

# The United Hospitals Rugby Football Club Rules

## Challenge Cup Rules

1. That the cup matches commence as early as possible in the new year
2. That play in all cup matches shall last for an hour and twenty minutes, forty minutes from each goal.
3. That the selection of ground for the cup matches be decided by the committee.
4. In the event of drawn matches the following rules have been agreed;
  - a. In all rounds, if after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level, there shall be an immediate period of re-play between the same teams of 10 minutes each way with a one minute interval. If the scores are then still equal, the team that has scored the most tries shall go forward into the next round. If this does not produce a result the team that has scored most goals from tries goes forward. If the scores still be equal then the winner shall be decided by the first to score a try after a further change of ends.
  - b. In the final, if after 40 minutes each way the scores are level, there shall be an immediate period of re-play between the same teams of 10 minutes each way with a one minute interval. If the scores are then still equal, the team that has scored the most tries shall be the winner. If this does not produce a result, the team that has scored the most goals from tries shall be a winner. In the event of a draw the winner shall be decided by the first to score after a further change of ends.
5. The following are eligible to play;
  - a. A full-time student of a London medical or dental school or a full-time para-medical student of a London medical school or hospital on the books of his hospital prior to the date fixed for the first match of the Challenge Cup (amended 1990).
  - b. A doctor or dentist in the first year after passing his final qualifying examination (the pre-registration year in the case of doctors) wherever he is working.
  - c. Doctor, Dentist working full-time in his own medical school or hospital or taking a full-time recognised course in his own medical school or hospital prior to the date fixed for the first match of the Challenge Cup.
  - d. A qualified man who is eligible under note c (above) on 31<sup>st</sup> December is eligible to play in the following year even though he leaves the hospital after that date.
  - e. A qualified man who plays four times for his own hospital side in the current season is eligible to play in the cup even though he has left the employ of the hospital or medical school.

6. That the final interpretation of the rules is to be decided by a special committee comprising the President and/or Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretary and two other members of the UHRFC Committee whose hospitals are not concerned in the affair which has occasioned the calling together of the special committee.
7. a) No man who has played in the last 1<sup>st</sup> XV Cup match of the same year shall be eligible for the Junior Tie. The rule does not apply to substitutes.  
b) Each round of the Second Fifteen Cup Ties should if possible played within two weeks of the corresponding Senior Tie.  
c) Substitutes shall be four, two injuries and two discretionary during any round in the first, second or third fifteen competitions.
8. That any infringement of the Rules be referred to the Special Committee (see Rule 6 above).
9. That the Challenge Cup remain the perpetual property of the club.
10. That the dates of a Cup Tie being once fixed, the hospitals engaged shall be obliged to play, unless the ground is unfit, their team is depleted by the call of an international rugby match, or unforeseen circumstances arise and both hospitals and the UH Committee agree to a postponement.
11. The Hospital which is holder of the cup shall be responsible for its safe custody and return it in good order at the end of the year.
12. In the Challenge Cup the first team drawn out of the hat will have ground advantage in the first and second rounds. The semi-final and final will be played on neutral ground.
13. In the Junior Cup the same rule applies except in the final which will be on neutral ground.

### **United Hospitals Seven-a-Side Competition**

1. Team Secretaries will report their arrival at the Announcer's Table at least 20 minutes before the time of tick-off in their teams' first match.
2. To ensure the PUNCTUAL START of matches, all players participating must be 'available' at the advertised time of kick-off, that is to say. CHANGED AND PRESENT ON THE ALLOCATED PLAYING PITCH.
3. All matches shall start at the advertised time of kick off whether the full member of players is available or not.
4. Teams shall consist of seven players and the duration of play shall be seven minutes each way and ten minutes each way in the final, with an interval of one minute at half-time.
5. In the event of a draw the teams will change ends and after a one-minute interval until a score takes place which shall decide the match.

6. Save as above, play shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Rugby Football Union.
7. No club shall alter the composition of the team after its first match except on account of injury.
8. An injured player may be replaced during a game in accordance with the Laws of Rugby Football Union. A player replaced through injury shall take no further part in the competition.
9. The referee in each match will please complete a card with the score and result, which he will then deliver to the recorder.
10. Team Secretaries must make independent provision for safe custody of valuables for which it is not possible to accept any responsibility.
11. The Hospital which is holder of the cup shall be responsible for its safe custody and return it in good order at the end of one year.
12. The Seven-a-Side cup remains the perpetual property of the UHRFC.

### **General Rules**

1. That this Club be called "The United Hospital Ruby Football Club"
2. That all London Undergraduate Teach Hospital Football Clubs be eligible for membership
3. That the UHRFC belong to the Rugby Union whose rules shall be binding in all cases.
4. That the annual subscription of each hospital taking part in the Cup Competition be £150 payable in advance. This sum will be reviewed on an annual basis.
5. a) The officers of the Club be President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Captain, Vice-Captain, Playing Secretary. The general committee shall consist of the officer of the club and one representative from each of the club. That the three senior officers of the club Vice President, Hon. Secretary serve for a period of three years with a maximum extended period of one further year.  
b) That at all meeting, the President shall have the casting vote.
6. a) That the Annual General Meeting be held at the discretion of the Committee for the election of Officers and General Business. That each hospital be allowed to send up to four representatives in addition to the General Committee and that the draw for Hospital Cup for the season ahead be made at the meeting.  
b) That a special General Meeting may be called y the Hon. Secretary on a written requisition from at least two hospitals. That two weeks' notice be given by any general meeting to each hospital by the Hon. Secretary.  
c) That the Hon. Treasurer submit to each hospital at least two weeks before the GM the statement of the financial position of the UHRFC.

7. That no alteration of the Rules be made except at the Annual General Meeting and by a majority of two thirds of those present, and that two weeks' notice be given to the Hon. Secretary of such a proposed alteration.
8. That due notice of any Committee Meeting be given by the Hon. Secretary.
9. That five members form a quorum at a Committee Meeting, nine at a General Meeting.
10. That a copy of the Rules be sent annually to each hospital after the Annual General Meeting, containing all rules for the ensuing season.
11. That the Cup Season, financial and otherwise commences on 1<sup>st</sup> May of each year.

### **Rules for Matches**

1. That the Selection Committee consists of the Captain, Vice-Captain, Playing Secretary who ideally should come from different hospitals. The Hon. Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary complete the selection committee.
2. That the colour of the UHRFC be scarlet jerseys, white shorts and blue socks.
3. That the travelling expenses of UHRFC teams be paid out of club funds.
4. That the club jerseys and stocking remain the property of the club.
5. That the club tie be awarded to those members who have played once for the UHRFC.