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3 DECADES OF FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

BAYHILL PREMIER CUP 2018

ROUND ROBIN STAGE

RULES & FORMAT

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Only players born in the year 1999 and later will be eligible to play in the round robin stage of the playoffs.
- b. Only bona-fide members of SAFA and their respective Provincial bodies are eligible for participation.
- c. All players must be registered for the 2017 or 2018 season with their participating club. No player will be allowed to play without a SAFA / SAFA CT, National First division, National Second Division, and PSL registration card.
- d. All players must have their **Identity Document or valid passport** available for the purpose of registration and identification. Original Driver Licence will be acceptable in the absence ID document or passport.
- e. If a player is not able to produce the above-mentioned proof of identification, such a player will be deemed to be ineligible and will not be allowed to play in the round robin.
 - i. **No birth certificates, temporary drivers licence, or proof of application for ID forms will be accepted as proof of identity.**
 - ii. Clubs will be allowed to register twenty (20) players for the round robin.
 - iii. **No guest players will be allowed.**
- f. All players/teams must be registered with the Premier Cup Committee before the end of their first game.
 - i. Should a team fail to register before the end of the first match, they will lose that match by three (3) goals.
 - ii. **Once a team have registered their quota of players (20), they will not have the liberty to change players on the registration list.**
 - iii. Any team fielding an ineligible player will be disqualified from the competition.

2. FORMAT

- a. Twenty-eight (28) teams divided into seven (7) groups (A to G).
- b. Groups will consist of four (4) teams each, shall contest the round robin stage.





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- c. The four (4) teams play each other once in their respective groups, and a league table of the results is drawn up.
- d. The two (2) top teams in each group shall progress to the **BAYHILL PREMIER CUP 2018 TOURNAMENT PROPER.**
- e. In the event of two (2) teams ending with the same number of points in their groups, the team with the superior goal difference shall be declared the higher group finisher.
- f. If the teams cannot be separated by goal difference (**refer to point above**), the team that scored the highest number of goals will then be declared the higher group finisher.
- g. If the teams cannot be separated by highest number of goals scored, the corresponding result between the team(s) in the round robin stage will be considered.
- h. If the teams are still tied (having referred to points above), kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken (as per the FIFA guidelines)
- i. Both teams shall require not more than eleven eligible players on the field for the penalty kicks.
- j. Should a team refuse to take penalties, then the opponent will be declared the higher finisher in the respective group.
- k. The penalty shootout for the above is only to determine the higher group finisher

3. POINTS SYSTEM

The Points system shall be as follows:

- a. Three (3) points for a win.
- b. Two (2) points for a score draw
- c. One (1) point for a goalless draw

4. DURATION

- a. Each league round robin match shall consist of two (2) halves of 25 minutes each with no extra time.

5. GENERAL RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- a. Clubs are reminded to be in time for their matches: A grace period of fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed should a team arrive late. (**To be ready on the field of play**)
- b. If a team is not ready to play after the grace period allocated such a team will be deemed to have defaulted. (**Team managers are responsible to obtain**





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the times of their fixtures)

- c. The opponents of the defaulting team will be awarded **three (3) points and three goals**.
- d. Teams will be allowed to use five (5) substitutes per match.
- e. Any player/s sent off during the round robin stage, shall be suspended for one (1) match.
- f. If a team starts with less than eleven (11) players, such a team will only be allowed to fill the team to eleven (11) players and no substitutions will be allowed.
- g. The committee reserves the right to do random checks on any team's players.
- h. **Managers are reminded to be present when referees check player's cards.**
- i. In the event of a clash of colours, the team mentioned second on the fixture shall affect the change of strip.
- j. **Participation in the Round Robin is R160.00 for all participants.**
- k. The entrance fee to the ground will be R5.00 per adult and player, R5.00 per vehicle, and juniors will pay R2.00.
- l. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their players, spectators and supporters.
- m. The committee will not tolerate any misbehaviour towards match officials during the competition. The committee will have the right to report any club/player/team official found guilty of any misconduct to the perpetrator's LFA.
- n. **No Protest** will be allowed throughout the round robin stage.
- o. Managers are to ask the referee to note any concern on the match sheet. The committee will follow up if requested to do so. (No **game will be stopped, delayed, or cancelled because of the above process.**)
- p. The committee and/or the Sponsor shall not be held responsible for any **loss or damage of property, or injuries sustained** during or after the match.

THE PREMIER CUP COMMITTEE WILL ARBITRATE ANY MATTER NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES.

