**Cup Competitions Rules.**

**Premier Division;** **First/Second/Third Divisions;** **Shipowners Charity Cup Washington Aged Persons Trophy**

**Monkwearmouth Charity Cup Clem Smith Bowl**

**Alan Hood Memorial Charity Cup 1st Div. 2nd Div. & 3rd Div. League Cups.**

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|  | **Special Rules** |
| 1. | The competition shall be called the “as per above” and be confined to ALL members of the Wearside league, including the First, Second and Third Divisions all of whom shall subscribe. First, Second and Third Division Clubs can enter any 1 of 3 of the Shipowners Charity Cup, Monkwearmouth Charity Cup, and Alan Hood Memorial Charity Cup. However, if a club does not meet the ground grading requirements, they will be required to play all games away from home.  The Fixture Secretary will determine which cup competition each team can enter.  If two First, Second or Third Division clubs play each other they will play at the home venue as per the draw. First, Second and Third Divisions will compete in Clem Smith Bowl, & Washington Aged Trophy. Each division will have its own league Cup.  If a club does not wish to enter a Cup for whatever reason, this can be done prior to the Cup Draw with an exemption fee of **£30.00** per competition. |
| 2. | The object of the competition shall be to augment the funds of the charity. |
| 3. | Each club shall pay a subscription of **£35.00** which is included in the league fees. |
| 4. | Up to and including the quarter finals late registrations as defined in league rules will be accepted (no playing qualification necessary).  In semi-finals and final ties only a recognised playing member who has actually played for his side seven (7) days prior to the cup tie will be qualified, but no player shall play for more than one club each season. Any team that withdraws from the competition in that current season any players who have played in an earlier round prior to the team folding shall remain cup tied and cannot play for another team in the competition. Any club in breach of this rule shall be removed from the competition and fined a sum decided by the committee. The ties shall be awarded to their opponents. |
| 5. | The final tie of all competitions shall be under the control of the management committee who shall take the whole of the gate money and, if necessary, pay expenses such as Match Officials fees, pitch/ground hire for neutral venues etc., but excluding travelling expenses.  The final tie of each competition shall take place at one of the competing teams’ ground (subject to the ground meeting at least League Step 7 Standard). |
| 6. | If the score is level at the end of normal time five players from each side shall take penalty kicks to decide the match. In the event of the scorers still being level, the remaining players shall take penalty kicks alternatively in pairs on an eliminating basis until a result is obtained. |
| 7. | In the event of a cup match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither club has control e.g. Weather, it shall be replayed at the competition secretary’s discretion at the same venue. Should the match not be played for a second time the game will be moved to the opponent’s ground. If the opponent’s ground is also unplayable the game is rearranged as per the third postponement. |
| 8. | Travelling expenses for visiting clubs shall not be claimed in the competition.  With the exception of the finaltie, the home club shall be responsible for payment of the referee and assistant referee’s fees and expenses. |
| 9. | All clubs reaching the semi-final stage in the previous season shall, if members of the competition in the current season, be exempt until the first round of the competition. |
| 10. | **Alan Hood Charity Cup, Shipowners Charity Cup, Monkwearmouth Charity Cup**  Referees in each match shall receive a fee of **£50.00 plus .40p per mile** and assistant referees shall receive a fee of **£40.00 plus .40p per mile** or actual bus fare if travelling by local transport. In postponed games where no gate money is taken, referees shall receive half match fee plus travelling expenses, and assistant referees shall receive half match fee plus travelling expenses if they attend.  Alan Hood Charity Cup, Shipowners Charity Cup, Monkwearmouth Charity Cup  **5 from 5 substitutes shall apply**. |
| 11. | **Clem Smith Bowl, Washington Aged Persons Cup, 1st Division Cup, 2nd Division Cup and 3rd Division Cup.**  Referees in each match shall receive a fee of £4**0.00 plus .40p per mile** travel expenses or actual bus fare if travelling by local transport and assistant referees shall receive a fee of **£40.00 plus .40p per mile** travel expenses or actual bus fare if travelling by local transport. Referees shall receive half match fee plus travelling expenses, and assistant referees shall receive half match fee plus travelling expenses if they attend.  Clem Smith Bowl, Washington Aged Persons Cup, 1st Division Cup, 2nd Division Cup and 3rd Division Cup.  **Rolling substitutes 7 from 7 shall apply.** |