



METROPOLITAN PREMIER CUP

PLAY-OFFS RULES FOR 2011/2012

1. The play-offs will be played in three stages or as the organising committee finds it necessary.
 - a. Pre –preliminary.
 - b. Preliminary.
 - c. Round Robin.
2. All players born in the year **1992** and after will be eligible to play in the play-off **stages during 2011 only**.
3. In the continuation of the play-offs, which will take place during 2012, players born in the year **1993 and after will be eligible to play**.
4. All players must be in possession of a Valid **SAFA** or **SAFA CT** player's registration card for the current year. (**CASTLE, VODACOM, FIRST DIVISION, and PSL** cards will be allowed).
 - 4.1 **All players must have their Identity document or passport available for purpose of registration and identification.**
 - 4.2 **Players of 16 years and younger who have not yet been issued with a valid ID document must submit the following with their player's card:**
 - i. Birth certificate.
 - ii. A recent photo attached to a stamped affidavit .
 - 4.3 **If a player is not able to produce proof of identification, such a player will be deemed to be ineligible and will not be allowed to play in the playoffs .**
5. Players must be registered for the 2011 season with their participating club.
6. Clubs will be allowed to register twenty (20) players of who Five (**5**) may be **Guest Players** for the play-offs only.
 - 6.1 **Condition for quest players:** The guest players must provide the committee with a letter of consent from their club with whom they are registered (Club letter head), accompanied with their player's registration card.
7. All players/ teams must be registered with the **Premier Cup Committee** before their first match.
 - 7.1 Should a team fail to register before their first game they will start their first game one goal down.
8. Any team fielding an ineligible player (not properly registered) **MAY** be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of the Premier Cup Committee.



9. The pre-preliminary and preliminary stages will be played on a two-legged **"home and away"** system (Two teams play each other twice)
10. **A win will count (3) points and a draw will count (1) point.**
11. The team with the most points after the second match will proceed through to the next stage of the play-offs.
12. If after the second match the two teams end up with the same points the **"Away goal" Rule** will apply for both stages.
13. If the goal difference is still the same, a penalty shoot –out will take place and the winner will go through to the next stage of the play-offs
14. Clubs are reminded to be in time for their matches: A grace period of fifteen (15) minutes allowed should a team arrive late. **(To be ready on the field of play)**
15. If a team is not ready to play after the grace period allocated such a club will be deemed to have defaulted. (Team managers are responsible to obtain the times of their fixtures)
16. The opponents of the defaulting team will be awarded **three (3) points and three goals.**
17. The duration of all matches will be thirty (30) minutes each way with no extra time.
18. Teams will be allowed to use Four (4) substitutes per match.
19. Any player/s sent off shall be suspended for one (1) match. (Not to carry over to the Round Robin stage.)
20. The committee reserves the right to do random checks on any team's player's cards.
21. Managers are reminded to be present when referees check player's cards.
22. In the event of a clash of colours, the team mentioned second on the fixture shall affect the chance of strip.
23. Participation in the play-offs is free but the entrance fee to the ground will be R5.00 per adults and players, R5.00 per vehicle, and juniors will pay R1.00.
24. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their spectators/ supporters.
25. The committee will not tolerate any misbehaviour towards match officials during the competition. The committee has the right to report any misdemeanour by a participating team to the perpetrator's LFA
26. No Protest will be allowed throughout the Play-off. Managers are to ask the referee to note any concern on the match sheet. The committee will follow up if requested to do so.
27. The Premier Cup committee and/or the Sponsor shall not be held responsible for any **lost or damage of property, or injuries sustained** during or after the match for the duration of the entire playoffs.

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