

# Senior Welsh Cup 2021 FAQs

## Preamble:

The 2020 Welsh Cup was unable to proceed as planned but we approach the 2021 competition with a cautious optimism to be able to complete and crown a winner wherever possible. With the ongoing pandemic potentially impacting fixtures we would ask that clubs be as flexible and understanding as possible and work together to 'get the game on'. **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. For the latest coronavirus information please see [here](#).**

### 1. *What happens if the cricket season doesn't start on the scheduled date?*

- We have planned for a 'complete' season in the calendar, however if the season hasn't commenced at the start of the competition, we have contingency plans in place. They are as follows.
- Plan A – 'Full', complete season and therefore complete nationwide Senior Welsh Cup, **4 regions** and an open draw at the quarter final stage. Round dates can be found [here](#).
- Plan B – If the start of the season is delayed, we will revert to plan B which is to condense the fixtures. We will react in a timely manner to draw up new round dates. There would be a two-week gap between scheduled round dates and teams would be encouraged to do all they could to get matches played within this timeframe, i.e., reduced number of overs played on a midweek evening would be encouraged if needed and **we would have 8 regions in rounds one and two**.
- Plan C – Will be used if the season does not start by mid-June or if travel is an issue. We would hold four regional competitions (North Wales, South West Wales, South Central Wales & South East Wales cups). If plan C is needed the start date of these competitions would be likely to be late July with a two-week gap between rounds.

### 2. *What if a club is unable to fulfil the fixture on the allotted date? (This is inclusive of Covid and Non-Covid related issues inclusive of Covid related illnesses BUT NOT COVID RELATED LOCAL LOCKDOWNS)*

- Whilst matches would normally be expected to be played on the scheduled or reserve Sundays, midweek (presumably reduced over games) may also be utilised in order to complete the fixture (in the spirit of Get The Game On) with the agreement of both teams and the competition organiser. 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.

**3. What if a club is unable to fulfil the fixture on the allotted date due to a Covid related local lockdown?**

- Clubs who find themselves in a Covid related local lockdown will have the option to postpone the match. This postponement will be treated in the same way as a match postponed due to inclement weather and therefore the next available date should be sought. If the match is unable to take place before the next scheduled round date then a coin toss shall decide who progresses in the competition.

**4. How many regional areas will there be?**

- If the competition commences on the original scheduled date, there will be four regions. Cricket Wales reserves the right to alter the number of regions, but this will only be done with the best interests of our member clubs in mind.

**5. Will panel umpires be provided in every round?**

- We will endeavour to provide 2 panel umpires for every match of the competition, however where this is not possible and only 1 panel umpire can be provided either club shall provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> umpire who shall stand as the 'square leg' official. In the unlikely event that no panel umpires can be provided each club must provide an umpire.

**6. Coloured clothing and coloured ball related questions**

- **Q1 – If teams are in coloured clothing, they must use a coloured ball?**
- A1 – NO! Teams can use coloured clothing AND a red ball can be used. (The question is purely a myth)
- **Q2 – A Non-Premier League team are drawn at home against a Premier League team – what ball do they use?**
- A2 – The NPL club play in a league where red balls are used, whilst the PL club regularly use an orange ball. Neither club are likely to have **both** red and orange balls. Unless an agreement is reached prior to the start of the game then the Home Team will supply 2 like for like balls of their choosing at their cost.
- **Q3 – A PL club is at home to a NPL club – what ball do they use?**
- A3 - The Home Team shall provide 2 like for like balls of their choosing at their cost.
- **Q4 – One team is wearing traditional 'whites' whilst the opposition is in 'coloured' clothing – what colour ball do they use?**
- A4 – Whatever colour of ball the two clubs agree, red, pink or orange. Where agreement cannot be reached the Home Team shall decide and provide two like for like balls, one for each innings.
- **Q5 – Do we need to change the colour of the sightscreens?**
- A5 – No, using red, pink or orange balls the sightscreens can remain the same. Hence, no white balls are permitted.

**Cricket Wales reserves the right to make further changes to the competition based on Welsh Government directives.**