GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

CUP COMPETITION RULES 2026/2027

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GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

1. NAME:

'The Gwent County Football Association Senior Cup'
'The Gwent County Football Association Amateur Cup'
'The Gwent County Football Association Intermediate Cup'

2. ELIGIBILITY:

The Senior Cup Competition shall be Level 4 Clubs & Combination Division only.

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

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:

Senior Cup/Amateur Cup
Clubs to enter before the 31st July.

Intermediate Cup
By invitation only.

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. 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.

When completing Team Sheets on the Comet System, it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure players are eligible to play in the game as per the Rules of the Competition in the Handbook. The Comet System should flag up players who are under suspension due to disciplinary sanctions (red/yellow cards, misconduct), but will not flag up players who may be ineligible because they do not comply with Rules of the Competition.

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.

7.5 If the Player is a nominated but unused substitute for a Match, he shall be deemed as not having played for the Club in that Match.

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 Round One.

10. NAME OF DRAW:

10.1 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.

10.2 The Cup Competitions will be scheduled for a Saturday, but can be played on a Friday night or a Sunday on condition both teams agree. The GCFA Competitions Secretary must be kept informed of any changes.

11. 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.

12. DURATION OF GAMES:

12.1. 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.

12.2. When ninety minutes of the game has taken place and the score is 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).

12.3. 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.

12.4. 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.

12.5. 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.

12.6. 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.

13. POSTPONED GAMES:

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

14. LATE STARTS:

Clubs responsible for a late start whether the match is completed or not shall be liable to a fine of £12.00.

15. 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).

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. COMMITTEE TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES:

19.1. 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.

19.2. 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.

19.3. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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 three (3) business days (Copy to this Association) of decision being given to the Club..

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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 form the Competition and fined as directed by Committee.

26. 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."

27. LAWS:

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

28. 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

29. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

In addition to the Cup the Council will present to the winners and runners-up 16 mementoes any further mementoes can only be purchased by the permission and discretion of the Council.

30. 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. and both Clubs must provide two balls to be used if Association match balls are lost.

31. 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.

32. OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES:

Senior Cup/Amateur Cup		
Rounds	**Semi Final**	**Final**
£40.00	**£40.00**	**Memento**

Intermediate Cup		
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 55p 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.

33. 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.

33.1 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.

33.2 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.

33.3 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.

33.4 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.

33.5 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.

33.6 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.

33.7 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.

34. INSCRIPTIONS ETC. ON CUPS:

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

35. 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
JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION RULES

1. NAME:

'The Gwent County Football Association Junior Boys/Mixed Under 14 Cup'
'The Gwent County Football Association Junior Boys/Mixed Under 15 Cup'
'The Gwent County Football Association Junior Boys/Mixed Under 16 Cup'
'The Gwent County Football Association Junior Girls Under 14 Cup'
'The Gwent County Football Association Junior Girls Under 15 Cup'
'The Gwent County Football Association Junior Girls Under 16 Cup'

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Junior Boys/Mixed Under 14 Cup Competition shall be open to Clubs registered with the Association. Teams must be playing in the Under 14 Division of their respective Junior Boys/Mixed League. This Competition will only take place provided there are sufficient entries from Clubs.

The Junior Boys/Mixed Under 15 Cup Competition shall be open to Clubs registered with the Association. Teams must be playing in the Under 15 Division of their respective Junior Boys/Mixed League. This Competition will only take place provided there are sufficient entries from Clubs.

The Junior Boys/Mixed Under 16 Cup Competition shall be open to Clubs registered with the Association. Teams must be playing in the Under 16 Division of their respective Junior Boys/Mixed League. This Competition will only take place provided there are sufficient entries from Clubs.

The Junior Girls Under 14 Cup Competition shall be open to Clubs registered with the Association. Teams must be playing in the Under 14 Division of their respective Junior Girls League. This Competition will only take place provided there are sufficient entries from Clubs.

The Junior Girls Under 15 Cup Competition shall be open to Clubs registered with the Association. Teams must be playing in the Under 15 Division of their respective Junior Girls League. This Competition will only take place provided there are sufficient entries from Clubs.

The Junior Girls Under 16 Cup Competition shall be open to Clubs registered with the Association. Teams must be playing in the Under 16 Division of their respective Junior Girls League. This Competition will only take place provided there are sufficient entries from Clubs.

If a League operasted two (2) year age related Leagues, the teams playing in a League can enter the respective Cup Competition. i.e. A League does not run an under 15 League but runs an under 16 League. Under 15 teams can enter the Under 16 Cup Competition subject to FAW rules on player registration.

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. 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.

When completing Team Sheets on the Comet System, it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure players are eligible to play in the game as per the Rules of the Competition in the Handbook. The Comet System should flag up players who are under suspension due to disciplinary sanctions (red/yellow cards, misconduct), but will not flag up players who may be ineligible because they do not comply with Rules of the Competition.

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 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 Round One.

10. NAME OF DRAW:

10.1 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.

10.2 Junior Boys/Mixed Cup Competitions will be scheduled for a Saturday, but can be played on a Friday night or a Sunday on condition both teams agree. Girls Cup Competition will be scheduled for a Sunday, but clubs can play on a Friday night or a Saturday on condition both teams agree. The GCFA Competitions Secretary must be kept informed of any changes.

11. 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.

12. DURATION OF GAMES:

12.1. Games shall be played as directed by the Competitions Secretary. The duration of each match shall be:

Under 14: one hour and ten minutes (two equal halves of 35 minutes).
Under 15: one hour and twenty minutes (two equal halves of 40 minutes).
Under 16: one hour and twenty minutes (two equal halves of 40 minutes).

Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a completed match or replayed for the full period as the Competitions Committee may direct.

12.2. When scores are level at the end of full time, the round shall be decided on the Penalty Procedure as laid down by the F.A.W. in accordance with the International Board Decision on the Laws of the Game

12.3. 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.

12.4. 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.

12.5. 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.

12.6. 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.

13. POSTPONED GAMES:

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

14. LATE STARTS:

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

15. RESULT OF MATCHES:

15.1 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).

15.2 FAW Mercy Rule. When one team is ahead by eight (8) goals, the match is declared over, the score is recorded on Comet and any remaining game time is to be played out as a friendly. For example, a scoreline may finish 8-0, 9-1, 10-2. Coaches are encouraged to use interventions to challenge players appropriately during unbalanced fixtures to aid player development. Clubs failing to adhere to this rule will be fined as determined by the Competitions Committee.

16. 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.

17. 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.

When scores are level at the end of full time, 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. in accordance with the International Board Decision on the Laws of the Game

18. 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.

19. COMMITTEE TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES:

19.1. 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.

19.2. 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.

19.3 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.

20. 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.

21. 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 three (3) business days (Copy to this Association).

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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 form the Competition and fined as directed by Committee.

26. 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."

27. LAWS:

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

28. 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

29. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

In addition to the Cup the Council will present to the winners and runners-up 18 mementoes any further mementoes can only be purchased by the permission and discretion of the Council.

30. 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. and both Clubs must provide two balls to be used if Association match balls are lost.

31. 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.

32. REFEREES' FEES AND EXPENSES

Rounds	**Semi Final**	**Final**
£25.00	**£25.00**	**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 55p 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.

33. 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.

33.1. 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.

33.2. 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.

33.3. 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.

33.4. 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.

33.5. 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.

33.6 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.

33.7 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.

34. ASSISTANT REFEREE

34.1. 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.

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

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

34.2. 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.

34.3. 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.

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.

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.

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 of the Gwent County Football Association.

SENIOR CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

1919-1920 Abertillery Town
1920-1921 Newport County
1921-1922 Newport County
1922-1923 Newport County
1923-1924 Newport County
1924-1925 Ebbw Vale
1925-1926 Newport County
1926-1927 Ebbw Vale
1927-1928 Newport County
1928-1929 Ebbw Vale
1929-1930 Lovell's Athletic
1930-1931 Lovell's Athletic
1931-1932 Newport County
1932-1933 Ebbw Vale
1933-1934 Pontnewydd
1934-1935 Oakdale
1935-1936 Newport County
1936-1937 Lovell's Athletic
1937-1938 Lovell's Athletic
1938-1939 Lovell's Athletic
1939-1940 Monmouth Town
1944-1945 Cwm Welfare
1945-1946 Ebbw Vale
1946-1947 Lovell's Athletic
1947-1948 Albion Rovers
1948-1949 Lovell's Athletic
1949-1950 Lovell's Athletic
1950-1951 Ebbw Vale
1951-1952 Lovell's Athletic
1952-1953 Abergavenny Thursdays
1953-1954 Newport County
1954-1955 Lovell's Athletic
1955-1956 Abergavenny Thursdays
1956-1957 Abergavenny Thursdays
1957-1958 Newport County
1958-1959 Newport County
1959-1960 Pontllanfraith
1960-1961 Abergavenny Thursdays
1961-1962 Pontllanfraith
1962-1963
1963-1964 Abergavenny Thursdays
1964-1965 Newport County
1965-1966 S.W. Switchgear
1966-1967 S.W. Switchgear
1967-1968 Newport County
1968-1969 Newport County
1969-1970 Newport County
1970-1971 Cwmbran R.C.
1971-1972 Newport County
1972-1973 Newport County
1973-1974 Newport County
1974-1975 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1975-1976 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1976-1977 Pontnewydd Seniors
1977-1978 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1978-1979 Aberbargoed Buds
1979-1980 Caldicot Town
1980-1981 Albion Rovers
1981-1982 Girlings (Cwmbran)
1982-1983 Llanfrechfa Grange
1983-1984 Fields Park Athletic
1984-1985 Risca United
1985-1986 Croesyceiliog
1986-1987 Croesyceiliog
1987-1988 Aberbargoed Buds
1988-1989 Albion Rovers
1989-1990 Pill A.F.C.
1990-1991 Pill A.F.C.
1991-1992 Abergavenny Thursdays
1992-1993 Caldicot Town
1993-1994 Caerleon
1994-1995 Cwmbran Town
1995-1996 Cwmbran Town
1996-1997 Newport AFC
1997-1998 Newport AFC
1998-1999 Newport AFC
1999-2000 Newport County
2000-2001 Newport County
2001-2002 Newport County
2002-2003 Croesyceiliog
2003-2004 Newport County
2004-2005 Newport County
2005-2006 Cwmbran Town
2006-2007 Croesyceiliog
2007-2008 Caldicot Town
2008-2009 Newport Civil Service
2009-2010 Competition Suspended
2010-2011 Newport County
2011-2012 Newport County
2012-2013 Caldicot Town
2013-2014 Goytre
2014-2015 Monmouth Town
2015-2016 Cwmffrwdoer Sports
2016-2017 Malpas United
2017-2018 Abertillery Bluebirds
2018-2019 Cwmbran Town
2019-2020 Not Completed (Virus)
2020-2021 No Competition (Virus)
2021-2022 Blaenavon Blues
2022-2023 Aberbargoed Buds
2023-2024 Newport Corinthians
2024-2025 Cwmbran Town
2025-2026 Newport Corinthians

AMATEUR CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

1925-1926 Lovell's Athletic
1926-1927 New Tredegar
1927-1928 Excelsiors
1928-1929 Lovell's Athletic
1929-1930 1st Brigade R.H.A.
1930-1931 Cwm Betterment
1931-1932 Lliswerry
1932-1933 Cwm Betterment
1933-1934 Brookside Athletic
1934-1935 Cwm Welfare
1935-1936 Ynysddu Crusaders
1936-1937 Ebbw Junction
1937-1938 Clydach United
1938-1939 Cefn Forest
1944-1945 Cwm Welfare
1945-1946 Lysaght's
1946-1947 Albion Rovers
1947-1948 Ynysddu Welfare
1948-1949 Newbridge Welfare
1949-1950 St. Julian's
1950-1951 St. Julian's
1951-1952 St. Julian's
1952-1953 Fleur-de-Lys Welfare
1953-1954 Fleur-de-Lys Welfare
1954-1955 Caerleon
1955-1956 St. Julian's
1956-1957 St. Julian's
1957-1958 Monmouth Town
1958-1959 Monmouth Town
1959-1960 Albion Rovers
1960-1961 Docks Utd
1961-1962 Abergavenny Thursdays
1962-1963 Girlings
1963-1964 Caerleon
1964-1965 Bedwas Colliery
1965-1966 Caerleon
1966-1967 Corinthians
1967-1968 Christchurch
1968-1969 Pontnewydd
1969-1970 Fields Park Athletic
1970-1971 Christchurch
1971-1972 Pontllanfraith
1972-1973 Cwmbran Celtic
1973-1974 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1974-1975 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1975-1976 Croesyceiliog
1976-1977
1977-1978 Aberbargoed Buds
1978-1979 Fields Park Athletic
1979-1980 Aberbargoed Buds
1980-1981 Girlings (Cwmbran)
1981-1982 Newbridge Town
1982-1983 Tredegar Town
1983-1984 Monmouth Town
1984-1985 Caldicot Town
1985-1986 Risca Utd.
1986-1987 Albion Rovers
1987-1988 Albion Rovers
1988-1989 Newport Corinthians
1989-1990 Albion Rovers
1990-1991 Albion Rovers
1991-1992 Pill A.F.C.
1992-1993 Pill A.F.C.
1993-1994 Spencer Youth and Boys
1994-1995 Newport Civil Service
1995-1996 Monmouth Town
1996-1997 Spencer Youth & Boys
1997-1998 Cwmtillery
1998-1999 Newport Corinthians
1999-2000 Cwmtillery
2000-2001 Abertillery Town
2001-2002 Llanhilleth Athletic
2002-2003 Christchurch/Hamdden
2003-2004 Croesyceiliog
2004-2005 Underwood
2005-2006 Abertillery Bluebirds
2006-2007 Abertillery Bluebirds
2007-2008 Govilon
2008-2009 Abertillery Bluebirds
2009-2010 Coed Eva Athletic
2010-2011 Newport Corinthians
2011-2012 Lliswerry
2012-2013 Lliswerry
2013-2014 Pill AFC
2014-2015 Albion Rovers
2015-2016 Spencer Youth & Boys
2016-2017 Fairfield United
2017-2018 Ynysddu Welfare
2018-2019 Abertillery Excelsiors
2019-2020 Not Completed (Virus)
2020-2021 No Competition (Virus)
2021-2022 Cwmffrwdoer Sports
2022-2023 Cefn Fforest
2023-2024 AFC Pontymister
2024-2025 Nantyglo
2025-2026 Aberbargoed Buds

INTERMEDIATE CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

2019-2020 Thornwell Red & White
2020-2021 No Competition (Virus)
2021-2022 No Competition (Virus)
2022-2023 Pontypool Town
2023-2024 Aberbargoed Town
2024-2025 Fleur-De-Lys
2025-2026 Newbridge Town

CHALLENGE TROPHY PREVIOUS WINNERS

1975-1976 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1976-1977 Pontnewydd Seniors

JUNIOR BOYS/MIXED UNDER 14 CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

1966-1967 Croesyceiliog Youth
1967-1968 Cwmbran Catholics
1968-1969 Cromwell Youth
1969-1970 R.T.B. Youth (E.V.)
1970-1971 Caerleon Youth
1971-1972 Newport County
1972-1973 Newport County
1973-1974 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1974-1975 Pontymister Boys
1975-1976 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1976-1977 Newport County
1977-1978 St. Julian's Youth
1978-1979 Gelli United
1979-1980 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1980-1981 Gelli United
1981-1982 Maesglas United
1982-1983 Coed Eva Youth
1998-1999 Lliswerry Stars
1999-2000 Eveswell
2000-2001 Llanyravon
2001-2002 Cromwell Youth
2002-2003 Albion Rovers Youth
2003-2004 Pengam Boys & Girls
2004-2005 Newport Corinthians
2005-2006 Cromwell Youth
2006-2007 Malpas Youth
2007-2008 Race Junior AFC

2008-2009 Penygarn & Trevethin
2009-2010 Maesglas United
2010-2011 Cwmbran Celtic
2011-2012 Fleur-De-Lys Welfare
2012-2013 Maesglas United
2013-2014 Griffithstown
2014-2015 Monmouth Town
2015-2016 Coed Duon Dragons
2016-2017 Cromwell
2017-2018 Fleur-De-Lys
2019-2020 Not Completed-Virus
2020-2021 No Competition-Virus
2021-2022 Abertillery Excelsiors
2022-2023 Cromwell Youth
2023-2024 Cwmbran Celtic
2024-2025 Graig Villa Dino
2025-2026 Caldicot Town

JUNIOR GIRLS UNDER 14 CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

2007-2008 Pontnewydd United
2008-2009 Abertysswg Angels
2010-2011 Mardy Tigers
2025-2026 Ponthir

JUNIOR BOYS/MIXED UNDER 15 CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

2024-2025 Cwmbran Celtic
2025-2026 Graig VillaDino

JUNIOR GIRLS UNDER 15 CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

2025-2026 Treowen Stars

JUNIOR BOYS/MIXED UNDER 16 CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

2017-2018 Malpas United
2018-2019 Caldicot Town
2019-2020 Not Completed-Virus
2020-2021 No Competition-Virus
2021-2022 Croesyceiliog
2022-2023 Riverside Rovers
2023-2024 Panteg
2024-2025 Newport Corinthians
2025-2026 Cwmbran Celtic

JUNIOR GIRLS UNDER 16 CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

2009-2010 Mardy Tigers
2010-2011 Mardy Tigers

INTER-LEAGUE CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

1994-1995 Monmouthshire Building Society Newport and District A.F.L.
1995-1996 Monmouthshire Building Society Newport and District A.F.L.
1996-1997 Monmouthshire Building Society Newport and District A.F.L.
1997-1998 Owens Corning Gwent Central A.F.L. / TSA North Gwent League / Shared
1998-1999 Monmouthshire Building Society Newport & District AFL
1999-2000 Owens Corning Gwent Central AFL
2000-2001
2001-2002 East Gwent League AFL
2002-2003 East Gwent League AFL
2003-2004 TSA North Gwent AFL
2004-2005 Tredegar AFC (TSA North Gwent)
2005-2006 Pandy (Knauf Insulation Gwent Central League)
2013-2014 MBS Newport & District AFL
2014-2015 Ryan Transport North Gwent AFL
2015-2016 Ryan Transport North Gwent AFL

GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
SUNDAY INTER-LEAGUE CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

2014-2015 North Gwent Sunday AFL

GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR BOYS/MIXED INTER-LEAGUE CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

Under 12

2000-2001 Torfaen Junior League
2001-2002 Torfaen Junior League
2002-2003 East Gwent Junior League
2003-2004 Torfaen Junior League
2004-2005 Torfaen Junior League

Under 14

2000-2001 Islwyn Junior League / Torfaen Junior League
2001-2002 Islwyn Junior League
2002-2003 Newport District League
2003-2004 Torfaen Junior League
2004-2005 Islwyn Junior League

Under 15

2012-2013 Islwyn Junior League

Under 16

2000-2001 Torfaen Junior League
2001-2002 East Gwent Junior League
2002-2003 East Gwent Junior League
2003-2004 Torfaen Junior League
2004-2005 Islwyn Junior League
2012-2013 Torfaen Junior League
2014-2015 East Gwent Junior League
2015-2016 Torfaen Junior League

REFEREES WANTED

Throughout the Country local football depends on the service of keen dedicated people who make a vast contribution to the national game as referees enabling players to more easily enjoy their matches.

CAN YOU HELP?

Every year more clubs registered with the Gwent County Football Association. There are more and more to which referees must be appointed.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you have played the game at any level, you will know how important it is to have a qualified referee present.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you are physically fit with good eyesight and are at least fourteen years of age and willing to attend a local course of instruction in preparation for a straight forward examination.

WILL YOU HELP?

If are interested in accepting the challenge of refereeing local football matches:

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