

## 2021-22 LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITION RULEBOOK

### RULE 6: COMPETITION SYSTEM (CUPS)

- 6.1 Entry to national cup competitions must be received by AoC Sport on or before the first day of the league season.
- 6.2 AoC Sport reserves the right to cancel any cup competitions in which low entries mean there is not a round of 16 and reimburse entry fees accordingly.
- 6.3 The national cup competitions will be run either in knockout format or with teams playing in groups prior to a knockout stage: -
  - In the early stages of the competition every attempt will be made to 'localise' the draw
  - Teams will be expected to travel out of region in the later rounds of the cup.
- 6.4 A draw will be made by the Competition Administration Officer and all knockout games are to be played at the ground of the first named team (unless agreed otherwise by both teams).
- 6.5 The competition dates for fixtures are available on the AoC Sport competitions calendar which can be accessed on the AoC Sport website. These will be the final play-by dates for each round. Matches can be played prior to these dates if both teams are in agreement.
- 6.6 Matches will be played on the Wednesday afternoon designated by AoC Sport unless both teams agree to play on another day.
- 6.7 Games will commence between 1:30pm and 3:00pm unless otherwise agreed by both teams.
- 6.8 In knockout rounds, all games must be played on a one-off basis with no replays.
- 6.9 Flexible format rules cannot be used in cup matches.
- 6.10 AoC Sport cup matches take priority over league and play-off matches.

- 6.11 Failure to comply with these cup dates may result in the toss of a coin to decide which team progresses to the next round.
- 6.12 Where cup or play-off matches are cancelled due to inclement weather, they must be played on the following term time Wednesday. To keep the competition on schedule, it may be necessary for a team to forego home advantage if, after a game has been postponed once due to weather, the pitch of the away team is playable.
- 6.13 In the interests of maximising participation, AoC Sport reserves the right to reinstate a team to a cup competition where the team that knocked them out of the competition withdraws prior to the next round.