

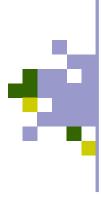
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Rule 1.

The amalgamation and all association of all the ladies baseball clubs to be called "The Welsh Ladies Baseball Union." Herein after known as the W.L.B.U.

Rule 2.

The W.L.B.U.'s objective shall be to promote and foster the game of baseball in Wales as well as to encourage and support good sociability and fellowship between the clubs. All Clubs to respect and abide with the agreed rules and regulations set out within the W.L.B.U.

Rule 3.

All clubs registered with the W.L.B.U must play under the W.L.B.U. laws. Any club playing under any other laws of the game other than those of the W.L.B.U. shall cease to be a member of the league.

Rule 4.

The first official game is to commence in May and to conclude at the end of the last full week in August in each year.

Weather permitting where games are cancelled. Both team captains must rearrange to complete the fixture at the most earliest convenience.

This may be any week day including Saturday and Sunday. If on a Saturday or Sunday, both team captains can agree a game start time, but, the start time must be no later than 3.00p.m.

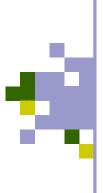
Rule 5.

A W.L.B.U. committee is to be formed to enforce the laws of the baseball game and to ensure fair play of all the leagues.

Rule 6.

An Annual General Meeting of the W.L.B.U. shall be held each year for the purpose:-

- a) Electing a management committee, herein after known as M.C. with the power to co-opt if necessary.
- b) Presentation of a statement of accounts for the previous season.
- c) General business and notices of proposed motions in accordance with the following rules.
- d) Any club failing to attend the W.L.B.U.'s A.G.M. will be fined.



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Rule 6. cont'd.

- e) The officials of the W.L.B.U. shall consist of the following and each person to be appointed for a period of two years.
 - * Chairperson
 - * Vice-Chairperson
 - * General Secretary
 - * Match Registration Secretary
 - * Match Secretary
 - * Treasurer
 - * Two auditors.
- * The election of Chairperson, Registration Secretary and Treasurer to alternate each year with election of Vice-Chairperson,, General Secretary and Match Secretary, plus Management Committee members, not exceeding 18 in number, who will be elected annually.

The M.C. has power to co-opt not more than 3 further members if deemed necessary.

- * Two auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period of two years.
- * A person who is treasurer of any other organisation cannot be treasurer of the W.L.B.U.
- * The payee of any cheque transactions involving the W.L.B.U., cannot be one of the signatories.
- * No more than two members of any one club will be allowed to serve on the Management Committee at any one time. (This excludes Officers).

Rule 7.

- a) The names of all candidates nominated by a club must be sent to the Secretary of the W.L.B.U. The nominee/s must either attend the W.L.B.U. A.G.M. or send to the League Secretary a letter confirming that their nomination is accepted. The said letter must be countersigned by the Chairperson and Secretary of the club and league making the nomination.
- b) As soon as the nominations have been received, a list of persons nominated shall be drawn up and a copy sent to each club that is entitled to vote at the A.G.M. at least 7 days before the agreed date of the said meeting.
- c) The M.C. has the power to call on any M.C. member to resign should he or she be absent themselves from any three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse. Also to fill any vacancy occurring during the year, to appoint sub-committees and add to the list of nominations.



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Rule 8.

Motions to be proposed for alteration to any general or competition rules, must be in the hands of the Honourable Secretary of the W.L.B.U. 7 days before the meeting in question.

No motions of proposed alterations are to be discussed 'Prior' to the appointed agreed said Meeting.

Rule 9.

All communications must be addressed to the appropriate officials. Upon receipt of the correspondence, the General Secretary and if signed by the Secretaries of not less than 8 clubs of the W.L.B.U. requesting a meeting.

The General Secretary shall convene an emergency meeting of the M.C who shall order an 'Extraordinary General Meeting' to be called.

Any Club summoned by the M.C. to send a player/s, official or representative to a meeting shall be fined a minimum of £5 should the club not be represented at the meeting.

Rule 10.

All applicants for membership must be submitted by the Club Secretaries to the W.L.B.U. General Secretary by the notified said date.

No teams will be accepted until the relevant fees are paid by the requested deadline.

Rule 11.

The competition for each division is opened to registered clubs of the W.L.B.U. and subject to the approval of the M.C.

Rule 12.

The M.C will deal with the framing of the various divisions for each season. They are empowered to admit or reject any application for entry into the W.L.B.U. and may decide on any herein after.

Rule 13.

- a) All W.L.B.U. league and cup fixtures shall be arranged by the W.L.B.U. The fixture list of home and away matches will be forwarded to each club Secretary prior to season commencing.
- b) To ensure the continuity and completion of all league and cup matches. Teams will be given matches on days other than the normal match days. This will also include Saturdays and Sundays.
- c) 'Play offs' shall be arranged to decide all divisional, championship and relegation ties. Each club involved in a 'play off' shall be notified by letter of the date, time and venue.



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Rule 14.

In the Sam Cornish Cup, teams in the Premier and First Division will be excluded from the 'First Round' draw.

Rule 15.

All matches arranged by the M.C. in the knock out competitions shall take precedence over the league, or any other matches. This rule is to be strictly observed.

Rule 16.

a) Every association, league or club proposing to promote a charity or benefit match must give ten days notice to the General Secretary of the W.L.B.U. accompanied by a deposit of 50p.

If the rules of the W.L.B.U. are observed. This fee will be reimbursed on receipt on an audited balance sheet which must be submitted within thirty days of the close of the competition, together with a list of clubs that have competed.

- b) No members of a league or club, or any referee, shall play or take part in any charity or benefit competition that has not been sanctioned by the council of the W.L.B.U.
- c) No individual organisation or individuals which is not directly affiliated or attached to the W.L.B.U. shall be granted permission to organise or play any charity or benefit competition.

Rule 17.

Anything not governed by the foregoing rules e.g. extenuating or exceptional circumstances, shall be dealt with by the M.C.

Rule 18.

The W.L.B.U. reserves the right of giving the final decision upon any appeal made by a member of any League not withstanding anything contained to the contrary thereof, in the rules of that particular competition. Notice of such appeal to be given to the League concerned.

Decisions of the W.L.B.U Disciplinary Committee shall be effectively regardless of the fact that an appeal may be lodged.



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Rule 1.

All clubs are to register to the General Secretary by the date notified with the following information.

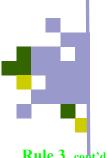
- a) Name and address of club secretary.
- b) Full particulars of the club registered colours.
- c) Situation of the ground and whether public or private.
- d) Number of playing members for whom registration forms (including declarations) are required.

Rule 2.

Club Secretaries are to inform the committee to contact their second named contact for any correspondence when unavailable/absent for any up and coming events.

Rule 3.

- a) Each team accepted into the W.L.B.U. has to pay a guarantee fee of £5. The fee shall be reimbursed on application at the end of each season unless forfeited by default.
- b) No team will be allowed to play until the guarantee fee is paid.
- c) Registration fees to be paid for over 18's is £2 and under 18's is £1 per player.
- d) All clubs entering one team only in the W.L.B.U. will be permitted to register a maximum of twenty players. The minimum of twelve registration forms must reach the W.L.B.U.'s Registration Secretary on or before the day of the first match of the season.
- e) Each club must register at least twelve players for each team entered and the player names must be submitted on or before the last day of April.
- f) Maiden names must be entered on the registration forms.
- g) A player shall be considered registered if her signature is received by the Registration Secretary of the W.L.B.U. together with her registration fee, the day preceding the match in which she is to take part.
- h) No Player is allowed to sign for more than one club in any one season unless a transfer request has been accepted.
- i) No player is to play for any other club other than the club she is registered with.
- j) No more than two players from any defunct or disbanded team will be allowed to re-register for any team in the current season, unless permission is granted by the M.C.



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Rule 3. cont'd

All new teams on being granted membership, are required to pay a 'Booking-in fee of £10.

Rule 4.

Cup tournaments. Players will not be permitted to play in more than one divisional cup tournament in any one season. The tournament being for the division in which she has been registered for.

In all cup rounds excluding cup finals. All match expenses will be shared equally by both teams.

Players complete entirely at their own risk. The declaration must be completed on the registration form as the W.L.B.U. cannot accept responsibility for personal accidents, loss or damage to personal property or public liability.

Rule 7.

Clubs will be fined £5 for not attending paying in night.

Rule 8.

No refunds or monies will be repaid after paying in night.

Rule 9.

Any club changing it's secretary or ground during the playing season must notify the W.L.B.U.'s General Secretary immediately.

Rule 10.

- No transfers will be granted after the 1st July of each year.
- In the event of a bowler leaving a club to join a club in a lower division. The bowler may only b) be allowed to bowl for her new club providing that she has gone down one division lower, and that she does not bowl for both clubs in the same season.

Rule 11.

In the event of any club/team breaking any of the appropriate W.L.B.U. rules, the points/games maybe awarded against the defaulters at the discretion of the M.C.

Teams will be fined £10 if they fail to turn up at the presentation dances to collect their trophies.

Rule 13.

All fines must be paid within seven days, otherwise, the club/s will be liable to suspension and the fine being doubled.

Any other financial obligations to the W.L.B.U. must be settled on demand, otherwise, the club/s concerned will be liable to suspension.



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Rule 1.

All team members must turn out in the registered dress colours of their clubs. The dress code being that of:-

- a) Top.
- b) Shorts/Skirt.
- c) Socks (optional).
- d) Full length black leggings or club colours to match skirt. (optional).

The referee will report any club whose players do not conform with this rule to the W.L.B.U.'s General Secretary on the match result form.

If upon enquiry the reasons given for breach of this rule are considered unsatisfactory, the club will be dealt with as the M.C. deem fit.

Rule 2.

Players will be allowed to play in other registered dress under the following circumstances:

- a) When acting as a substitute for a player who has to retire from the game through illness or accident after the commencement of the game. If at all possible, the registered dress should be provided.
- b) When playing in representative matches, the dress to be worn will be in accordance with the instructions received from the controlling body.
- c) Permission to play in tracksuit bottoms must be obtained annually from the league's General Secretary and subject to the approval from the referee.
- d) In all league or cup matches where the colours of the team clash, the 'Home' team must change it's colours.
- e) In the event of such games being played on a neutral ground, both teams will change.
- f) Any club altering it's registered colours must notify the General Secretary who will in turn notify all other clubs in the division.
- g) Players are allowed to wear a headscarf or cap only if it is in matching colour to the rest of the dress.
- h) Small cricket pads are only permissible to be worn by the backstop. Cricket pads must be cut off at top of knee.
- i) Masks must be worn at all times by the backstops in all games.
- j) Spikes are not permitted to be worn at any time.



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Rule 3.

Clubs must commence their matches not later than 6.30pm for evening matches. The Captains of both teams shall report to the referee at the bowling box 5 minutes before the recognised time that they are due to commence play, and after choice of innings has been decided, the referee will fill in the time on the official result form.

- b) Any Club not adhering to this rule shall be reported by the referee and the Club shall be fined a sum not exceeding £1. Any referee who fails to report late starts on official result forms, will be reported to the council of the W.L.B.U.
- c) A team of 8 players or more, but less than 11 players available and after including their subs. The captain is to inform the referee of any expected late players. Upon their arrival, the captain is to seek the attention of the referee, who, will permit them to join the field of play safely.

A time limit of 30 minutes after the official start of play, or, no later than the end of the first innings, whichever comes sooner. The time restriction to be implemented as follows:-

A 6:30pm league game. No late player/s to join the field after 7:00pm.

A 6:15pm cup game. No late player/s to join the field after 6:45pm.

The exception of games being played on weekends where the rule would always be, no player/s is able to join the game 30 minutes after the official time of the game start or after the first innings has ended.

d) Any teams (with a minimum of 8 players) not ready, prepared and on the field, 15 minutes after the scheduled "knock-off" time, shall be deemed not to have fulfilled the engagement and shall be dealt with by the M.C. in accordance with Rule 7 of this section.

Rule 4.

Two substitutes are to be ready prior to the commencement game and must be named and identified to the referee.

Rule 5.

- a) In cases of unfavourable weather and/or bad conditions of the ground, the referee will make a decision whether the match should be played or abandoned after commencement.
- b) A decision by a ruling authority of a private ground that matches cannot take place owing to the ground being unfit to play, shall be considered as final.

In such cases, the visiting team must be informed at least two hours before the match is due to commence.



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c) In the incidence of a game being called off. The referee has the final decision after discussion with both captains.

Rule 6.

Definition of 'Referee'. A referee is a person registered as such with the W.L.B.U. or a person mutually agreed upon by both captains prior to the commencement of a game, or a member of the W.L.B.U. instructed by the W.L.B.U. M.C. to officiate, or a member of the W.L.B.U. M.C. who is empowered to officiate in the event of these aforementioned conditions not being complied with.

Rule 7.

- a) Referees for matches will be appointed by the W.L.B.U. Match Secretary. Home Club Secretaries are to contact Match Secretary or deputy on the day of the match two hours before their commencement of the match of the availability of the referee.
 - 'No referee' will be accepted as a valid reason if the game is not played. If agreement cannot be reached, a player from each team will take turns to referee the game.
- b) Applications for referees for special or postponed matches must be made to the Match Secretary of the W.L.B.U.
- c) In the event of the appointed referee failing to appear and no other official referee can be obtained, the captains must agree on a referee and make every endeavour to play the game.

If a player nominated from both teams is dropped to referee a share of the game, then it is the batter's player who acts as the referee. e.g. The batting side has their nominated person to referee the batting innings.

- d) It shall be the referee's duty to see, before the match commences, that the ground is laid out correctly in accordance with the diagram and laws of the game.
 - The referee shall have the power to disqualify any member for misbehaviour during the match and the same must be reported in the space provided on the official match result form.
 - The team to which such a player belongs, shall play the game without her.
- e) Only the captain is allowed to approach the referee on points of fact connected with play going on.
 - The referee's decision is final and must be acted upon on the field of play.
 - On questions of interpretation of rules, an appeal may be made to the W.L.B.U.
 - Frivolous appeals regarding weather and/or light conditions will be dealt with under the heading of misconduct.



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f) If the team captain contends that there are grounds for appeal, a verbal notice of protest must be made to the referee. The game must then continue and be completed.

A written protest must be given to the referee before he leaves the ground. The referee upon receipt of a written protest will notify the W.L.B.U. Match Secretary firstly by telephone and then with a written report, fully stating the facts leading up to the protest.

Rule 8.

- a) Any team failing to commence a scheduled W.L.B.U. league or cup game shall automatically forfeit:
 - i) The game points
 - ii) Be fined £20 for non-fulfilment of fixture.
- b) No team will be allowed to rearrange any W.L.B.U. fixture unless permission has been requested and granted by the W.L.B.U.
- c) Except in the month of May when notification of three days will be granted and then only to football and netball teams involved in matches, the date/s of which were not known fourteen days previously.

Teams failing to comply with this rule will be dealt with by the W.L.B.U. M.C. in accordance with Rules 7 (a), (i) and (ii).

Rule 09.

Half the fines for 'Unable To Field A Side' go to the home team and the other half is to go to the management committee.

Rule 10.

In the event of a match being postponed by the Match Fixture Secretary, the League Marshalls will be informed who will then contact all club secretaries.

Rule 11.

All matches postponed or abandoned through adverse weather conditions only, shall be replayed from the commencement on a date arranged by the Match Secretary who will inform relevant clubs by telephone or text.

When a game is to be rearranged, both captains and club secretaries must agree a date '<u>BEFORE</u>' leaving the field and then must inform the league Marshalls to liaise with Jayne.

After the date has been agreed and the league Marshals and Match Fixture Secretary have been informed. The captains and club secretaries has 24 hours to organise their players for availability to play. At this stage, still within the 24 hours a second date is then to be agreed. Failure to agree a second date between the two clubs, the Match Fixture Secretary will then schedule a date for



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Rule 11 cont'd.

completion and the date is as final. If the game is not completed the clubs will be dealt with in compliance to the non-fulfilment of fixture rule.

When a game is postponed or abandoned, the 'Home' Secretary must send the Match Secretary a result form suitably endorsed as to why the game was not played or completed.

In the first replay game, it will be a normal game. Thereafter, each team must declare it's first innings closed after one round has been completed and play the second innings as normal.



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Rule 1

a) Two yellow cards issued in one game becomes an automatic red card. Players receiving a red card will automatically be fined £10 and receive a 3 match ban and will rollover and continue to be upheld into the following season.

Rule 2.

Any team walking off the field of play before the completion of any W.L.B.U Cup or League game will automatically forfeit the game or points, its guarantee fee, be fined a sum at the discretion of the M.C. for non-fulfilment of game and have no right of appeal to the W.L.B.U.

In addition, the team will be required to submit a new guarantee fee before being allowed to play in any further W.L.B.U game. Any such occurrence must be reported to the W.L.B.U General Secretary, by both the referee and the Secretary of the non-defaulting team within 24 hours.

- (b) If a team disbands, after the season has started, then re-registers under a new name, with at least seven players from the disbanding teams, they shall take on the points won or lost by that team and continue the seasons fixtures.
- (c) All new teams entering the league, must submit all players names, and the divisions that they have played for in the past seasons, four weeks before the commencement season, for nomination to appropriate division by W.L.B.U M.C.

Rule 3.

Whenever a player transfers her membership from one Club to another during the current season, such transfer shall only be legal if:

- i) It be made with the sanction previously obtained of both Club concerned provided that
- ii) Notification to the W.L.B.U on official transfer form is to be obtained from the League Registration Secretary.
- (b) The M.C. may revise such sanction and refuse the transfer in its absolute discretion. No player shall play for another Club until she has obtained permission from her former club and this transfer sanctioned by the M.C. who in the event of this regulation being transgressed, shall have the power to suspend the offending player or club. M.C. will not sanction any transfer unless they are absolutely convinced the bonafide character of same.
- c) Overtures of any character made to a player to induce her to leave one Club for another may be considered sufficient cause for withdrawing the sanction of the M.C.
- d) Incase the sanction of one club be withheld the player in question, or the Club, to which she proposes to transfer her membership, may apply to the M.C. whose sanction shall render the transfer legal.



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Rule 3 cont'd

- e) Any Club withholding its sanction of a transfer shall be required to show just cause for its action.
- f) A player registered in any division taking part in more than 5 competition games in a higher division shall be considered a player in that higher division and must be re-registered.
- g) No member to be allowed her transfer without first applying to the M.C. who will consider the application on its merits. Transfer fee of £5.

No more than 2 first team players are allowed to play in a "second team" in any League match and neither of these can participate as a bowler in a "second team".



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Rule 1.

Referees fee for the W.L.B.U matches shall be £5. In the event of a match being abandoned for any reason whatsoever before completion, the referee will be paid half the fee by the "Home" team.

Rule 2.

Result forms – These must be sent in by the "home" team secretary who must comply with the following instructions:

- a) League match result forms and Cup Match result forms to be sent or to be e-mailed to the Registration Secretary within 24 hours.
- b) Teams failing to send in the League or Cup result forms within 24 hours will be fined £5 for each offence.
- c) Christian & Surnames to be entered on score books and result sheets.
- d) All bowlers must be identified by the initial 'B' next to their names on the result forms.
- e) Results to be telephoned, text/e-mailed through on night of game. Teams failing to comply will be automatically fined £5 for each offence.

Rule 3

Both teams are to submit player of the match and scores to Jayne via text.

Rule 4.

All trophies in any of the knock-out competitions of the W.L.B.U shall be formally presented to the winning Club at the conclusion of the final match and those with League trophies will be officially presented to the winning Clubs at a presentation function to be arranged by the M.C.

b) 06 tickets per team, as per rule, to be paid for on "Pay-in-night" at commencement of season prior to the event.

Rule 5.

No trophy shall become the absolute property of any Club. Before a trophy is presented to a winning Club, the Secretary of that Club shall fill in the guarantee form supplied by the W.L.B.U which will contain the signatures of 3 persons who will be responsible for the safe return of the trophy on or before 1st July in each year, in a like manner and conditions in which it was presented. Failure to do so will render the offending Club to a fine.

b) Mementos, in addition to the trophies now offered for competition, may be presented to the players, provided the funds permit.