

**ENTRIES FOR DORSET & WILTS RFU****KNOCK OUT CUP COMPETITIONS 2020/21**

To All Dorset & Wilts Clubs

Clearly during this time of unprecedented difficulties we all remain in the dark as to when rugby might start up again and indeed when the 2020/21 season will commence. That said we are endeavouring to ensure that all normal planning and administrative activities are in place as far as they can be to support our clubs and getting rugby going again as and when that happens.

Entries are therefore invited for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XV knock out competitions for next season in line with our normal processes. The Competitions Committee will decide the best format for the knock outs, dependent on the number entries, geography and any implications arising from RFU directives concerning the new season.

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).

Any 1st XV at Level 6 or above that would like to take part in a knock out Cup competition can they please indicate on the entry form. If we get sufficient positive responses we will consider a running a Competition at this level in future seasons

The 2nd XV and 3rd XV competitions will be run providing there are sufficient entries to provide for a meaningful competition

The exact format to be decided by the Committee including the split between the Cup and the Shield at 2nd XV level.

The current intention is to use **all** the 'non-league weekends/reserve weekends' before Christmas to run the knock out competitions which, for 1st XV's but not others, would be part of an RFU Competition and take priority over league games. This will of course be dependent on sufficient nominated cup/spare weekends in the Structured Season when published.

On receipt of entries the draws will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity but clearly not until we have received further indication of the season format.

The entry fee is listed on the form. Invoices for payment will be sent to clubs once entry received and competitions confirmed, 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 Michael Moysey, 42 Lacy Drive, Wimborne Dorset BH21 1DG or e-mailed to michaelmoysey@gmail.com. All entries are to be received by 6 June 2020.

Other Information (as per previous seasons)

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.

Clubs must also be aware that the Competitions Administrators will set dates by which games must be played and will not permit any competition to become too far in arrears. 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.

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 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 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.

Dorset & Wilts RFU Competitions Committee



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to be returned by 6 June2020

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* (Delete as appropriate)

We wish to enter teams as follows in Dorset & Wilts KO Competitions in 2020/21.

1st XV 2nd XV 3rd XV

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:

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 FURTHER COMMENTS ON CURRENT KNOCK OUT CUP COMPETITION PROPOSALS: