



METROPOLITAN PREMIER CUP

PLAY-OFFS RULES: 2015-2016

1. The play-offs will be played in two (2) stages or as the organizing committee finds it necessary.
 - a. Preliminary stage
 - b. Round Robin stage
2. All players born in the years between **1996** will be eligible to play in the play-off **stages during 2015 only.**
3. In the continuation of the play-offs, which will take place during 2016, players born in the years between **1997 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. **SAB, SSD, FIRST DIVISION, and PSL** cards will be allowed.
 - 4.1 All players must have a Temporary home affairs issued ID, or ID document/ ID Card or valid passport available for purpose of registration and identification.
 - 4.2 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 participate in the play-offs.
5. Players must be registered for the 2015/2016 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 guest 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. (A club stamp will be acceptable)
7. All players / teams must be registered with the **Premier Cup Committee** before the end of their first match.
 - 7.1 Should a team fail to register before the end of the first game they will be disqualified.



8. Any team fielding an ineligible player (not properly registered) **will** be disqualified from the competition.
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. The team with the highest goal aggregate after two legs will proceed to the next stage of the play-offs.
11. If after the second match the two teams end up with the same number of goals difference, the “**Away goal**” **Rule** will apply for both stages.
12. 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.
13. Clubs are reminded to be on 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***)
14. 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)
- 14.1 If a team fail to pitch for their first match, such a team will be disqualified from the play-offs.
15. The opponents of the defaulting team will be awarded **three (3) three** goals.
16. The duration of all matches will be twenty five (25) minutes each way with no extra time.
17. Teams will be allowed to use Four (4) substitutes per match.
18. Any player/s sent off shall be suspended for one (1) match. (Not to carry over to the next phase of play-offs.)
19. The committee reserves the right to do random checks on any team’s player’s cards.
20. **Managers are reminded to be present when referees check player’s cards.**
21. In the event of a clash of colors, the team mentioned second on the fixture shall affect the chance of strip.
22. Participation in the play-offs is R100.00 once of payment.
23. 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 behavior of their spectators/ supporters.



25. The committee will not tolerate any misbehavior towards match officials during the competition. The committee has the right to report any misdemeanor 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 **loss or damage of property, or injuries sustained** during or after the match for the duration of the entire playoffs.

THE PREMIER CUP COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ARBITRATE ANY MATTER/S NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES.

