

## COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS

### *Rules of the* **CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated as Senior Cup 1897 Renamed the Challenge  
Cup 1921  
Renamed the Cliff Bullen Challenge Cup 2004

#### ***Name of Cup***

1. The Competition shall be called 'The Cliff Bullen Cambridgeshire Football Association Challenge Cup Competition'.

#### ***Annual Competition***

2. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Football Association.

#### ***Entry and Fees***

3. (a) Each Club wishing to compete shall give notice to the Chief Executive of the Association on or before the 1st June of each year.  
(b) Each Club competing shall pay a fee of £20, such sum to be paid at the time of entry.

#### ***Qualification of Players***

4. The members of each competing team shall have the following qualifications:
  - (a) Each player shall have been a registered member of the Club prior to playing or **one player** may sign a fully completed competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing, countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the Opposing Club and submitted to the competition within 2 days of the match. Players registered on match day shall not be eligible to play again until after the Club is in possession of the approval of the competition.  
Registration forms may be submitted to the Competitions Secretary by facsimile machine or electronic mail prior to the player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within 3 days to the appropriate Officer.
  - (b) In the semi-final and final ties all players must have been registered members of their Club for at least 21 days before the first semi-final and final dates and have played at least two Competition matches in the current season for the Club they represent.
  - (c) Any player who for reasons other than suspension is not eligible to take part in a match on the day appointed for the fixture shall not be eligible to take part in any replays in connection therewith.
  - (d) A player who plays for two Clubs in the same Cup Competition shall be charged and dealt with by the Association's appropriate committee.

#### ***Draw and Date of Ties***

5. The ties shall be drawn and the dates fixed by the Council, and the Competitions' Secretary of the Association shall send to each Club the full draw and the dates upon which the ties are to be played.

#### ***Grounds***

6. (a) The Clubs shall be drawn in pairs, all byes being drawn in the first round. The Club first drawn in each Tie shall have choice of ground but no Club shall play on a neutral ground without the consent of the Council except in the Final, which shall be played on a ground selected by the Council. Up to the semi-final, Clubs may be zoned geographically at the discretion of the Council.  
(b) Should the ground of the Club which has the choice of ground not be available, either Club may appeal to the Council who shall decide upon a ground on which the tie shall be played.

***Duration of Play***

7. Duration of play in all matches shall be of 90 minutes. If the scores are level, kicks from the penalty mark will take place to obtain a winner, as per the County Handbook.

In the event of a match not being completed and neither Club being at fault, the match shall be replayed on the ground of the Club which had not the choice of ground for the first match.

In the Final match the duration of the match shall be of 90 minutes, if the scores are still level kicks from the penalty mark will take place to obtain the winner.

***Sharing Receipts***

8. (a) In all rounds of the Competition prior to the final tie any gate money after paying the usual match expenses (printing, advertising, match officials and floodlighting up to a cost of £30) shall be divided equally between the competing Clubs. A statement of accounts shall be submitted within 7 days by the Home Club to the visiting Club and the Association. Any financial loss incurred shall be agreed between competing Clubs otherwise it shall be decided by the Association.
- (b) The Association shall take receipts in the Final Tie.
- (c) The Club on whose ground the Final Tie is played shall be paid a sum to be approved by the Association.

**Rules of the  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1897

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1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Junior Challenge Cup Competition'.
- 2 The Competition shall be open to all Cambridgeshire affiliated Clubs not entered for the Challenge Cup or the Premier and Senior "A" and "B" Divisions of the Cambs. League. Reserve Teams of the above mentioned Clubs may compete. Clubs may not enter the same team in both this and the Lower Junior Cup Competition or enter a more senior team in the Lower Junior Cup.
- 3 In all rounds of the Competition prior to the Final tie any gate money, after paying the usual match expenses (printing, advertising, match officials and floodlighting up to a cost of £30) shall be divided equally between the competing Clubs. A statement of accounts may be requested within 7 days from the Home Club by the visiting Club and the Association.
- 4 The Association shall take all receipts in the Final tie.
- 5 The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 3(a) and (b), 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b) and 7 of the Cambridgeshire Football Association Challenge Cup Competition.

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**Rules of the  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
WILLIAM COAD INTERMEDIATE CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 2010

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1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association William Coad Intermediate Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to any Club affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Football Association who play in the Cambridgeshire County League Kershaw Senior 'A' or Senior 'B' Leagues.  
(Note: Clubs may still enter the Challenge Cup Competition).
3. The other Rules of this Competition are as per the Cambridgeshire Football Association Challenge Cup Competition.

**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL CUP**  
**COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1958  
(Replacement Cup: 1985)  
*Trophy donated by the late A.W. Smith*

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Professional Cup' and shall be competed for annually by Professional Clubs selected by the Association.
2. The control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council of the Association who may delegate its powers to a Committee.
3. Each Club shall confirm its entry to the Chief Executive of the Association not later than 1st June each season, accompanied by the entry fee of £25.
4. The matches will be played on dates to be mutually agreed by both the competing Clubs and the Association.
5. If the match results in a draw at the end of normal time, the Competition will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by the International Football Association set out in the County handbook.
6. Unless otherwise agreed by the Association, the receipts from all matches after the payment of match expenses (including floodlighting up to the cost of £30) shall be divided in the proportion of one-third to each competing Club and the Association.
7. Subject to the foregoing the Rules of the Football Association Challenge Cup Competition shall apply.

**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**INVITATION CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1950  
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1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Invitation Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open for annual competition between such Clubs as the Council may from time to time invite: the number not to exceed 16 Clubs.
3. Up to and including the Semi-Finals matches shall be played on the ground of the first named Club. Clubs accepting an invitation to join this Competition who do not have floodlights will play their matches on their opponent's ground. The Final shall be played on a neutral ground.
4. The maximum admission charge shall be up to £7.50 with visiting clubs provided with six complimentary tickets. In the rounds before the Final, the gate money, after paying the usual match expenses (printing, advertising, match officials, visiting Club's travelling expenses and floodlighting up to a cost of £50) shall be divided equally between the competing Clubs. A statement of Accounts shall be supplied to the visiting Club and the Association within 14 days of any match.
5. In the Final the proceeds shall be divided in the proportion of one-third to each competing Club and the Association.
6. Assistant Referees shall be appointed by the Council in all rounds of the Competition.
7. In the Semi-Final and Final ties all Players must have been registered members of their Club for at least 7 days before the first Semi-Final and Final.
8. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 3 (b), 4(a), (c) and (d), and 6(a) and (b) of the Cambridgeshire Football Association Challenge Cup Competition.

**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S INVITATION**  
**CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 2003  
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***sponsored by S-Tech***

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Women's Invitation Cup Competition'.
  2. The Competition shall be open for annual competition between such Clubs as the Council may from time to time invite.
  3. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 3(b), 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b) and 7 of the Cambridgeshire Football Association Challenge Cup Competition.
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**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S JUNIOR**  
**INVITATION CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 2006  
*Trophy donated by S-Tech Insurance*

***sponsored by S-Tech***

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Women's Junior Invitation Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open for annual competition between such Clubs as the Council may from time to time invite.
3. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 3 (a) and (b), 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b) and 7 of the Cambridgeshire Football Association Challenge Cup Competition, and Rule 4 of the Cambridgeshire Football Association Junior Challenge Cup Competition.

**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LOWER JUNIOR CHALLENGE**  
**CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1950  
*Trophy donated by the late H. C. Finbow*

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Lower Junior Challenge Cup Competition'.
  2. The Competition shall be open to all Cambridgeshire affiliated Clubs competing in Division 3, Division 4 and Division 5 of the Cambridgeshire League and other Junior Leagues in the County at the discretion of the Council.
  3. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 3(a) and (b), 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b), and 7 of the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup Competition, and Rule 4 of the Junior Challenge Cup Competition.
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**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION NORTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP**  
**COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1952  
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1. The Competition shall be called the 'North Cambridgeshire Junior Challenge Cup Competition' and shall be restricted to Clubs in the North of the County.
2. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Football Association not entered for the Challenge Cup or who compete in the Kershaw Premier and Senior "A" and "B" Divisions of the Cambridgeshire League. Reserve teams of the above mentioned Clubs may compete.
3. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 3(a) and (b), 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b), and 7 of the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup Competition and Rule 4 of the Junior Challenge Cup Competition.

**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SUNDAY CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1968  
*Trophy donated by the Cambridgeshire Football Association*

As per the Rules for the Cambridgeshire Football Association's Challenge Cup Competition  
**except:**

*Rule 2- replace with* The Competition shall be open to the team of any Club affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Football Association which plays in any duly affiliated Sunday Football League Competition.

*Rule 4 -add*

(e) No contract player or apprentice shall be eligible to compete.

*Rule 5 -add*

By mutual arrangement between competing Clubs the time for the kick-off may be earlier than the official time, provided that not less than fourteen days' notice be given to the Competitions' Secretary.

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**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**SUNDAY CENTENARY CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1984  
*Trophy donated by the late Freddie Segrave*

***sponsored by C J Murfitt Limited***

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Sunday Centenary Cup'.
2. The Competition shall be mandatory for all Cambridgeshire affiliated clubs that have been eliminated from the Sunday Challenge Cup in the first or second round.
3. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 3(a) and (b), 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b), and 7 of the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup Competition and Rule 4 of the Cambridgeshire Junior Challenge Cup Competition.



**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**NORTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE SUNDAY INVITATION CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1994  
*Trophy donated by Rex Mallett*

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association North Cambridgeshire Sunday Invitation Cup'.
2. The Competition shall be open to affiliated Clubs competing in the Wisbech and District Sunday League, Peterborough Sunday Leagues, Spalding Sunday League, King's Lynn Sunday League and other affiliated Clubs at the discretion of the Council.
3. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 3(a) and (b), 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b), and 7 of the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup Competition and Rule 4 of the Cambridgeshire Junior Challenge Cup Competition.

***Rules of the***  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**MICK NORTH & BARRY BREWER MEMORIAL UNDER 14 CUP**

Boys U13 inaugurated 2005 Renamed Youth U13 in 2011 Renamed U13 Challenge in 2012  
Renamed Mick North & Barry Brewer Memorial U13 Cup in 2013 Changed to an U14 competition in 2014

*Trophy donated by the Cambridgeshire Football Association*

***sponsored by JKL Consultants Ltd.***

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Under 14 Challenge Cup.
2. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Football Association with teams who play in the Cambridge and District Colts League, the Eastern Junior Alliance League, the Fenland Youth League, the Ipswich and Suffolk Youth League, the Mid-Norfolk Youth League, the Peterborough Junior Alliance League or the Royston Crow League.
3. Players must be over 12 and under 14 years of age on the 31st August preceding the season in question.
4. Each Club wishing to compete shall give notice to the Chief Executive of the Association on or before the 1st June of each year.
5. Each Club competing shall pay a fee of £10, such sum to be paid at the time of entry.
6. A match shall be of 70 minutes duration in all rounds. If the scores are level kicks from the penalty mark will take place to obtain the winner.
7. A form shall be provided by the Association, to each competing Club, upon which a Club's players shall sign their names and state their date of birth. Players will only be allowed to register for one Club.
8. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b) of the Challenge Cup Competition.

**Please note this competition has been suspended for the 2019-20 season**

**Rules of the**  
**BRENDA INCE MEMORIAL UNDER 16 CUP**

Inaugurated 1976

***sponsored by Highfield Event Group Ltd.***

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Pye Youth Challenge Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Football Association, who play in the Cambridge and District Colts League, the Eastern Junior Alliance, the Fenland Youth League, the Ipswich and Suffolk Youth League, the Mid-Norfolk Youth League, the Peterborough Youth League or the Royston CrowLeague.
3. Players must be boys of over 14 and under 16 years of age on the 31st August preceding the season in question.
4. Each Club wishing to compete shall give notice to the Chief Executive of the Association on or before the 1st June of each year.
5. Each Club competing shall pay a fee of £10, such sum to be paid at the time of entry.
6. A match shall be of 80 minutes duration in all rounds. If the scores are level kicks from the penalty mark will take place to obtain the winner, as per the County Handbook.
7. A form shall be provided by the Association, to each competing Club, upon which a Club's players shall sign their names and state their date of birth. Players will only be allowed to register for one Club.
8. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b), and 7 of the Challenge Cup Competition.
9. No contract player or apprentice professional shall be allowed to participate.

**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION YOUTH**  
**CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1955  
*sponsored by Highfield Event Group Ltd.*

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Football Association Munns Youth Challenge Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Football Association.
3. Players must be boys who have achieved the age of 15 and are under 18 years of age by midnight on 31st August of the playing season. All Clubs affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Football Association with teams playing in Midweek Floodlit Under 18 Youth Leagues should enter this competition. Other qualified Clubs that enter will play matches on their opponent's ground if drawn to play at home and floodlights are not available. Players registered with both midweek and Sunday Clubs will only be eligible to play for their midweek Club. All matches will be played on midweek evenings.
4. Each Club wishing to compete shall give notice to the Chief Executive of the Association on or before the 1st June of each year and shall pay a fee of £10, such sum to be paid at the time of entry.
5. The other Rules of this Competition are as Rules 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), 5, 6(a) and (b), and 7 of the Cambridgeshire Football Association Challenge Cup Competition and Rule 4 of the Junior Challenge Cup Competition.
6. No contract player or apprentice professional shall be allowed to participate.

**Rules of the**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL CUP COMPETITION**

Inaugurated 1995

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Addenbrooke's Hospital Cup Competition' and shall be competed for annually by Clubs or Representative Teams selected by the Cambridgeshire Football Association.
2. The control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council of the Cambridgeshire Football Association who may delegate its powers to a Committee.
3. The Competition shall consist of one match only and if the match is drawn at the end of ordinary time the Competition shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.
4. A team shall consist of eleven players who shall be bona-fide members of a Club.
5. Substitutes: A Club or Representative Team may, at its discretion, use up to five named substitutes at any time in the match except to replace a player/s who has/have been dismissed by the Referee. The names of all substitutes must be given to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game.
6. The receipts from the match, after payment of match expenses (including floodlighting up to £30) shall be donated to Addenbrooke's Hospital.
7. The Referee and Assistant Referees shall receive a trophy in lieu of a match fee, together with travelling expenses.