

ASSOCIATION CUP RULES

GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP

1. NAME:

‘The Gwent County Senior Cup’

2. ELIGIBILITY:

The Senior Cup Competition shall be Level 4 Clubs only.

3. CONTROL:

The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Competitions Committee of the Association.

4. ENTRY DATES:

Clubs to enter before the 1st July.

5. WITHDRAWAL CONDITIONS:

5.1 Any Club intending to scratch must give information of their intention to do so to the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Competitions Secretary.

5.2 A Club withdrawing from the Competition shall be reported to Competitions Committee who shall have the power to compel such offending Club to pay the expenses incurred and take such action as they deem expedient.

5.3 Clubs failing to give a satisfactory reason for withdrawing shall not be allowed to enter the Competition the following season and shall be liable to a fine.

5.4 In the Semi-Final and Final ties any Club failing to play without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play may be adjudged by the Competitions Committee to have been guilty of serious misconduct and liable to be dealt with under Rules of the Association.

6. FEES:

The entrance fees for the Competitions will be as directed by the Council of the Gwent County Football Association.

7. QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS:

7.1 Players must have a current League registration with the Club and competing teams shall number 11 players and may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary: but no individual shall play for more than one competing team. Players must be registered with the Club at least 7 days before the match is to be played. Any player not registered with the Club and subsequently playing in a match will be declared as an ineligible player and the Club charged.

7.2 Match Team Sheets must be completed and submitted using the systems and procedures provided by the FAW from time to time, at least thirty (30) minutes before kick-off of each Match up to the Semi-Finals and at least sixty (60) minutes before kick-off for the Semi Final and Finals Matches.

7.2.1 After the team sheets have been submitted by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:

7.2.2 If any of the 11 Players indicated on the team sheet as forming the starting 11 are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the five substitutes listed on the initial team sheet, with the exception of the Goalkeeper, who may be replaced by a non-listed substitute.

7.2.3 Any Club not registering **any** players 7 days prior to their first game will be struck out of the Competition and fined.

7.3 In the case of postponed matches only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the completion of the round.

7.4 A Club may at its discretion use five players at any time in a match for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and only after the referee has given permission.

No substitutes other than the nominated substitutes will be allowed to take part in the game.

8. MATCH DETAILS:

8.1 The home team to notify visiting team and referee in writing of all match details at least six days before the game. Directions to reach ground details of colours and time of kick off. Clubs failing to comply will be dealt with by the Football & Competitions Committee.

8.2 Teams must play in their nominated colours. No Club will be allowed to play in Black or Dark Blue jerseys that may cause confusion with the referees' kit. No two Clubs shall play in similar colours. In the event of any two Clubs having similar colours the away team shall make a change unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

9. BYES:

As a general rule all byes shall be drawn in the first round.

10. FULL STRENGTH:

Each club shall play its recognised first team in all cup matches unless satisfactory reasons are given to the Competitions Committee. The Committee shall have the power to fine the Clubs a minimum of £25.00 for non-observance of this rule.

11. NAME OF DRAW:

The lots shall be drawn and the Competition matches played as the Competitions Committee may determine. Immediately after each draw the Competitions Secretary shall intimate to the Secretary of each Club the name of the Club it is drawn against and the time within which the tie has to be played and the time of kick-off.

12. IF MATCH PLAYED MUST BE A CUP-TIE:

Clubs shall not mutually arrange to play a match in lieu of a cup-tie. If a match is played to a conclusion, it must be a cup-tie.

13. DURATION OF GAMES:

13.1. Games shall be played as directed by the Competitions Secretary. The duration of each match shall be one hour and a half (two equal halves of 45 minutes). Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a complete match or replayed for the full period of 90 minutes (two equal halves of 45 minutes) as the Competitions Committee may direct.

13.2. When ninety minutes of the game has taken place and the score is level a further fifteen minutes each way shall be played and after this if the score is still level the round shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W. (see item 63 of the Association Rules).

13.3. Any Club guilty of delaying the start shall be reported by the referee the Competitions Committee to have the power to fine or otherwise deal with the offending Club if its explanation is unsatisfactory.

13.4. Any club found guilty of breaking a fixture will be liable to be struck out of the Competition and the tie awarded to the opponents in addition they will be fined as directed by the Competitions Committee.

13.5. Any club found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned will be fined as directed by the Committee and the game may be awarded to the non-offending club.

13.6. All matches not mutually agreed upon shall be arranged by the Competitions Secretary whose decision shall be final. Clubs failing to comply will be disqualified and liable to a fine as directed by Competitions

Committee.

14. POSTPONED GAMES:

Postponed games be rearranged by the Competitions Secretary and confirmed in writing.

15. LATE STARTS:

Clubs responsible for a late start whether the match is completed or not shall be liable to a fine of £10.00.

16. RESULT OF MATCHES TO BE REPORTED:

Each Club competing in a Match shall send the completed standard electronic Result Form to the Association within sixty (60) minutes of the final whistle, using the systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time. The Referee shall send the completed standard Referee's Report Form to the Association within ninety (90) minutes of the final whistle, using the systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time. The Referee's Report Form must be complete in all details, including the result of the Match, the full names of the Players taking part in the Match, the names of the substitutes and details of any substitutions made (including the Match time when the substitution was made), and details of any yellow cards and red cards issued (including the Match time when the card was issued).

17. CHOICE OF GROUND:

Unless otherwise mutually arranged the Clubs, which are in each instance first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground. If the ground is not available for any reason game to be played on the opponent's ground.

18. SEMI FINALS AND FINAL TIES:

In the last two ties being the semi-final and final the ground shall be chosen by the Competitions Committee who shall appoint Assistant Referees and Referee same to be duly registered with the F.A.W. or this Association and have all the management thereof and in the event of any Club failing to play when ordered to do so it shall be adjudged to have lost the match and shall be dealt with by the Competitions Committee for misconduct.

If the teams are level after extra time the match shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W.

19. DATES OF SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS:

The semi-final and final cup-tie dates arranged by the Competitions Committee shall be strictly adhered to unless mutual arrangements are arrived at between the two competing Clubs and the Association.

20. COMMITTEE TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES:

20.1. All protests from Clubs of eligibility qualifications of competitors or interpretation of the rules or laws of the game shall be referred to the Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final. Should any Club/League in connection with any dispute or protest have a member on the Committee; the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Committee while such dispute or protest is being considered.

20.2. No protest relative to the playing ground goal posts or bars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Committee unless it is laid with the referee before the commencement of the match nor shall any protest relative to the interpretation of the rules or laws of the game be entertained unless laid with the referee on or before the conclusion of the match. Protests may be made verbally but must be handed to the referee in writing before he has left the ground or dressing room.

20.3. A written notice of such protest or protests and two copies thereof must be sent to the Competitions Secretary within two days (Sundays excepted) after the conclusion of the match within which time a written protest against the eligibility of any player may be lodged. The sum of £50.00 must be deposited with the Association Secretary together with all such appeals or protests which sum will be forfeited to the funds of the Association in the event of such protest or appeal not being sustained.

21. EXPENSES OF PROTESTS:

The Committee may order any club engaged in a protest to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards

defraying the expenses incurred.

22. RIGHT OF APPEAL:

Any appeal against a decision of the Competitions Committee of this Association must be made to the Football Association of Wales accompanied by a fee determined by the Football Association of Wales within seven (7) business days (Copy to this Association).

23. COMMITTEE MAY SELECT ANOTHER CLUB:

That in the event of any Club withdrawing or declining to play from any cause in a semi-final or final tie or replayed matches of the same the Competitions Committee may if time and circumstances permit select any other Club or original entrants for the Competition to play. Other things being equal preference may be given to the Club that was next in merit judged from the results of the rounds and if more than one Club has equal claims the Club shall be selected by lot from those having equal claims if there is not time to permit of their playing off.

24. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:

In the case of any player being found ineligible the Club playing him must be adjudged to have lost the match and fined. The player to be reported to the Gwent County Football Association.

25. CLUBS LEAVING GROUND:

Any Club leaving the ground before the expiration of the game may be judged to have lost the match shall incur a penalty as directed by this Association.

26. DISQUALIFICATION:

If the Competitions Committee has any doubt as to the qualification of any player competing in the Competition it shall have power to call upon such player or the Club to which he belongs or for which he played to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is properly qualified according to the rules and failing such satisfactory proof the Committee shall have power to disqualify such player and remove such Club from the Competition and fined as directed by Committee.

27. RESPONSIBILITY OF SAFE CUSTODY OF CUP:

When the winning Club shall have been ascertained the Association shall deliver the cup to the representatives of such Club upon receiving a document to the following effect subscribed by three persons whose names shall be previously submitted and approved by the Council:

‘We A.B. C.D. and E.F. members of and representing the Club which has now been declared to have won the Gwent Football Association Cup the same having been delivered to us by Secretary of the Association do hereby on behalf of the said Club individually and collectively engage to return the same to the Secretary of the Association for the time being before 1st March next season in good order and condition and in accordance with the conditions of the annexed rules to which also we have subscribed our respective names and providing the said Cup is destroyed or damaged by fire whilst under our care or custody we agree to refund the Association the amount of its original value or the cost of thorough repair and should the said Cup be lost or destroyed from any other cause whilst under our care and custody we hereby individually and collectively undertake to pay to the Association a sum of £50.00 as and for liquidated damages and also to refund to the Association the amount of the original value of the Cup.’

28. LAWS:

The laws of the game to be observed in the Competition shall be those of the Football Association of Wales.

29. SIZE OF GROUND:

The ground for the cup-ties shall be defined by F.A.W. The ground, if possible, to be roped off three yards from the touch and goal line which are to be clearly defined. Goal nets must be used

30. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

In addition to the Cup the Council will present to the winners and runners-up 17 mementoes any further mementoes can only be purchased by the permission and discretion of the Council.

31. PROVISION OF BALLS AND PITCH:

In the rounds the home Club must provide at least two balls and mark the pitch. In the semi-finals both Clubs must provide at least two balls. In the final the balls shall be provided by the Gwent County F.A.

32. USE OF GROUNDS:

Clubs affiliated to this Association can be compelled to give their grounds to the Association for the purpose of playing the semi-final but no club to be called upon more than once in a season.

33. OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES:

Rounds	Semi Final	Final
£30.00	£30.00	Memento

Assistant referees, where appointed, to receive fifty per cent of the referee's rate.

In addition, officials will be paid second-class train bus fare or 45p per mile car travelling allowance. Fees and expenses will be paid by home Club in rounds except the Finals when they will be paid by the Association.

34. REGULATIONS AFFECTING REFEREES AND/OR ASSISTANT REFEREES:

All appointments of match officials shall be made by the Referees Officer of the Gwent County Football Association.

34.1 Fitness of Ground: The referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of grounds in all matches except those under the control of grounds men and each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in a playing condition and if necessary, the Home Club may request the referee to visit the ground two hours before the advertised time of kick off.

34.2 Late starts and reports: Referee must report late starts provide details of postponed or abandoned matches and in addition should inform the Competitions Secretary of the late arrival on the field of play of any player or referee / assistant referee. Failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action against the referee.

34.3 In the event of misconduct, the officiating referee must render his report to the Gwent County Football Association. This report should be rendered in duplicate.

34.4 Postponed Matches: In the event of a match being unavoidably postponed the officials if any have attended the ground shall receive half fee and travelling expenses.

34.5 Appointments: Referees/Assistant Referees must accept or reject appointments within 48 hours. If no reply is received it will be assumed that appointment is accepted.

34.6 Emergency Officials: In the event of the Referee or Assistant Referees appointed not attending a match and the two Clubs agreeing to one on the ground such Referee shall be considered to be an appointed official for the time being.

34.7 Absence: Referees or Assistant Referees failing to give a satisfactory reason for absence shall be dealt with by the Referees' Committee of the Gwent County Football Association.

35. INSCRIPTIONS ETC. ON CUPS:

No inscriptions engravings etc. shall be placed on the challenge cups and vases except by the authority of this Association.

36. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR:

Any matter arising which is not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Football & Competitions Committee Gwent County Football Association.

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
AMATEUR CUP**

1. NAME:

‘The Gwent County Football Association Amateur Cup’

2. ELIGIBILITY:

The Amateur Cup Competition shall be open to the registered Clubs of this Association from Level 5 down (Saturday senior teams only).

3. CONTROL:

The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Competitions Committee of the Association.

4. ENTRY DATES:

Clubs to enter before the 1st July.

5. WITHDRAWAL CONDITIONS:

5.1. Any Club intending to scratch must give information of their intention to do so to the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Competitions Secretary.

5.2. A Club withdrawing from the Competition shall be reported to Competitions Committee who shall have the power to compel such offending Club to pay the expenses incurred and take such action as they deem expedient.

5.3. Clubs failing to give a satisfactory reason for withdrawing shall not be allowed to enter the Competition the following season and shall be liable to a fine.

5.4. In the Semi-Final and Final ties any Club failing to play without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play may be adjudged by the Competitions Committee to have been guilty of serious misconduct and liable to be dealt with under Rules of the Association.

6. FEES

The entrance fees for the Competitions will be as directed by the Council of the Gwent County Football Association.

7. QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS:

7.1 Players must have a current League registration with the Club and competing teams shall number 11 players and may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary: but no individual shall play for more than one competing team. Players must be registered with the Club at least 7 days before the match is to be played. Any player not registered with the Club and subsequently playing in a match will be declared as an ineligible player and the Club charged.

7.2 Match Team Sheets must be completed and submitted using the systems and procedures provided by the FAW from time to time, at least thirty (30) minutes before kick-off of each Match up to the Semi-Finals and at least sixty (60) minutes before kick-off for the Semi Final and Finals Matches.

7.2.1 After the team sheets have been submitted by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:

7.2.2 If any of the 11 Players indicated on the team sheet as forming the starting 11 are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the five substitutes listed on the initial team sheet, with the exception of the Goalkeeper, who may be replaced by a non-listed substitute.

7.2.3 Any Club not registering **any** players 7 days prior to their first game will be struck out of the Competition and fined.

7.3 In the case of postponed matches only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the completion of the round.

7.4 A Club may at its discretion use five players at any time in a match for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and only after the referee has given permission.

No substitutes other than the nominated substitutes will be allowed to take part in the game.

8. MATCH DETAILS:

8.1. The home team to notify visiting team and referee in writing of all match details at least six days before the game giving directions to reach ground details of colours and time of kick off. Clubs failing to comply will be dealt with by the Competitions Committee.

8.2. Teams must play in their nominated colours. No Club will be allowed to play in Black or Dark Blue jerseys that may cause confusion with the referees' kit. No two Clubs shall play in similar colours. In the event of any two Clubs having similar colours the away team shall make a change unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

9. BYES:

As a general rule all byes shall be drawn in the first round.

10. FULL STRENGTH:

Each club shall play its recognised first team in all cup matches unless satisfactory reasons are given to the Competitions Committee. The Committee shall have the power to fine the Clubs a minimum of £25.00 for non-observance of this rule.

11. NAME OF DRAW:

The lots shall be drawn and the Competition matches played as the Competitions Committee may determine. Immediately after each draw the Competitions Secretary shall intimate to the Secretary of each Club the name of the Club it is drawn against and the time within which the tie has to be played and the time of kick-off.

12. IF MATCH PLAYED MUST BE A CUP-TIE:

Clubs shall not mutually arrange to play a match in lieu of a cup-tie. If a match is played to a conclusion it must be a cup-tie.

13. DURATION OF GAMES:

13.1. Games shall be played as directed by the Competitions Secretary. The duration of each match shall be one hour and a half (two equal halves of 45 minutes). Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a complete match or replayed for the full period of 90 minutes (two equal halves of 45 minutes) as the Football & Competitions Committee may direct.

13.2. When ninety minutes of the game has taken place and the score is level a further fifteen minutes each way shall be played and after this if the score is still level the round shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W. (see item 63 of the Association Rules).

13.3. Any Club guilty of delaying the start shall be reported by the referee the Competitions Committee to have the power to fine or otherwise deal with the offending Club if its explanation is unsatisfactory.

13.4. Any club found guilty of breaking a fixture will be liable to be struck out of the Competition and the tie awarded to the opponents in addition they will be fined as directed by the Competitions Committee.

13.5. Any club found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned will be fined as directed by the Committee and the game may be awarded to the non-offending club.

13.6. All matches not mutually agreed upon shall be arranged by the Competitions Secretary whose decision shall be final. Clubs failing to comply will be disqualified and liable to a fine as directed by Competitions Committee.

14. POSTPONED GAMES:

Postponed games be rearranged by the Competitions Secretary and confirmed in writing.

15. LATE STARTS:

Cubs responsible for a late start whether the match is completed or not shall be liable to a fine of £10.00

16. RESULT OF MATCHES TO BE REPORTED:

Each Club competing in a Match shall send the completed standard electronic Result Form to the Association within sixty (60) minutes of the final whistle, using the systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time. The Referee shall send the completed standard Referee's Report Form to the Association within ninety (90) minutes of the final whistle, using the systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time. The Referee's Report Form must be complete in all details, including the result of the Match, the full names of the Players taking part in the Match, the names of the substitutes and details of any substitutions made (including the Match time when the substitution was made), and details of any yellow cards and red cards issued (including the Match time when the card was issued).

17. CHOICE OF GROUND:

Unless otherwise mutually arranged the Clubs, which are in each instance first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground. If the ground is not available for any reason game to be played on the opponent's ground. In the case of inclement weather, a decision on the ground must be made at 10.00am.

18. SEMI FINALS AND FINAL TIES:

In the last two ties being the semi-final and final the ground shall be chosen by the Competitions Committee who shall appoint Assistant Referees and Referee same to be duly registered with the F.A.W. or this Association and have all the management thereof and in the event of any Club failing to play when ordered to do so it shall be adjudged to have lost the match and shall be dealt with by the Competitions Committee.

If the teams are level after extra time the match shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W.

19. DATES OF SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS:

The semi-final and final cup-tie dates arranged by the Competitions Committee shall be strictly adhered to unless mutual arrangements are arrived at between the two competing Clubs and the Association.

20. COMMITTEE TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES:

20.1. All protests from Clubs of eligibility qualifications of competitors or interpretation of the rules or laws of the game shall be referred to the Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final. Should any Club/League in connection with any dispute or protest have a member on the Committee; the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Committee while such dispute or protest is being considered.

20.2. No protest relative to the playing ground goal posts or bars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Committee unless it is laid with the referee before the commencement of the match nor shall any protest relative to the interpretation of the rules or laws of the game be entertained unless laid with the referee on or before the conclusion of the match. Protests may be made verbally but must be handed to the referee in writing before he has left the ground or dressing room.

20.3. A written notice of such protest or protests and two copies thereof must be sent to the Association Secretary within two days (Sundays excepted) after the conclusion of the match within which time a written protest against the eligibility of any player may be lodged. The sum of £50.00 must be deposited with the Association Secretary together with all such appeals or protests which sum will be forfeited to the funds of the Association in the event of such protest or appeal not being sustained.

21. EXPENSES OF PROTESTS:

The Competitions Committee may order any club engaged in a protest to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred.

22. RIGHT OF APPEAL:

Any appeal against a decision of the Competitions Committee of this Association must be made to the Football Association of Wales accompanied by a fee determined by the Football Association of Wales within seven (7) business days (Copy to this Association).

23. COMMITTEE MAY SELECT ANOTHER CLUB:

That in the event of any Club withdrawing or declining to play from any cause in a semi-final or final tie or replayed matches of the same the Competitions Committee may if time and circumstances permit select any other Club or original entrants for the Competition to play. Other things being equal preference may be given to the Club that was next in merit judged from the results of the rounds and if more than one Club has equal claims the Club shall be selected by lot from those having equal claims if there is not time to permit of their playing off.

24. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:

In the case of any player being found ineligible the Club playing him must be adjudged to have lost the match and fined. The player to be reported to the Gwent County Football Association.

25. CLUBS LEAVING GROUND:

Any Club leaving the ground before the expiration of the game may be judged to have lost the match shall incur a penalty as directed by this Association.

26. DISQUALIFICATION:

If the Competitions Committee has any doubt as to the qualification of any player competing in the Competition it shall have power to call upon such player or the Club to which he belongs or for which he played to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is properly qualified according to the rules and failing such satisfactory proof the Committee shall have power to disqualify such player and remove such Club from the Competition and fined as directed by Committee.

27. RESPONSIBILITY OF SAFE CUSTODY OF CUP:

When the winning Club shall have been ascertained the Association shall deliver the cup to the representatives of such Club upon receiving a document to the following effect subscribed by three persons whose names shall be previously submitted and approved by the Council:

‘We A.B. C.D. and E.F. members of and representing the Club which has now been declared to have won the Gwent Football Association Cup the same having been delivered to us by Secretary of the Association do hereby on behalf of the said Club individually and collectively engage to return the same to the Secretary of the Association for the time being before 1st March next season in good order and condition and in accordance with the conditions of the annexed rules to which also we have subscribed our respective names and providing the said Cup is destroyed or damaged by fire whilst under our care or custody we agree to refund the Association the amount of its original value or the cost of thorough repair and should the said Cup be lost or destroyed from any other cause whilst under our care and custody we hereby individually and collectively undertake to pay to the Association a sum of £50.00 as and for liquidated damages and also to refund to the Association the amount of the original value of the Cup.’

28. LAWS:

The laws of the game to be observed in the Competition shall be those of the Football Association of Wales.

29. SIZE OF GROUND:

The ground for the cup-ties shall be defined by F.A.W. The ground, if possible, to be roped off three yards from the touch and goal line which are to be clearly defined. Goal nets must be used

30. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

In addition to the Cup the Council will present to the winners and runners-up 17 mementoes any further mementoes can only be purchased by the permission and discretion of the Council.

31. PROVISION OF BALLS AND PITCH:

In the rounds the home Club must provide at least two balls and mark the pitch. In the semi-finals both Clubs must provide at least two balls. In the final the balls shall be provided by the Gwent County F.A.

32. USE OF GROUNDS

Clubs affiliated to this Association can be compelled to give their grounds to the Association for the purpose of playing the semi-final but no club to be called upon more than once in a season.

33. OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES

Rounds	Semi Final	Final
£30.00	£30.00	Memento

Assistant referees, where appointed, to receive fifty per cent of the referee's rate.

In addition, officials will be paid second-class train bus fare or 45p per mile car travelling allowance. Fees and expenses will be paid by home Club in rounds except the Semi-Finals and Final when they will be paid by the Association.

34. REGULATIONS AFFECTING REFEREES AND/OR ASSISTANT REFEREES

All appointments of match officials shall be made by the Referees Officer of the Gwent County Football Association.

34.1 Fitness of Ground: The referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of grounds in all matches except those under the control of grounds men and each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in a playing condition and if necessary, the Home Club may request the referee to visit the ground two hours before the advertised time of kick off.

34.2 Late starts and reports: Referee must report late starts provide details of postponed or abandoned matches and in addition should inform the Cup Secretary of the late arrival on the field of play of any player or referee / assistant referee. Failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action against the referee.

34.3 In the event of misconduct, the officiating referee must render his report to the Gwent County Football Association. This report should be rendered in duplicate.

34. Postponed Matches: In the event of a match being unavoidably postponed the officials if any have attended the ground shall receive half fee and travelling expenses.

34.5 Appointments: Referees/Assistant Referees must accept or reject appointments within 48 hours. If no reply is received it will be assumed that appointment is accepted.

34.6 Emergency Officials: In the event of the Referee or Assistant Referees appointed not attending a match and the two Clubs agreeing to one on the ground such Referee shall be considered to be an appointed official for the time being.

34.7 Absence: Referees or Assistant Referees failing to give a satisfactory reason for absence shall be dealt with by the Referees' Committee of the Gwent County Football Association.

35. ASSISTANT REFEREE

35.1. Each team MUST supply an Assistant Referee who shall report to the Referee before the start of the game. The home Club must provide suitable Assistant Referee's flags (one orange and one red). These to be handed to the Referee by the home team Assistant Referee before the kick off.

35.2. Clubs failing to supply Assistant Referee to be dealt with as directed by the Executive Committee.

35.3. To get the most effective co-operation from CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREES the following procedure should be adopted.

35.4. Both Club Assistant Referees should report to the Referee BEFORE the start of the match and receive his instructions and be informed that no matter what may be their personal opinion the decision of the Referee

is final and must not be questioned.

- 35.5.** The work allotted to them as Assistant Referees is to signal WHEN the ball is ENTIRELY over the touchline and to indicate WHICH side is entitled to the throw-in subject always to the decision of the Referee.
- 35.6.** Keeping in mind their distinctive duties outlined above Referees should decide beforehand exactly WHAT they want their ASSISTANT REFEREES to do and should be able to tell them distinctly how they can best help him. It is essential that there should be some conference between the three officials BEFORE any match. As the chief of this trio the Referee must be able to indicate clearly to his assistants how they may best help him. His instructions may be specific in order to avoid confusion.
- 35.7.** On their side the ASSISTANT REFEREES MUST FULLY APPRECIATE the Referee's prior authority and accept his rulings without question should there be any differences of opinion amongst them. Their relationship to him MUST be one of assistance and neither undue intervention nor opposition.

36. INSCRIPTIONS ETC. ON CUPS

No inscriptions engravings etc. shall be placed on the challenge cups and vases except by the authority of this Association.

37. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matter arising which is not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Football & Competitions Committee of the Gwent County Football Association.

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
INTERMEDIATE CUP**

1. NAME:

‘The Gwent County Football Association Intermediate Cup’

2. ELIGIBILITY:

The Intermediate Cup shall be by invitation to the top four (4) teams in each of the four (4) District Leagues who did not achieve promotion.

3. CONTROL:

The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Competitions Committee of the Association.

4. ENTRY DATES:

Clubs to enter before the 1st July.

5. WITHDRAWAL CONDITIONS:

5.1. Any Club intending to scratch must give information of their intention to do so to the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Competitions Secretary.

5.2. A Club withdrawing from the Competition shall be reported to Competitions Committee who shall have the power to compel such offending Club to pay the expenses incurred and take such action as they deem expedient.

5.3. Clubs failing to give a satisfactory reason for withdrawing shall not be allowed to enter the Competition the following season and shall be liable to a fine.

5.4. In the Semi-Final and Final ties any Club failing to play without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play may be adjudged by the Competitions Committee to have been guilty of serious misconduct and liable to be dealt with under Rules of the Association.

6. FEES

The entrance fees for the Competitions will be as directed by the Council of the Gwent County Football Association.

7. QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS:

7.1 Players must have a current League registration with the Club and competing teams shall number 11 players and may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary: but no individual shall play for more than one competing team. Players must be registered with the Club at least 7 days before the match is to be played. Any player not registered with the Club and subsequently playing in a match will be declared as an ineligible player and the Club charged.

7.2 Match Team Sheets must be completed and submitted using the systems and procedures provided by the FAW from time to time, at least thirty (30) minutes before kick-off of each Match up to the Semi-Finals and at least sixty (60) minutes before kick-off for the Semi Final and Finals Matches.

7.2.1 After the team sheets have been submitted by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:

7.2.2 If any of the 11 Players indicated on the team sheet as forming the starting 11 are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the five substitutes listed on the initial team sheet, with the exception of the Goalkeeper, who may be replaced by a non-listed substitute.

7.2.3 Any Club not registering **any** players 7 days prior to their first game will be struck out of the Competition and fined.

7.3 In the case of postponed matches only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the completion of the round.

7.4 A Club may at its discretion use five players at any time in a match for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and only after the referee has given permission.

No substitutes other than the nominated substitutes will be allowed to take part in the game.

8. MATCH DETAILS:

8.1. The home team to notify visiting team and referee in writing of all match details at least six days before the game giving directions to reach ground details of colours and time of kick off. Clubs failing to comply will be dealt with by the Competitions Committee.

8.2. Teams must play in their nominated colours. No Club will be allowed to play in Black or Dark Blue jerseys that may cause confusion with the referees' kit. No two (2) Clubs shall play in similar colours. In the event of any two (2) Clubs having similar colours the away team shall make a change unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

9. BYES:

As a general rule all byes shall be drawn in the first round.

10. FULL STRENGTH:

Each club shall play its recognised first team in all cup matches unless satisfactory reasons are given to the Competitions Committee. The Committee shall have the power to fine the Clubs a minimum of £25.00 for non-observance of this rule.

11. NAME OF DRAW:

The lots shall be drawn and the Competition matches played as the Competitions Committee may determine. Immediately after each draw the Competitions Secretary shall intimate to the Secretary of each Club the name of the Club it is drawn against and the time within which the tie has to be played and the time of kick-off.

12. IF MATCH PLAYED MUST BE A CUP-TIE:

Clubs shall not mutually arrange to play a match in lieu of a cup-tie. If a match is played to a conclusion, it must be a cup-tie.

13. DURATION OF GAMES:

13.1. Games shall be played as directed by the Competitions Secretary. The duration of each match shall be one hour and a half (two equal halves of 45 minutes). Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a complete match or replayed for the full period of 90 minutes (two equal halves of 45 minutes) as the Competitions Committee may direct.

13.2. When ninety minutes of the game has taken place and the score is level a further fifteen minutes each way shall be played and after this if the score is still level the round shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W. (see item 63 of the Association Rules).

13.3. Any Club guilty of delaying the start shall be reported by the referee the Competitions Committee who will have the power to fine or otherwise deal with the offending Club if its explanation is unsatisfactory.

13.4. Any club found guilty of breaking a fixture will be liable to be struck out of the Competition and the tie awarded to the opponents in addition they will be fined as directed by the Competitions Committee.

13.5. Any club found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned will be fined as directed by the Committee and the game may be awarded to the non-offending club.

13.6. All matches not mutually agreed upon shall be arranged by the Competitions Secretary whose decision shall be final. Clubs failing to comply will be disqualified and liable to a fine as directed by Competitions Committee.

14. POSTPONED GAMES:

Postponed games be rearranged by the Competitions Secretary and confirmed in writing.

15. LATE STARTS:

Cubs responsible for a late start whether the match is completed or not shall be liable to a fine of £10.00

16. RESULT OF MATCHES TO BE REPORTED:

Each Club competing in a Match shall send the completed standard electronic Result Form to the Association within sixty (60) minutes of the final whistle, using the systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time. The Referee shall send the completed standard Referee's Report Form to the Association within ninety (90) minutes of the final whistle, using the systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time. The Referee's Report Form must be complete in all details, including the result of the Match, the full names of the Players taking part in the Match, the names of the substitutes and details of any substitutions made (including the Match time when the substitution was made), and details of any yellow cards and red cards issued (including the Match time when the card was issued).

17. CHOICE OF GROUND:

Unless otherwise mutually arranged the Clubs, which are in each instance first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground. If the ground is not available for any reason game to be played on the opponent's ground. In the case of inclement weather, a decision on the ground must be made at 10.00am.

18. SEMI FINALS AND FINAL TIES:

In the last two ties being the semi-final and final the ground shall be chosen by the Competitions Committee who shall appoint Assistant Referees and Referee same to be duly registered with the F.A.W. or this Association and have all the management thereof and in the event of any Club failing to play when ordered to do so it shall be adjudged to have lost the match and shall be dealt with by the Competitions Committee.

If the teams are level after extra time the match shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W.

19. DATES OF SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS:

The semi-final and final cup-tie dates arranged by the Competitions Committee shall be strictly adhered to unless mutual arrangements are arrived at between the two competing Clubs and the Association.

20. COMMITTEE TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES:

20.1. All protests from Clubs of eligibility qualifications of competitors or interpretation of the rules or laws of the game shall be referred to the Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final. Should any Club/League in connection with any dispute or protest have a member on the Committee; the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Committee while such dispute or protest is being considered.

20.2. No protest relative to the playing ground goal posts or bars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Committee unless it is laid with the referee before the commencement of the match nor shall any protest relative to the interpretation of the rules or laws of the game be entertained unless laid with the referee on or before the conclusion of the match. Protests may be made verbally but must be handed to the referee in writing before he has left the ground or dressing room.

20.3. A written notice of such protest or protests and two copies thereof must be sent to the Association Secretary within two days (Sundays excepted) after the conclusion of the match within which time a written protest against the eligibility of any player may be lodged. The sum of £50.00 must be deposited with the Association Secretary together with all such appeals or protests which sum will be forfeited to the funds of the Association in the event of such protest or appeal not being sustained.

21. EXPENSES OF PROTESTS:

The Competitions Committee may order any club engaged in a protest to pay such sum as may be considered

necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred.

22. RIGHT OF APPEAL:

Any appeal against a decision of the Competitions Committee of this Association must be made to the Football Association of Wales accompanied by a fee determined by the Football Association of Wales within seven (7) business days (Copy to this Association).

23. COMMITTEE MAY SELECT ANOTHER CLUB:

That in the event of any Club withdrawing or declining to play from any cause in a semi-final or final tie or replayed matches of the same the Competitions Committee may if time and circumstances permit select any other Club or original entrants for the Competition to play. Other things being equal preference may be given to the Club that was next in merit judged from the results of the rounds and if more than one Club has equal claims the Club shall be selected by lot from those having equal claims if there is not time to permit of their playing off.

24. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:

In the case of any player being found ineligible the Club playing him must be adjudged to have lost the match and fined. The player to be reported to the Gwent County Football Association.

25. CLUBS LEAVING GROUND:

Any Club leaving the ground before the expiration of the game may be judged to have lost the match shall incur a penalty as directed by this Association.

26. DISQUALIFICATION:

If the Competitions Committee has any doubt as to the qualification of any player competing in the Competition it shall have power to call upon such player or the Club to which he belongs or for which he played to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is properly qualified according to the rules and failing such satisfactory proof the Committee shall have power to disqualify such player and remove such Club from the Competition and fined as directed by Committee.

27. RESPONSIBILITY OF SAFE CUSTODY OF CUP:

When the winning Club shall have been ascertained the Association shall deliver the cup to the representatives of such Club upon receiving a document to the following effect subscribed by three persons whose names shall be previously submitted and approved by the Council:

‘We A.B. C.D. and E.F. members of and representing the Club which has now been declared to have won the Gwent Football Association Cup the same having been delivered to us by Secretary of the Association do hereby on behalf of the said Club individually and collectively engage to return the same to the Secretary of the Association for the time being before 1st March next season in good order and condition and in accordance with the conditions of the annexed rules to which also we have subscribed our respective names and providing the said Cup is destroyed or damaged by fire whilst under our care or custody we agree to refund the Association the amount of its original value or the cost of thorough repair and should the said Cup be lost or destroyed from any other cause whilst under our care and custody we hereby individually and collectively undertake to pay to the Association a sum of £50.00 as and for liquidated damages and also to refund to the Association the amount of the original value of the Cup.’

28. LAWS:

The laws of the game to be observed in the Competition shall be those of the Football Association of Wales.

29. SIZE OF GROUND:

The ground for the cup-ties shall be defined by F.A.W. The ground, if possible, to be roped off three yards from the touch and goal line which are to be clearly defined. Goal nets must be used

30. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

In addition to the Cup the Council will present to the winners and runners-up 17 mementoes any further mementoes can only be purchased by the permission and discretion of the Council.

31. PROVISION OF BALLS AND PITCH:

In the rounds the home Club must provide at least two balls and mark the pitch. In the semi-finals both Clubs must provide at least two balls. In the final the balls shall be provided by the Gwent County F.A.

32. USE OF GROUNDS

Clubs affiliated to this Association can be compelled to give their grounds to the Association for the purpose of playing the semi-final but no club to be called upon more than once in a season.

33. OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES

Rounds	Semi Final	Final
£20.00	£20.00	Memento

Assistant referees, where appointed, to receive fifty per cent of the referee's rate.

In addition, officials will be paid second-class train bus fare or 45p per mile car travelling allowance. Fees and expenses will be paid by home Club in rounds except the Semi-Finals & Final when they will be paid by the Association.

34. REGULATIONS AFFECTING REFEREES AND/OR ASSISTANT REFEREES

All appointments of match officials shall be made by the Referees Officer of the Gwent County Football Association.

34.1. Fitness of Ground: The referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of grounds in all matches except those under the control of grounds men and each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in a playing condition and if necessary, the Home Club may request the referee to visit the ground two hours before the advertised time of kick off.

34.2. Late starts and reports: Referee must report late starts provide details of postponed or abandoned matches and in addition should inform the Competitions Secretary of the late arrival on the field of play of any player or referee / assistant referee. Failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action against the referee.

34.3. In the event of misconduct, the officiating referee must render his report to the Gwent County Football Association. This report should be rendered in duplicate.

34.4. Postponed Matches: In the event of a match being unavoidably postponed the officials if any have attended the ground shall receive half fee and travelling expenses.

34.5. Appointments: Referees/Assistant Referees must accept or reject appointments within 48 hours. If no reply is received it will be assumed that appointment is accepted.

34.6. Emergency Officials: In the event of the Referee or Assistant Referees appointed not attending a match and the two Clubs agreeing to one on the ground such Referee shall be considered to be an appointed official for the time being.

34.7. Absence: Referees or Assistant Referees failing to give a satisfactory reason for absence shall be dealt with by the Referees' Committee of the Gwent County Football Association.

35. ASSISTANT REFEREE

35.1 Each team MUST supply an Assistant Referee who shall report to the Referee before the start of the game. The home Club must provide suitable Assistant Referee's flags (one orange and one red). These to be handed to the Referee by the home team Assistant Referee before the kick off.

35.2 Clubs failing to supply Assistant Referee to be dealt with as directed by the Executive Committee.

35.3 To get the most effective co-operation from CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREES the following procedure should be adopted.

35.4 Both Club Assistant Referees should report to the Referee BEFORE the start of the match and receive his instructions and be informed that no matter what their personal opinion may be the decision of the Referee

is final and must not be questioned.

- 35.5** The work allotted to them as Assistant Referees is to signal WHEN the ball is ENTIRELY over the touchline and to indicate WHICH side is entitled to the throw-in subject always to the decision of the Referee.
- 35.6** Keeping in mind their distinctive duties outlined above Referees should decide beforehand exactly WHAT they want their ASSISTANT REFEREES to do and should be able to tell them distinctly how they can best help him. It is essential that there should be some conference between the three officials BEFORE any match. As the chief of this trio the Referee must be able to indicate clearly to his assistants how they may best help him. His instructions may be specific in order to avoid confusion.
- 35.7** On their side the ASSISTANT REFEREES MUST FULLY APPRECIATE the Referee's prior authority and accept his rulings without question should there be any differences of opinion amongst them. Their relationship to him MUST be one of assistance and neither undue intervention nor opposition.

36. INSCRIPTIONS ETC. ON CUPS

No inscriptions engravings etc. shall be placed on the challenge cups and vases except by the authority of this Association.

37. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matter arising which is not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Football & Competitions Committee of the Gwent County Football Association.

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR UNDER 14 CUP**

1. NAME:

‘The Under 14 Junior Cup’

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Junior Cup Competition shall be open to Clubs registered with the Association. This Competition will only take place provided there are sufficient entries from Clubs.

3. CONTROL:

The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Competitions Committee of the Gwent County Football Association.

4. ENTRY DATES:

Clubs to enter before the 1st September.

5. WITHDRAWAL CONDITIONS:

5.1. Any Club intending to scratch must give information of their intention to do so to the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Competitions Secretary.

5.2. A Club withdrawing from the Competition shall be reported to Competitions Committee who shall have the power to compel such offending Club to pay the expenses incurred and take such action as they deem expedient.

5.3. Clubs failing to give a satisfactory reason for withdrawing shall not be allowed to enter the Competition the following season and shall be liable to a fine.

5.4. In the Semi-Final and Final ties any Club failing to play without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play may be adjudged by the Competitions Committee to have been guilty of serious misconduct and liable to be dealt with under Rules of the Association.

6. FEES

The entrance fees for the Competitions will be as directed by the Council of the Gwent County Football Association.

7. QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS:

7.1 Players must have a current League registration with the Club and competing teams shall number 11 players and may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary: but no individual shall play for more than one competing team. Players must be registered with the Club at least 7 days before the match is to be played. Any player not registered with the Club and subsequently playing in a match will be declared as an ineligible player and the Club charged.

7.2 Match Team Sheets must be completed and submitted using the systems and procedures provided by the FAW from time to time, at least thirty (30) minutes before kick-off of each Match up to the Semi-Finals and at least sixty (60) minutes before kick-off for the Semi Final and Finals Matches.

7.2.1 After the team sheets have been submitted by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:

7.2.2 If any of the 11 Players indicated on the team sheet as forming the starting 11 are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the five substitutes listed on the initial team sheet, with the exception of the Goalkeeper, who may be replaced by a non-listed substitute.

7.2.3 Any Club not registering **any** players 7 days prior to their first game will be struck out of the Competition and fined.

7.3 In the case of postponed matches only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the completion of the round.

7.4 A Club may at its discretion use a substitute player at any time in a match for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and only after the referee has given permission. Five named substitutes are allowed in this Competition and must be named prior to kick-off. A player who has been substituted himself/herself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

8. MATCH DETAILS:

8.1. The home team must notify visiting team and referee in writing of all match details at least six days before the game giving directions to reach ground details of colours and time of kick off. Clubs failing to comply will be dealt with by the Competitions Committee.

8.2. Teams must play in their nominated colours. No Club will be allowed to play in Black or Dark Blue jerseys that may cause confusion with the referees' kit. No two Clubs shall play in similar colours. In the event of any two Clubs having similar colours the away team shall make a change unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

9. BYES:

As a general rule all byes shall be drawn in the first round.

10. FULL STRENGTH:

Each club shall play its recognised first team in all cup matches unless satisfactory reasons are given to the Competitions Committee. The Committee shall have the power to fine the Clubs a minimum of £25.00 for non-observance of this rule.

11. NAME OF DRAW:

The lots shall be drawn and the Competition matches played as the Competitions Committee may determine. Immediately after each draw the Competitions Secretary shall intimate to the Secretary of each Club the name of the Club it is drawn against and the time within which the tie has to be played and the time of kick-off.

12. IF MATCH PLAYED MUST BE A CUP-TIE:

Clubs shall not mutually arrange to play a match in lieu of a cup-tie. If a match is played to a conclusion, it must be a cup-tie.

13. DURATION OF GAMES:

13.1. Games shall be played as directed by the Competitions Secretary. The duration of each match shall be one hour and ten minutes (two equal halves of 35 minutes). Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a complete match or replayed for the full period of 70 minutes (two equal halves of 35 minutes) as the Competitions Committee may direct.

13.2. When seventy minutes of the game has taken place and the score is level a further ten minutes each way shall be played and after this if the score is still level the round shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W. (see item 63 of the Association Rules).

13.3. Any Club guilty of delaying the start shall be reported by the referee the Competitions Committee to have the power to fine or otherwise deal with the offending Club if its explanation is unsatisfactory.

13.4. Any club found guilty of breaking a fixture will be liable to be struck out of the Competition and the tie awarded to the opponents in addition they will be fined as directed by the Competitions Committee.

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13.6. All matches not mutually agreed upon shall be arranged by the Competitions Secretary whose decision shall be final. Clubs failing to comply will be disqualified and liable to a fine as directed by Competitions

Committee.

14. POSTPONED GAMES:

Postponed games be rearranged by the Competitions Secretary and confirmed in writing.

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Clubs responsible for a late start whether the match is completed or not shall be liable to a fine of £10.00

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17. CHOICE OF GROUND:

Unless otherwise mutually arranged the Clubs, which are in each instance first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground. If the ground is not available for any reason game to be played on the opponent's ground. In the case of inclement weather, a decision on the ground must be made at 8.00am.

18. SEMI FINALS AND FINAL TIES:

In the last two ties being the semi-final and final the ground shall be chosen by the Competitions Committee who shall appoint the Referee and Assistant Referees same to be duly registered with the F.A.W. or this Association and have all the management thereof and in the event of any Club failing to play when ordered to do so it shall be adjudged to have lost the match and shall be dealt with by the Football & Competitions Committee.

If the teams are level after extra time the match shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W. (see Item 60 of the Association Rules).

19. DATES OF SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS:

The semi-final and final cup-tie dates arranged by the Competitions Committee shall be strictly adhered to unless mutual arrangements are arrived at between the two competing Clubs and the Association.

20. COMMITTEE TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES:

20.1. All protests from Clubs of eligibility qualifications of competitors or interpretation of the rules or laws of the game shall be referred to the Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final. Should any Club/League in connection with any dispute or protest have a member on the Committee; the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Committee while such dispute or protest is being considered.

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The Competitions Committee may order any club engaged in a protest to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred.

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Any appeal against a decision of the Competitions Committee of this Association must be made to the Football Association of Wales accompanied by a fee determined by the Football Association of Wales within seven (7) business days (Copy to this Association).

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That in the event of any Club withdrawing or declining to play from any cause in a semi-final or final tie or replayed matches of the same the Competitions Committee may if time and circumstances permit select any other Club or original entrants for the Competition to play. Other things being equal preference may be given to the Club that was next in merit judged from the results of the rounds and if more than one Club has equal claims the Club shall be selected by lot from those having equal claims if there is not time to permit of their playing off.

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**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR CUP UNDER 16 CUP**

1. NAME:

‘The Under 16 Junior Cup’

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Junior Cup Competition shall be open to Clubs registered with the Association. This Competition will only take place provided there are sufficient entries from Clubs.

3. CONTROL:

The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Football & Competitions Committee of the Gwent County Football Association.

4. ENTRY DATES:

Clubs to enter before the 1st September.

5. WITHDRAWAL CONDITIONS:

5.1. Any Club intending to scratch must give information of their intention to do so to the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Competitions Secretary.

5.2. A Club withdrawing from the Competition shall be reported to Competitions Committee who shall have the power to compel such offending Club to pay the expenses incurred and take such action as they deem expedient.

5.3. Clubs failing to give a satisfactory reason for withdrawing shall not be allowed to enter the Competition the following season and shall be liable to a fine.

5.4. In the Semi-Final and Final ties any Club failing to play without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play may be adjudged by the Competitions Committee to have been guilty of serious misconduct and liable to be dealt with under Rules of the Association.

6. FEES

The entrance fees for the Competitions will be as directed by the Council of the Gwent County Football Association.

7. QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS:

7.1. Player must be over the age of 14 and the age under 16 at the 31st August. All players that fall in the age band in each club are eligible to play for the Club in the Cup Competition. Players must have a current League registration with the Club and competing teams shall number 11 players and may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary: but no individual shall play for more than one competing team. A player must be registered with a Club at least 7 days before the match to be played. Any player not registered with the Club and subsequently playing in a match will be declared as an ineligible player and the Club charged.

7.2 Match Team Sheets must be completed and submitted using the systems and procedures provided by the FAW from time to time, at least thirty (30) minutes before kick-off of each Match up to the Semi-Finals and at least sixty (60) minutes before kick-off for the Semi Final and Finals Matches.

7.2.1 After the team sheets have been submitted by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:

7.2.2 If any of the 11 Players indicated on the team sheet as forming the starting 11 are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the five substitutes listed on the initial team sheet, with the exception of the Goalkeeper, who may be replaced by a non-listed substitute.

7.2.3 Any Club not registering **any** players 7 days prior to their first game will be struck out of the

Competition and fined.

7.3 In the case of postponed matches only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the completion of the round.

7.4 A Club may at its discretion use a substitute player at any time in a match for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and only after the referee has given permission. Five named substitutes are allowed in this Competition and must be named prior to kick-off. A player who has been substituted himself/herself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

8. MATCH DETAILS:

8.1. The home team must notify visiting team and referee in writing of all match details at least six days before the game giving directions to reach ground details of colours and time of kick off. Clubs failing to comply will be dealt with by the Competitions Committee.

8.2. Teams must play in their nominated colours. No Club will be allowed to play in Black or Dark Blue jerseys that may cause confusion with the referees' kit. No two Clubs shall play in similar colours. In the event of any two Clubs having similar colours the away team shall make a change unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

9. BYES:

As a general rule all byes shall be drawn in the first round.

10. FULL STRENGTH:

Each club shall play its recognised first team in all cup matches unless satisfactory reasons are given to the Competitions Committee. The Committee shall have the power to fine the Clubs a minimum of £25.00 for non-observance of this rule.

11. NAME OF DRAW:

The lots shall be drawn and the Competition matches played as the Competitions Committee may determine. Immediately after each draw the Competitions Secretary shall intimate to the Secretary of each Club the name of the Club it is drawn against and the time within which the tie has to be played and the time of kick-off.

12. IF MATCH PLAYED MUST BE A CUP-TIE:

Clubs shall not mutually arrange to play a match in lieu of a cup-tie. If a match is played to a conclusion, it must be a cup-tie.

13. DURATION OF GAMES:

13.1. Games shall be played as directed by the Competitions Secretary. The duration of each match shall be one hour and twenty minutes (two equal halves of 40 minutes). Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a complete match or replayed for the full period of 80 minutes (two equal halves of 40 minutes) as the Competitions Committee may direct.

13.2. When eighty minutes of the game has taken place and the score is level a further ten minutes each way shall be played and after this if the score is still level the round shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W.

13.3. Any Club guilty of delaying the start shall be reported by the referee the Competitions Committee to have the power to fine or otherwise deal with the offending Club if its explanation is unsatisfactory.

13.4. Any club found guilty of breaking a fixture will be liable to be struck out of the Competition and the tie awarded to the opponents in addition they will be fined as directed by the Competitions Committee.

13.5. Any club found guilty of causing a game to be abandoned will be fined as directed by the Committee and the game may be awarded to the non-offending club.

13.6. All matches not mutually agreed upon shall be arranged by the Competitions Secretary whose decision shall be final. Clubs failing to comply will be disqualified and liable to a fine as directed by Competitions Committee.

14. POSTPONED GAMES:

Postponed games be rearranged by the Competitions Secretary and confirmed in writing.

15. LATE STARTS:

Clubs responsible for a late start whether the match is completed or not shall be liable to a fine of £10.00

16. RESULT OF MATCHES TO BE REPORTED:

Each Club competing in a Match shall send the completed standard electronic Result Form to the Association within sixty (60) minutes of the final whistle, using the systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time. The Referee shall send the completed standard Referee's Report Form to the Association within ninety (90) minutes of the final whistle, using the systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time. The Referee's Report Form must be complete in all details, including the result of the Match, the full names of the Players taking part in the Match, the names of the substitutes and details of any substitutions made (including the Match time when the substitution was made), and details of any yellow cards and red cards issued (including the Match time when the card was issued).

17. CHOICE OF GROUND:

Unless otherwise mutually arranged the Clubs, which are in each instance first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground. If the ground is not available for any reason game to be played on the opponent's ground. In the case of inclement weather, a decision on the ground must be made at 8.00am.

18. SEMI FINALS AND FINAL TIES:

In the last two ties being the semi-final and final the ground shall be chosen by the Competitions Committee who shall appoint the Referee and Assistant Referees same to be duly registered with the F.A.W. or this Association and have all the management thereof and in the event of any Club failing to play when ordered to do so it shall be adjudged to have lost the match and shall be dealt with by the Competitions Committee.

If the teams are level after extra time the match shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W. (see Item 60 of the Association Rules).

19. DATES OF SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS:

The semi-final and final cup-tie dates arranged by the Competitions Committee shall be strictly adhered to unless mutual arrangements are arrived at between the two competing Clubs and the Association.

20. COMMITTEE TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES:

20.1. All protests from Clubs of eligibility qualifications of competitors or interpretation of the rules or laws of the game shall be referred to the Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final. Should any Club/League in connection with any dispute or protest have a member on the Committee; the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Committee while such dispute or protest is being considered.

20.2. No protest relative to the playing ground goal posts or bars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Committee unless it is laid with the referee before the commencement of the match nor shall any protest relative to the interpretation of the rules or laws of the game be entertained unless laid with the referee on or before the conclusion of the match. Protests may be made verbally but must be handed to the referee in writing before he has left the ground or dressing room.

20.3. A written notice of such protest or protests and two copies thereof must be sent to the Association Secretary within two days (Sundays excepted) after the conclusion of the match within which time a written protest against the eligibility of any player may be lodged. The sum of £25.00 must be deposited with the Association Secretary together with all such appeals or protests which sum will be forfeited to the funds of the Association in the event of such protest or appeal not being sustained.

21. EXPENSES OF PROTESTS:

The Competitions Committee may order any club engaged in a protest to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred.

22. RIGHT OF APPEAL:

Any appeal against a decision of the Competitions Committee of this Association must be made to the Football Association of Wales accompanied by a fee determined by the Football Association of Wales within seven (7) business days (Copy to this Association).

23. COMMITTEE MAY SELECT ANOTHER CLUB:

That in the event of any Club withdrawing or declining to play from any cause in a semi-final or final tie or replayed matches of the same the Competitions Committee may if time and circumstances permit select any other Club or original entrants for the Competition to play. Other things being equal preference may be given to the Club that was next in merit judged from the results of the rounds and if more than one Club has equal claims the Club shall be selected by lot from those having equal claims if there is not time to permit of their playing off.

24. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:

In the case of any player being found ineligible the Club playing him must be adjudged to have lost the match and fined. The player to be reported to the Gwent County Football Association.

25. CLUBS LEAVING GROUND:

Any Club leaving the ground before the expiration of the game may be judged to have lost the match shall incur a penalty as directed by this Association.

26. DISQUALIFICATION:

If the Competitions Committee has any doubt as to the qualification of any player competing in the Competition it shall have power to call upon such player or the Club to which he belongs or for which he played to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is properly qualified according to the rules and failing such satisfactory proof the Committee shall have power to disqualify such player and remove such Club from the Competition and fined as directed by Committee.

27. RESPONSIBILITY OF SAFE CUSTODY OF CUP:

When the winning Club shall have been ascertained the Association shall deliver the cup to the representatives of such Club upon receiving a document to the following effect subscribed by three persons whose names shall be previously submitted and approved by the Council:

‘We A.B. C.D. and E.F. members of and representing the Club which has now been declared to have won the Gwent Football Association Cup the same having been delivered to us by Secretary of the Association do hereby on behalf of the said Club individually and collectively engage to return the same to the Secretary of the Association for the time being before 1st March next season in good order and condition and in accordance with the conditions of the annexed rules to which also we have subscribed our respective names and providing the said Cup is destroyed or damaged by fire whilst under our care or custody we agree to refund the Association the amount of its original value or the cost of thorough repair and should the said Cup be lost or destroyed from any other cause whilst under our care and custody we hereby individually and collectively undertake to pay to the Association a sum of £50.00 and for liquidated damages and also to refund to the Association the amount of the original value of the Cup.’

28. LAWS:

The laws of the game to be observed in the Competition shall be those of the Football Association of Wales.

29. SIZE OF GROUND:

The ground for the cup-ties shall be defined by F.A.W. The ground, if possible, to be roped off three yards from the touch and goal line which are to be clearly defined. Goal nets must be used

30. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

In addition to the Cup the Council will present to the winners and runners-up 17 mementoes any further mementoes can only be purchased by the permission and discretion of the Council.

31. PROVISION OF BALLS AND PITCH:

In the rounds the home Club must provide at least two balls and mark the pitch. In the semi-finals both Clubs must provide at least two balls. In the final the balls shall be provided by the Gwent County F.A.

32. USE OF GROUNDS

Clubs affiliated to this Association can be compelled to give their grounds to the Association for the purpose of playing the semi-final but no club to be called upon more than once in a season.

33. REFEREES' FEES AND EXPENSES

Rounds	Semi Final	Final
£17.00	£17.00	Memento

Assistant referees, where appointed, to receive fifty per cent of the referee's rate.

In addition, officials will be paid second-class train bus fare or 45p per mile car travelling allowance. Fees and expenses will be paid by home Club in rounds except the Semi-Finals and Final when they will be paid by the Association.

34. REGULATIONS AFFECTING REFEREES AND/OR ASSISTANT REFEREES

All appointments of match officials shall be made by the Referees Officer of the Gwent County Football Association.

34.1 Fitness of Ground: The referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of grounds in all matches except those under the control of grounds men and each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in a playing condition and if necessary, the Home Club may request the referee to visit the ground two hours before the advertised time of kick off.

34.2 Late starts and reports: Referee must report late starts provide details of postponed or abandoned matches and in addition should inform the Cup Secretary of the late arrival on the field of play of any player or referee / assistant referee. Failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action against the referee.

34.3 In the event of misconduct the officiating referee must render his report to the Gwent County Football Association. This report should be rendered in duplicate.

34.4 Postponed Matches: In the event of a match being unavoidably postponed the officials if any have attended the ground shall receive half fee and travelling expenses.

34.5 Appointments: Referees/Assistant Referees must accept or reject appointments within 48 hours. If no reply is received it will be assumed that appointment is accepted.

34.6 Emergency Officials: In the event of the Referee or Assistant Referees appointed not attending a match and the two Clubs agreeing to one on the ground such Referee shall be considered to be an appointed official for the time being.

34.7 Absence: Referees or Assistant Referees failing to give a satisfactory reason for absence shall be dealt with by the Referees' Committee of the Gwent County Football Association.

35. ASSISTANT REFEREE

35.1. Each team MUST supply an Assistant Referee who shall report to the Referee before the start of the game. The home Club must provide suitable Assistant Referee's flags (one orange and one red). These to be handed to the Referee by the home team Assistant Referee before the kick-off.

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CONFERENCE DATES 2021-2022

Senior Cup:

To Commence in January 2022.

Amateur Cup:

Round 1: 6th November 2021
Round 2: 4th December 2021
Round 3: 8th January 2022
Quarter Final: 12th February 2022

Junior Cup Under 14's:

Round 1: 2nd October 2021
Round 2: 13th November 2021
Quarter Final: 11th December 2021
Semi Final: To Be Decided
Final: April 2022

Junior Cup Under 16's:

Round 1: 9th October 2021
Round 2: 20th November 2021
Quarter Final: 18th December 2021
Semi Final: To Be Decided
Final: April 2022

Intermediate Cup:

TBD