



METROPOLITAN PREMIER CUP

Play-offs Round Robin 2011

Rules & Format

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Only players born between 1 January and the 31st Dec 1992 or thereafter are eligible to play in the 2010 round robin playoffs tournament.
- b. Only bona - fide members of SAFA and their respective Provincial bodies are eligible for participation.
- c. All players must be registered for the 2010/11 season with their participating club. No player will be allowed to play without a SAFA / SAFA CT, National First division, Vodacom Castle league and PSL registration card.
- d. Clubs will be allowed to register twenty (20) players of who four (4) can be guest players for the playoffs only. Condition:
 - i. The guest players must provide the committee with a letter of consent from the club with whom they are registered.
 - ii. The player must have his registration card.
 - iii. The letter must be on a club letterhead

2. FORMAT

- a. Twenty eight t (28) teams divided into seven (7) groups (A to G) of four (4) teams each shall contest the Playoffs.
- b. The four (4) teams play each other once in their group, and a league table of the results is drawn up.
- c. The two (2) top teams in each group shall progress to the METROPOLITAN PREMIER CUP TOURNAMENT PROPER 2011.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. If the teams are still tied (having referred to points above), kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken (as per the FIFA guidelines)
- h. The third placed teams in each section (a-g) i.e. seven (7) teams shall be placed on standby in no particular order.

3 POINTS SYSTEM

The Points system is applicable to the qualifying league round only.

- 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

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 club will be deemed to have defaulted. (Team managers are responsible to obtain 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 Four (4) substitutes per match.
- e. Any player/s sent off shall be suspended for one (1) match.
- f. All teams must be registered before they play their first game. Failure to do so will result in a team starting the game with one goal down. Any team fielding an ineligible player (not properly registered) may be disqualified from the competition.
- g. The committee reserves the right to do random checks on any team's player's cards.
- 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 chance of strip.
- j. 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.
- k. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their spectators/ supporters.
- l. The committee will not tolerate any misbehaviour towards match officials during the competition.
- m. No Protest will be allowed through - out the Play-off.
- n. If a manager is unhappy with a registration or have any problem he should mention it to the **Referee** before the game. The referee will note it on the team sheet and the committee will investigate the matter. **No game will be stopped or cancelled because of the above process.)**
- o. The committee and/or the Sponsor shall not be held responsible for any **loss or damage of property, or injuries sustained** before, during, or after the match.

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