



ENTRIES FOR DORSET & WILTS

RFU COMPETITIONS 2018/2019

Entries are invited for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XV knock out competitions for next season.

The Competitions Committee will decide the best format for the knock outs, dependent on entries and geography. It is hoped there will be RFU knock outs next season and our competitions will again be used to nominate teams into them. The Dorset & Wilts Cup will be for teams at Level 7 (entry into the RFU intermediate Cup) the Vase for teams at level 8 (entry to RFU Senior Vase) and the Plate for teams at level 9 and below (entry to the RFU Junior Vase). The 2nd XV competition will again be split in two, the Cup and the Shield. Any seeding required will be decided by the Competitions Committee, usually 2nd XVs at Level 8 and above in the Cup and all others in the Shield.

The Competition administrator is to be notified of any agreement to play before the 'play-by' date set for the match. Clubs are reminded that games can be played midweek, under lights, providing both sides agree. Clubs who do not have match lights could look to use local clubs who do and the County will cover the costs of using the lights.

The current intention is to use **all** the 'non-league weekends/reserve weekends' before Christmas to run the knock out competitions which, for 1st XVs but not others, would be part of an RFU Competition and take priority over league games. We have been asked to complete the 1st XV Competitions as soon as possible in the season. The draws will be done in mid-June and the details including the 'play-by' dates will be published directly. **Clubs must also be aware that we will not be able to let competitions get too far into arrears and the Competitions Administrators will set dates by which games must be played. This may well require that Clubs will have to agree to midweek games at Neutral venues or Sunday fixtures. Any club unable to meet the deadline will have to concede the tie.**

The entry fee is listed on the form. Invoices for payment will be sent to clubs once entry received, giving clubs the option to either pay by cheque or electronically. All entries, using the pro-forma attached, are to be sent to D&W RFU Competitions Committee c/o Mike Moysey, 42 Lacy Drive, Wimborne Dorset BH21 or e-mailed to michaelmoysey@gmail.com. All entries are to be received by **1st June 2018**.

We hope that the format of the Competitions will continue to encourage the few teams that have not entered previously to do so. However, having entered, failure to fulfil a Competition fixture may result in the club being excluded from the following season's competition and renders a club open to a fine if the circumstances warrant it. In order to ensure a level playing field in respect of the selection of Cup dates a lower team cannot be entered into a knock out unless the higher team has also been entered, i.e. a 1st XV must be entered if a 2nd XV is to enter.

Please note that for the coming season a club that withdraws its team from the 1st XV Cup or 2nd XV Cup will be deemed to have withdrawn its 2nd XV & 3rd XV respectively from any knock out if it is still in one.

Teams that are entered in the 1st XV Plate or Bowl may withdraw without their lower ranked teams being excluded from the 2nd XV Shield or 3rd XV Cup.

I hope that your Committee will consider the pros and cons and then decide to enter its teams and fulfil the commitments it has undertaken.

Clive Drake **Chairman Dorset & Wilts RFU Competitions Committee**

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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

To:

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D&W RFU Competitions Committee
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Wimborne
Dorset
BH21 1DG*

From:

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(to be returned by 1st June 2018)

ENTRIES FOR DORSET & WILTS RFU CUP COMPETITIONS 2018/2019

* (Delete as appropriate)

We wish to enter teams as follows in Dorset & Wilts KO Competitions in 2018/19.

1st XV 2nd XV * 3rd XV* (please circle to enter team)

Entry fees: - £40 (entry for 1 team), £70 (entry for 2 teams), £90 (entry for 3 teams).

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____ Position in the Club: Chairman / Secretary / Fixture Sec*

Address _____

Other committee appointment _____

E-mail: _____

Tel: _____

Can your club offer facilities to host mid-week floodlit matches (are your lights up to match standard) YES / NO please indicate if you can help.

ANY COMMENTS-