

## **Modifications to the English Clubs Championship (ECC) Regulations relating to the playing of rugby in the Tribute Duchy League in Cornwall**

1 The Competition shall be called the Tribute Duchy league

2 2<sup>nd</sup> XVs of clubs affiliated to the Cornwall RFU Limited, and subject to their approval, will be entitled to enter one team into the competition each season.

3 All matches will be played under the English Clubs Championship regulations, save where they are varied in these regulations. For clarity, The Tribute Duchy League will be deemed a level 9 League.

4 There will not be any Promotion or Relegation from the Tribute Duchy League.

5 In the Tribute Duchy League teams may contain players who are not registered with that club. They should however be **Bona Fide Club Members**.

6 Teams may loan players from other clubs to encourage participation in the game. Permission should be sought from the donor club, loan players should be clearly marked as such on the match result card. Up to FOUR loan players may be selected in a match day squad, players holding effective registration with a club at level six (6) or above will not be permitted to appear as loan players.

7 Notwithstanding point 5 above and subject to point 8 below clubs at all levels MUST continue to register their players.

8 Players of a club whose first team plays at level 6 or above in the Leagues may play for the club's second team in the modified Tribute Duchy League subject to the following conditions.

i Players who wish to participate in the Tribute Duchy League must be registered with their club and also comply with the following conditions.

ii. Contracted players as defined by the RFU or members of any club academy may not play in the Tribute Duchy League.

iii Players of a club at level 6 and above who have been selected as a starting player or as a replacement for a maximum 8 matches for their First Team shall be eligible to return to play for the clubs second XV also players injured whilst playing at level 6 and above and are unfit to play for a period of 3 weeks or more may play in the clubs second team for a period of 2 consecutive matches to aid their rehabilitation.

9 A team may start a match with a minimum of 12 players, the opposition MUST even the numbers up should they have a full side, however should they have replacements available they will not be entitled to use them, a team that is unable to start a match with a competent front row will forfeit the match however it will not be deducted league points if the match is played as a friendly. The result will be recorded as a Nil-Nil Win to the non-offending team, this will be recorded on the result card by the referee and club officials.

10 All clubs are obliged to start a match with a suitably trained front row, unless otherwise advised to the referee prior to the match starting, in the event a team is unable to provide a competent front row replacement at the first time of asking the referee shall declare uncontested scrums, the side responsible for the match going to uncontested scrums must be reduced to 14 players, the final result of the match will stand.

11 Teams in the Tribute Duchy League will be allowed up to seven (7) replacements with a maximum of 10 rolling substitutes, Teams are encouraged to exchange players to even up the number of players on each side at the start of the game.

12 Teams playing in the Tribute Duchy League will receive four (4) points for a win, Two (2) points for draw, plus one (1) extra point for four (4) try's and one (1) extra point for a loss margin of seven (7) points or less.

Teams will deducted five (5) points for not fulfilling a match, also for playing an eligible player.

13 The home team must inform the South West League of the match result by 5.30pm on the day of the match, and both teams must return a completed match result card with the player's names and the result filled in to the South West Leagues admin offices by first post on the Tuesday after the match, team's failing to do so will incur a fine, Clubs failing to inform the South West Admin Office of a Cancelled match by 3pm on the day of the match will also incur a fine.

14 When a scheduled league fixture is cancelled, both clubs N L C's will receive a rearranged fixture date from the South West League's admin office. It is not in the Club's remit to rearrange League Fixtures.

15 The host club will arrange with the CRRS Appointments Secretary to appointment a Referee for the match, if the host club cannot rely upon the CRRS to appoint a match official the onus will be with the host club to arrange a suitably referee, where this is not done the host club will forfeit the match and the match will be recorded as a nil-nil win to the none offending team.

For any other reason a match is cancelled the match will played on the next available date which will be advised to the clubs N L C by the South West Leagues.

16 Teams that to fulfil 25% of their scheduled league fixtures are liable to have their results expunged from the records and be placed at the bottom of the Tribute Duchy League in addition to any other sanction that may be imposed.

**Note** The only acceptable reason for not fulfilling a fixture is if a pitch is deemed unfit to use and no alternative is available, failing to fulfil a fixture for any other reason is an automatic five (5) point deduction for the offending team, with the non-offending team awarded a nil-nil win

**Special Note** These regulations are designed especially to enable more players to get competitive Rugby on a Saturday. For the avoidance of doubt, any queries relating to these regulations should be taken up with the Tribute Duchy League Secretary, and not the match referee.