

24. CUP COMPETITIONS. As defined in SCOR with the following additions.

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

- (A). The Swindon Advertiser Cup Competition, the Trophy being the absolute property of the Swindon & District Football League and Cup Competitions and confined for annual competition to clubs who are members of the Swindon and District League.

The George Thomas/Don Rogers Cup Competition (the plate for the Swindon Advertiser Cup), being the absolute property of Mr. A Vockins and family, confined for annual completion to those clubs that fail to win their opening game in the Swindon Advertiser Competition.

ENTRY FEES

- (B). The entry fee for the Swindon Advertiser Cup Competition is in accordance with the published Tariff.
The entry fee for the George Thomas/Don Rogers Cup Competition is in accordance with the published Tariff.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- (C). Eligibility. To be eligible to play at each stage of this competition a player
- (i) Must be registered for the competing club in the Swindon & District Football League on or **before 31st December** each season.
 - (ii) Must have been registered at least **72 hours prior to the original date** fixed for the round.
 - iii) Must not have **played for another club** in any other Cup Competition controlled by the Swindon and District Football League during the current season.
 - (iv) Must not have played in any Competition (Cup or League) **SENIOR** to this (other than a County FA Junior Cup Competition), after the start of the current season, prior to playing in any game in the Competition. **For clarity, a player can play for a senior club BEFORE the SDFL season starts.**

Please Note: **Wiltshire Premier League & Hellenic** are the main local senior competitions. Lower Wiltshire Divisions are equivalent to SDFL.

Clubs should advise players about eligibility for cup matches as soon as they sign on. The League will remind signatories to exclusions on registration forms.

(v) To have played a game, players must have taken part in a match. Being named as substitute and not having played, does not count.

(vi) Semi-Final eligibility. Subject to the above conditions a player may compete from the Semi – Finals onwards

(a) If he has taken part in at least **4 Swindon & District Cup or League games** for his competing club during the current season.

(vii) Eligibility for postponed matches or replays

(a) In the case of postponed or replayed matches only players who were eligible to play on the date originally fixed for the tie shall be eligible to play.

(b) Players also excluded will be those who were under suspension by the County FA, through suspension in any competition, when the original tie was due to have taken place.

(viii) Where a team can prove to the satisfaction of the Management Committee that it has not been able to, or will not be able to, compete in at least 50% of its League fixtures up to the date of the Semi-Final, due to circumstances beyond its control, only players registered before 31st December each season and have played in at least two games in Competitions controlled by the Swindon & District Football League for that team, will be eligible to play in the Semi-Final.

(ix) Any winning teams proven to have fielded ineligible players without reasonable excuse shall be eliminated from the Competition and the tie awarded to their opponents, otherwise a replay shall be ordered with a fine in accordance with the published Tariff and match day expenses for the replay awarded against the defaulting team.

(x) Where a losing team is awarded a game and is also found guilty of playing an ineligible player, without good reason, it shall be eliminated.

(xi) The losing team shall not be unduly disadvantaged by the date of the replay. The same principle shall apply to any team involved in a drawn game that requires a replay.

CLUB COLOURS

- (D). If playing on a neutral ground the management Committee shall decide on the colours. The second team "drawn out of the hat" will change in clash of colours for the Final.

PLAYING SEASON, CONDITION OF PLAY, TIMES KICK OFF, SUBSTITUTES

- (E) (i) All matches must be played on the date fixed unless otherwise arranged by the Cups Secretary on behalf of the Management Committee.

(ii) **Ground.** The club first drawn shall have the choice of ground up to the Quarter Finals.

(iii) **Duration**

In the event of a **MATCH BEING DRAWN AT THE END OF 90 MINUTES AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES (15 minutes each way) MUST BE PLAYED.**

If a match is unresolved at the expiration of extra time, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA conditions.

(iv) **Match Expenses**

(i) The cost of staging each tie up to the Final will be borne equally by both competing Clubs, unless otherwise directed by the Management Committee, and must be settled on or before the day of the match.

(ii) Any club found guilty of failing to reimburse its opponents with its share of the cost of staging the match, on or before the day of the match, may be fined in accordance with the published Tariff.

(iii) Where the Management Committee directs that the League will pay all or part of the expenses for staging any match, up to the Final, the competing clubs must submit an application to the League, together with legitimate proof of expenditure incurred, within a time limit specified by the Management Committee.

(v) **The Final**

(i) The Final tie shall be played on a ground chosen by the Management Committee and competing clubs shall bear their own travelling expenses.

(ii) Both competing teams shall provide two footballs suitable for match play. Failure to do so, or if the match official deems one or more unsuitable, the defaulting club(s) shall be fined in accordance with the published Tariff.

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
24 (A)	EVENING ADVERTISER CUP ENTRY FEE	£25.00
24	GEORGE THOMAS/DON ROGERS CUP ENTRÉE FEE	£00.00

FINES TARIFF – "where a fine is mentioned in the rules but not specified in table below = £10.00"		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
24 (C ix)	FIELDING INELIGIBLE PLAYERS	£25.00
24 (E v)	FAILURE TO SUPPLY FOOTBALLS	£25.00