

# LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS CUP COMPETITIONS 2016-17

## COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### Description and Form

The competition shall be called the Lancashire Schools Rugby Union Cup Competitions

1. **The John Fletcher U18 all school and sixth form colleges and Plate**
2. **The John Dewhurst U16 Cup and Plate**
3. **The Ian Sinclair U15 Cup and Plate**
4. **The Peter Hughes U14 Cup and Plate**
5. **The Brian Cauwood Cup and Plate**
  
6. **Emerging Schools U13 Trophy and Plate**
7. **Emerging Schools U14 Trophy and Plate**
8. **Emerging Schools U15 Trophy and Plate**

All matches shall be played under the laws and bye-laws of the Rugby Football Union with particular reference to under 19 variations specific to each age group.

### 1. Organising Committee

The competitions will be organised by the Lancashire Schools Rugby Union Committee. After due consultation, the decision of the Committee shall be binding and final on any matter not provided for in and on the interpretation of these regulations.

### 2. Eligibility

Open to all Schools/Colleges in membership of the Lancashire Rugby Football Union.

Players must be under 13, under 14, under 15, under 16 or under 18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at the beginning of the season that the competition takes place.

Players taking part in the competitions must be on roll and in attendance of the participating school.

The Lancashire Schools Cup Competitions will also follow the Competition Regulations set by the ERFUSU Knockout Competition Nat West 2016-17, on the eligibility of players.

Details can be found at:

<http://www.rfu.com/ManagingRugby/CompetitionsAndTournaments/-/media/Files/2012/ManagingRugby/Daily%20Mail%20RBS%20Regulations%202012%2013.ashx>

### 3. The Draw

In all competitions the second named team is recognised as the **AWAY TEAM**.

All schools eliminated in the Preliminary and 1<sup>st</sup> Rounds of the competitions will be entered for the draw for the Plate competition.

### 4. Matches

The **HOME TEAM** is responsible for arranging the date and venue before the play by date.

The visitors should be offered at least two choices of dates. Any disputes should be referred to the organising committee.

If, due to extreme difficulties, the play-by date cannot be adhered to, please inform Robbie Jones or Chris Rose for the Main competition and John Morgan for the Emerging Schools competition.

**Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of both teams.**

The best possible venue should be used and as far as possible an attempt to rope off the pitch should be made.

In the case of a clash of colours the HOME team shall be responsible for changing its colours subject to the satisfaction of the appointed referee.

Due to limited resources, the Referees. Societies are only able to appoint to Schools who are members of the Society at 1st XV level, and in limited cases at 2nd XV level. The exceptions are under-age Cup competitions at Quarter Finals onwards.

The Schools Committee have therefore decided the following:

For all other under-age Cup competitions, the home team is responsible for the referee (up to the Quarter Final stages).

They may appoint a referee from the local area (e.g. a referee from the Salford University Leagues Association or a neighbouring school teacher)

They may supply a referee from their own staff.

They can ask the AWAY team to referee the tie.

**This has been brought up twice at the County meeting and both times it was unanimous that these procedures would be followed.**

**Any problems please contact one of the following:**

**Robbie Jones:** [Robbie.Jones@arnoldkegms.com](mailto:Robbie.Jones@arnoldkegms.com)

**John Morgan:** [jmorgan@qegs.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:jmorgan@qegs.blackburn.sch.uk)

**Chris Rose:** [RoseC@audenshawschool.org.uk](mailto:RoseC@audenshawschool.org.uk)

**Should a fifty point differential occur then the tie should be considered won and lost.**

All teams in the Finals must wear numbered shirts.

**Under 13 games to be 25 minutes each way\* (New Rules of Play Initiative)**

**Under 14 games to be 25 minutes each way**

**Under 15 games to be 30 minutes each way**

**Under 16 games to be 30 minutes each way**

**Under 18 games to be 35 minutes each way**

**\*This is for the first round only. The Cup and Plate Festival matches will be 10 minutes each way.**

#### **5. Disciplinary procedures**

In the event of a player being dismissed from the field of play whilst playing in a Lancashire Schools Cup Competition, the offence shall be reported by the offending school to the Secretary of the Lancashire Schools Rugby Union and the organiser of the competition. In the event of a report not being made, the school concerned may be disqualified from the competition. The Secretary will liaise with the Headteacher of such school to ensure that the appropriate disciplinary action be implemented.

#### **6. Replacements/Substitutions**

Seven replacements may be used, three of whom must be front row players and one lock forward.

In the interests of safety every team in the competition shall have available replacements, or other players on the field, capable of playing in the front row or at lock. Failure to meet this condition means that such a team will forfeit the match, irrespective of the score.



### **7. Drawn matches**

The winner is:                      The team scoring most tries; or  
   The team scoring most goals from tries

**IF THE PREVIOUS METHODS DO NOT PRODUCE A WINNER THEN THE AWAY TEAM IS TO BE AWARDED THE MATCH.**

Throughout the competitions the second named team is the Away Team irrespective of where the game is played.

This also applies for the semi finals using the agreed format.

In the final the cup will be shared.

**THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA TIME IN ANY ROUND.**

### **8. Postponed or abandoned matches**

Any postponed or abandoned matches must be played before the date of the next round on a date agreed by the two schools concerned or, failing agreement, on a date directed by the Organising Committee.

### **9. Notification of results**

Both teams are required to inform the organiser of the competition within 24 hours of the end of the match.

All MAIN cup and plate results must be emailed to ROBBIE JONES / JOHN MORGAN

All emerging competition results must be emailed to JOHN MORGAN

### **10. Contact EMAILS and numbers**

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