



# Gwent Central League Handbook 2024/25



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## **GWENT CENTRAL LEAGUE OFFICERS**

### **President: David Morris – 1972 (53 years)**

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### **Chairman: Huw Burkitt – 1992 (32 years)**

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### **Vice-Chair: Malcolm Ewers – 2008 (17 years)**

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### **Hon. Secretary: Lewis Richards – 2020 (5 years)**

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### **Hon. Treasurer: Ieuan Pinney – 2015 (10 years)**

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## **GWENT CENTRAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE**

### **Life Member:**

Eileen Perry – 1988 (36 years)

Colin Jones – 1980 (45 years)

### **Committee Members:**

Dan Rouf – 2021 (4 years)

Stuart Powell – 2024

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## **LEAGUE & CUP HONOURS 2023/24**

### **CANDOUR TALENT DIVISION ONE**

Champions            Pontnewynydd  
Runners Up         Fairfield United

### **CANDOUR TALENT DIVISION TWO**

Champions            Talgarth Town  
Runners Up         Cwmffrwdroer Reserves  
Promoted             Blaenavon Blues 3rds

### **GWENT CENTRAL OPEN CUP**

Champions            Fairfield United  
Runners Up         Blaenavon Blues 3rds

### **A.JONES & CO (USK) LTD LANGDON CUP**

Champions            Crickhowell Reserves  
Runners Up         Forgeside

### **GWENT CENTRAL BENEVOLENT CUP**

Champions            Cwmffrwdroer Reserves  
Runners Up         Talgarth Town



## **CLUB INFORMATION – 2024/25**

### **BLAENAVON BLUES THIRDS**

Chairman: Lee Wathen

Secretary: Richard White  
Address: 4 Ton Mawr Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9JS  
Contact: blaenavonbluesafc@yahoo.co.uk / 07760 174 186

Ground: Cricket Pitch, Estate Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AZ  
Alternate: Memorial Ground, Stable Row Road, NP4 9RQ

Home Kit: Blue & White / Blue / Blue  
Away Kit: Green & Black / Black / Green & Black

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### **CLYDACH WASPS RESERVES**

Chairman: Greg Lewis

Secretary: Gareth Weed  
Address: 131 King Street, Brynmawr, Blaenau, NP23 4SZ  
Contact: clydachwasps@hotmail.co.uk / 07727 191 183

Ground: Clydach Recreation Ground, Station Road,  
NP7 0LR

Home Kit: Red & Black / Red / Red  
Away Kit: Yellow & Black / Black / Black

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## **CRICKHOWELL RESERVES**

Chairman: Graham Mason

Secretary: Huw Morgans  
Address: 24 Brookfields, Crickhowell, NP8 1DJ  
Contact: crickhowellfc@hotmail.co.uk / 07875 389 564

Ground: Elvicta Football Ground, A40 Abergavenny Road,  
NP8 1DF

Home Kit: Red / Black / Black  
Away Kit: Black & White / Black / Black

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## **CWMFFRWDOER SPORTS RESERVES**

Chairman: Malcolm Richards

Secretary: David Dixon  
Address: 10 St Johns Crescent, Wainfelin, Pontypool,  
NP4 6DZ  
Contact: cwmffrwdoerfc@gmail.com / 07533 043 985

Clubhouse: Pontnewynydd Cricket Club, 22, Pentrepod Rd,  
NP4 6RP

Ground: Cwmffrwdoer Sports Ground, Gwenalt Ind Est,  
NP4 6PQ

Home Kit: Claret & Blue / Claret / Blue  
Away Kit: Blue & Claret / Claret / Blue

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## **FAIRFIELD UNITED FIRSTS & DEVELOPMENT**

Chairman: Andrew Cook

Secretary: Darran Richards

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NP4 7HH

Contact: fairfieldafc.secretary@sky.com / 07415 311 696

Ground: Ravine Ground, New Road, Garndiffiath, NP4 7RQ

Home Kit: Purple / Purple / Yellow

Away Kit: Yellow / Blue / Yellow

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## **FORGESIDE FIRSTS & RESERVES**

Chairman: Richard Gulliford

Secretary: David Gulliford

Address: 18 Phillips Street, Blaenavon, NP4 9QJ

Contact: davidgulliford@yahoo.co.uk / 07368 841 167

Ground: King George V Playing Fields, Govilon, NP7 9PT

Home Kit: Yellow & Black / Black / Black

Away Kit: Red / Red / Red

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## **GLASCOED**

Chairman: Gavin Phillips

Secretary: Barry England

Address: 38 New St, Pontnewydd, Cwmbran, NP44 1EF

Contact: glascoedfc@outlook.com / 07967 673 843

Ground: Llanarth Village Hall, Groesonen Rd, NP15 2AU

Home Kit: Orange / Black / Black

Away Kit: TBC

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## **MARDY RESERVES**

Chairman: Chris Price

Secretary: Rebekah Long

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Ground: Mardy Park, St Davids Road, Abergavenny,  
NP7 6PP

Home Kit: Red / Black / Black

Away Kit: Navy Blue / Sky Blue / Sky Blue

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## **NEW INN RESERVES**

Chairman: Anthony Richards

Secretary: Chris Neath  
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NP4 6DX  
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Ground: Woodfield Road, New Inn, NP4 0PH

Home Kit: Red / Black / Red  
Away Kit: Purple / Black / Black

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## **PANTEG RESERVES**

Chairman: Steve Rogers

Secretary: Phil Evans  
Address: 18 Maesderwen Crescent, Pontymoile, NP4 5LD  
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Ground: Panteg House, Greenhill Road, Griffithstown  
Pontypool, NP4 5BE

Home Kit: Black & White stripes / Black / Black  
Away Kit: Amber / Black / Black

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## **PENYGARN & TREVETHIN**

Chairman: Ben Richards

Secretary: Samantha Ball  
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Ground: Lastgarn Lane, Trevethin, Pontypool, NP4 8DT

Home Kit: Blue & White / Blue / White  
Away Kit: Navy & Red / Navy / Navy

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## **PILCS RESERVES**

Chairman: Graham Williams

Secretary: Andrew John  
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NP4 7PA  
Contact: aj.1961@hotmail.com / 07853 266 711

Ground: PILCS Sports & Social, New Road, New Inn,  
NP4 0TL

Home Kit: Green & White Hoops / Green / Green  
Away Kit: Red & Black Stripe / Black / Black

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## **PONTNEWYNYDD RESERVES**

Chairman: Thomas Davies

Secretary: Daniel Rouf

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07817 860 995

Ground: The Ruffetts, Church Lane, Pontypool, NP4 8HR

Home Kit: Blue / Blue / Blue

Away Kit: Purple / Purple / Purple

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## **PONTYPOOL TOWN RESERVES**

Chairman: Leigh Beach

Secretary: David Barnes

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Ground: The Albion, Albion Road, Pontypool, NP4 6GE

Home Kit: Red & Black / Black / Black

Away Kit: Grey / Grey / Red

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## **PRESCOED**

Chairman: Craig Handley

Secretary: Gareth Davies  
Address: HMP Usk 47 Maryport Street, NP15 1XP  
Contact: gaffa1504@aol.co.uk / 07801 584 999

Ground: HMP Prescoed, Coed-y-paen, Pontypool, NP4 0TB

Home Kit: Red / Red / Red  
Away Kit: N/A

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## **RACE**

Chairman: Kevin Williams

Secretary: Scott Jenkins  
Address: 12 Llanfach Road, Llanfach, Abercarn, NP11 5LE  
Contact: raceafc@btinternet.com / 07967 881 706

Ground: Coleg Gwent, Upper Race, Blaendare Road,  
NP4 5YE

Home Kit: Green & Black Halves / Black / Black & Green  
Away Kit: White / Green / White

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## **TALGARTH TOWN**

Chairman: Gavin Perry

Secretary: Glenwen Gwynne  
Address: Gwenoldy, Llanfihangel, Talyllyn, Brecon, LD3 7TG  
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Ground: King George V Playing Fields, Westfields, Talgarth,  
LD3 0HF

Home Kit: Red & Black / Black / Black  
Away Kit: Blue / Black / Black

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## **TRANCH**

Chairman: Adam Cleary

Secretary: Adam Cleary  
Address: 28 Rock Villa Close, Varteg, Pontypool, NP4 7QF  
Contact: plates89@hotmail.co.uk / 07752 746 314

Ground: Tranch Recreational Ground, Penywain Lane,  
NP4 6AX

Home Kit: Blue / Purple / Purple  
Away Kit: Red / Black / Black

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## **USK TOWN RESERVES**

Chairman: Michael Jones

Secretary: Colin Jones

Address: 4 Mill Street, Usk, NP15 1AN

Contact: [ajonesandcostores2@btconnect.com](mailto:ajonesandcostores2@btconnect.com)  
07976 508 245

Ground: Usk Island, Usk, NP15 1SY

Home Kit: Blue / Blue / Blue

Away Kit: Green / Green / Green



## **DIVISIONS & CUPS – 2024/25**

### **Candour Talent Gwent Central Division One**

Blaenavon Blues FC 3rd Team  
Crickhowell FC Reserves  
Cwmffrwdroer Sports Club FC Reserves  
Fairfield United FC  
Forgeside FC  
New Inn FC Development  
PILCS FC Reserves  
Race AFC  
Talgarth Town FC  
Tranch FC

### **Candour Talent Gwent Central Division Two**

Clydach Wasps FC Reserves  
Fairfield United FC Development  
Forgeside FC Reserves  
Glascoed FC  
Mardy FC Reserves  
Panteg AFC Reserves  
Penygarn & Trevethin FC  
Pontnewynydd AFC Reserves  
Pontypool Town AFC Reserves  
Prescoed FC  
Usk Town AFC Reserves





### **Candour Talent Gwent Central Open Cup**

All clubs in Division One & Two (excluding Prescoed)

### **A.Jones & Co (Usk) Ltd Langdon Cup**

All clubs in Division One

### **Benevolent Cup**

All clubs in Division Two



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE**

### **1. NAME**

The amalgamation of Clubs affiliated to the Gwent County Football Association (other associations optional) admitting its rules and regulations shall be called Gwent Central League.

### **2. LEAGUE AREA**

The area shall be from Pontypool to Sebastopol Bridge, Pontypool to Garn-yr-Erw, Pontypool to Llangrwyney, Pontypool to Pandy, Pontypool to Hafodyrynys, Pontypool to Chapel Lane, Croesyceiliog, Pontypool to Raglan.

### **3. MANAGEMENT**

The affairs of the League shall be governed by an Executive Committee to consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer together with ten members, Life Members, President and four Vice-Presidents. Five to form a quorum. Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer to be appointed by Executive Committee but remainder of the Executive Committee and four Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from nominations from the Clubs. Chairman and Vice-Chairman to hold these positions for two years. As such, no member shall be eligible for these positions until he has served for three years on the Executive Committee. No member shall be eligible for Vice-Presidency until he has served for five years. Four members of such Committee to be recommended by the retiring Executive



Committee shall be eligible to sit for the following season, but the remaining six members of the Executive and four Vice-Presidents shall be open for re-election. Any member absenting themselves from such Executive Meetings for three consecutive meetings without (in the Executive's opinion) sufficient reason, shall be considered to have resigned. Any vacancy occurring on such Committee shall be filled by the next nominee on the voting list at the Annual General Meeting. Should any Club in connection with any dispute or protest has a member of such Committee; the said member shall not be eligible to sit on such Committee whilst the matter is being considered. The Executive shall have the power to appoint such Sub-Committees as they deem necessary for the better conduct of the League. In the event of voting being equal the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A member shall be eligible for Life Membership after serving ten years: such members to have voting powers. Such Members not to exceed 14 in number. League Officials and all Executive Members shall have voting powers at all General Meetings. Retiring Members to have the vote at the Annual General Meeting. Expenses of Members shall be paid out of League Fund when on business in connection with League Management. The Management Committee has the right to enforce a levy upon participating clubs as and when required.

**All communication must be made between the club secretary and the league secretary. The league secretary will not speak to any other club member unless notified to do so in the club secretary's absence. No committee member must not be approached or contacted, other than with agreement.**



#### **4. GENERAL MEETINGS**

The General Meeting will be held once a year not later than the last Saturday in July. This will be called the Annual General Meeting. Other meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meeting. The Secretary shall on receipt of a requisition signed by not less than ten Clubs call an Extraordinary General Meeting for any purpose at any time. Seven days' notice of such meeting to be sent to all Clubs. The Agenda and balance Sheet, duly audited, shall be forwarded to all Clubs seven days before the A.G.M. Members of the Executive and Auditors shall be elected at the A.G.M. Nominations received after that date shall be null and void. Each club in the League shall have the right to nominate one delegate at all General Meetings. The following shall all have voting powers. President, Life Presidents, Life Members, Officers and retiring Executive Members. No person shall have more than one vote and this must be cast personally. Clubs seeking re-election to the League may be represented at the A.G.M. immediately a Club is elected or re-elected, they are entitled to full voting powers a maximum of 2 representatives per club to attend.

#### **5. EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Meetings of the Executive shall be held every four(4) weeks during the playing season or whenever deemed necessary by the Chairman or Secretary. All Clubs must be represented at monthly Committee Meetings, a different person can represent your Club each month. There will be fines for non-attendance at these meetings £15 for first offence, rising in steps of £2.50 for further offences. As with STAND\_IN referees



your application to the League will be dependent on these new rules being followed by your club.

## **6. RULES REVISION**

No alterations shall be made to these rules, except at an annual Meeting especially convened for that purpose before the playing season ends. All proposed alterations to the rules to be in the hands of the League Secretary 14 days before the meeting takes place. At least one month's notice of any such meeting to be given to all clubs. No alterations of such rules shall be deemed to be carried unless by two thirds majority of members present with the exception Welsh FA and Gwent County FA which will have an immediate effect. Such alterations to become operative at the beginning of the season.

## **7. SEARCH OF REGISTER**

Should doubt arise as to the eligibility of any players, the League Secretary shall give such registered information as is necessary or required on payment of £15-00 for each player concerned. All applications to be made in writing and must be accompanied by the fee. Such a search of Register will not constitute a protest, which must be made in the usual way.

## **8. APPEALS**

Any club, being dissatisfied with decision of the League Management Committee, may appeal to the Gwent County Football Association. The appeal must be served on the Gwent County Football Association not more than ten (10) days after the earlier of (a) the decision being announced at the time of the hearing or (b) receipt by the party appealing of the written



notification of the decision. All appeals must be accompanied by appropriate fee.

## **9. ADMISSION TO THE GROUND**

Any member of the Executive may have free access to any ground during the progress of a match on the production of his card.

## **10. HIRE OF GROUND**

Any Club playing under the auspices of this League, shall at the request of the Executive make the ground and facilities available for Cup, League and Championship matches. Subject to existing agreement for hiring. The Executive shall have the power to arrange special matches, the proceeds of such to go into League funds. Any player selected to play under the auspices of the League shall, on failing to produce a good reason for not doing so, be dealt with by the Executive. Any Club which shall be found to have encouraged or instigated such conduct on the part of the Player shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and dealt with the discretion of the Executive with a minimum fine of £35.00.

## **11. PROTESTS AND RIGHTS OF APPEAL**

As per League rule: 16

## **12. DISPUTES**

All matters in dispute shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

## **13. AFFILIATION**



All Clubs must be directly affiliated to the Gwent County Football Association and shall not arrange fixtures with any unaffiliated Club. Affiliation fee must be paid to Mr Alan Watkins Hon. Secretary, Gwent County Football Association at commencement of season, (1<sup>st</sup> July)

#### **14. FEES**

League Fees £50

New Team Deposit £35

The deposit shall be a guarantee that the Club will fulfil all its' fixtures during the season and will be returned to the Club at the end of the season, unless forfeited by failure to complete fixtures or misconduct. The subscription and deposit must be paid at A.G.M. Those failing to do so, will be charged £10 extra administration fee.

#### **15. GROUND CRITERIA FOR ALL CLUBS AND NEW CLUBS ENTERING THE LEAGUE**

The following ground criteria will apply to all Clubs in the League. Clubs MUST have these criteria which also apply to new Clubs entering the League.

1. All matches to be played on private grounds or on grounds deemed suitable by the League Management Committee. If another pitch/pitches are in close proximity, the pitch being used for matches in the League must be fully enclosed. The boundary enclosure shall be of solid structure with a minimum height of 4' 6" and capable of preventing unauthorised access.
2. All Clubs shall have the playing area of their ground permanently enclosed by a solid barrier during the playing season. Rope or wire is NOT acceptable. In certain circumstances (where cricket or other sport is played in



the summer months) where it is not possible to erect a permanent barrier, it may be allowed to have one side of the ground enclosed by close mesh security type fencing fixed into the ground. The shortest distance between the touch line and pitch perimeter barriers should be not less than 1.83 meters.

3. Clubs must provide two covered dugouts adjacent to the playing area. They must be capable of accommodating a minimum of eight (8) seated persons, the floor must have a solid foundation (concrete, tarmac or paved slabs). A technical area for both clubs must be clearly marked out in front of both dugouts, which must not extend more than 2 meters either side of the dugouts. Only substitutes, manager, coaches and medical staff are allowed to be in the dugout, only ONE person is allowed to stand in the Technical Area at any one time.
4. The minimum size of the pitch is 105 x 60 yards, or metric equivalent. Goal posts and goal Net supports must be of professional manufacture and meet the requirements of the Laws of the game. They must be identical Clubs must keep their ground in a proper playing condition and maintain a good playing surface.
5. Goal nets and regular height corner flags must be used at all times. The pitch markings to be easily distinguishable by match officials and players, under normal circumstances they should be white in colour.
6. All clubs to provide adequate dressing room accommodation within reasonable proximity of the playing area, which must be separate for both teams. The dressing rooms for both teams must be heated, well





ventilated, free of damp and secure, and capable of accommodating a minimum of 16 persons.

7. Clubs must have toilet facilities of at least one W/C and one hand basin with hot and cold running water and a minimum of one urinal within the vicinity of each dressing room.
8. A separate shower area must be provided for each team with a minimum of four shower heads in each area.
9. A separate area must be provided for the exclusive use of the match officials. The area must be capable of accommodating a minimum of three persons. The area must contain a shower, W/C and a hand basin with hot and cold running water.
10. All clubs must have first aid equipment, which must include a stretcher. The location of which must be clearly marked in all dressing rooms.
11. The Home club must produce a match program (not a single sheet) to include the names of all players of both teams, together with match official/s. The visiting club MUST send to the home club, details of player's names in the team squad they plan to field. This information must be received by the home club at least 7 days prior to the scheduled date of the match. The home club are required to forward to the League Secretary a copy of the Match Day Program within Four days of the date of the fixture. This Match Day Programs MUST be available on the home club ground on match days, of which a copy. Must be given to the Referee, prior to kick off.
12. All the facilities shall be approved by the League Management Committee and must not be allowed to deteriorate below the standard required by the League.



13. All new clubs seeking membership through the pyramid system must have this criteria in place by 30<sup>th</sup> April each year, on the same ground they have been playing on during the current season.
14. Permission to play at other venue other than the clubs existing ground will not be allowed, unless granted by the League Secretary.
15. Premier Leagues at District Level to provide promotion to GCAFL must contain a minimum of 10 teams or play a minimum of 18 games in one season. If there are 10 teams in a League and a team drops out late in the season then dispensation may be given as to the number of games played.
16. The Football Association of Wales has given approval for the Gwent County Football Association Ltd to retain control of the Gwent Leagues in membership of the pyramid structure.

### **17. PLAY OFF GAMES**

The lowest club in Division Three of the Gwent County League may be relegated to the District Feeder League immediately below, within the Pyramid System. The nominations from the four District Feeder Leagues will play off to replace the bottom team in the Gwent County League Division Three. The Play Off games will be on a straight Knock out basis. A Semi Final will be made and the games will be on neutral grounds arranged by the Football & Competitions Committee. The two winners of the Semi Finals will play off in the Final for the right to be promoted to the Gwent County League Division Three. The nomination from the Feeder Leagues must be the Champions and have obtained the required ground criteria and the



necessary facilities required by the Gwent County Association League. The runner up can be nominated if the champion club does not want promotion or does not meet the required criteria. If there are less than 4 clubs eligible for promotion from the District Feeder Leagues then the Football & Competitions Committee will decide on the makeup of the Semi Final draw. It is the responsibility of the District Feeder League Secretary for the nomination of the League clubs who desire promotion and are able to meet the criteria. The District Feeder League Secretary must send their nominations to the Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association League to arrive before the 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. The Leagues' ground committee will inspect the facilities of every applicant provided the applicant has paid the relevant inspection fee. The clubs will be advised of any alterations or work to be carried out to meet the criteria. The criteria must be in place by the 30<sup>th</sup> April each season for further inspection.

The final nomination from the Secretary of the District Feeder League of the winner or runner up to be promoted must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association League by the 30<sup>th</sup> April each year. The nomination must be made by the Feeder League Secretary. No application will be accepted from a club Secretary. A copy of the nomination must be sent to the Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association.

It must be noted that in addition to the bottom club in Division 3 of the Gwent County League further teams may be relegated if the number of teams being relegated from Level 4 of the Pyramid System does not equate to the number of teams



being promoted to Level 4 from the Gwent County League. This is to ensure there are no more than 16 teams in each division of the Gwent County League.

### **18. CONSTITUTION OF CLUBS**

All clubs under the jurisdiction of this Association shall satisfy the Council they are properly constituted. Newly formed Clubs cannot be considered for promotion to the Gwent County League until the end of the season in which it completes three full seasons in their respective District Senior League.

Any club who does not want or cannot gain promotion may ignore criteria numbers 2, 3 & 11. Clubs in breach of these standards shall be liable to such penalties as the League Management Committee deem appropriate.



## **RULES OF THE LEAGUE**

### **SECTION 1 – FIXTURES AND POSTPONEMENTS**

1. All competition matches under the jurisdiction of the Gwent Central League will be arranged by the League Secretary
  - 1.1. No games will be played on cup final days, unless arranged by the League Secretary and only when necessary to ensure competitions are completed by the end of April within the playing season.
2. No match will be postponed without the permission of the Executive.
  - 2.1. Clubs requesting a postponement must make application in writing via e-mail or post to the League Secretary to include a £15 payment to the Gwent Central League by way of Cheque or BACs Payment. Applications will only be considered if they're received 10 days prior to the date of the arranged fixture.
  - 2.2. Following a request for postponement the League Secretary will use their discretion to approve/reject the application based on the requirements of the Gwent Central League. Permission is not automatically granted.



2.3. If the home club is in doubt regarding the playing surface, they must call in the appointed FAW qualified match referee, if the FAW match referee is unavailable an alternative FAW local referee must be called. This must be done a minimum of 3 hours prior to kick off. In the case an FAW local referee is not available then the decision of the pitch will be made by the FAW qualified match referee upon arriving at the ground.

2.3.1. In the case of rule 2.3 the relevant referee is entitled to receive a ground inspection fee of £10 plus 45p per mile to/from their home address.

2.4. In the case of inclement weather and there is no appointed FAW match referee and/or no FAW local referee, an inspection can be made by the home club, this must be completed a minimum of 2 hours prior to kick off. A postponement may only be sanctioned in this case by the Executive based on the submission of video evidence that clearly identifies date, time, and location of the video.

2.4.1. The video submission must demonstrate the inability of a match ball to roll along the surface of a pitch and/or the inability of a match ball to bounce on the pitch.



- 2.5. It is the responsibility of both the home and away clubs to inform the League Secretary if a game is postponed, failure to do so will result in a £15.00 fine being imposed.
  
- 2.6. Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture due to player availability, failure to provide a stand in referee or failure to provide 10 days' notice and the required payment in line with rule 2.1 will be automatically charged with breaking a fixture.
  - 2.6.1. In the case of a League fixture the offending club shall be automatically charged as follows:
    - 2.6.1.1. Three points deducted from their current points total
    - 2.6.1.2. Liable for any costs incurred by their opponents
    - 2.6.1.3. £25 fine payable via Cheque or BACs to the Gwent Central League
    - 2.6.1.4. Game awarded to the non-offending club 5-0
  
  - 2.6.2. In the case of a Cup fixture the offending club shall be automatically charged as follows:



- 2.6.2.1. Expulsion from the Cup competition for the current season
- 2.6.2.2. Liable for any costs incurred by their opponents
- 2.6.2.3. £25 fine payable via Cheque or BACs to the Gwent Central League
- 2.6.2.4. Game awarded to the non-offending club 5-0

2.6.3. Any club breaking a fixture for a second time in the playing season will be automatically charged under 2.6.1 or 2.6.2, however the Executive will use their discretion as to whether the fine will be doubled to £50 for a second offence.

2.6.4. Any club breaking a fixture for a third time in the playing season will be automatically charged under 2.6.1 or 2.6.2, however the Executive will use their discretion as to whether the offending club is required to attend a hearing where a maximum fine of £75 may be imposed and/or expulsion from the League and cup competitions for the remainder of the playing season.





- 2.6.4.1. In the event of expulsion from the League in line with rule 2.6.4 the offending clubs' results will be expunged from the League records.
        - 2.6.4.2. In the event of expulsion from Cup competitions in line with rule 2.6.4 the offending clubs' opponents (if drawn) will automatically be handed a bye into the next round. If the Cup draw has yet to be made, then an additional bye will be included within the relevant round of the cup.
3. In all cases it should be noted that League and Cup matches take precedence over friendly matches.
4. Should Clubs undertake small-sided matches or competitions, they must apply to the League in writing via email or post with at least 28 days' notice prior to the date of the match or competition.
  - 4.1. These games must be sanctioned by Gwent County Football Association.
  - 4.2. Any friendlies with clubs outside of the Gwent Central League must be sanctioned by the Gwent County Football Association. The Gwent Central League may only provide sanction for friendlies whereby the relevant clubs participate within the Gwent Central League. The Gwent Central League will



only sanction eligible friendlies providing 7 days' notice is received before the fixture date.

- 4.3. Failure to provide adequate notice in accordance with Rule 4 or to obtain sanction for games from either the Gwent Central League or Gwent County Football Association will result in the offending club being fined £35, which may be doubled for further offences.
5. League and Cup kick off times for the season will be fixed by the Executive and must be strictly adhered to as follows:
  - 5.1. All Saturday League matches will commence at 2:30pm.
  - 5.2. Midweek fixtures may be played at the start and end of the season depending on day light saving hours and sunset times. All midweek games will be scheduled to kick off at 6.15pm.
    - 5.2.1. In the event of games required to be played where there may not be enough daylight to complete the fixture, kick off will be scheduled for 6pm.
  - 5.3. All Saturday Cup matches will commence at the following times:



5.3.1. August to October – Kick Off: 2.30pm

5.3.2. November to February – Kick Off: 1.30pm

5.3.3. March to end of the season – Kick Off:  
2.30pm

5.4. Unless in exceptional circumstances Cup fixtures will be scheduled for Saturdays only, this may include the postponement of League fixtures on a Saturday to facilitate Cup competitions.

5.4.1. The only exception to this rule is in the scheduling of the Final of the Cup competition.

5.5. The Executive may alter the time of any scheduled League or Cup competition, providing the request from the relevant clubs is submitted to the League Secretary 7 days prior to the date of the fixture. Any request to amend a kick off time submitted to the League Secretary must first have the agreement of both clubs before a decision will be made by the Executive.

6. The duration of games under the jurisdiction of the League will be as follows:

6.1. Duration of all League matches will be 90 minutes (45 minutes each half)



- 6.2. Duration of all Cup matches will be 90 minutes (45 minutes each half), if scores are still level after 90 minutes, then 30 minutes of extra time (15 minutes each half of extra time) and penalties in line with the Gwent County Handbook procedure will determine the winner.

## **SECTION 2 – REFEREES**

7. The League Secretary will appoint available referees from the Gwent County Football Association via the FAW Comet system.
  - 7.1. The League Secretary will prioritise appointments based on the circumstances of fixtures and their potential to impact upon the overall standings of League and Cup competitions.
8. Where an FAW qualified referee is not available, the home Club must provide a 'Stand In' referee (fully equipped) who will referee the game.
  - 8.1. If a club fails to provide a Stand In referee and that leads to the postponement of a fixture, that club will be charged with breaking a fixture in line with rule 2.6
  - 8.2. Stand in referees must be contactable and provide a mobile number or email address if required to be



contacted in the case of misconduct during a game in which they're responsible for refereeing.

- 8.2.1. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure any stand in club referee is contactable. Any stand in referee that fails to co-operate with any case of misconduct will mean the club they represent is liable to be charged and fined £15.
- 8.3. Stand in referees must report all red and yellow cards via the Comet system through the Club Secretary or individual responsible for inputting match events onto the Comet system.
- 8.4. Secretaries of both clubs must ensure a referee agreement form is completed for each match whereby a stand in referee is involved. This form will be issued by the League from time to time and once completed must be sent via email by the home club to the League Secretary within 3 days of the date of the fixture.
  - 8.4.1. Failure to complete a referee agreement form will result in a £15 minimum fine for both clubs per offence.
  - 8.4.2. Failure by the home club to email the completed form within 3 days of the fixture will result in a £15 minimum fine.



8.4.3.Clubs failing to fill out and complete a referee agreement form will lose all Public Liability Insurance for the relevant game.

9. Referee Match Fees will be as follows:

9.1. A standard Match Fee of £30 will be paid in all League and Cup fixtures

9.2. Expenses will be paid to the referee at 45p per mile, mileage will be determined as a return journey from the referee's home address to the club's ground

9.3. All fees will be paid by the home team immediately after the game in the case of all League and Cup fixtures. The only exemption to this rule is in line with 9.3.1 as follows:

9.3.1.In Cup Semi-Finals and Finals, it is the responsibility of the League to pay the allocated referee directly.

9.4. If the referee attends the ground for a pitch inspection in line with rule 2.3 or the game is not played for any reason the referee will be entitled to £10 match fee plus 45p per mile, mileage will be determined as a return journey from the referee's home address to the club's ground.



- 9.5. Failure of clubs to pay referees immediately after the game and upon the referee reporting this to the League, any club responsible for the payment will be charged and fined £15.
10. In the event a game is abandoned, both clubs must ensure they obtain the time of the abandonment from the referee. This time must be reported to the League upon notification of abandonment.
11. Every time the League appoints an FAW qualified referee via the FAWs Comet system, each club involved in the fixture will submit a mark out of 10 to the League Secretary via email within 3 days of the date the match is completed. Marks will be marked as follows:
- 11.1. A maximum of 5 marks will be allocated to the general control of the game.
  - 11.2. A maximum of 3 marks will be allocated to the application of the laws.
  - 11.3. A maximum of 2 marks will be allocated to personality and appearance.
  - 11.4. Where a referee is awarded a total of 4 marks or less, the club responsible for this mark must provide a report on the reasons why a low mark has been awarded. This report will be forwarded to the referees officer of the Gwent County FA.



- 11.5. Each season the League will provide referee marks to the Gwent County FA this is for the purposes of promotion/relegation of referees as determined by the Referees officer for the association.
- 11.6. The League will also award a referee of the year award to the referee marked highest on average by Clubs throughout the season.
- 11.6.1. To qualify for this award referees must complete a minimum of 10 games in the Gwent Central League.
- 11.7. Failure to provide a mark out of 10 within 3 days of the completion of the game or provide a report for awarding a low mark will result in a club being charged and fined £15 for each offence.
12. Each club must provide an assistant referee when involved in a League or Cup game who must report to the appointed League official or stand in match official prior to the game to receive instructions.
- 12.1. Home clubs must provide linesmen flags
- 12.2. The assistant referees are responsible to notify the match official whether the ball has remained in/gone out of play.
- 12.3. Any assistant referees provided are to be reminded that they're to remain impartial and that





regardless of their decision the appointed league official or stand in referee's decision is final.

- 12.4. Throughout the duration of the relevant game any assistant referee provided is a representative of their club, but also acting on behalf of the FAW, Gwent County FA, Gwent Central AFL and is subject to the decisions and instruction of the match official appointed or who is standing in.

### **SECTION 3 – ARRANGEMENT OF/PROCEDURES FOR GAMES**

13. Games will be arranged by the League Secretary and communicated to Clubs via email.
14. Each Club in the League shall register its ground(s) with the League and shall not use another ground for home matches unless by agreement of the League Secretary.
- 14.1. All Clubs in membership of the League shall provide grounds to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee and ensure the facilities for visiting teams and match officials are of the required standard.
- 14.2. All Clubs are responsible for pitch markings, which must conform with FIFAs laws of the game. Corner flags must not be less than five feet out of the ground. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action and the Match Referee may postpone the fixture.



- 14.3. Goal nets are compulsory in all games. The use of Steel or Metal hooks to support goal nets is prohibited under European Law. Match Referees are advised not to commence a game where steel hooks are used. If a game takes place with these hooks clubs and match officials are not covered by the GCFA Public Liability Insurance.
- 14.4. All Clubs must provide adequate dressing room accommodation including washing facilities for the visiting team, with a separate room for Match Officials, if possible, within reasonable distance of the ground. Clean, hot washing water must be available, and all changing rooms must be clean and tidy condition. Failure to comply with 14.4 will result in disciplinary action and a minimum fine of £15.
- 14.5. The League will not be responsible for the safe custody of players or officials property during any game associated with the Gwent Central League. The responsibility when in any dressing room whether hired to the Club or the League, it is the responsibility of the Club, Person or Official concerned.
15. Each Home team shall notify both the away team and referee, in writing via email in the first instance (clubs may mutually agree to communicate via Whatsapp in relation to fixtures). This must be communicated a minimum of 48 hours before the fixtures kick off time.



15.1. Notification must state the following:

15.1.1. Kick off Time

15.1.2. Colours (including goalkeeper colours)

15.1.3. Match Referee

15.1.4. Directions/instructions to the relevant ground

15.1.5. Failure to abide by rule 15.1 carries a minimum fine of £15.

15.1.6. Non-receipt of such notice of the game is no excuse for a club not turning up, clubs should travel for kick off as per League Rules.

16. Any Club responsible for a delayed or early start without prior permission shall be reported by the Match Referee to the Executive and a fine of £15 plus 25p per minutes later or early.

17. All Clubs must submit a Team Sheet via the FAW Comet system at least 30 minutes before kick off.

17.1. Should there be a failure in the FAW Comet system, Clubs are required to complete the



handwritten Comet FAW team sheet. Permission to complete the team sheet by hand must be obtained from either the League Secretary or Match Referee.

- 17.2. All Players must be eligible and available on the FAW Comet System, in the event of a Player not showing on the FAW Comet System, clubs must contact the FAW match day helpline for advice and act on their instructions.
- 17.3. Any Club guilty of breaking Rule 17 will be fined £15 for each offence.
18. Clubs may at their discretion, use a substitute player at any time in a match for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Match Referee. The substitution can only be made when the game has stopped for any reason, and only after the referee has given permission
  - 18.1. Five substitutions from each side will be permitted in any match, the nominated substitutes must be included on the FAW Comet System when confirming the Team Sheet. Late changes due to injury or mistakes upon entry once confirmed can only be amended by the Match Referee or League Secretary.
19. The Secretary or responsible appointed person for each Home Club is responsible for notifying the League



Secretary of the result of each game played for the purposes of the League website and Social Media at the earliest possible opportunity following the games conclusion. The result should be forwarded to the League Secretary via Whatsapp, Email or text message.

- 19.1. Failure to provide the result of the game within 2 hours of the conclusion of the game will result in a fine of £15 for each offence. Where agreed the Away Club may submit the result on behalf of the Home club.
20. The Secretaries of both Clubs shall check and complete all aspects of the FAW Comet System in relation to the relevant fixture played.
- 20.1. All Goalscorers, Substitutes, Yellow/Red Cards must be processed on the FAW Comet System.
  - 20.2. All Clubs will have 24 hours following the conclusion of the game to complete and check the relevant details on the FAW Comet System before the League will close the fixture.
  - 20.3. Failure to enter any relevant information contained within Rule 19 will result in a fine of £15 for each offence.
21. Following the conclusion of a game the Manager of every team or a nominated person for the Club shall select a player from the opposing Team as Player of the Match.



- 21.1. The Club Secretary must communicate the decision of the Player of the Match to the League Secretary no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the game.
  - 21.2. The Player with the most votes in Division 1 and Division 2 at the end of the season will be presented with a Player of the Year trophy for the relevant Division. In the event of a draw the Executives decision will be final.
  - 21.3. All Cup games are not included within the Player of the Year nomination.
  - 21.4. Any Club failing to provide the Player of the Match nomination to the League Secretary in accordance with Rule 20 will be subject to a fine of £15 for each offence.
22. Clubs within the Gwent Central League who, for reasons outside of their control, cannot participate in games away from their home venue, may continue to participate within the League competition providing:
- 22.1. Any scheduled away fixture is forfeited 5-0 and a deduction of three points is applied.
  - 22.2. Any scheduled home side must participate away from home in order to receive the 5-0 win and three points.



- 22.3. Any club who does not participate in a fixture as detailed in 21.1 or 21.2 will be subject to a forfeit of the fixture 5-0 and a deduction of three points.

#### **SECTION 4 – PROCEDURES & MISCONDUCT**

23. All Matches shall be played under the Rule of the Football Association of Wales. Registration of Players and Transfers will all be completed via the FAW Comet System.
24. All Matches and Clubs must abide by the Rules of Section H of the FAW Rules, including One Player, One Club. The League will be run in accordance with Section H of the FAW Rules and all Clubs should make themselves familiar with the relevant Rules.
25. All Matches shall be played under the Disciplinary Rules of the Gwent County Football Association. All Clubs should make themselves familiar with the relevant rules and procedures of the Gwent County FA.
26. The following procedures will be applicable in the event of Abandoned Games:
- 26.1. If a late start is the cause of a match being unfinished, the League Management Committee shall determine if the result at the time the match finished shall stand.



- 26.2. When a match is abandoned due to inclement weather, the League Management Committee shall determine if the result at the time the match finished shall stand.
- 26.3. Any match abandoned by the Match Official due to indiscipline of a club(s) must be reported by the Match Official to the Gwent County Football Association with a copy of the report sent to the League Secretary.
- 26.3.1. A charge of misconduct shall be issued to the offending club(s) by the Gwent County Football Association. The Gwent County Football Association shall inform the League of the outcome of the Disciplinary Hearing.
- 26.3.2. Any Club found guilty by the Gwent County Football Association of having caused the abandonment of a match may have up to three (3) points deducted from its League record by the League Management Committee.
- 26.3.3. Furthermore, the League Management Committee shall determine the result of the match as they deem fit or have the match replayed.





- 26.3.4. In the event both Clubs are found guilty by the Area Association, the League Management may at its absolute discretion declare the match VOID and order that it be replayed.
- 26.4. In the event of any Club leaving the field of play, without the permission of the Match Referee, the Match Official must send a report to the Gwent County Football Association with a copy of the report sent to the League Secretary.
- 26.4.1. A charge of misconduct shall be issued to the offending Club(s) by the Gwent County Football Association.
- 26.4.2. The Gwent County Football Association will inform the League of the outcome of the Disciplinary hearing and the result of the match shall be decided at the discretion of the League Management Committee, irrespective of the time played.
- 26.4.3. The offending Club(s) may have up to three (3) points deducted from its League record.
- 26.5. When a Match is abandoned due to an injury to a player, the League Management Committee shall determine if the result at the time the match finished shall stand or the game replayed.



27. Any Protest must be lodged with the League Secretary within seven (7) days (Sundays excluded of the date of the fixture to which they refer
- 27.1. An exact copy of such protest shall be sent by Registered Post to the Club Secretary of the Club against which the protest is laid within.
- 27.2. In the event of a search of the register being made, an extension of 48 hours will be granted for protests arising out of such a search.
- 27.3. All protests must be accompanied by a fee of £15 which will be returned if the protest is proven.
- 27.4. Frivolous protests will not be accepted unless the above procedure has been followed.
- 27.5. In the event the Executive deem a protest frivolous the fee will be forfeited.
28. In the event a team is found guilty of playing an ineligible player the following procedures will be followed to determine the course of action:
- 28.1. The game will be awarded to the non-offending team with a score of 5-0
- 28.2. In the event both sides are guilty of playing an ineligible player:



- 28.2.1. The match shall be declared void and both no points will be awarded
- 28.2.2. The game will not be replayed.
- 28.3. In all cases Clubs will be liable for fines and expenses.
- 28.4. The defaulting clubs shall be fined a minimum of £35 for each offence.
- 28.5. Any player taking part in a fixture, in which he is not eligible will be reported to the Gwent County Football Association.
29. Clubs having three (3) players sent off and found guilty by the Gwent County Football Association in the current playing season under codes 1 to 6 in the Gwent County FA disciplinary schedule printed in the season's current handbook, shall appear before a League Disciplinary Hearing. A minimum fine of £50 shall be imposed, fine suspended until the end of the season.
- 29.1. When a Club has a further three (3) players sent off and found guilty in the current playing season the £50 suspended fine will be immediately actioned, plus a fine of £100. Further offences will be dealt with as the Executive directs with a possible fine and expulsion from the League.



30. Home Clubs are responsible for Spectators, all Clubs are responsible for Officers, Officials, Players, and Members of their own Club, this includes supporters who travel with them or support them.
  - 30.1. This includes derogatory remarks made on any Social Network Site e.g Facebook or Twitter.
  - 30.2. Any Club found guilty of misconduct will be fined a minimum of £35
  - 30.3. All instances of misconduct by Club, Players, Officers, Officials and Spectators will be reported in writing to Gwent County Football Association by the reporting Match Referee or the League.
  - 30.4. These reports will be dealt with by the Gwent County Football Associations disciplinary procedures.
  - 30.5. The League Executive has the right to suspend any Club guilty of continual misconduct.
31. Clubs failing to attend any meeting when instructed to do so will be fined £35 for each offence.
32. Clubs failing to answer correspondence within seven (7) days will be fined £15 for each offence.
  - 32.1. All correspondence in or out will be dealt with by the League Secretary.



32.2. Further offences of Rule 30 or 31 will be dealt with by the Executive.

33. The player of any Club which discharges its liabilities to the League (Disbands) shall be eligible to register for any other Club immediately upon the withdrawal being accepted by the Executive. Providing FAW Rules are followed.

33.1. All players are responsible for any debts incurred by their Club and will not be allowed to register for any other Club until their proportionate payment is paid in full.

33.2. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to expunge the results of any Club which they deem to have disbanded.

33.3. No Refund will be given once the season has started

33.3.1. Cup fees will only be returned if the Club has not played in the relevant Cup round applicable at the time of disbanding.

33.4. In the event of a Club disbanding, it is the responsibility of the League Secretary to inform the FAW Registrations Department so they can make the relevant changes to their records, so that when a player wishes to subsequently register for another Club this can be done as quickly as possible.



34. Championships will be declared on the positions of Clubs who must have completed all their fixtures at the end of the current season.

34.1. Promotion and relegation will apply to the top Two in Division 2 and the bottom Two in Division 1

34.1.1. This is subject to the approval of the Executive who may not relegate teams from Division 1 to keep the Divisions proportional.

34.1.2. Promoted Clubs will always be promoted, but it may be decided not to relegate Clubs.

34.1.3. If a Club in Division 2 who already have a team in Division 1 then they cannot be promoted.

34.1.4. Clubs promoted to the Gwent Premier League cannot have their Second Division team automatically taking their place in Division 1, they must gain promotion.

34.1.5. New Clubs in the League will go into Division 2 unless they have two teams to enter, in this case one will be entered into each Division.



- 34.1.6. When points are level, goal difference will be the deciding factor
- 34.1.6.1. If still level the team scoring the most goals will be promoted or relegated.
35. The winners of the respective Divisions and Cups of the League shall furnish to the League Secretary for approval of the Executive the names of two bondsmen who shall be surety for the full value of the Cup awarded.
- 35.1. The bondsmen shall be required to execute guarantee of the safety of the Cups and will on request sign a form provided by the League.
36. All fines must be paid within seven (7) days after receiving notification from the League Secretary
- 36.1. Such notification to be given within seven (7) days of the fine being imposed or a minimum fine of £15 will be imposed.
- 36.2. Failure to settle any outstanding fines within the relevant timescales will be dealt with by the Executive, who will have the power to strike the offending Club from the League.
- 36.3. All fines are to be paid directly to the League Treasurer
37. Each Club at the AGM shall purchase two (2) Rule Books.



- 37.1. These Rule books to be re-printed every year, to include the season date on the front of the Rule Books.
38. Plaques and medals will be presented for all competitions that fall under the Gwent Central League.
  - 38.1. Winners and runners up will each receive eighteen (18) trophies.
  - 38.2. Extra trophies can be purchased, but it is the responsibility of the Club to deal with the supplier directly.
  - 38.3. Only players who have played in the Competitions are entitled to receive trophies.
39. All Cup competitions will be governed by the League Rules unless otherwise stated.
  - 39.1. All teams must enter the Cup competitions relevant to their division, along with the Open Cup.
    - 39.1.1. Clubs may make application to the League Secretary to request permission not to enter a relevant cup competition. The matter will then be heard by the Executive.
  - 39.2. Date of rounds will be decided by the League Secretary who will have the power to arrange such qualifying rounds deemed necessary.





- 39.3. All byes to be given in the first round whether qualifying or otherwise.
40. Matches in Cup competitions shall be played on the ground of the Team drawn first, whether a private ground or public park, such ground to be registered with the League Secretary prior to the commencement of the Competition and have the approval of the Executive. The only exception to this rule is the final which will be played on a neutral ground decided by the Executive.
- 40.1. If for any reason the ground is not available, the tie shall be reversed to the opponent's ground. Home advantage is forfeited.
41. In all Semi-Finals and Finals players taking part must have been named on a team sheet a minimum number of league games within the current playing season:
- 41.1. Three (3) games when the side they're representing has completed 7 or 8 League fixtures.
- 41.2. Four (4) games when the side they're representing has completed 9, 10 or 11 League fixtures.
- 41.3. Five (5) games when the side they're representing has completed 12 or more League fixtures.



- 41.4. Games played in Cup competitions do not count towards the quota of games and no dispensation will be given in this matter.
42. If a Club has two teams in the Open Cup, and a player plays for one team, that player will then be ineligible to represent the other team in the relevant seasons' competition.
43. Clubs must submit a squad list to the League Secretary in respect of all Semi-finals and Finals. This is to check players availability for the relevant game. Any Club failing to do this will be fined £15 for each offence.
- 43.1. Any Club playing an ineligible player shall be adjudged to have lost the game and the match awarded to the opposing side that shall enter the next round.
- 43.2. Any Club leaving the field of play before the expiration of the game without permission of the Match Referee, shall be adjudged to have lost the game and the opposing side shall enter the next round.
- 43.2.1. Such Team will be dealt with by the Executive and fined a minimum of £35 for each offence.



44. Players who have signed for a Club in a Cup Competition but have not taken part can obtain a transfer through the FAW Comet System, providing this is applied for before the last Thursday in March.
45. Insurance for Clubs is optional, if a Club decides not to insure their squad, they must inform each playing member and advise them on taking out personal sports insurance of their own.
46. When a Club has administrative problems causing a disruption of the League, the Executive have the right to appoint up to two (2) members of the Executive to sit on the Clubs committee to assist them back to smooth running.
  - 46.1. Any Club having these difficulties have the right to ask for assistance before it becomes a serious problem.
47. If any Club is given permission by the Gwent County FA to play in any competition outside the League boundaries, then all fixtures within the League must take priority.
  - 47.1. If any Club plays a fixture outside League boundaries when they should have played a League or Cup fixture, will be charged with misconduct, and fined a minimum of £35 for each offence.
  - 47.2. The League will also seek to withdraw permission to participate in the relevant competition.



48. Any Club found guilty of allowing their Players, Officers, Officials and Spectators to consume alcohol or drugs before or during a game in the vicinity of the changing rooms or playing area will be subject to a minimum fine of £35.
- 48.1. The Club will also be reported to the Gwent County FA.
- 48.2. Any further offences and the guilty Club will be suspended from the League.
- 48.3. Participating players suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be sent off and reported to the League by the Match Referee.
- 48.4. Upon being found guilty the Executive shall have the powers to cancel the players registration.
- 48.5. It is the responsibility of the Home Club to police this matter.
- 48.6. Any alcohol consumed must be in a designated area that is at least 3 metres from the side-line.
- 48.7. Consuming alcohol at games is against the law and Gwent Central FL has a zero tolerance towards alcohol at League Fixtures.



49. All Clubs must be fully constituted and will be called upon to produce their Clubs minutes, balance sheet and evidence of a Club bank account.
- 49.1. All Clubs must produce these documents at the request of the League Executive Committee.
- 49.2. All Clubs must be affiliated to Gwent County FA this should be done every season before 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- 49.3. Clubs should not play any friendly games until they are affiliated, and Clubs should request the permission to play these games, this must be done in writing to the Secretary of the Gwent County FA.
50. All matters not provided for to be decided by the Executive Committee.
51. . Where a Club which plays in a National League (Tiers 1-3) and also has a team playing in a league at Grassroots Level and that Club's first team (which plays in a National League) does not have a playing fixture on a given day, then on that given day no more than three (3) Players from the Club's first team (which played in the Club's last first team fixture) shall be allowed to play for the team playing in Grassroots competitions on that given day.



# Gwent Central Football League

## League and Cup Schedule

### August 2024

Sat 31<sup>st</sup>            Div One – MD1  
                         Div Two – MD1

### September 2024

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>            Div One – Prelim Cup clash fixtures  
                         Div Two – Prelim Cup clash fixtures

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>             Div One – MD2  
                         Div Two – MD2

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>          Div One – Intermediate Cup clash fixtures  
                         Div Two – MD3

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>            Div One – MD3  
                         Div Two – MD4  
                         Open Cup – Prelim Round

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>            Div One – MD4  
                         Div Two – MD5  
                         FAW Cup – R1

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>            Div One – MD5  
                         Div Two – MD6  
                         GCFA Intermediate Cup – RD1



## **October 2024**

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD6 Div Two – MD7 Benevolent Cup – Prelim Round
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD7 Div Two – MD8
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Cup – Round 1
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD8 Div Two – MD9 GCFA Amateur Cup – Prelim Round

## **November 2024**

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Div One – Postponed Fixtures Div Two – MD10
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Langdon Cup – Quarter Finals Div Two – MD11
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Benevolent Cup – Quarter Finals Div One – MD9
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Div One – Postponed Fixtures Div Two – MD12
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD10 Div Two – MD13



## **December 2024**

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD11 Div Two – MD14
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD12 Div Two – MD15
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Div One – Christmas Break Div Two – Christmas Break
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – New Years Break Div Two – New Years Break

## **January 2025**

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – Postponed Fixtures Div Two – Postponed Fixtures
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD13 Div Two – MD16
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD14 Div Two – MD17
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open Cup Quarter Finals





## **February 2025**

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Div One – MD15 Div Two – MD18
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – Postponed Fixtures Div Two – MD19
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Div One – MD16 Div Two – MD20
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Div One – Postponed Fixtures Div Two – Postponed Fixtures

## **March 2025**

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Div One – MD17 Div Two – MD21
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Benevolent Cup – Semi finals Div One – MD18
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Langdon Cup – Semi finals Div Two – MD22
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Cup – Semi finals

**\*Cup Finals and postponements to be arranged\***



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