

National League Rules & Regulations 2018-19 Season – Key Changes

Page 2-8 – Outline of relegation from Premiership and Championship

Following relegation from Premiership and Championship, information regarding certain Divisions possibly having three teams relegated at the conclusion of the 2018-19 season

Information on the scheduled playoff between the team finishing in 12th position in the Premier Division and the winner of the Championship.

Page 9-10 – Confirmation that only two non-Welsh players may be named in the match day squad for any National League for teams who have obtained an A License.

Page 11 – The Player Loan scheme has been removed and will not be allowed to be used by teams in the National Leagues with the exception of Regional sides.

Page 11 – Amendment whereby teams will only be allowed to use no more than four non-primary players in total, in the Championship and National Divisions (with the exception of the Premier Division) made up of dual registrations, Academy players and players on permits.

Page 11-12 – Amendment to permit regulations whereby teams are only allowed to permit players from one Division higher, the same level or below. Premiership and Championship players are allowed to permit to any club in the National League provided it is to the club who held his previous registration.

Page 14-15 – Changes to the number of players teams are allowed to field should they begin a fixture with uncontested scrums and only be allowed to use a maximum of two replacements or elect to go uncontested during the fixture.

Page 16 – Confirmation that the Number 8 from both teams are not allowed to pick up from the base of the scrum should they go uncontested.

Page 18 – Amendment to how National League placings are determined whereby teams who have recorded the fewest losses will also be taken into consideration.

Page 19 – Postponed fixtures will now be automatically rearranged to the next available Saturday during the season unless both teams mutually agree to a separate date. If there are no available Saturday's they will be automatically set for midweek following March 31st, 2019.

Page 19 – Confirmation that matches must be played on set dates except in the case of postponement because of adverse ground or weather conditions and/or requests from the appointed Broadcasters.

Page 20 – Clubs who have appeals made against them will be informed once the appeal has agreed to be heard.

Page 23-28 – New criteria required to obtain Premier Division A License is contained within.

Page 29 – Statement of Truth which has to be completed and returned to John Howells (jhowells@wru.wales) no later than August 31st.
