



METROPOLITAN PREMIER CUP 2016

Round Robin Stage

RULES & FORMAT

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Only players born in the years between 1997 and 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 2015/16 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.
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. **No birth certificates, temporary drivers licence, or proof of application for ID forms will be accepted as proof of identity.**
 - vi. Clubs will be allowed to register twenty (20) players of which five (5) can be guest players for the round robin.
 - v. Conditions for the use of guest players: The guest players must provide the committee with a **letter of consent** from their club with whom they are registered, accompanied with their **player's 2015/2016 registration card**. The letter must be on a club letterhead.
- d. 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. Any team fielding an ineligible player will be disqualified from the competition.

2. FORMAT



- a. Thirty (30) teams divided into seven (7) groups (A to G).
- b. Groups A-E will consist of four (4) teams each and groups F and G will consist of five teams each, shall contest the round robin stage.
- c. The four (4) or five (5) 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 **METROPOLITAN PREMIER CUP 2016 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. The penalty shootout for the above is only to determine the higher group finisher.

3 POINTS SYSTEM

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

- a. Three (3) points for a win.
 - a. Two (2) points for a score draw
 - b. 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 team will be deemed to have defaulted. (**Team managers are responsible to obtain the times of their fixtures**)
- b. The opponents of the defaulting team will be awarded **three (3) points and three goals.**



- c. Teams will be allowed to use Five (5) substitutes per match.
- d. Any player/s sent off shall be suspended for one (1) match.
- e. If a team start with less than eleven players, such a team will only be allowed to fill the team to eleven players and no substitutions will be allowed.
- f. The committee reserves the right to do random checks on any team's players.
- g. **Managers are reminded to be present when referees check player's cards.**
- h. In the event of a clash of colours, the team mentioned second on the fixture shall affect the chance of strip.
- i. Participation in the Round Robin is R100.00 per team for those teams that did not play in the preliminary rounds of the play-offs.
- j. 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 players, spectators and supporters.
- l. 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
- m. **No Protest** will be allowed throughout the round robin stage.
- n. 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.**)
- o. 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.