

**RULES FOR THE PREMIER, FIRST,
EXPANSION LEAGUE & WOMEN'S
DIVISIONAL LEAGUE COMPETITIONS**

1. Name

The competitions shall be known as the Bermuda Football Association Premier, First, Expansion League and Women's Divisional League Competitions.

2. Trophies

The Divisional Champions shall retain the replica trophy awarded during the presentation ceremony on the last match day of the season. All other trophies shall be the property of the Association or sponsor of any Divisional competitions.

3. Management

The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Executive Council of the Association or Competitions Committee acting on its behalf.

4. Operation

- (a) Membership in the Competition shall be at the discretion of the Executive Council who shall have the power from time to time to determine the number of teams in each Division. No revisions shall be instituted unless at least one year's notice is given by the Executive Council except where stated herein.
- (b) No Membership Organization is permitted to have more than one team in the any of the Divisional Competition.
- (c) Automatic Promotion and Relegation shall be applied for the first two and last two teams in the Premier and First Divisions except as provided for hereinafter.
 - (i) **If** more than two teams withdraw from the Premier Division after the fixtures have commenced and their vacancies not filled during the season, no team in that Division shall be automatically relegated. Such conditions of relegation shall be decided upon by the Executive Council.
 - (ii) Additional vacancies, caused by the retirement of a team or by the withdrawal of a member from the Competition, shall be filled by the Executive Council.

5. Qualification of Players

- (a) Any Club entering a team in the Divisions shall be required to register a minimum of 18 players.
 - (b) Any player age 16 years old is eligible to participate in any Premier, First, Expansion League and Women's match. No player under the age of 16 years old shall be permitted to register and participate as a player in the above competitions. Failure to comply with the above will render the player or players ineligible and the club will be sanctioned according to the Association's regulations governing ineligible players.
 - (c) No player registered with a team in the Masters Division will be permitted to play in the Premier, First or Expansion League Competitions of the Association; however they can participate in the FA Cup Competition.
- 6. All Divisions shall be governed by the General Rules Governing Divisional Competitions and any other Rules and Regulations of the Association as they apply.
 - 7. No alterations, additions or deletions may be made at an Annual or Semi-Annual Congress Meeting or Special Congress Meeting regarding relegation or promotion that has been determined through competition in a previous year.
 - 8. All matches shall be administered and controlled in addition to the regulations contained herein as well as in accordance with the Match Day Procedures, which may be published by the Association from time to time.
 - 9. Any matter not provided for in these regulations shall be resolved by the Executive Council.