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Introduction

Welcome to the 2024 Senior Open Welsh Cup rules. Please note that amendments have been made to the competition rules (Rules **E1 – E6 & O1**)

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2. Competition Dates

No. teams	Round	Date	1 st Reserve Sunday	2 nd Reserve Sunday	Absolute Deadline Date*
Greater than 64	Pre-liminary	28/04/2024	05/05/2024	N/A	09/05/2024
64	1 st Round)	12/05/2024 Central/North	19/05/2024 East/West	26/05/2024	06/06/2024
32	2 nd Round	09/06/2024	16/06/2024	N/A	20/06/2024
16	3 rd Round	23/06/2024	30/06/2024	07/07/2024	11/07/2024
8	Quarter Final	14/07/2024	21/07/2024	28/07/2024	01/08/2024
4	Semi Final	04/08/2024	11/08/2024	18/08/2024	29/08/2024
2	Final	01/09/2024	08/09/2024	N/A	N/A

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3. Coloured Kit & ball guidance

Coloured Clothing & Coloured Balls Guidance

Currently we find ourselves in a **period of transition** as some Clubs begin to move from the more traditional wearing of 'whites' to 'coloured' clothing.

In parallel to this clothing change is the move away from a red ball towards other coloured balls (usually pink or orange). NB. No white balls are permitted. Consequently, whilst we are in this transition phase it means that Clubs may need to consult with one another and forge an agreement on which colour of balls to use.

- In all rounds up to but not including the Quarter-Finals, the Home side must provide two identical make and colour balls, which may be red, pink, or orange. If new balls are not used, the Home team must provide used balls in good condition. In all matches, the visiting Captain shall choose which ball his team shall use to bowl. The Home team should provide sufficient spares.
- Cricket Wales will provide 2 x orange balls for Quarter Finals onwards.
- Any 'on the day' disputes will be managed by the Appointed Umpires &/or Match Day Manager.

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4. Competition Rules

Section	No	Rule
Entry Process	EP 1	Entry to the Welsh Cup is open to all clubs who are affiliated to and recognised by Cricket Wales.
	EP 2	A club wishing to enter or be re-admitted into the Competition must give written notice to that effect to the Competition organiser.
	EP 3	In the case of a club failing to fulfil any fixture, or its administrative responsibilities future inclusion will be reviewed by the competition management committee.
	EP 4	It is a prerequisite for all clubs who enter the competition to adhere to any Covid related restrictions that are in place during each fixture. Home clubs will be expected to strictly follow any prevailing regulations regarding limiting spectators, if necessary.
Draw	Dr 1	The Welsh Cricket Cup Competition is open to all member clubs of Cricket Wales. The competition is organised in four zones, arranged roughly geographically.
	Dr 2	Whilst matches would normally be expected to be played on the scheduled or reserve Sundays, midweek (which may be a reduced over game) may also be used in order to complete the fixture (in the spirit of Get The Game On) with the agreement of both teams and subject to Rule E1. If a rearranged date can't be agreed on, the club who couldn't fulfil the original fixture on the scheduled date must concede the match. If both clubs are unable to fulfil the original fixture and can't agree on another date a coin toss will be the final resolution. Any disagreement as to the format, time and location of a reduced over match is to be referred to the Competition Organiser, whose decision shall be final.
	Dr 3	Entry to the Cup Competition is open to all clubs who have paid their affiliation fees for that year, and affiliation fees must be paid before a club plays its first match in the competition.
	Dr 4	For the 2024 season Cricket Wales will make the draw for the Preliminary round and First round and publish via a Power Point Presentation on the Cricket Wales website as well as informing clubs directly and placing all fixtures on Play Cricket.
	Dr 5	The draw for the subsequent rounds will be made as soon as possible after the previous round and published on the Cricket Wales website as well as informing clubs directly and placing all fixtures on Play Cricket.
	Dr 6	From the Quarter Finals onwards there will be an 'open' draw.
	Dr 7	Match Day Managers may be nominated for each Quarter, Semi & Final games who will be drawn from either Cricket Wales staff &/or Wales ACO and will manage all matters between teams, host club and umpires that arise ON THE DAY (only) - in particular, the MDM will be the 'go to' for guidance on Competition & Match Day rulings.
Match Dates	M1	Ties MUST be played on the 'scheduled' dates wherever possible, unless BOTH Clubs agree a suitable alternate date e.g. any suitable/agreed other Sunday &/or midweek date and BEFORE the deadline date. The Competition Organiser must be informed in advance of all changes. NB: reasons for not playing on a scheduled date MUST be limited to CRICKET RELATED issues e.g. clash with another competition as opposed to random non-cricket matters.
	M2	If bad weather prevents play on the scheduled Sunday, then clubs will play a match on the following reserve Sunday IF THERE IS A SUNDAY AVAILABLE BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND. If bad weather prevents a result, the match will be rearranged on the following Sunday, or on a mutually agreed date. All rearranged matches will be held on the ground of the original VISITING side unless otherwise agreed, regardless of whether the match was postponed before or after the start of play.
	M3	If the 'Home' club are unable to host the original fixture on the original date the 'away' club will have the option to host the match on the original date. If both clubs' grounds are unavailable on the original date then an alternative date will have to be agreed upon.

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Weather	W1	Matches may not be postponed for any reason other than inclement weather or Covid related local lockdown restriction, unless by mutual agreement. Should there be no such agreement and there is a clash with another competition (other than an ECB competition) then the Welsh Cup takes precedence over other competitions. The Welsh Cup match should be played at either club's venue, or the match conceded.
	W2	If bad weather prevents a match of even the minimum number of overs being played, the tie may be decided by the bowl out (details of which may be found in the Match Rules section). Finally, if all these alternatives fail, then clubs will toss up for the right to continue in the Competition, with either a Qualified Umpire or the Competition Organiser present. Zoom or video conferencing can be used to gather all parties together, if more convenient.
	W3	From the Quarter Final onward the games MUST be played on the scheduled date, or on the Reserve date(s). Exceptionally* these games may be played in mid-week but only if the former has been exhausted and is with BOTH teams' agreement [Note*: with the Competition Organiser's agreement]
Results	R1	The winning team must text/email the result of the match, including the team scores, to the Competition Organiser, immediately after the match has been played. 07392 618046 Claudia.Vaughan-Johns@Cricketwales.org.uk
	R2	The winning team is requested to process the score sheets for both innings of the match on their Play Cricket website within 24 hours of close of play. The losing team is requested to check and confirm the information entered and make any necessary amendments within 48 hours.
	R3	Where the maximum number of overs remain unaltered once the game has started the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner.
	R4	If the scores are equal or, if rules D2 or D3 apply, the side batting second has scored one run fewer than the run-rate or DLS target, the winners will be the side losing the lesser number of wickets. Should this be equal, the winners will be the side with the higher score after (a) 30 overs or if still equal (b) after 20 overs, or if still equal (c) after 10 overs.
Eligibility	E1	<p>Players must be a bona-fide member of an entrant club</p> <p>A player shall be deemed to be bona-fide member of that club if he/she is eligible to play for that club under the rules of the relevant League.</p> <p>Player eligibility in the Welsh Cup will be categorised as Category 1, 2 or 3.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Category 1 players are eligible to play without restriction. 2) Category 2 players are ineligible. 3) Only one Category 3 player may be played in any particular match.
	E2	<p>Category 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Qualification <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) are either <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) British or Irish citizen; or ii) an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, with settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme; or iii) have been resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 210 days in the 12-month period up to and including 31 March before the season of their participation in the Welsh Cup 2) Restriction <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) have not played cricket as a local/domestic player in any ICC Full Member Country (except England & Wales) in the 12-month period up to and including 31 March before the season of their participation in the Welsh Cup, or at any time after being registered as a Category 1 Player. 3) All women and girls who comply with Paragraph E2 1 above, irrespective of their playing history and any other provision, are Category 1 players

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		4) Players recruited into the Glamorgan CCC academy will be permitted to play in the Welsh Cup and classed as Category 1 provided they comply with Paragraph E2 1 above. If they do not comply with Paragraph E2 1 they will be classed as Category 3.
	E3	A cricketer shall only be eligible to play in the Welsh Cup for one club in any one season.
	E4	Category 2: COUNTY STAFF CRICKETER Any player who holds any form of PCA recognised contract with a first-class county is not eligible to play
	E5	Category 3: ALL OTHERS All players who are not Category 1 or Category 2 are Category 3
	E7	Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all players participating in the Competition are eligible to play. In the event of a Club fielding an ineligible player, that Club will be removed from the competition and the team it last defeated reinstated in its place. Player ineligibility will be dealt with as a Disciplinary matter issue using the procedure in Section 9.1 below. Note; If ineligibility is not discovered until after a later round has been played the team last defeated by the offending side will be reinstated in the competition.
	E6	The Cricket Wales Disciplinary Memorandum of Understanding from time to time in force applies to the Welsh Cup. No player who is under suspension by his/her league or club is eligible to play in the Welsh Cup during the period of such suspension.
Disputes	Dis1	Difficulties or appeals from clubs shall be referred to the Competitions Organiser
	Dis2	Clubs who withdraw or fail to raise a side or who show unwillingness to continue in the Competition are liable to a fine of £25 and their entry for the following year shall be a matter for the Competitions Organiser to rule upon
	Dis3	In the event of any dispute arising during and affecting the course of the Competition, clubs must contact the Competitions Organiser, by telephone, within 1 day of the dispute, confirming the protest in writing via email within 3 days, and also sending a copy of the protest to any other club involved within 3 days
	Dis4	Following any response from the other club, the matter will be determined by a special committee under the chairmanship of the Competitions Organiser.
	Dis5	Cricket Wales is entirely responsible for the organisation and administration of the Competition

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5. Match Day Rules

Section	No.	Rule
Spirit Of Cricket	SoC	See Appendix A
Timings	T1	Matches played on a Sunday (“full length matches”) shall consist of 40 overs per innings. In all cases, and unless both teams agree otherwise, the scheduled hours of play for a full length match shall be 1.00 pm until 7.00 pm.
		The national semi-finals and final will commence at 12:00 pm and the finishing time shall be 6.00 pm.
		There shall be one interval of thirty minutes duration between innings, during which tea may be taken. If, because of rain, tea has already been taken, the interval shall be ten minutes.
		Matches may start at an earlier time by agreement between the respective clubs provided that in the absence of agreement otherwise by noon on the day preceding the match, the default start time of 1.00 pm shall apply.
		If the teams agree that the start time is varied agreement must also be reached as to the absolute finishing time of the match which, for a full length match, shall be 6 hours after the agreed start time.
		In the case of a midweek reduced overs match, the start time shall be agreed by the respective clubs by noon on the day preceding the match. The finishing time shall be calculated as ((Number of Overs in the match x 3½) + 10) minutes from the agreed start time, rounded up to the nearest 5 minutes.
	T2	In every case, it is the duty of the home side to notify the appointed umpires by 6pm on the day preceding the match of the intended start time.
	T2	All sides are expected to be in position to bowl the first ball of the last of their 40 overs within 2 hours 20 minutes of playing time or, in a reduced overs match, within playing time calculated at the rate of 3½ minutes per over. In all reduced overs matches, the fielding team will be given one over’s leeway. For the avoidance of doubt, one over’s leeway means that the fielding side must be in position to bowl the first ball of the <u>penultimate</u> over by the scheduled or rescheduled finishing time.
		In the event of their failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed, and the fielding side will be allowed one fewer fielder outside the circle (see FR6 below) for the remainder of the innings. All penalties in this regard will be imposed immediately the ball first becomes dead after the scheduled or re-scheduled completion time for the innings.
		In determining whether the time limit has been breached the umpires will make appropriate allowance for drinks intervals, unscheduled stoppages of play, time spent in moving sightscreens, replacement of balls etc.
Disruptions	D1	Rearrangement of the number of overs may be necessary due to a delayed start or one or more interruptions in play as a result of adverse ground, weather or light conditions or for any other reason.
		The timing and duration of all suspensions of play (including all intervals) or delays during the match will be taken into account when calculating the length of time available for either innings. The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that, if possible, both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs.
	D1	The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on a rate of one over every 3½ minutes in the total time available for play up to the scheduled finishing time and in accordance with the table in Section 8 below. Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations regarding the number of overs to be played.

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		<p>If a reduction of the number of overs is required, any recalculation must not cause the match to be rescheduled to finish earlier than the original finishing time. If an interruption occurs part way through an over and the delay allows time for the same innings to resume, but with reduced overs, the part over must be completed on resumption and does not count as one of the overs still to be bowled.</p> <p>If, owing to a delayed start to the second innings or a suspension of play during the second innings, there is insufficient time for the team batting second to have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs as the team batting first, they will bat for a number of overs to be calculated as above.</p> <p>If the team fielding second fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled finishing time, the hours of play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.</p> <p>The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the team batting first unless the latter has been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.</p> <p>If rain persists, the minimum number of overs for a Welsh Cup game MUST be 10 overs for each innings. If this is not possible the match is abandoned.</p>
	D2	<p>If any match is interrupted after it has started such that the number of overs available to be faced by either side is reduced from that determined when the match started, the revised target shall be computed using the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method (“DLS”) in accordance with instructions issued from time to time by the management committee.</p>
Officials	O1	<p>For all Section matches independent umpires will be arranged by Wales ACO. Before (and not including) the quarter-finals, clubs will share the cost of umpires (a flat fee of £50 each). In the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final, Cricket Wales will bear the cost of umpiring. From the quarter-finals, the umpires and Match Day Managers will each be paid a flat fee of £55 (reflecting potential increases in travelling costs).</p>
	O2	<p>The umpires are the sole judges of the fitness of the ground, weather, and light for play.</p>
Bowling and Fielding Restrictions	FR1	<p>No bowler shall bowl more than 8 overs. In a match curtailed by the weather no bowler shall bowl more than one-fifth of the total number of overs agreed at the start of the match, except that the total is not divisible by 5, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance. . If an interruption occurs mid-over and on resumption the bowler has exceeded the new maximum allocation, they will be allowed to finish the incomplete over.</p>
	FR2	<p>OFF-SIDE WIDES: An additional line parallel to the return crease and running between the bowling crease and the popping crease shall be marked with its inside edge 17 inches from the return crease. Any ball passing outside the offside wide line not having previously been in contact with the batter, their bat, or their clothing shall be called wide if, in the opinion of the umpire, the batter is unable to play a normal cricket stroke</p>
	FR3	<p>LEG-SIDE WIDES: Umpires shall call a ball wide if it passes both outside the batter and outside the line of leg stump, regardless of any movement by the batter.</p>
	FR4	<p>SHORT PITCHED BOWLING: Regardless of how wide of the striker a delivery is, there shall be no more than two deliveries per over that after pitching pass or would have passed clearly over shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease.</p> <p>The umpire shall make it clear to the bowler (and any bowler called upon to complete an over) and the batters at the wicket when a delivery within the limit has been bowled. It is unfair if the limit is exceeded, and the umpire shall call and signal No ball on each such occasion and consider it as part of the warning sequence in Laws 41.6.3 and 41.6.4.</p>

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		<p>If a bowler is “No Balled” a second time in the innings for the same offence the Umpire is to invoke Law 41.6.4 and the bowler shall be removed forthwith and shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings</p>
	FR5	<p>FREE HITS: The delivery following a No ball shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it.</p> <p>If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (i.e. any kind of No ball or a Wide ball), then the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batter is facing it.</p> <p>For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a No ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called Wide ball.</p> <p>Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change of striker, or the No Ball was the result of a field restriction breach in which case the field may be changed to the extent of correcting the breach.</p> <p>However, in all circumstances, any fielder within 15 yards of the striker may retreat to a position on the same line no more than 15 yards from the striker.</p>
	FR6	<p>FIELDING LIMITATIONS:</p> <p>At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fielders on the leg side. Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 30 yards (27.43 metres) The semi-circles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field. The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or discs at 5 yard (4.57 metres) intervals</p> <p>At the instant of delivery:</p> <p>(a) Powerplay 1 – no more than two fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 1 to 8 inclusive.</p> <p>(b) Powerplay 2 – no more than four fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 9 to 32 inclusive.</p> <p>(c) Powerplay 3 – no more than five fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 33 to 40 inclusive.</p> <p>In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of overs within each phase (Powerplay) of the innings shall be reduced in accordance with the table in paragraph FR7 below.</p> <p>If play is interrupted during an innings, overs are reduced and the table in FR7 below is applied, the revised Powerplay overs take immediate effect. For the avoidance of doubt this applies even if the interruption has occurred mid-over.</p> <p>Example: A match starts at 40 overs but is interrupted by rain after 6.3 overs. The delay means that the innings is reduced and there is only time for a further 22 overs. The innings is now 29 overs in total, so the Powerplay split is 6-17-6. The over in progress has to be completed but the first Powerplay is over and the 2nd Powerplay will commence immediately the 7th over is resumed.</p>

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			Innings duration	Powerplay 1	Powerplay 2	Powerplay 3
			39	8	23	8
			38	8	23	7
			37	8	22	7
			36	7	22	7
			35	7	21	7
			34	7	20	7
			33	7	20	6
			32	7	19	6
			31	6	19	6
			30	6	18	6
			29	6	17	6
			28	6	17	5
			27	6	16	5
			26	5	16	5
			25	5	15	5
			24	5	14	5
			23	5	14	4
			22	5	13	4
			21	4	13	4
			20	4	12	4
			19	4	11	4
			18	4	11	3
			17	4	10	3
			16	3	10	3
			15	3	9	3
			14	3	8	3
			13	3	8	2
			12	3	7	2
			11	2	7	2
			10	2	6	2

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6. Spirit Of Cricket

Spirit Of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. Captains' Responsibilities

There are two Laws which place responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

- Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws

- Players' conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time, and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain
- The roles of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - (a) to appeal knowing that the batter is not out
 - (b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - (c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

7. Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.

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7. Bowl Out Rules

In the event of no result being obtained by other methods a bowl out (outdoors or indoors) will take place to achieve a result

Bowling:

Each Captain to nominate five bowlers and confirm to the umpires the order in which those bowlers will bowl. The captains toss for choice of who bowls first. Each bowler has two deliveries overarm in a legal style from the same end and from a legal run up, at the wickets pitched at 22 yards with popping and bowling crease marked and with no batter in front of them. A wicket keeper, stood back, may be in place. For every legal ball which first pitches and then hits the wickets, two points shall be scored, but only one point if the stumps are hit by a full toss.

A legal ball is as defined in the game, no ball rules apply – front foot, more than 1 bounce before it reaches the popping crease.

Umpires:

The umpires appointed for the match shall supervise the running of the competition standing in their normal positions (at the Bowlers end and at Square Leg).

Tie:

In the event of the scores finishing level, a further five bowlers shall be nominated to continue the competition as above.

Sudden Death:

If after the two rounds the scores are still level, the bowl out will continue as "sudden death" with the each of the previously nominated bowlers bowling a single ball in the same order until a result is achieved."

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8. Time Left Chart

Playing Time Left Chart (Umpires to recalculate Match duration)										
Overs Left in game	Mins left of play	Hours	Mins	Overs each Team		Overs Left in game	Mins left of play	Hours	Mins	Overs each Team
80	280	4	40	40		49	171	2	51	
79	275	4	37			48	168	2	48	24
78	273	4	33	39		47	164	2	44	
77	269	4	29			46	161	2	41	23
76	266	4	26	38		45	157	2	37	
75	262	4	22			44	154	2	34	22
74	259	4	19	37		43	150	2	30	
73	255	4	15			42	147	2	27	21
72	252	4	12	36		41	143	2	23	
71	248	4	8			40	140	2	20	20
70	245	4	5	35		39	136	2	16	
69	241	4	1			38	133	2	13	19
68	238	3	58	34		37	129	2	9	
67	234	3	54			36	126	2	6	18
66	231	3	51	33		35	122	2	2	
65	227	3	47			34	119	1	59	17
64	224	3	44	32		33	115	1	55	
63	220	3	40			32	112	1	52	16
62	217	3	37	31		31	108	1	48	
61	213	3	33			30	105	1	45	15
60	210	3	30	30		29	101	1	41	
59	206	3	26			28	98	1	38	14
58	203	3	23	29		27	94	1	34	
57	199	3	19			26	91	1	31	13
56	196	3	16	28		25	87	1	27	
55	192	3	12			24	84	1	24	12
54	189	3	9	27		23	80	1	20	
53	186	3	6			22	77	1	17	11
52	182	3	2	26		21	73	1	13	
51	178	2	58			20	70	1	10	10
50	175	2	55	25						

Notes:

1. If an interruption in the first innings is such that the batting side has already received more than 50% of the overs to be bowled then the first innings will be at an end. The second innings overs will be calculated on the time left between commencement of the innings and the scheduled close of play at the rate of 3.5 mins per over.
2. If rain persists, the minimum number of overs for a Welsh Cup game MUST be 10 overs for each innings. If this is not possible the match is abandoned.

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9. Disciplinary Process

Disciplinary Procedure	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cricket Wales adopts the ECB Recreational Conduct Regulations (RCR), which cover both on- and off-field offences 2. The Umpires will fully apply the provisions of the Laws of Cricket (2017 Code – 3rd Edition) including Law 42 3. In addition, the umpires inform captain(s) at the end of the match that they are making a report. 4. The offending player and his/her captain are on report. 5. The umpires write their report using the ECB pro forma and indicate their view whether the offence is Level 1/2/3 or 4 or a breach of another Law or Laws. 6. The report is to be submitted to the Competition Organiser within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match. 7. The RCR procedure will be followed subject to such amendments as the Competition Organiser shall determine 	
Disciplinary Offences as set out in Law 42	
Level 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilfully mistreating any part of the cricket ground, equipment or implements used in the match • Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action • Using language that , in the circumstances, is obscene, offensive or insulting • Making an obscene gesture • Appealing excessively • Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing • Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 1 offence 	
Level 2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action • Making inappropriate and deliberate physical conduct with another player • Throwing the ball at a player, umpire or another person in an inappropriate and dangerous manner • Using language or gesture to another player , umpire, team official or spectator that, in the circumstances, is obscene or of a seriously insulting nature • Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 2 offence 	
Level 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intimidating an umpire by language or gesture • Threatening to assault a player or any other person except an umpire 	
Level 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threatening to assault an umpire • Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with an umpire • Physically assaulting any other person • Committing any other act of violence 	
Further Disciplinary Offences	
<p>The following will be treated as Law 42 Level 3 offences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin • The deliberate bowling of any dangerous and unfair non-pitching delivery contrary to Law 41.7 <p>The following will be treated as a Law 42 Level 4 offence:</p>	

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- Using language or gestures that ***seriously*** offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin

Disciplinary Penalties

The Disciplinary Committee may:

1. In the case of a player

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| a | Require the player to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time |
| b | Record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct |
| c | Impose a fine |
| d | Suspend the player for one or more matches, or for a stated period of time |

2. In the case of a club:-

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| a | Require the club to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time |
| b | Record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct |
| c | Impose a fine |

3. As a broad guide, the penalties for the Levels of offence are likely to be

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| a | Level 1: One match ban for a first offence. |
| b | Level 2: Two match ban for a first offence |
| c | Level 3: Six match ban for a first offence. |
| d | Level 4: Ten match ban for a first offence |
| e | Further offences within 24 months are likely to lead to lengthier bans |

4. Factors taken into account

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| a | Whether the accused player/club has pleaded guilty |
| b | The player's previous disciplinary record |
| c | The club's previous disciplinary record |
| d | Whether the player is also the captain |
| e | The conduct of the player and his/her captain subsequent to him being warned and told that he will be reported |
| f | If an appeal is considered to be frivolous, sanctions may be increased |

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10. Match Day Manager – Roles & Responsibilities

Match Day Manager		
The competition organiser may, in his/her absolute discretion, appoint a Match Day Manager to any fixture.		
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1)	The primary purpose of the MDM role is to be responsible ON THE DAY for the smooth running of the tie. That is, to be the Competition Organiser's 'on site' assistant ON THE DAY	
	NB: other than the MDMs involvement on match day (only), it is otherwise the Competition Organiser who is 'in charge' of competition matters.	
2)	Typically, it is expected that the MDM will act as a liaison between,	
	Home & Away Club (Officials, Captain & Players)	
	Host Club Facilities staff (teas, drinks breaks etc)	
	Umpires	
	Scorers	
	Groundsman	
	Visiting VIPs	
	Hopefully the MDM will just act as a lubricating agent between the various cogs i.e. to ensure the smooth running of the day	
3)	MDMs will be drawn from suitably qualified,	
	Cricket Wales Staff	
	Wales ACO members*	
	Any other suitably qualified individual	
	note*: where a Wales ACO Umpire has been allocated, he/she can also act as 3rd Umpire (spare balls, use of DLS etc)	
4)	MDMs will be notified in the same manner and time as umpires are appointed using the WTU (Who's The Umpire) process	
5)	MDMs will field all Match Day queries and problems which may arise e.g. issues and disputes relating to Welsh Cup Competition & Match Day Rules	
	NB: the MDM is NOT there to preside on an 'on the field' cricketing matters which the appointed Umpires would normally administer, rather the MDM is available to clarify the range of options to Captains/Umpires alike in the event of a disrupted game or any other 'ON THE DAY' issue which arises.	
6)	The MDM role is ultimately one of liaison between parties, support & guidance ON THE DAY . Whilst the MDM will work 'with' the appointed umpires, but it is the sole responsibility of the Umpires to make decisions relating to a) suitability to play* b) all on field cricket matters	
	Note *: ground/pitch in a fit state NB: apart from the instance where the MDM is called upon to assist with an early pitch/ground inspection	