per mile
1.1.1.	Club Annual Subscription	£40.00
1.1.1.	Club Guarantee Fee	£10.00
4.1.3	Failing to register at least eleven players no later than seven days before the start of the season	£10.00
5.4.2.	Referee's Match Fee	£35.00
5.4.2	Assistant Referee Fees	£17.50
5.4.2.	Referee's Travel Expenses per mile	NIL
9.1.3.	Deposit for protest	£10.00

## ANNEX 2

### Fines and Penalties

Rule No	Description	Penalty
C.4.7	Failure to attend a League Meeting	£20.00
1.1.3.	Withdrawal From League without notice as per Rule	NIL
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	£20.00
1.2.2.	The maximum Club fine for any individual offence is capped at	£75.00
1.4.2.	Club failing to attend either an AGM or an EGM	£20.00
1.4.3.	Failure to reply to League correspondence	£20.00
4.5.1.	Playing an ineligible player-first offence	£30.00 and result give to opposition as 3-0 win
4.5.1.	Playing an ineligible player – second and each subsequent offence	£30.00 for each further offence and result give to opposition as 3-0 win
5.5.5	Failure to supply adequate goal nets or corner flags at a ground	£10.00
5.6.3.	Club guilty of causing a late start	£10.00 for each
5.8.2.	Failing to fulfil a fixture	<b>First Offence:</b> £15.00 and the result awarded to the opponent as a 3-0 win. <b>Second Offence:</b> £20.00 and the result awarded to the opponent as a 3-0 win. <b>Third Offence:</b> Possible removal from league or cup competitions or both. Either record expunged or 3-0 wins given to opponents in remaining fixtures if

		50% or more fixtures completed. Decision to be made at the discretion of the LMC.
5.9.1.	Fielding an under-strength team	NIL
6.3.1.	Failure to comply with any aspect of Rule 6 – first offence	£10.00
6.3.1.	Failure to comply with any aspect of Rule 6 – second and each subsequent offence	£10.00
7.1.4.	Failure to notify a postponed fixture	£15.00
7.5.1.	Failure to comply with any aspect of Rule 7(except for 7.2.2) – first offence	£10.00
7.5.1.	Failure to comply with any aspect of Rule 7 (except for 7.2.2) – second and each subsequent offence	£10.00
8.3.1.	Failure to comply with any aspect of Rule 8 – first offence	£10.00
8.3.1.	Failure to comply with any aspect of Rule 8 – second and each subsequent offence	£20.00
Cup Rule 1.5.	Playing an ineligible player	£30.00 fine and elimination from the competition
Cup Rule 3.6.	Failure to fulfil a cup fixture	£15.00 fine and elimination from the competition

### ANNEX 3

#### Times of Kick Offs

Rule No	Description
5.6.1.	Mid-Week Kick off times will be either 6pm, 6.15pm or 6.30pm (unless otherwise agreed by LMC and opposition)
5.6.1.	Kick Off Time for all Saturday matches to be 2.00pm (unless otherwise agreed by LMC and opposition)