RC 1920 r0 **Annex C.4.0 r0**

**RSC** Fixtures Sub-Committee (FSC)

**Note:** **e-Teamsheets must be used for ALL fixtures and no result shall be valid unless e-teamsheets are used in accordance with Annex A.6**

The following specific provisions are in addition to the general provisions

Competition Name: Munster U20

Trophy: Donal Walsh Cup & the Donal Walsh Plate

Presented by: Walsh Family

General: 1. This season (2019/20), there will be a two parts to the u20 competition, the Donal Walsh Trophy and the Donal Walsh Plate

 2. Players from clubs not competing in either the Donal Walsh Trophy or Plate competitions in the current season are entitled to participate in said competitions as Loan Players.  i.e. they can go On Loan to a club participating in either the Trophy or Plate     **N.B. A transfer is NOT required.**

**Note:  A Player Loan Form (on the Munster website) must be completed for each player and submitted to Munster Rugby. This form will apply to this competition only and weekly letters are neither necessary nor will be accepted. The player then be registered with the "u20 club" (he cannot play until his registration is confirmed by Munster Rugby)**

 3. There will be no limit to the number of Loan players in a squad.

 4. Players belonging to a club that have a team in either competition cannot go on Loan, they must apply for a transfer as normal.

 5. Players belonging to a Club that is amalgamating with another club to enter the competition, will be treated the same as paragraph 3 above.

 6. **Change of Mind option**: by the 14th of November, a player has the option to complete a Change of Mind Form and submit it to the Munster Rugby Committee (fao: Jo Kelleher jokelleher@munsterrugby.ie) for approval. If approval is granted, he can then return to the club from whence he came.

 The Form can be downloaded from the Munster rugby website - it is completed by the Player himself and he submits it to Munster Rugby.

**Note: This Change of Mind option applies to Loans and Transfers for players in this age group only.**

Eligible Teams: 1. Clubs desirous of participation must lodge a post-dated cheque with the Munster Branch I.R.F.U. in the sum of €1000. This cheque will only be cashed in the event of a club not fulfilling its commitments to the competition.

 **N.B.** If a club fails to complete its programme of matches, it may be excluded from entering the 2020/21 competition.

 2. The structure of the competition will be decided by the RSC when the number of clubs is known

Player Eligibility: 1. Players born on or after July 1st, 1999

 2 (i) Panel for the competition cannot exceed 34 players .

 (ii) A panel of minimum 22 players must be notified to the FSC before noon 23rd September 2019. Where a side is an amalgamation of two clubs or more, the players from those clubs are not considered as Loan player for that side.

 (iii) In the period from January 1st 2020 to March 31st 2020, replacements to the panel are made upon application to the Rugby Committee in the event of long term injury. Any request for such a replacement must be accompanied by Medical Certification from a registered medical doctor.

 3. Loan Forms (Annex B.3) must be completed and forwarded to the RSC for clearance, before a player can play.

**N.B. Players are on Loan for this competition only and may play for their “Home” club in all other competitions**

4.  Each Club is permitted to register one overseas player (as defined in the AIL Rules) and they must have the necessary clearance before playing in the competition

5. Applicable to Plate Competition only - If a team has an insufficient number of players, including front row players, the game will go ahead and the result will stand. If a team cannot comply with the Front Row requirements either prior to or during the game, the result will stand.

6. Applicable to Plate Competition only- Where a side is unable to field a team of fifteen, then their opponents must play with the same number of players (minimum 12 a side) but will still be allowed to tog out no more than twenty players, with the remaining players allowed to be used as substitutes, with the rolling substitutions rule applying.

Format: League - tbc

Competition Rules: 1. 'Result on the day' per Annex A.11.1 applies in all rounds

2. League Points as per Article 9

3. League Placings as per Annex A.10 with promotion and relegation of one team.

4. If any team gives a walkover it shall be deducted 2 (two) League Points.

5. (i) Default kick-off time is Saturday 14.30 hrs

 (ii) Clubs may, by agreement, play in the window of Friday evening to Monday evening. However, games outside of this window will not be sanctioned. (Use Postponement Form – Annex B 7)

6. Ground conditions – Annex A.9 applies. However, the RSC reserve to right move any fixture to a neutral ground in the event of unplayable pitch or other circumstance that may arise, to facilitate the smooth running of the competition. (Hire of all-weather pitches or other clubs ground will be at the expense of the home team.)

7. Match Results - The referee in the first instance is responsible adding the results to the Sportsmanager system. In the event of no referee, the home team is responsible for advising the RSC of the correct result, with full details of score and number of tries scored, within 24 hours of completion of game. Failure to comply fully may result in sanctions as per Article 16

No. of Subs: Seven – Rolling

Final Venue(s): Tralee RFC or as decided by the RSC