

WRU Inter District Competitions Rules 2014/2015

1. **Name**

The Competition shall be called "The Wynne Lloyd Memorial Cup".

2. **Teams and Groups**

The 11 District teams will play in one of four Regional groups. Those groups are:

Dragons

Caerphilly
Gwent

Blues

Cardiff and the Vale
Taff Rhondda
Heart of Wales (Mid District North)

Ospreys

Bridgend
Afan Nedd
Swansea

Scarlets

Carmarthenshire West
East Carmarthenshire
Pembrokeshire

3. **Format**

The participating teams will play 2 matches each in their Regional Group. The winners of each Group will progress to the semi finals of the Cup competition and the runners up in each Group will progress to the semi finals of the Plate competition. In both Cup and Plate competitions the semi finals will be contested between the Blues and the Dragons in one match and the Scarlets and the Ospreys in the other match. Home advantage in the semi finals of both Cup and Plate competitions will be decided by a toss of a coin.

The winners of the Cup semi finals will compete in the Final of the Cup competition. The winners of the Plate semi finals will compete in the Final of the Plate competition. The Finals of Cup and Plate competitions will be played on neutral venues.

4. **Fixtures**

Monday 2nd February 2015 or Tuesday 3rd February 2015

Dragons - Caerphilly v Gwent
Blues - Cardiff and the Vale v Taff Rhondda
Ospreys - Bridgend v Afan Nedd
Scarlets - Carmarthenshire West v East Carmarthenshire

Monday 16th February 2015 or Tuesday 17th February 2015

Blues - Taff Rhondda v Heart of Wales
Ospreys - Afan Nedd v Swansea
Scarlets - East Carmarthenshire v Pembrokeshire

Monday 2nd March 2015 or Tuesday 3rd March 2015

Dragons - Gwent v Caerphilly

Blues - Heart of Wales v Cardiff and the Vale

Ospreys - Swansea v Bridgend

Scarlets - Pembrokeshire v West Carmarthenshire

Cup Semi Finals - 24th March 2015

Cup Final - 28th April 2015

Plate Semi Finals - 25th March 2015

Plate Final - 27th April 2015

5. **Pool Placings**

The Winner of a match will be the team that has scored the greater number of points at the end of the match.

In the Pool points will be awarded as follows:-

- 4 points for a win
- 2 points for a draw
- 1 bonus point for a team that scores 10 points more than the opposition
- 1 bonus point for a team that loses by 10 points or less

The Winner of the Pool will be the team with the highest number of Pool points. If two or more teams finish with the same number of Pool points their placings will be determined by the number of tries scored. If the number of tries scored is equal the team with the most points scored will be the higher or highest placed team. If the number of points scored is equal then the team with the greater difference between the number of tries scored for the number of tries scored against will be the higher or highest placed team.

6. **Declaration of Winners in the Final Match**

In the event of a tie at full time in the Semi Final or Final matches in the Competition the winner will be determined by:

- a. the team that has scored the most tries in the match but if teams are still tied
- b. the team that has scored the most converted tries but if the teams are still tied
- c. the winning team in a drop kick competition, involving one kicker from both teams taking kicks at goal in turn, until one misses.

No extra time will be played in these matches.

7. **Player Eligibility**

To be eligible to play in the Competition a player must be:-

- a. Registered to play Youth rugby for a Club in the District for which he plays
- b. Under 19 years old on the 1st September in the season of the Competition.

8. **Responsibility for Organisation**

The Competition will be organised and administered by the Welsh Rugby Union.

The WRU will appoint a Competition Secretary and he will be responsible for the day to day administration of the Competition.

9. **Protests and Disputes**

Issues of disputes or protests will be referred to the WRU's Regulatory Committee. That Committee's decision in such cases will be final.

Protests and disputes arising from the Competition must be made in writing to the Competition Secretary, each protest or dispute must be accompanied by a fee of £100 and be made within 10 days of the fixture that forms the subject of the protest or dispute.

10. **General Rules**

a. **Fixtures**

- i. All fixtures in the Competition should be played on the date given and all Districts should complete their programme of fixtures.
- ii. In the event of a fixture in the Competition not being played on the given date because of ground, weather conditions, or any other reason or abandonment that postponement or abandonment must be reported to the Competition Secretary within 3 days of the original date of the fixture.
- iii. When the Competition Secretary receives a report he will enquire into the reasons for the postponement or abandonment. If he deems that a District was at fault for failing to fulfil a scheduled fixture he will refer the matter to the Regulatory Committee. If the Regulatory Committee decides that one District was at fault for failing to fulfil a fixture in the Competition it may impose sanctions as hereinafter appear.
- iv. Postponed or abandoned matches must be rearranged within 7 days of the original date. Notice of a rearranged fixture must be given to the Competition Secretary. He will ensure that the rearranged date does not coincide with any other pre-arranged fixture and that the new date is not in a week designated as a week in which the fixtures in the National Schools League are played.

b. **Duration of Play**

Each match will be of 70 minutes, that is 35 minutes each half. At half time an interval of no more than 10 minutes will be allowed.

In the event of a draw at full time there will be no extra time played in the Final of the Competition the winning District will be determined as set out in paragraph 4 above.

The Referee is to be the sole judge of the amount of time played in a match.

c. Match Result

The Secretary of the District that plays at home must convey the result of a fixture in the Competition to the Competition Secretary within 24 hours of the end of the match.

d. Penalties and Sanctions

The Regulatory Committee shall in cases where it finds a District to be in default of the Rules herein apply sanctions upon a District:-

- i. the deduction of points gained in a Pool fixture or
- ii. expulsion from the Competition.