

**CARDIFF & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE
CUP COMPETITIONS
RULES
December 2011**

1. Teams drawn first shall have the choice of venue, except in the semi-finals and finals which shall be played at a neutral venue chosen by the management committee.
2. Competing teams will have submitted a list of players who will individually receive a handicap (see rule 46). Names may be added to or deleted from the list submitted prior to the draw being made for a particular round, but such amendments shall not be effective unless rule 49 is complied with. **Players will not be permitted to play in cup competitions until they receive a handicap.**
3. There will be no doubles played in the cup competitions.
4. In order to accommodate our current handicapping system, games shall be played to 21 points and not 11 as currently played in the league (but please refer to '8' below), and will be best of 3 games.
5. It is the responsibility of both team captains to ensure that they bring a list of current handicaps with them to each cup game. These will be made available by the Cup Competitions secretary.
6. Where the two players have been awarded the same handicap, then the games shall start at 'love all'.
7. Where a player receives points as a result of the handicap (e.g. one player is handicapped 5 and the other 10), the game shall start at 5 nil or love 5 depending on the winning of the toss. In keeping with the rules of games played to 21, a player will have 5 serves.
8. Where a player receives a negative handicap (e.g. -4) and the other a plus (say + 5), then the game starts with the negative handicap player starting at '0' and the other at '9'. **The game finishes when the first player reaches 25.**
9. No player can have a start of more than 16 points.
10. A game finishes when one player reaches 21 points (except in cases where a player has a negative handicap – see 8 above). It is not necessary to have 2 clear points.
11. The winning team will be the team winning the most number of games. In the case of a draw, then the team winning the most number of events will be declared the winners.