

Leicestershire Rugby Football Union

Cup Competition Rules 2019–2020

The rules of the competitions are as follows

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The names of the competitions are

Leicestershire County Cup

Leicestershire County Bowl

Leicestershire second team County Cup

Leicestershire second team County Bowl

Leicestershire Veterans County Cup

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Player Eligibility

2.1

Players in all the competitions must be bona fide members of the club for which they appear.

2.2

No player may play for more than one club in the competitions in any one season.

2.3

Veterans cup players should be over the age of 35 on 1st September 2019. Clubs are permitted three players over the age of 30 on 1st September 2019
In the match day squad

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The Draws

3.1

The draws will be made in accordance with the directions of the Committee.

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Fixture Secretaries will be informed by e-mail

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Draws will be publicised on the LRU websites

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Conditions of Play

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4.1

Each game to be played under the current Laws of the Game.

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Clubs may, if they mutually agree, play the fixture under floodlights either home away or at a neutral venue

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In the event of a game being played as a Midlands League/County Cup Double header League rules will apply and number of replacements apply until 80 minutes have been played.

4.4

All games should start at an agreed time and any delay may be reported by the non-offending club to the Committee and may lead to the disqualification of the offending club.

4.5

The matches must be played on or before the specified dates, unless the Leicestershire RFU

Competitions Committee agrees an alternative date. **All Dates agreed for cup games the home fixture secretary will notify the competitions secretary and confirm with the away side fixture secretary by email as soon as is practicable, failure to do so may result in the game being forfeited in the event of a dispute.**

As a general principle All games should be played at the first available opportunity and not put off to a potential future date

4.6

If a fixture is not fulfilled by the designated date or an alternative date agreed the non-offending club will go forward to the next round.

4.7

The Leicestershire RFU Competitions Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding on both clubs, will resolve any dispute.

4.8

Where there is a potential clash of commitments game precedence shall be as follows:

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(1) RFU Cup, (2) RFU League, (3) LRU

Cups, (4) Merit League, (5) friendlies.

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Ground Availability

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In the event of the home team pitch being unavailable or unplayable it shall be the Home Team's responsibility to find alternative playing facilities, and if ultimately necessary, by the use of the away team's facilities.

5.2

The Home team is responsible for ensuring the proper marking of its pitch, and for making proper provision for ensuring that all spectators, replacements and officials (with the exception of touch judges) are kept at a reasonable distance from the field of play.

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Result

6.1

If a match is a draw at the completion of the game then the team scoring the most tries goes through to the next round.

6.2

If this does not produce a result then extra time of 10 minutes each way shall be played with a 1 minute interval.

6.3

If the scores are still equal on the completion of extra time then the team that has scored most tries will be the winner.

6.4

If that does not produce a winner then the AWAY side shall be the winner.

If in the final the scores are still tied then penalty kicks are to be taken in front of the posts starting from the 22 Mt Line and each kick to be taken 5 yards further back until one kick is missed A Maximum of 5 Kicks If this still does not produce a winner then the trophy shall be shared and held by each participating club for six months

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Replacements:

7.1

In the All rounds and competitions teams may name and use up to 5 replacements with up to eight interchanges.

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7.2

In the interest of safety each team playing in each match in the competitions must have at least four players in their nominated match squad, all at least eighteen years of age, who are suitably trained and experienced to be capable of playing in the front row to ensure that on the first occasion (whether due to injury or consequent to a player(s) being temporarily suspended or ordered off) that a front row player is required to be replaced, the team can continue to safely play with contested scrums.

7.3

If in any match after the first occasion any front row player requires to be replaced and his team cannot provide a suitably trained and experienced replacement player at of least eighteen years of age to play in such a position in the front row to enable the teams to continue to safely play with contested scrums the referee having made enquiry of and confirmed this fact with the Captain (or such other person nominated by the club as the manager or person responsible for the team), the match shall continue with uncontested scrums, and the final result will stand, subject to final confirmation by the Leicestershire RFU Competitions Committee .

7.4

Where a player is or players are temporarily suspended from the field of play (which includes a blood injury) which creates a subsequent occasion that a front row player needs to be replaced and his team cannot provide a suitably trained and experienced replacement of at least eighteen years of age to enable the team to safely play with contested scrums the referee having made enquiry of and confirmed this fact with the Captain (or such other person nominated by the club as the manager or person responsible for the team) of the side affected the match shall continue with uncontested scrums (but such uncontested scrums shall only continue for the duration of the temporary suspension). The match result will not be deemed to be invalidated by reason of part of it being played with uncontested scrums.

7.5

The Competitions Committee will review the circumstances in every case where a match in a competition is completed with uncontested scrums. In matches where uncontested scrums are called, the Leicestershire RFU Competitions Committee shall have the final decision on the result of the match and all such decisions shall be binding on all participants. It is the responsibility of both clubs to contact the Leicestershire RFU Competitions Committee in such a situation advising :

1.

When during game uncontested scrums were called

2.

The reasons for uncontested scrums being called

3.

The score at that time

4.

The referee's name and phone number

5.

The final outcome of the match

This information must be forwarded to the Competitions Secretary within 24 hours of the game being played. The Competitions Committee will let the clubs know of their decision within 48 hours of receiving information.

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Shirts and Clash of Colours

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All players within a team shall wear a different numbered shirt enabling the player's individual identification In the event of teams having identical or similar colours, the home team will be responsible for changing colours.

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The Home Club is responsible for informing the LSRU Referees of the date, venues and time of kick off of matches.

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Each Club competitions contact will be provided with copies of these rules before Due date of the preliminary rounds. The Competitions Committee Chairman has copies of the Rules available on request at any reasonable time.

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Finals shall be played on the date and at the venues decided by the Competitions committee.