

BERKSHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION KNOCK OUT CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. The Competition shall be called "The Berkshire County Rugby Football Union Knock-Out Cup Competition.
2. The Competition will be organised by the Competitions Sub-Committee of the Berkshire County Rugby Football Union.
3. All matches in the Competition shall be played in accordance with the current regulations of the Rugby Football Union Intermediate Clubs Knock-Out Competition , save where varied by these regulations. In the event of any conflict between these regulations and the regulations of the Rugby Football Union Intermediate Clubs Knock-Out Cup , these regulations will prevail.
4. Clubs affiliated to the Berkshire County Rugby Football Union shall be eligible , upon invitation from the Competitions Sub-Committee , to enter one team into the competition annually , upon payment of an entrance fee of £25.00 .
5. A draw will be made before each round . The venue will be that of the first Club drawn.
6. All rounds of the Competition will take place on Sundays , as specified by the Competitions Sub-Committee.
7. All matches to commence by 2.15pm . A team unable to commence play by 2.15pm shall be declared the loser.

8. All matches will be refereed by RFU qualified Referees , appointed by the Berkshire Society of Rugby Football Union Referees . Clubs will be responsible for supplying one competent touch judge each , save for the Final , where they will be appointed by the Berkshire Society of Rugby Football Union Referees.

9. Clubs competing may only play , or select as replacement , players who either hold effective registration (as defined in the RFU registration of players regulations) , or are genuine playing members of that Club.

9(1)No Club may play , or select as replacement , a player that has played for another Club in this competition , or the Berkshire Knock-Out Plate Competition , during the current season.

10. In all rounds , except for the final , four replacements or substitutes are permitted . In the Final six replacements or substitutes are permitted.

11. In all rounds , except for the final , if after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level , there will be a five minute break , after which a period of extra time between the same teams of 10 minutes each way , with a one minute interval , will be played . If the scores are then still equal , the team that has scored the most tries shall be declared the winner. If this does not produce a result , the team that scored the most goals from tries will go through to the next round. If this is still equal , the visiting team will be declared winners.

12. In the final , if after 40 minutes of play each way the score are level , there will be a five minute break , after which a period of extra time between the same teams of 10 minutes each way , with a one minute interval , will be played . If the scores are still equal , there will a further interval of five minutes , prior to the teams continuing to play (in 10 minute periods with a one minute break) until a score is achieved . The team that scores first will declared the winners.

13. The Secretary of the winning Club , in all rounds , will notify the result by telephone to the Chairman of the Competitions Sub-Committee immediately after the conclusion of the match.

14. The Competitions Sub-Committee reserves the right to seed Club's into either the Berkshire Knock-Out Cup or Berkshire Knock-out Plate Competition .

15. In the event of any dispute in relation to these rules or any other matter in relation to this Competition , will be referred to the Competitions Sub-Committee of the Berkshire County Rugby Football Union , which may deal with the matter in such manner as it in its absolute discretion deems appropriate.

16. Any Club or other person aggrieved by any decision of the Competitions Sub-Committee has the right of appeal to the Executive Committee of the Berkshire RFU (and not the Rugby Football Union) who may deal with the matter in such manner as it in its discretion deems appropriate and whose decision however arrived at , is final and binding.

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