

CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION RULES 2010

1. The trophy will be held by the winning club for one year.
2. Eligibility of players:
 - a) A player must be a member of the club for which he is playing.
 - b) A player may not play for more than one club.
 - c) A player must have played at least 4 North West County matches in the current season for the club for which he is playing, prior to the start of the competition.
 - d) A player must have played in at least **1** of the early round matches in order to be eligible to play in the final. Note that this rule may be waived by agreement of the tournament organiser if a player has to be brought in at the bottom of a team due to unavailability of eligible players. Player eligibility in walkovers will be considered if a nominated team, on a match card, is received within five days of the play by date.
 - e) Any team using an unqualified player will be disqualified.
 - f) All clubs may enter as many teams in this competition as they wish. Player eligibility for Cheshire is not an issue, but clubs are restricted to entering teams with **players who are competing in divisions 3 or lower** in the 2009/10 North West county squash leagues. Once a player has permanently moved up to a club's higher teams ie played more than 6 matches in division 1 or 2, they are no longer eligible to play in the Challenge Cup.
3. The competition will be open to all clubs within the recognised boundary of Cheshire.
4. Players must play in order of merit.
5. SRA rules will apply.
6. The competition will be played on a knock out basis, 5 players per team, best of 5 games, traditional scoring to nine points.
7. Matches are to be played before the dates indicated on the draw sheet. Should teams be unable to agree a date for the match, the date indicated on the draw sheet for that round becomes the fixed date for that match.
8. It is the responsibility of the losing team to send the match card (nwcsf card is ok) immediately on completion of the match to the tournament organiser.
9. The home club is responsible for contacting the away club and booking the courts.
10. There will be a plate competition for teams who lose their first match
11. Hospitality should be on a similar basis to league matches, but it is suggested that the visiting team shares the cost
12. In the event of any disputes, the decision of the tournament organiser will be final and binding.