

West Wales Premier League Rules

1. **Administration** - The League will be administered by a Management Committee comprising of two representatives appointed annually by the Llanelli, Pembroke and Swansea District Rugby Unions. The Management Committee shall appoint a Chairman/Secretary, who shall be responsible for all administration.
2. **Finance**
 - 2.1 A £200 entry bond is required from each of the 12 teams participating annually.
 - 2.2 A bank account – titled West Wales Premier League – will be opened by the Chairman/Secty.
 - 2.3 Two signatures of the Management Committee will be required for any payments.
 - 2.4 £150 shall be repaid at the end of the season to the clubs who play all their matches.
 - 2.5 £500 shall be retained by the Management Committee to cover administration and incidental costs to be paid out at the end of the season as follows – Llanelli DRU £50; Swansea DRU £50 and Pembroke DRU £50.
 - 2.6 Trophies for the League and Cup winners as well as player trophies for the league champions and cup finalists shall be purchased by the Management Committee.
 - 2.7 In the event of the league being sponsored the complete £200 Entry Bond shall be returned to clubs who qualify under 2.4.
3. **League Competition**
 - 3.1 The league competition shall be called 'The Carmarthenshire Tyres Championship'. Clubs will play league matches on a home and away basis.
 - 3.2 The League Secretary will compile the fixture list to be played as directed.
 - 3.3 'Neutral' referees will be appointed, as far as practicable, from the District Union not represented in the league match.
 - 3.4 WRU Laws of the game will apply with 3pts for a win and 1point for a draw.
 - 3.5 All players must be of 18yrs of age or over.
 - 3.6 Players on loan, permit or dual registration cannot play in league matches. Players who transfer after 31st January cannot play in league or cup matches.
 - 3.7 Team sheets shall be submitted to the referee before the start of a league match. The referee will forward them complete with the score to be received by the Chairman/Secty no later than 3 days after the match date.
 - 3.8 £100 will be deducted from a clubs' Entry Bond for each game cancelled, except for the following reasons –
 - (i) Weather – cancellations due to waterlogged grounds etc. to be made by 12 noon at the latest on the day of the game.
 - (ii) Sickness (i.e. scumpox etc.) – a doctor's certificate/statement covering the players involved to be with the Chairman/Secty. no later the 3 days after the match date.
 - 3.9 In the event of a match cancellation, except under 3.8(i) and (ii), 3 league points will be deducted from total of the team responsible.
 - 3.10 Cancellations for any other reasons – and they must be exceptional – can only be granted by decision of the Management Committee. Cancelled matches will be played as directed.
 - 3.11 If a club cancels three league matches, except under 3.10 above, all its match results shall be declared void and it shall be automatically expelled from the league.
 - 3.12 The Management Committee shall determine the composition of the league for the following season in the event of 3.11 being applied.
 - 3.13 At the end of the season the bottom club, except in the application of 3.11, will take part in a play-off on a knockout basis with a club nominated by Llanelli, Swansea and Pembroke District Unions.
 - 3.14 To be eligible to play in the relegation/promotion play-offs, a player must have played or have been a replacement in 4 Polypipe Civils Championship or District League matches.
 - 3.15 The relegation/promotion play-off draw will be made by the management committee and played as directed. The play-off winner shall be included in the league for the following season.
 - 3.16 The proceeds of the play-offs will be the property of the West Wales Premier League. A decision on any distribution of proceeds will be made by the Management Committee.
 - 3.17 The number of replacements shall not exceed the maximum permitted by the WRU. If a team cannot field a replacement front row forward when requested to do so by the referee, the league points shall be awarded to the non-offending side and the result of the match shall stand.

- 3.18 All matches must be played to full time. The referee is to be the sole judge of the amount of time. If a match is abandoned before full time it will be replayed as directed.
4. **Cup competition**
- 4.1 To be eligible to play in the cup competition a player must have played or have been a replacement in four Polypipe Civils Championship matches. All players must be 18yrs of age or over.
- 4.2 Players on permit or dual registered players cannot play in the cup competition. Players who transfer after 31st January cannot play in cup matches.
- 4.3 The cup competition will be played on a home or away basis up to and including the semi-finals. Cancellation of cup matches will only be allowed under 3.8 (i), (ii), (iii) and 3.10. Cancelled matches will be played as directed.
- 4.4 In the event of both teams having the same number of points, the winners will be declared as follows –
- (i) The team with the highest number of tries
 - (ii) The team with the highest number of goals (converted tries)
 - (iii) If after 4.3(i) and 4.3(ii) have been applied, no clear winner has emerged, extra time of 20 minutes (10 minutes each way) shall be played and the winners declared as in 4.3(i) and 4.3(ii).
 - (iv) If the result is still a tie then the team playing away from home will be declared the winner.
- 4.5 The Cup Final shall be played at a neutral venue, being one of the clubs participating in the league. If there is still a tie after 4(i),(ii) and (iii) have been applied, the match shall be replayed as directed by the Management Committee.
- 4.6 All matches must be played to full time. The referee is to be the sole judge of the amount of time. If a match is abandoned before full time it will be replayed as directed.
- 4.7 If a club elects to take uncontested scrummages it shall forfeit the cup tie.
- 4.8 Team sheets shall be submitted to the referee before the start of all cup matches. The referee will forward them complete with the score to be received by the Chairman/Secty no later than 3 days after the match date.
- 4.9 Disqualification shall be automatic for any club which plays in its team an ineligible player. Ignorance of fact will not excuse. Disqualification for any other reason will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
6. **Declaration of Winners**
- 6.1 The league champions shall be the team with the highest number of league points.
- 6.2 In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points, the league champions will be the team with the highest aggregate (i.e. points for divided by points against).
- 6.3 In the relegation/promotion play-offs, the winners shall be declared as follows –
- (i) The team with the highest number of tries
 - (ii) The team with the highest number of goals (converted tries)
 - (iii) If after 4.3(i) and 4.3(ii) have been applied, no clear winner has emerged, extra time of 20 minutes (10 minutes each way) shall be played and the winners declared as in 4.3(i) and 4.3(ii). If there is still a tie, the match shall be replayed as directed by the Management Committee.
7. **Powers of Committee**
- 7.1 The Management Committee shall have absolute discretion in dealing with all matters relating to the Carmarthenshire Tyres Championship and League Cup competition whether or not provided for herein.
- 7.2 Any appeal against the decision of the Management Committee shall be referred to the WRU Community Rugby Manager within 14 days of the decision together with a £100 fee returnable if the appeal is upheld.