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Online Welsh Rugby Championship - The Rules

The 224 participating clubs have been split into sixteen Pools of fourteen, and they will play 26 league games each. The league finishes on Wednesday, August 19 after which the top 4 teams in each Pool will automatically qualify for the Cup.

For the teams who fail to qualify for the Cup there will be a second chance, and they will figure in the draw for the knockout stages of the Plate and Bowl competitions. Teams placed 5-8 in the table will enter the Plate competition while the bottom 6 teams will go into the Bowl competition.

The Cup and Plate competitions will both start with 64 teams and work downwards from there. The Bowl competition will start with 96 teams and work down from there.

The dates of the Cup, Plate and Bowl draws will be advised in due course.

The Pre-liminary Round of the Bowl competition is on Wednesday, 26 August at 7pm while the dates of Round 1 of the Cup, Plate & Bowl are to be advised.

Prize Money:-

Winners: Cup £200; Plate £140; Bowl £100

Losing Finalists: Cup £100; Plate £80; Bowl £50

Losing Semi-finalists: Cup £50 each; Plate £40 each; Bowl £25 each

The rules follow those of the National League but for the avoidance of doubt we have listed below how teams gain league points and how the table positions are determined.

Declaration of Winners

The winners of a match will be the team that has scored the greater number of points at the end of the match.

League points will be awarded as follows:

Win	-	4pts
Draw	-	2pts
Defeat	-	0 pts
Bonus Points	-	1 point for a team scoring 4 or more tries 1 point for a team losing by 7 points or less

Therefore, if a team loses a match by 7 or less points but scores 4 tries they will receive 2 losing bonus points.

Determination of table placings

In the event of teams having the same league points the table placings will be determined as follows:

1. Number of wins
2. Number of losses
3. Number of tries FOR
4. Total points FOR divided by total points AGST.

Declaration of winners - Cup, Plate and Bowl matches:

The winner shall be the team that has scored the greatest number of points at the end of the match.

In the event of an equal number of points being scored by each team at the end of the game up to and including the semi finals, the winners will be declared in the following priority:

- (i) The team which has scored the greater number of tries.
- (ii) The team which has scored the greater number of goals (converted tries).
- (iii) If after (i) and (ii) have been applied, no clear winner has emerged, then the team playing away from home will be declared the winner.
- (iv) In the final, in the event that no clear winner has emerged after (i) and (ii) have been applied then the match will be declared a draw and the prize money shared.

The decision of the Directors of All Wales Sport Ltd in the relation to the competition shall be final. No correspondence will be entered into.

Teams participating in the competition are deemed to have read and accepted the competition rules.