

Federation Knockout Cup Regulations

The Federation Knockout Cup is open to all teams who play in Central Footballs Senior Men's or Women's competitions.

Only one team per club is permitted to enter – Central League teams are not allowed to enter but clubs may enter a team from a lower competition

Player eligibility

No player may play for more than one team or club in the competition. Once a player has taken the field they are cup tied to that team in the competition.

Any player who has taken part in a Chatham Cup/NZ Womens Cup game is ineligible to play in the Federation Knockout Cup

Players must be registered and may only be regraded in accordance with Regulation 6 of Central Football's Senior Competition playing regulations.

No player shall be allowed to play in the Final unless he has taken the field in at least one previous round of the Cup.

A squad list of players of the two finalists is to be submitted to the appropriate League Manager at least seven (7) days prior to the final

In the event of any team playing unregistered or ineligible players the following procedures shall be adopted:

- The offending team shall be disqualified from the competition: their opponents will be credited with a win.
- If both clubs are found to be in breach the match results shall be null and void. Both teams will be eliminated from the competition.
- A fine of \$50.00 per player will be imposed on the offending club

Match duration

- Two halves of 45 minutes.
- 3 subs can be used. These are not rolling.
- If scores are level at full time then 2, 15-minute periods of extra time will be played
- If scores are still level then kicks from the penalty mark will take place under FIFA rules.
- Home team or first named team where neutral venue used MUST ring through the result to appropriate Manager

Venues

Games between teams from the following regions will be played in the following locations.

Taranaki teams vs Gisborne Teams - played in Dannevirke, Palmerston North or Hawkes Bay

Taranaki teams vs Hawkes Bay Teams - played in Manawatu

Taranaki teams vs Wanganui or Manawatu teams - first team drawn out of the hat will be the home team.

Wanganui or Manawatu Teams v Gisborne Teams - Played in Napier

Hawkes Bay teams vs Wanganui or Manawatu teams - first team drawn out of the hat will be the home team

Gisborne Teams vs Hawkes Bay Teams - first team drawn out of the hat will be the home team

Games will be played on the same day as Chatham Cup Rounds

2010 Dates - 15/16 May, 7 June, 19/20 June, 3/4 July and 24/25 July

Where a Federation Cup game clashes with a local league or Cup fixture then that fixture will be postponed and Operations manager will reschedule the game at a later date.

Minimum number of entries in either competition will be 8.

Maximum number of entries – Men 24

Women 16

Byes will be eliminated in the first round

Final will be played at most suitable venue

Trophy and medals for winners and runner-up

All other Central Football regulations will apply