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To: Clubs participating in the, National Leagues 2019-20

RE: National League Rules & Regulations 2019-20 Season – Key Changes

As we look towards the start of the 2019-20 Season on the 7th September, it is my pleasure to confirm that the National League Rules and Regulations for 2019-20 have now been confirmed and verified by the Union's Community Game Board and are now available via the Library in MyWRU.

Throughout the season, various points were raised by Clubs with their respective District Representatives and in turn this feedback was fed through to the annual review of the regulations with a view to making positive changes for the upcoming season.

We also feel that it is prudent to highlight a number of these changes for your Club as it is important for you to be aware that there have been a number of significant amendments to the Regulations that will impact on the coming season.

Therefore, you will find attached a summary of the main changes made to the National League Regulations, alongside the key clause contained within the Regulations for your ease of reference.

The CMC have also determined that there will be a new knockout Competition introduced for teams competing in Division 3 East C, 3 East Central C which is an amalgamated League containing teams previously in Division 3 East D, 3 West Central C and 3 North called the WRU Shield. Teams in these respective Divisions will participate in the Shield as opposed to the Bowl.

Should you have any queries or points of clarity, please feel free to get in touch with myself or Alan Thomas.

Yours Sincerely,



Adam Taylor
WRU Rugby Competitions Manager

CC: WRU Board

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Page 2-9 – Outline of relegation from Premiership and Championship

Following possible relegation from Premiership and four teams being relegated from the Championship, information regarding certain Divisions possibly having three teams relegated at the conclusion of the 2019-20 season

For information, one team will be relegated from the Premiership and one team automatically promoted from the Championship should that team have obtained the required A License.

Also includes clarification of the mechanism to determine the team who will be relegated should three go down from an individual Division as per last season.

Page 9 – Clarification of the structure to be used in the amalgamated Division 3 East D & 3 East Central C League.

Page 10 – Outline that team sheets are expected to be submitted electronically via MyWRU no later than 72 hours of a match.

Page 11 – Amendments to player eligibility in relation to Brexit

Page 15 – Changes to scrummaging regulations whereby a team is now allowed to have up to 2 replacements should it only have three (3) players in the match day squad who can play in the front row meaning the game starts with contested scrums.

Page 16 – Clarification on issues relating to uncontested scrums related to yellow and red cards

Page 19 – Clarity that should teams fail to fulfil their fixtures for two consecutive seasons then they may be withdrawn from the National Leagues

Page 23 – The Competitions Management Committee have outlined that harsher sanctions be imposed on clubs who fail to fulfil their obligation in playing matches selected for television.