

HUNTINGDON & PETERBOROUGH COUNTY RUGBY UNION KNOCK OUT COMPETITION RULES

Description

1. The competition will be organised by the Committee of The Huntingdon & Peterborough County Rugby Union. The decision of the Chairman is binding and final on any matter not covered by these regulations and all on their interpretation.

Eligibility

1. The competition is open to all clubs in membership of H&PCRUC having paid their relevant subscriptions to H&PCRUC.
2. In the case of any club in or above Midlands 1, this club will field a second team in the competition. A second team player is defined as having not made more than five starts for their club at first team level in league or cup matches during the current season.
3. The number of replacements for each team shall be a maximum of 5 players of which one shall be an experienced front row player. The number of replacements is to be agreed by both teams with the appointed referee prior to the commencement of the match.

Players

A club in the competition may only play or select as replacement, players who hold a club membership. A player may only represent one club in this competition in a season.

The Draw

The draw for the H&PCRUC Knock Out Cup will be made each year at the Annual General Meeting.

Clash of Colours

In the event of clubs having similar or clashing colours, the home team shall be responsible for changing its colours subject to the satisfaction of the appointed referee.

Postponed and Abandoned Matches

1. If conditions prevent a match being played or a match is abandoned at any time before full time, it shall be played before the date of the next round on a day to be agreed between the two clubs concerned or, failing agreement as directed by the Chairman of H&PCRUC.
2. The winning club will be responsible for informing the Secretary of H&PCRUC.

Grounds

3. The home club is responsible for correctly and clearly marking its pitch and it must make proper provision to ensure that (with the

exception of the of the touch judges) all spectators, replacements and officials are kept at a reasonable distance from the field of play.

Drawn Matches

In all rounds (including the Final), if after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level, then there shall be an immediate period of replay between the same teams of 10 minutes each way, with one minute interval. If the scores are then still equal, the team that has scored the most tries shall go forward into the next round as winner. If this does not produce a result the team that has scored the most goals from tries goes forward into the next round as winners. If the scores are still equal, the tries still be equal and the goals from the tries still be equal, the visiting team shall go forward into the next round as winners (including the Final).

Protests, Disputes and Transgressions

Any matters in dispute or any transgressions of these rules shall be referred immediately to the Secretary of H&PCRUC by telephone if necessary, providing written confirmation follows within 48 hours. The Chairman shall have an absolute discretion to resolve any such protests or disputes as he shall think fit and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may decline to act upon a protest validly made if he considers doing so be in the interests of the Competition generally. As under rule 1, the decision of the Chairman shall be final and binding on all parties.