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## **Annual 8-a-Side Football RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The annual 8-a-side football is scheduled to begin September 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 and run until October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 1.2 Fixtures will be presented at a later date.
- 1.3 There will be four adult age groups, Age Group 1: U-35, Age Group 2: 36-45 and Age Group 3: 46-55, Group 4 O-56.
- 1.4 Games will be scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays .
- 1.5 An opening day tournament and Family day will kick off the tournament on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 1.6 The tournament is run by the 8-a-side committee and all decisions made by the committee are final.
- 1.7 The committee can amend these rules as required and will communicate all changes to all affected parties.
- 1.8 The tournament fixtures/ results will be posted on QPCC website for regular standings updates (possible cancelations due to weather conditions).

### **2.0 Eligibility of Players**

- 2.1 The tournament is open to QPCC members who are in good financial standing only.
- 2.2 Members must also be current on their bar bill prior to the start of the tournament.
- 2.3 The contribution for members is \$250. This is due on the opening day of the tournament. Captains are responsible for ensuring members submit their contribution by October 3rd 2009. Members who have not made their contribution are not eligible to play. Captains will only be assigned the number of uniforms for players who have paid their \$250 contribution.
- 2.4 Members must complete the tournament waiver. Only members who complete the waiver are eligible to play.

- 2.5 QPCC super league football players are not eligible to participate. North zone and under 17 football players who fulfill the other eligibility requirements are eligible.
- 2.6 All players must register before deadline date to ensure they are permitted to play in the tournament. The registration forms are available for 2 months online and offline and this is sufficient time to register.
- 2.7 The deadline date for registration is August 24th 2011 – 3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament. These three weeks are needed to finalize groupings, seeding of players and formalize number of teams and sponsors. There will be no extension on the deadline date-
- 2.8 Registration is done by signing the tournament register in the notice board at the members entrance to the pavilion. Players names, age (for demographic), contact number and e-mail address are compulsory.
- 2.9 Goalkeepers, must include their position on the register
- 2.10 Members must play in their assigned grouping with the exception that upon his/her request a player may play in a younger division than their classification. No player is allowed to play in an older division.
- 2.11 Member ages are calculated as of September 17th 2011.

### **3.0 Sponsors**

- 3.1 There are two levels of sponsorship available for the tournament. Title sponsor and team sponsor.
- 3.2 Title sponsorship is a fee that will be auctioned in the event of multiple bidders or negotiated in the case of a sole bidder. The sum shall be in the vicinity of \$50,000 TT. This sum is to offset the costs of running the tournament.
- 3.3 The title sponsor for an agreed fee shall receive the following:
  - 3.3.1 Sponsor name on all team jerseys
  - 3.3.2 Sponsor banners on display on every event night
  - 3.3.3 Sponsor logos to be on all corner flags
  - 3.3.4 Sponsor banner on Entrance to Pavilion
  - 3.3.5 Full Page Advertisement in Parkite
  - 3.3.6 5 Parking Spaces in Oval car park on event nights
  - 3.3.7 QPCC Booth access for opening day and final night
  - 3.3.8 Banner on QPCC website 8-a-side page

- 3.4 Team sponsorship is \$6000 TT. \$4500 goes to the tournament and \$1500 goes to the QPCC football discipline.
- 3.5 Each team sponsor for \$6000 TT shall receive the following:
  - 3.5.1 Full team kit (Shirt, Pants, socks) for each player and sponsor
  - 3.5.2 Sponsor name on all team jerseys or pants
  - 3.5.3 Sponsor banners on display on every event night
  - 3.5.4 Banner on QPCC website 8-a-side page
  - 3.5.5 Playing of ads on PA system on game nights

#### **4.0 Picking of Teams**

- 4.1 The number of teams in each division shall be determined by number of entrants and number of sponsors
- 4.2 Each team must designate a captain to represent the team at the picking of teams meeting
- 4.3 The four age groups will have their meetings on a date and time to be confirmed.
- 4.4 The 8-a-side committee will preside over each meeting to resolve all queries and their decision is final
- 4.5 All players registered will be seeded by the committee prior to meeting using seedings from last year and captain feedback
- 4.6 Players will be seeded into 4 categories – A, B, C and goalkeeper. These seeding will be broken into lists containing all of the players registered for that group.
- 4.7 Players are to be selected in the following fashion – Captains shall draw lots/cards to determine order of picking. The captain who drew first choice picks a name from the A list, then the captain who drew second picks from the A list and so on until each captain has picked once. The order is then reversed and one more round of picking ensues. After the first two rounds, the lots/cards are drawn again and the process repeated until the A list is empty. If the A list finishes within a round the captains left to pick in that round move immediately to the A list and continue the process. This continues until all lists are empty finalizing the teams.
- 4.8 The only variance to this rule is that each captain and playing sponsor is also seeded but not on the player lists and as such the first pick of that seeding for each team must be the captain. In other words a captain could be seeded as a B player and would pick as normal from the A lists, but when those lists had been emptied and it was his/her turn to pick from the B list, rather than pick from the list on the first round, he/she must pick themselves and the picking continues to the next captain. If it reaches back around to the captain that picked themselves, they can now pick from the B list. This rule holds for goalkeeper captains as well.

- 4.9 The game schedules will be given to the team captains at these meetings.
- 4.10 It is the captains' responsibility to contact team members and inform them of games and to distribute sponsor uniforms.

## 5.0 Rules of Play

- 5.1 Football boots: Turfs, rubbers and blades will be accepted. There will be no use of Screw pegs.
- 5.2 Each game will be refereed by (1) TTFF referee. Their decision is final at all times.
- 5.3 Normal FIFA Rules apply with the following exceptions: there is no offside, there is no slide tackling and the substitutions are unlimited once every player has played at least one half.
- 5.4 A team is in default if they cannot produce 5 players at the allotted start time of the game. A default win shall be awarded to the other team with a 3-0 score line. Games cannot be rescheduled.
- 5.5 Games are 20 minutes long – 10 minutes per half. There is no extratime.
- 5.6 All players must play at least one half per game. The only exception is where a player is injured.
- 5.7 All players must play in the sponsor provided kits – Shirt, pants and socks. Players will not be allowed to play in non sponsor provided kits.
- 5.8 Points system is as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- 5.9 Penalties are taken from the top of the penalty box and the kicker must leave his/her non kicking foot planted during the kick. No run up is allowed.
- 5.10 Two yellow cards or a red card in a game ejects a player from that game. No replacement can be made for this player.
- 5.11 Any player receiving a red card can be banned from further games depending on the infringement and decision of the committee.
- 5.12 The referees will record all the goalscorers in each game as well as determine the MVP for each game. The player in each division with the most goals shall be awarded the most goals prize and the player in each division with the most MVP votes shall be voted division MVP. A tournament MVP is chosen from among the three divisional MVP's.

*Come out as a player, sponsor or spectator, meet fellow club members and enjoy the tournament. It is your club, support it!*

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