

## NRU Cup Competitions Season 2023-24

Following the helpful Chair of Rugby meeting held before the presentations evening on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, a sense of what the clubs would like for this coming season was understood. Below is the finalised cup structure for this season (with some cup structures amended following discussion on the 31<sup>st</sup>). We have also received some mails on the subject and content of those mails have also been taken into account when looking at the cup offering.

Cup Tied Players – last season we had a number of breaches of the rules due to flexibility in the rules and wanting to help clubs get teams onto a pitch. The flexibility afforded in the last two seasons is now being removed as clubs have had two seasons back post covid.

Clubs are encouraged to communicate with each other (Club Chairs of Rugby) and if an agreement is reached around cup tied players, the county office **MUST** be informed in writing on what the agreement is and the players must be clearly identified. If subsequently a complaint is received around that particular match, the matter investigated and the complaint upheld, the offending team will be removed from the competition.

It should also be stated that if a complaint is received and investigated or if match card scrutiny identifies a breach of integrity around the rules, and it is found that players have been played who are cup tied, the offending team will be removed from the competition.

If in doubt contact the Claire at the County Office who can advise.

If Claire is not available, contact Ken Fraser or Paul Walker.

**There are a number of match cards missing – please get these sent in to the office asap.**

Key	Match Card Received
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## Senior Cup

*(Berwick have withdrawn due to a change in the Scottish league structure and they don't want to mess anyone around)*

Teams - Alnwick, Morpeth, Northern, Percy Park, Tynedale Raiders

Key	Match Card Received
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### **Prelim Round – 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Game 1	Percy Park		v	WIN	Alnwick
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*Match being played 25.11.23*

*22.11.23 – Percy Park have conceded match to Alnwick*

### **Semi Finals – 28<sup>th</sup> October or 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Game 2	Northern	29	v	12	Morpeth
Game 3	Tynedale Raiders	12	v	29	Winner Game 1 – Alnwick

*Game 2 played at Morpeth as league and cup double header 04.11.23*

### **Final – on a date tbc (participating clubs to confirm)**

Winner Game 2 Northern		v		Winner Game 3 Alnwick
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*Re Final – date to be confirmed to suit participants.*

*If clubs cannot agree a date, then either Weds 24<sup>th</sup> or Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April will be selected for you by Competitions Committee.*

### **Notes pulled out from mail sent 22.02.24**

*Alnwick have Papa Johns Cup Matches*

*13<sup>th</sup> April*

*20<sup>th</sup> April*

*27<sup>th</sup> April*

*The Papa Johns will take precedent over County Cups.*

*It has therefore been suggested that you play either on the Easter Weekend (as you then have a choice of four dates where you could play) or please agree a date for a midweek match in April.*

*Venue – please toss a coin.*

## Senior Plate

Teams - Alnwick 2, Ashington, Medicals, Morpeth Reivers, Northern Wanderers, North Shields, Novos, Percy Park Lions, Ponteland, Whitley Bay Rockcliff

Key	Match Card Received
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### Prelim Round – On or before 7<sup>th</sup> October

Game 1	Percy Park Lions	22	v	45	Ponteland
Game 2	Northern Wanderers	15	v	61	Novos

### Quarter Finals – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Game 3	Morpeth Reivers	08.03	v		Border Park
Game 4	Ashington	12	v	29	Alnwick 2
Game 5	Winner Game 2 – Novos	HWO	v		Whitley Bay Rockcliff
Game 6	North Shields	21	v	32	Winner Game 1 – Ponteland

*(Game 3 being played Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm) Morpeth v Medicals now 25.11.23 – 2pm ko*  
*21.11.23 – Medicals have withdrawn from the competition and have been replaced by Border Park*  
*Morpeth v Border Park is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm*

### Plate Round – taking suggestion from clubs – Two pools

**Club Fixture Secretaries to organise fixtures (no set dates) – 1 home, 1 away.**

**Fixture Secretaries to inform Claire once dates for matches are agreed.**

**Two pool winners in the final on (prov) 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Pool One – Ashington, Morpeth Reivers/Border Park, Northern Wanderers – matches still to be organised**

**Pool Two – North Shields, Whitley Bay Rockcliff, Percy Park Lions – see notes – matches being played 9<sup>th</sup> March**

*Re Border Park - there needs to be a common sense approach to the players in that team in so far as they are drawn from guest clubs and in the spirit of the game and in the interests of getting matches on and games for everyone, teams who play Border Park need to work with them as the club will not wilfully flout the rules but may have players playing for them who have played in other matches. There therefore needs to be a conversation between teams so it is clear before matches take place who may or may not be cup tied from other matches and this needs to be clearly marked on match cards.*

### CUP Semi Finals – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Game 7	Winner Game 6 – Ponteland		v		Winner Game 3 – Morpeth Reivers / Border Park
Game 8	Winner Game 5 – Novos		v		Winner Game 4 - Alnwick 2

## Final – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at a venue tbc

Winner Game 7		v		Winner Game 8
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### Pool Two Plate Info (Tim, David, Shaun)

Dave , Shaun

I would suggest games kick off at 1415. 1500. And 1545. All approximately due to injury time etc .

3 points for a win , one for a drawer , in the event of teams tied in the pool at the end greater points difference first then tries scored second to decide . If still undecided flip a coin .

I have warned the refs coordinator of the fixture

I did suggest to Shaun as wbr have home advantage they could miss out the middle fixture so

Wbr v shields

Shields v park

Wbr v park

For your thoughts

On Tue, 9 Jan 2024 at 19:38, David Shield wrote:

Hi Claire

Just an email confirmation that we have agreed with Percy Park and Rockcliff to play this pool of the plate competition as a round robin on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March (provided no clubs have re-arranged league fixtures for that date). Rockcliff have agreed to host.

I've not been involved in a round robin event like this so I am unsure what the timings will be.

Regards

David Shield

Fixture Secretary

North Shields RFC

### Notes pulled out from mail sent 22.02.24

*In relation to the Senior Plate Semi Final – Novos v Alnwick 2*

*National Leagues take precedent over County Cups*

*The County Cups take precedent over CANDY and County League fixtures.*

*This Cup Comp is now running behind schedule and we are trying to get things moving again.*

*Border Park and Morpeth are playing on the Friday Night – 8<sup>th</sup> March so the next set of fixtures can be determined (Plate Pool and the other Semi Final against Ponteland).*

*It has therefore been suggested that you play the Novos v Alnwick 2 fixture on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March as this is a league free date.*

*As far as we could see on GMS, Novos do not have a re arranged league match.*

*The CANDY match – Northern Wanderers v Alnwick 2 - will need to be moved to another date. (Richard Kain & Ron Borley copied in for info)*

## Senior Shield

Teams - Blyth, Gosforth, Prudhoe & Stocksfield, Seghill, Wallsend

Teams play each other in a league

(please note dates have been tweaked as original dates had cup games in on what are now league weekends)

Key	Match Card Received
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### Match One – August as pre season (no change to dates)

Gosforth	58	v	15	Wallsend
Blyth	PP	v	PP	Prudhoe & Stocksfield
Bye – Seghill				

*Seghill have withdrawn from the competition*

### Match Two – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October (changed from 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> September)

Seghill	XX	v	XX	Gosforth
Wallsend	43	v	41	Blyth
Bye – Prudhoe & Stocksfield				

### Match Three – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October (changed from 7<sup>th</sup> October)

Prudhoe & Stocksfield	Pitches	v	AWO	Gosforth
Wallsend	XX	v	XX	Seghill
Bye – Blyth				

*Prudhoe & Stocksfield v Gosforth is now being played as league and cup double header on 6<sup>th</sup> January*

*08.01.24 - Prudhoe conceded cup tie to Gosforth*

### Match Four – either Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January or Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February (changed from 25<sup>th</sup> November)

Seghill	XX	v	XX	Prudhoe & Stocksfield
Gosforth		v		Blyth
Bye – Wallsend				

*Has the Gosforth v Blyth match taken place – question posted in Whatsapp 22.02.24*

### Match Five – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April (no change)

Prudhoe & Stocksfield		v		Wallsend
Blyth	XX	v	XX	Seghill
Bye – Gosforth				

### Final – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at a venue tbc

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## No2 Cup

As this year – with two pools of x4 teams. (Pools to be determined via a draw)

Teams - Ashington 2, Alnwick Lions, Berwick Bears, Medicals 2, Morpeth Edwardians, Novos 2, Tynedale Centurions, Whitley Bay Rockcliff Vikings

(Pools listed below – pools listed as teams came out of the hat and given a number 1-4 which then allowed the draws to take place)

Key	Match Card Received
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### Pool One

Medicals 2

Whitley Bay Rockcliff Vikings

~~Berwick Bears~~

Ashington 2

### Pool Two

Novos 2

Alnwick Lions

Tynedale Centurions

Morpeth Edwardians

### **Match One – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Pool One	Medicals 2	53	v	0	Whitley Bay Rockcliff Vikings
Pool One	Berwick Bears				Ashington 2
Pool Two	Novos 2	45	v	31	Alnwick Lions
Pool Two	Tynedale Centurions	Win	V	Lose	Morpeth Edwardians

### **Match Two – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Pool One	Ashington 2		v		Medicals 2
Pool One	Whitley Bay Rockcliff Vikings		v		Berwick Bears
Pool Two	Morpeth Edwardians		v		Novos 2
Pool Two	Alnwick Lions		v		Tynedale Centurions

### **Match Three – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Pool One	Medicals 2		v		Berwick Bears
Pool One	Whitley Bay Rockcliff Vikings		v		Ashington 2
Pool Two	Novos 2		v		Tynedale Centurions
Pool Two	Alnwick Lions		v		Morpeth Edwardians

### **Finals – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at a venue tbc**

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### **No3 Cup**

Blyth 2, North Shields Crusaders, Novos 3, Ponteland 2

Four teams    Everyone plays each other

We have looked at the programme – there is no way to incorporate a cup now due to the backlog of fixtures, the state of pitches due to recent weather etc

If this cup was to run, three matches need to be played. Fixture Secretaries can work out the schedule of matches around current fixture list (trying to make this as easy as possible to get the games in).

All the teams noted above are in the Aln League – so you could double up and play a joint cup/league match as well as scheduling in stand alone matches – is this workable, do you want this?

### **Update 21.02.24 (Whatsapp from Paul to teams in the Cup)**

*Hi everyone the draw for the no3 northumberland cup was drawn by ken fraser in county office at lunchtime claire sharpe and pw in attendance and was as follows*

*Ponteland 2s v Novos 3rds*

*N Shields Crusaders v Blyth 2s.*

*Mutually agreed dates if possible.*

*County Cup games takes precedent over county league fixtures*

*Hopefully we can arrange so a final in early to mid April can be arranged. End of April seems quite congested for higher cup finals etc. Any probs or queries dont hesitate to get in touch. PW*

### **Vets Rugby**

#### **(incorporating Cups 4 and 5 – cup format to be agreed with participating teams over summer)**

Prov Dates are:

Fri 15th Sept 2023 @ Blyth

Fri 17th Nov 2023 @ Ashington

Fri 19th Jan 2024 @ WB Rockliff (AGP) - please book

Fri 15th Mar 2024 @ Novos

Fri 3rd May 2024 @ Morpeth Beer Festival