

# SENIOR WELSH KNOCKOUT CUP RULES 2021

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## 2. 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 liaise with one another and forge an agreement on which colour of balls to use.

In the meantime, Cricket Wales are defining the back-stop (default) position on the matter in relation to Welsh Cup games:

- The SAME (like for like) colour ball needs to be used for each innings of a Welsh Cup game e.g. 2 red, or 2 pink or 2 orange, NO mixed colours allowed.
- The two teams should agree before the commencement of a game which balls are to be used.
- If the two teams cannot agree on the matter then the default position is.
  - If agreement cannot be reached then the Home Team shall supply two (similar maker/colour) balls at their expense.

However:

- If the Away Team wish to offer two balls (similar maker/colour) which the Home Team is happy to use then that shall be so. Again, this is done so at the Away Teams expense.
- 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.
- Instances of non-agreement ahead of the day of the game may be flagged to the Welsh Cup competition organiser, although they shall rule in strict agreement with that outlined above.

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### 3. Dates for 2021 Competition

The following dates apply throughout the 2021 competition.

No. teams	Round	Date	1st Reserve Sunday	2nd Reserve Sunday	3rd Reserve Sunday	Absolute Deadline Date*
greater than 64	Pre-lim	25/04/2021	02/05/2021	n/a	n/a	07/05/2021
64	<b>1st Round (SC &amp; N)</b>	09/05/2021	16/05/2021	23/05/2021	30/05/2021	04/06/2021
	<b>SW &amp; SE</b>	16/05/2021	23/05/2021	30/05/2021	n/a	04/06/2021
32	<b>2nd Round</b>	06/06/2021	13/06/2021	20/06/2021	n/a	25/06/2021
16	<b>3rd Round</b>	27/06/2021	04/07/2021	11/07/2021	n/a	16/07/2021
8	<b>Qtr Final</b>	18/07/2021	25/07/2021	01/08/2021	n/a	06/08/2021
4	<b>Semi Final</b>	08/08/2021	15/08/2021	22/08/2021	29/08/2021	03/09/2021
2	<b>Final</b>	05/09/2021	12/09/2021	19/09/2021	n/a	n/a

**Note\*:** A date which is the LAST date a fixture can be played

If the competition can't start on the scheduled dates alternative dates will be published and all clubs informed

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## 4. Competition Rules

Section	No.	Rule
<b>Entry Process</b>	<b>EP1</b>	Entry to the Welsh Cup is open to all clubs who are affiliated to and recognised by Cricket Wales.
	<b>EP2</b>	A club wishing to enter or be re-admitted into the Competition must give written notice to that effect to the Competition organiser.
	<b>EP3</b>	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.
	<b>EP4</b>	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.
<b>Draw</b>	<b>Dr1</b>	The Welsh Cricket Cup Competition is open to all member clubs of Cricket Wales. The competition is organised in four zones, arranged roughly geographically.
	<b>Dr2</b>	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 utilised 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.
	<b>Dr3</b>	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.
	<b>Dr4</b>	For the 2021 season Cricket Wales will make the draw for the Preliminary round and First round and publish via a Video link on the Cricket Wales website as well as informing clubs directly and placing all fixtures on Play Cricket.
	<b>Dr5</b>	The draw for the subsequent rounds will be made as soon as practically 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.
	<b>Dr6</b>	From the Quarter Finals onwards there will be an 'open' draw.
	<b>Dr7</b>	Match Day Managers will be nominated for each Qtr, 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.
<b>Match Dates</b>	<b>M1</b>	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.
	<b>M2</b>	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.
	<b>M3</b>	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 club's grounds are unavailable on the original date then an alternative date will have to be agreed upon.
<b>Weather</b>	<b>W1</b>	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.
	<b>W2</b>	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.
	<b>W3</b>	From the Quarter Final onward the games MUST be played on the scheduled date, or on the Reserve date(s). Exceptionally* these games shall 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]
<b>Results</b>	<b>R1</b>	The winning team must text/e mail the result of the match, including the team scores, to the Competition Organiser, immediately after the match has been played. 07501 392199 – ian.martin@cricketwales.org.uk
	<b>R2</b>	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.
	<b>R3</b>	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.
	<b>R4</b>	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.
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>E1</b>	A player shall only be eligible to play for a club in the Welsh Cup if he/she is a bona-fide, fully paid-up member of that club.
	<b>E2</b>	If a club is member of a League, a cricketer 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 League.
	<b>E3</b>	A cricketer shall only be eligible to play in the Welsh Cup for one club in any one season.
	<b>E4</b>	No player who has played in a total of three or more "First Class," "List A" or Twenty20 (at men's international or County Level) matches in the current season, or in the season immediately prior to the current season, either in this country or abroad, shall be eligible to be included in any team in the Competition. (players whose only "First Class" experience is restricted to matches played for a MCCU team against county opposition may play in the competition).
	<b>E5</b>	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 also fined a sum of £100 and entry to the Welsh Cup Competition for the following season will be subject to a decision by the Competition Organiser.
	<b>E6</b>	Any player who is banned by his or her League is not eligible to play in the Welsh Cricket Cup Competition, providing that the Disciplinary Procedures, including the Right of Appeal as laid down below, have been strictly applied
	<b>E7</b>	No player may play in the Welsh Cricket Cup Competition to which the Welsh Cup Rules apply if he/she is not qualified to play county cricket as an EU qualified cricketer under the provisions set out by the ECB in its Regulations relating to such qualifications unless . . .
	<b>E7a</b>	the player has been resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 18 months before March 31st in the year of the competition and he/she has not been out of this country for longer than 35 days consecutively or 70 days in total during the previous two years. This information should be evidenced through bank statements and/or utility bills or other appropriate documents
	<b>E7b</b>	has not played in an official men's TEST MATCH during the current/or in the three previous calendar years. (For the purpose of this rule 'TEST MATCH' is only matches played between Test playing countries over one or more days)
	<b>E7c</b>	application has been made in writing to the Competition Organiser not later than seven full days before the first scheduled tie for that club in the year to which the application refers and providing all the relevant documentation necessary to validate the application
<b>Disputes</b>	<b>Dis1</b>	Difficulties or appeals from clubs shall be referred to the Competitions Organiser
	<b>Dis2</b>	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
<b>Dis3</b>	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
<b>Dis4</b>	Following any response from the other club, the matter will be determined by a special committee under the chairmanship of the Competitions Organiser.
<b>Dis5</b>	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 shall consist of 40 overs per innings, unless otherwise agreed by both captains prior to the start of play. 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 7.30 pm.
		The national semi-finals and final will commence at 1:00 pm and the finishing time shall be 7.30 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. If Covid restrictions are in place the interval shall be no longer than twenty minutes and clubs should not prepare food for participants. Individuals should bring their own food and drink for 'teas'. Water bottles or other refreshment containers should not be shared.
		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 can be no later than 8:00 pm, except in the case of a midweek evening match when the hours of play shall be agreed by the respective clubs by noon on the day preceding the match.
		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 the event of their failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed, and the batting side will be credited with 6 runs for every whole over that has not been bowled. This will apply to both innings of the match.
		If the side batting second is credited with runs in this way and this consequently takes their score to or past their victory target, then the match shall be deemed to be won by the side batting second.
		All penalties in this regard will be imposed immediately the ball first becomes dead after the scheduled or re-scheduled finishing time for the innings.
		In determining whether the time limit has been breached the umpires will make due allowance for drinks intervals, unscheduled stoppages of play, time spent in moving sightscreens, sanitising breaks etc.
	Disruptions	D1
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.		
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 Appendix C.		
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, 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.
		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.
		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.
		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. Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations regarding the number of overs to be played
	<b>D2</b>	<p><b>Revised target - for games up to Quarter Final</b></p> <p>If the team batting second has not had the opportunity to complete the agreed number of overs, and has neither been all out, nor has passed its opponent's score, the following shall apply:</p> <p>a. If the match is abandoned before the Close of Play, the result shall be decided on the average run-rate throughout the innings.</p> <p>b. If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the side batting second has to be revised, the target to beat shall be calculated by multiplying the reduced number of overs by the average runs per over scored by the side batting first. If the target involves a fraction of a run, the final scores cannot be equal and the result cannot be a tie.</p> <p>c. In the event of the team batting first being all out in fewer than their full quota of overs the calculation of their average run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which they would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which they were dismissed.</p> <p>d. A team's average run rate is calculated by dividing the number of runs scored in its innings by the number of legitimate balls received during that innings. In the case of the team batting first being dismissed in fewer than the number of overs allocated for their innings, the calculation will be based on the number of balls that the team was scheduled to receive and not on the number actually received. In the case of the team batting second being unable to receive their allocated overs, the calculation of their average run rate will be based on the actual number of legitimate deliveries received by them during their innings. The average run rate can be calculated to any number of decimal positions and a tie can only be achieved if the average run rates are identical.</p>
	<b>D3</b>	For <b>Quarter Final games and beyond</b> - 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 <b>Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method ("DLS")</b> in accordance with instructions issued from time to time by the management committee.
<b>Officials</b>	<b>O1</b>	For all Section matches independent umpires will be arranged by ACO (Wales). Before (and not including) the quarter-finals, clubs will share the cost of umpires (a flat fee of £40 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 £45 (reflecting potential increases in travelling costs).
	<b>O2</b>	The umpires are the sole judges of the fitness of the ground, weather, and light for play.
	<b>O3</b>	The home team must provide the umpires with two cricket balls in good condition, but not necessarily new ones, before the match starts except from the Quarter Finals onwards when two new balls will be provided by Cricket Wales.
	<b>O4</b>	The visiting captain may choose the ball that his team will use, leaving the other ball with which the home team will bowl.
<b>Fielding Restrictions</b>	<b>FR1</b>	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
	<b>FR2</b>	Negative bowling – If a ball is delivered in such a manner that the striker is denied the opportunity of playing or attempting to play a normal cricket stroke from where he is standing, or from his normal guard position, the umpire at the bowler's end will call and signal 'wide ball'.



	<b>FR3</b>	All balls bowled down the LEG SIDE shall be called a WIDE BALL by the umpires
	<b>FR4</b>	The following restrictions relating to the placement of fielders shall apply to all matches in the Welsh Cricket Cup Competition -
	<b>FR5</b>	At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fieldsmen (plus the wicket keeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump, each with a radius of 30 yards, and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal 'No Ball'.



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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 batsman 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.

## 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 batsman 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."

## 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.

## 9. Discipline Process

### Disciplinary Procedure

1. The Umpires will fully apply the provisions of Law 42 Laws of Cricket (2018 edition)
2. In addition, the umpires inform captain(s) at the end of the match that they are making a report.
2. The offending player AND his captain are on report
3. Umpires write report using the ECB pro forma and decide whether it is L1/2/3/4
4. Report to be sent to Competition Organiser, to arrive by the Wednesday following the match
5. Competition Organiser receives result sheet or report sheet and notifies Cricket Wales disciplinary chairman.
  - a. If confirmed that it is an L1 or L2 offence including a warning for a first L1 offence
    - i. Hon Sec informs club
    - ii. Club is required to take action within 7 days or immediately refer the matter back to the disciplinary committee
    - iii. Club is required to report the action taken and reason for sanction
    - iv. Hon Sec reports to disciplinary chairman
    - v. If the sanction is satisfactory that concludes the procedure
    - vi. If the disciplinary chairman considers that the sanction was inadequate, a panel is convened and the procedure in 5b is followed
  - b. If confirmed that it is an L3 or L4 offence
    - i. A disciplinary panel is convened within 14 days
    - ii. Case is heard
    - iii. Appeal to full MC if appropriate
6. In all cases, all member clubs will be informed of the outcome

### Disciplinary Offences

This list is not intended to be exhaustive

#### Level 1

- a time wasting by either the fielding side or the batting side
- b abuse of the cricket ground, equipment or fixtures
- c showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- d using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and or the making of an obscene gesture
- e excessive appealing

#### Level 2

- a showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- b inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play
- c charging or advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- d deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play, regardless as to whether such conduct is deemed to be fair under law 41.5
- e throwing the ball at or near a player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and dangerous manner
- f using language or gesture that is obscene or of a serious insulting nature to another player, umpire, team official or spectator
- g changing the condition of the ball other than as permitted by Law 41.3
- h the bowling of fast short pitched balls that result in the bowler being disallowed from bowling further in that innings

- i causing avoidable damage to the pitch contrary to Laws 41.12 and/or Law 41.14 that results in a five run penalty being awarded

### Level 3

- a intimidating an umpire
- b threatening to assault another player, team official or spectator  
using language or gesture that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify
- c another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin
- d the deliberate bowling of any high full-pitched ball or a deliberate front foot No Ball contrary to Laws 41.7 and 41.8

### Level 4

- a threatening an umpire
- b physical assault of another player, umpire, official or spectator
- c any act of violence on the field of play  
using language or gestures that seriously offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten,
- d disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin

## Disciplinary Penalties

The Disciplinary Committee may:

### 1. In the case of a player

- 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:-

- 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

- a Level 1: One to two match ban for a first offence.
- b Level 2: Two to four match ban for a first offence
- c Levels 3 & 4: Four+ match ban for a first offence.

### 4. Factors taken into account

- 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 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

## 10. Match Day Manager – Roles & Responsibilities (from Qtr Finals)

### Match Day Manager - rationale for introduction

In line with the decision to make the Welsh Cup an 'open draw' from the Quarter Final stage onward it has been decided to create an additional role to help support the playing of the game on the day. With an expected increase in the occasion's teams might need to travel (from Qtr Final stage) it has been decided that an additional 'local' expert be appointed who can act as the Competition Organisers 'on site' Deputy who can deal and manage with all eventualities that occur on the day e.g. carry out an early pitch inspection should the host Club (or visiting Club) feel the need for a definitive second opinion on the day, act as a general liaison point between parties on the day.

### Match Day Manager - Roles & Responsibilities

- 1) The Match Day Manager role has been introduced to the latter and very important stages of ties within the Welsh Cup (Quarter Final, Semi Final & Final)
- 2) The primary purpose of the MDM role is someone wholly responsible **ON THE DAY** for the smooth running of the tie. That is, to be the Competition Organisers '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.
- 3) 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
- 4) MDMs will be drawn from suitably qualified,  
Cricket Wales Staff  
Wales ACO member\*  
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)
- 5) MDMs will be appointed to each game from the Quarter Final Stage onwards and will be notified in the same manner and time as umpires are appointed using the WTU (Who's The Umpire) process
- 6) 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.  
The MDM role is ultimately one of liaison between parties, support & guidance ON THE DAY. Whilst
- 7) 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 wicket/ground inspection