

# **EXPANSION KNOCK OUT CUP**

## **COMPETITION**

### **1. Name of Competition**

The Competition shall be called the Expansion Knock-Out Cup.

### **2. Ownership of Cup**

The Cup shall be the property of the Bermuda Football Association and shall be competed for annually.

### **3. Eligibility of Clubs**

The competition shall be played between the clubs participating in the Expansion League Division of the Bermuda Football Association.

### **4. Qualification of Players**

Players must be registered members of the participating teams and their registration must be in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Qualification of Players (Domestic Competitions) prior to any match in which they participate.

- (i) Any player age 16 years old is eligible to participate in any Expansion League K.O. Cup Competition 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.

### **5. SUBSTITUTES**

- (i) A maximum of seven (7) substitutes may be listed on each team sheet. During the match each team may make unlimited substitutions; however, a player cannot re-enter the game in the same half in which they were substituted.

### **6. Playing Rules**

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- (a) Teams entering the competition must register by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Failure to do so will result in the club being dealt with in accordance with the Regulations of the Association.
- (b) The entry fee shall be determined by the Executive Council and payable at the time of registration.
- (c) The competition shall be played on a knock-out basis, that is to say, the team that loses shall be eliminated. All games played in the competition shall be in accordance with the Rules of the Association and the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA.
- (d) The duration of the match shall be ninety minutes, played in two equal periods. In all rounds including the final, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time of the match then the game shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with Article 6 (g) (i) below according to the Laws of FIFA.
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  - (i) In all rounds prior to the Final Round, the first named team shall be designated as the home team.
  - (ii) In all rounds prior to the Final Round, the home team shall provide the match balls. In the Final Round, the Association will provide the match balls.
  - (iii) The Referee shall consult with the Association's Match Commissioner before calling the Final off for any reason. Abandoned games shall be played in full unless otherwise ruled by the Executive Council.
  - (iv) In all rounds, the Executive Council shall decide the grounds upon which the game shall be played and times.
  - (v) Where there is a conflict in the colors worn by any two teams, the home team shall be required to change. However, should the visiting team not be wearing its registered colors thus causing the home team to change, the visiting team shall be fined, and/or otherwise dealt with by the Association.
- (f) The two teams winning the semi-final round shall meet in the Expansion K.O. Cup Final to be played at a venue decided by the Executive Council or Competitions Committee acting on its behalf.

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- (g) (i) If at the end of regulation time in the Final match, the score is tied, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- (ii) The winner of the Expansion K.O. Cup Final shall retain the replica trophy.
- (h) Match Officials shall be appointed by the Referees Committee. All Match Officials shall be paid as laid out in Rules Governing Referees and Assistant Referees.

### **7. Control & Management**

- (a) The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Executive Council or the Competitions Committee acting on its behalf.
- (b) The Competitions Committee shall have the power to disqualify any competing club, player or players who may be proved guilty of any breach of the Rules of the Association.
- (c) All questions relating to the qualification of players, the interpretation of rules or any dispute or protest arising out of the competition, shall be referred to the Executive Council on the recommendation from the Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final and binding to all clubs.
- (d) All such queries must be submitted in writing within 48 hours of the match in question, to the Administrative Office, and must be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00.
- (e) The Executive Council may amend these rules, as they from time to time deem expedient.
- (f) The Executive Council shall have the power to decide on matters not provided for in these regulations.