

# Old Albanian Rugby Football Club

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## Herts County Youth Cup & Plate 2008

*Organised by Old Albanian RFC*

### Competition Rules

#### General

The County Cup part of the competition is for the highest ranked eight teams in each age group. This will be a three-round straight knock-out event with, effectively, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals.

The County Plate part of the competition is for all other clubs and teams, including B and C teams whether from Clubs with teams in the Cup part or not but up to a maximum of 16 teams. This is intended to be of four rounds, also a straight knock-out competition. If there are 8 teams or less for the Plate in an age group then this will be reduced to three rounds. If more than 16 teams apply in an age-group the Organisers shall determine whether C teams shall be excluded or whether date of receipt of entries shall be used to eliminate the excess teams.

#### Draw and seeding

Cup ranking: The semi-finalists from the previous year's Cup competition are seeded in this year's Cup competition. The other four teams in the Under 14 to 17 age-groups are the highest ranked four teams from previous season's Herts Middx Leagues, not already qualifying as semi-finalists but these will not be seeded. The other four teams in the Under 13 age-group are the semi-finalists in the previous season's Shield competition.

There will be no seeding for the Plate competition.

The Draw will take place on Sunday 2 December 2006 at 16:00 pm.

#### Schedule

	U13 – U16	Alternative	U17	Alternative
Round 1	6 January	before 28 January	20 January	before 28 January
Round 2	17 February (Half term)	28 January to 24 February	10 February	28 January to 24 February
Round 3	9 March	25 February to 16 March	16 March	25 February to 16 March
Finals	20 April	on application	20 April	on application

NB: Round 3 matches will only be relevant for Plate age groups with nine or more teams.

*Alternative match dates should be agreed as soon as possible following publication of the draw results and the dates confirmed by the home team to the Organisers by 29 December 2007 at the latest. **In the event that teams cannot mutually agree or the Organisers are not notified of re-arranged alternative dates on or before 29 December, the Schedule dates shown above shall stand.***

*The purpose of allowing alternative dates is to enable teams to avoid known County or National commitments, school holidays and tours, any of which should be known in advance. It is not to handle missing or injured players. Once agreed, the fixture dates are to be adhered to unless cancelled by the referee due to pitch or weather conditions or or by approval of the Organisers (e.g. as a result of commitment subsequently arising due to National competition knock-out success). In the event of any disagreement over date/s the decision of the Organising Committee will be final.*

**A team not fulfilling a fixture will forfeit the game to the opposition on the basis of a 40 - 0 points victory.**

#### Laws

All games will be played under the laws of the game (Under 15's and Under 19 variations) as published by the RFU. Sin bins will be applied in ALL Matches.

#### Duration & Ball Size

The Pool games will be played according to the following timings:

U13 & U14: two halves of 25 minutes each, size 4 ball

U15: two halves of 30 minutes each, size 5 ball

U16 & U17: two halves of 35 minutes each, size 5 ball

Once the two halves have been completed, no extra time will be played.

## Referees

Each Club entering the competition is required to nominate a person for each age-group taking part who may be called upon by the Organisers to referee one match other than one in which their team is playing.

It is the responsibility of the home team to provide an independent qualified referee. In this context, 'independent' means that the referee is not attached to either team's club and is not a current or previous player, VP, parent or elected officer of either club. If an independent qualified referee is not available then the home team must inform the visiting team at least seven full days in advance that:

- they have not been able to provide an independent qualified referee and
- they wish to provide a competent, qualified alternative referee attached to the home team club and acceptable to the visiting team as an alternative or
- they wish the visiting team to provide an independent referee.

At this point the visiting team has the option of

- accepting the attached referee proposed by the home team (if they have done so) or
- providing an independent qualified referee for the whole game or
- asking the Organisers to appoint an independent referee from the pool of names submitted to them.

**The Organising Committee will ensure qualified/Society referees are available for the finals.**

## Squad sizes and substitutions

In line with the laws of the game, the squad sizes at any given match will be a maximum of 22. In squads of 22, at least six members must be capable of playing in the front row and their capability indicated on the Squad sheets.

Substitutions will be run in accordance with the RFU laws and the U19 variations.

The coach for each team will be responsible for managing substitutions and replacements.

At the finals, the organising club will be responsible for providing an official who will monitor the replacement of players.

Clubs entering more than one team in an age-group shall submit a squad sheet for each team to the organisers before the start of the Round 1 matches. Subsequent substitutions between teams shall be agreed by the organisers beforehand.

## Eligibility & Registration

All players **MUST** be registered by the club under the RFU registration scheme; any club can request visibility of registration cards for any player/players from the opposing side during the Pool fixtures.

All players must have played at least one game prior to 01/01/2008 for their club.

All players playing in the finals must have played at least one game in the previous rounds of the competition.

For the finals a team sheet must be submitted with all substitutes named at the latest one day prior to the final direct to the organising club, a check of teams will be made on the finals day against registration cards.

## Winners

In line with the continuum, no extra time will be played. Therefore, in the event of a draw, the following will be used to determine the winner:

- a) The team scoring the most tries,
- b) The team with the most conversions,
- c) The team that scored the last point in the match.

If there is still no winner in a Round 1 – 3 match then a toss of a coin by the referee shall determine the winner.

In the final if, after full time, the scores remain equal, the trophy will be shared.

## Results

Squad sheets must be completed and exchanged prior to commencement of all matches. The result must be recorded on the Home club's sheet and both sheets signed by both teams and Referee.

**It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure that these results are submitted within two days of the games taking place** in one of the following ways:

Email: [peter@buttle.co.uk](mailto:peter@buttle.co.uk) or

Fax: 01923 850008

The fixtures and results will be available on OA's Junior website [www.oajrfc.com](http://www.oajrfc.com)

***In all matters the decision of the Herts County Youth Cup Organising Committee will be final and, once made, no further discussion will be entered into.***



## Herts County Youth Cup and Plate Match Squad and Results Sheet

HOME CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

AGE GROUP: UNDER \_\_\_\_

\*Round 1 2 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Cup / Plate

AWAY CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2008 KO \_\_\_:\_\_\_ am/pm

**\*Home | Away Squad:**

\* Circle/delete as applicable

Name	Date of Birth	RFU Number	Front Row?
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**RESULT**    Home Team    Score \_\_\_\_\_ Tries \_\_\_\_\_ Conversions \_\_\_\_\_

                  Away Team    Score \_\_\_\_\_ Tries \_\_\_\_\_ Conversions \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures  
And Names**

Home Team	
Away Team	
Referee	

Completed sheets to be retained by home club and on request sent to:  
Peter Buttle, St Botolphs, Shenleybury, Shenley, Radlett, Herts WD7 9DL