



Staffordshire Colts Cup Competition Regulations 2017

Please ensure that your club is aware that matches are played under the national game regulations (which can be found at www.englandrugby.com and also in the Rugby Football Union Handbook), unless otherwise specified below. The Staffordshire Referee-Club Protocol also applies to all cup competitions and clubs and coaches should ensure that it is implemented.

Colts Cup playing squads must contain at least five players capable of playing in the front row. Seven replacements will be allowed with unlimited interchanges.

Games ending in a draw after 70 minutes playing time will count as a win for the side which has scored more tries or, if level on tries, more conversions. If both teams have an equal number of tries and conversions, the away team will be awarded the leg and progress to the next round. In the Colts Final, should the results be tied at the end of full time, the trophy will be shared.

It is the responsibility of the home team to approach their opponents and agree a date, to arrange a referee from SRUSR and to keep the Colts Cup Organiser informed of arrangements and highlight potential difficulties at the earliest possible stage. Matches must be played by the designated date.

Bad weather or an unavoidable backlog of league/national cup matches is considered the only valid reason for postponement or an extension of the play-by date. In these circumstances, and should the replay be scheduled for mid-week, the host club may have to forego home advantage if they do not have match quality lights.

In the event of clubs being unable to agree on a date, the Colts Cup Organiser, on behalf of the SRU, will make the final decision, binding on both clubs.

Match cards are provided (downloadable from www.srusr.co.uk or www.staffsrfu.com/county-cups) and must be completed, signed and returned in accordance with the instructions on the card.

The result of the match must be sent by text to the Colts Cup Organiser, Simon Hallam on 07837 322660 by 6pm on the Sunday evening of the latest playing date. Please use the format:

HomeTeam 99 v 99 AwayTeam ManagerName YourTeamName Your#Tries