



Yorkshire R.F.U



YORKSHIRE COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP, SHIELD AND SILVER TROPHY COMPETITIONS

GENERAL

1. The Cup shall be called "The Yorkshire County Football Challenge Cup". The Shield shall be called "The Yorkshire Challenge Shield" and the Silver Football, "The Yorkshire Silver Trophy", together constituting the Yorkshire Cup Competitions and they shall be competed for by clubs in membership with the Yorkshire Rugby Football Union Limited in accordance with these Rules.

Where sponsorship is involved, the name of the sponsor will be included where appropriate in the title of the competitions.

2. The precedence for games is National Cup and League Competitions followed by County Cup, Shield and Trophy. A Cup, Shield, Trophy match deferred for a fixture of a higher precedence must be played, at the latest, by the next available Saturday in the season. Should this new date be more than two weeks after the original fixture date, written permission must be requested from the Cup Competitions Secretary by the **HOME** side at least 7 days prior to the original date, giving an agreed alternative date. The Committee will not sanction deviations from this rule, which may be interpreted as an attempt to gain benefit by one Club over another. Any Club found guilty of not according the Cup, Shield, Trophy its rightful priority, shall forfeit its place in the competition.
3. All clubs in membership of the Yorkshire Rugby Football Union Limited, except for the Cup, shall without entrance fee be drawn in the Ties, unless they notify the Honorary Secretary not later than May 1st that they do not wish to play in the competitions the following season.

THE YORKSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL CHALLENGE CUP

4. The Committee shall select clubs as appropriate to take part in the competition, but one of them shall be the winner of the previous season's Yorkshire Shield Competition.
5. The Ties shall be drawn and the matches played as and when the Committee determine. Such matches may only be played

on any other day, before the set date, by permission of the Committee.

THE YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION

6. Thirty two shall take part in this competition. Thirty-one of those clubs shall be selected by the County Committee each season. One shall be the winner of the previous season's Silver Trophy Competition.
7. The Ties shall be drawn and the matches played as and when the Committee determine. Such matches may only be played on any other day, before the set date, by permission of the Committee.

THE YORKSHIRE SILVER TROPHY COMPETITION

8. All clubs not selected to take part in the Cup and Shield Competitions shall be eligible to take part in this competition.
9. The Ties shall be drawn and the matches played as and when the Committee may determine. The early rounds shall be arranged on a basis of four zones. Such matches may only be played on any other day, before the set date, by permission of the Committee.

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10. The drawing of all Ties shall be by lot (with due allowance for seeding and zoning) and all matches shall be played on the ground of the club first drawn except by special permission of the Committee and with the exception of the three finals which shall be played on neutral grounds.
11. If the ground of the club first drawn shall be considered unsuitable for a Tie, their opponents may object to the Committee who may order the match to be played on the ground of the objecting club or on a neutral ground. All objections under this Rule must be in writing and lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least four days before the date of the match.
12. If by mistake, inadvertence, or any other cause, any club is left out of the Yorkshire Cup Competition at the time the Ties are drawn, the Committee have the power to deal with the position as they think fit.
13. Clubs participating in all Ties except the three Finals shall share the **GROSS GATE (nett of VAT where appropriate)** which shall include Car Park and Programme receipts. The home team shall bear all match expenses including Referee Society appointed officials, with the visiting team paying its own

travelling expenses, each from their half share of the gross gate. In all Ties where gate money is taken, the members of the home club, including ladies and guests if any sponsors of the match, must pay for admission to the grounds, stands and enclosures.

14. The Final Ties (including any replay of a Final Tie) shall be played on the grounds of a neutral club selected by the Committee and the proceeds from these matches shall be exclusively for the benefit of the YRFU funds. Allocation to the host club and the finalists shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
15. Every club which has been drawn to play a Tie at home must provide a ground affording a clear playing space of not less than 83 metres from the goal to goal and 55 metres from touch-line to touch-line. Such ground must be provided with a suitable margin, not less than 2 metres wide along the touch-line and not less than 7 metres behind the goal lines and must be properly fenced off or roped off from the spectators. All matches must be played on the recognised main pitch assuming it is fit to play. All objections under this Rule must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary as provided in Rule 27.
16. The competing teams shall be composed of bona fide members of the club for whom they are currently playing. A loan player can only play for the club to which he has been loaned. A player shall not play for more than one club in any Yorkshire Competition in the same season.
17. If the committee have any doubt as to the qualification of any player competing in these competitions, it shall have the power to call upon such player at 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. Any appeal must be lodged within 24 hours of being notified by the Committee.
18. The duration of play in each match shall be one hour and twenty minutes i.e. forty minutes each way. The referee shall allow extra time for stoppages of play due to accident or any other cause.
19. (a) In all rounds up to and including the Semi-final, if after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level, 10 minutes each way with a one minute interval shall be played. If the scores are still level the team with the most converted tries, if that being equal the team with the most tries, if that being equal the AWAY side, shall go forward to the next round.

20. Matches which have been postponed or abandoned during play through stress or weather must be played or replayed before the day on which the next round should be played unless with special permission from the Committee obtained for exceptional reasons. A postponed or abandoned game shall be played on a date and at a time mutually agreed between the respective clubs, but if the clubs are unable to agree then the Committee shall fix a date and time.
21. Should any club refuse or fail to play on the day fixed or agreed upon, such club may be disqualified by the Committee.
22. If the Home Club considers the weather conditions may prevent the match taking place, the Visitors should be advised in sufficient time before their team departure to allow them or their appointed representatives the opportunity of a pitch inspection. If there is then disagreement the Visitors must travel and if the captains disagree as to the fitness of the ground, the decision will be made by the appointed referee, such decision being final.
23. The Referees Society shall in each match arrange the appointment of a referee and may also arranged for the appointment of touch judges.
24. The Committee has the power in its absolute discretion to disqualify a club even if its team wins the round if in the opinion of the Committee the team did not play in accordance with the spirit of the game of Rugby Union Football. Any appeal must be lodged within 24 hours of being notified by the Committee.
25. When two clubs whose jerseys are of similar colours and pattern, the home team must change its colours except for the Semi-Finals and Finals when both teams must change their colours.
26. The Committee has the power to cancel the entry of any club at any stage of the Competitions, notwithstanding these Rules to the contrary.
27. The winning clubs shall by their representatives, if required, execute a document engaging the return of the Cup, Shield and Silver Trophy as the case may be, to the Honorary Secretary in like good order and condition as and when required and in any event the Trophies shall respectively be returned to the Honorary Secretary not late than 14 days before the date fixed for the relative Final Tie in the following season. No private purchase of mementoes is allowed except by permission of the Committee.
28. Any club raising an objection under these rules must do so within 24 hours of the conclusion of the match, stating the grounds of the objection and the Rule under which the objection

is made and lodge £50 with the Cup Committee Honorary Secretary previous to the hearing of the appeal, which sum shall be forfeited should the Committee consider the objection frivolous or groundless. Any such objection shall be heard and determined by a Sub-Committee of the YRFU which shall not include the District Representative of either of the clubs concerned. The decision of the Committee on all questions procedural or otherwise shall be final.

29. If a club has more than one player selected in the Yorkshire Senior County Squad, that club may, should it so wish, apply for postponement of Yorkshire Cup or Shield Competition game on the same day. Qualifiers for National Cup Competitions will be decided by the Competitions Committee.
30. The Committee is the sole interpreter of these Rules and any appeal against that interpretation must be lodged within 7 days to the Honorary Secretary Yorkshire RFU. The Officers will examine the appeal and a final judgement made. Whilst the Committee is in the first instance the sole interpreter of these Rules, clubs shall have the right to appeal against the Committee interpretation or their application of the Rules generally and Rules 17, 24 and 31 in particular, but excluding Rule 28. Such appeal shall be heard by a panel of not less than three persons who are Past Presidents of the County and no longer on the Council of Yorkshire Rugby Football Union.
31. Any team withdrawing from any round will result in expulsion of that club for the following season's competitions. Clubs may also be called upon to pay their opponents all actual out of pocket expenses in connection with the game.