

OPERATIONAL POLICY



GENERAL INFORMATION*

Lead Area:	Community & Game Development
Lead Policy Title:	CHALLENGE CUP(S) & CUP HOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Unless and until the Board otherwise determines the following procedure has been endorsed by RugbyWA's Community Rugby Advisory Committee (CRAC) and has been in place since 2014.

PURPOSE

The RugbyWA Cup is to be competed for by the Premiership Premier grade sides on a challenge basis throughout the regular senior home and away competition.

PROCEDURE

1. The holding team must defend the Cup in challenge matches, and a successful challenger becomes the new holder of the Cup.
2. A challenge match initially occurs when the Cup holder is playing at home. The challenger will be the opposition team in these respective matches at the Cup holder's home venue.
3. Once a team has successfully defended the Cup three (3) times at home, all of the holder's subsequent matches in the competition are considered mandatory defenses, whether home or away.
4. The Cup will not be at stake in final series matches.
5. Prior to the kick-off in any Cup match the two captains and referee shall have a photo taken with the Cup.
6. The Cup is to be presented immediately following the game by a RWA official or if unavailable an official of the club in possession of the Cup to the winning captain or their delegate.

RWA CUP HOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Cup is to be thoroughly cleaned prior to being displayed.
2. The Cup is to be displayed prominently on a table or raised platform on the sideline during all Cup matches.
3. The club in possession of the Cup must maintain and securely store the Cup between Cup matches.
4. The club in possession of the Cup takes full responsibility and liability for any damage or loss of the Cup. Any damage to the cup must be repaired at the clubs cost prior to the next Cup match.
5. Should a club fail to comply with these protocols the SCM may, at his/her sole discretion, deem the club to have forfeited the Cup and award it to the team who is due to challenge for the Cup.