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SECTION A
THE COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The Association's constitution requires that the Competitions and Tournaments Committee (hereafter referred to as the CTC) shall comprise the Vice President responsible for Competitions plus six other persons. This Vice President shall be chairman of the CTC, and the Assistant **Deputy General Secretary**, ~~Operations~~, shall be one of the six other members. The Association's President shall appoint the other members of the committee.
- 1.2 Once full membership has been established, the CTC shall meet at least once per month, while competitions are in progress (generally from September to April). The CTC shall meet more often than monthly during this period if circumstances warrant.
- 1.3 The CTC shall be required to meet to discuss any issues relating to competitions and the completion thereof, including incidents arising during matches which are outside the scope of a referee's responsibilities.
- 1.4 The CTC will maintain minutes of all its meetings, and shall be required to provide signed copies to the Executive.
- 1.5 A sub-group of the CTC shall manage the appointments of match commissioners, duties of match commissioners, and other related matters. Membership of this sub-group shall be determined by the CTC, and shall not be subject to requirements of any quorum. Decisions of this sub-group shall, for reasons of necessity, not be restricted to formal meetings, but may be conducted (for example) by phone calls or e-mail.
- 1.6 All official correspondence, and any comments on the conduct of the CTC, should be addressed to the Executive Committee of the Cayman Islands Football Association, for the attention of the General Secretary.

SECTION B
ADMINISTRATION OF COMPETITION RULES

- 1.1 The Association's Constitution charges the CTC with the responsibility for organizing all Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) competitions and tournaments. The following sections comprise the rules and regulations that govern CIFA's domestic competitions and tournaments.
- 1.2 Each version of these rules shall contain an issue date, and shall refer to the issue date of the immediately preceding rules that it supersedes; except that the version dated August 2002 only need refer to the previous rules as those from the 2001-2002 season. Each version of the rules shall be distributed to all members, and will take effect from the first match of the first competition arising in the new season.
- 1.3 Amendments to these rules may be proposed by the CTC at any time during the season. Such proposals shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of CIFA for approval. Approved amendments shall be consecutively numbered within each playing season. The amendments will then be distributed to all members from the administrative office of CIFA, and will have immediate effect, unless the Executive Committee of CIFA specifies a future date on which the amendment will take effect.
- 1.4 Amendments made during a season shall be incorporated into a new version of the rules prior to the commencement of the next-arising season.
- 1.5 Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by the CTC at any time during the close season. Such proposals shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of CIFA for approval. Approved amendments shall be incorporated into a new version of the rules prior to the commencement of the next-arising season.
- 1.6 Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by members of the Association, by submitting them in writing to the Executive Committee of CIFA. The Executive Committee of CIFA shall acknowledge receipt of such proposal, and, in due course, advise its eventual outcome.
- 1.7 Where errors, omissions or conflicts occur in these rules, members are urged to advise their findings to the Executive Committee of CIFA at the earliest opportunity. A ruling will then be made by the Executive Committee, whose decision will be final.
- 1.8 Copies of the current version of the rules, the immediately preceding version of the rules, and the intervening amendments, shall be maintained at the administrative office of the Association.

SECTION C COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Competition Groups

- 1.1 Domestic competitions will be organized by the CTC with player participation in each competition determined on the basis of gender and age, and categorized into Competition Groups as follows:
 - a) Senior Men's competitions
 - b) Junior Men's (or "Youth") competitions
 - c) Senior Women's competitions
 - d) Junior Women's competitions
- 1.2 Each of the above two junior groups in (b) and (d) may be further subdivided on the basis of age, as determined by the CTC.
- 1.3 Prior to the commencement of each season, the CTC shall determine and announce
 - a) the sub-divisions of the junior age groups, if any;
 - b) the qualifying ages for each junior age group;
 - c) the qualifying ages for each senior age group.
- 1.4 The various sub-divisions and qualifying ages determined under paragraph 3 above will be announced and released as Competition Rules: Schedule 1.
- 1.5 For reasons of clarity only, members should note that the football competition known as the "Over-35's League" is not a competition organized (at this time) by CIFA.
- 1.6 Participation in any Senior Men's competitions shall be restricted to members of the Association.

Competition Styles

- 2.1 The CTC shall be responsible for organizing domestic league and knockout competitions for all member clubs and their teams, for each season.
- 2.2 All domestic competition matches shall be played in compliance with these Rules and in compliance with Laws of the Game as approved by The International Football Association Executive Committee of CIFA.
- 2.3 **League Competition** – shall involve teams playing several matches over the course of a season, with the accumulation of match results determining the relative positions of each team within a group.
- 2.4 **Playoffs** – are a method of determining qualifying or winning teams, after league competition has been completed, or where unusual circumstances require special solutions.
- 2.5 **Knockout competitions** – if held, shall involve teams playing against a single opponent in each round, with the winners of the round advancing to the next round and next opponent (or winning the competition). The losing team in a knockout competition shall not so advance.

SECTION D
CLUBS' COMMITMENT TO COMPETITIONS

- 1.1 Clubs which have been full members of the Association for the two preceding years shall enter teams in at least two of the above noted Competition Groups. One of those Competition Groups shall be the Senior Men's competition.
- 1.2 For the purposes of satisfying rule 1.1 above, the football competition known as the "Over-35's League" shall not (at this time) represent a qualifying competition group.
- 1.3 Clubs which are unable to enter teams in at least two competition groups as required by paragraph 1.1 shall have a one season grace period, after which the requirement shall be met in full. If, after the one season grace period has expired, and any club remains unable to comply with paragraph 1.1, a change in their status from full members shall be proposed to the Executive Committee of CIFA, in that the club's full membership shall be converted into associate membership, for immediate effect.
- 1.4 Clubs' commitments to at last two competition groups shall however be restricted to entering only one team in the Senior Men's competition group. Clubs may enter more than one team in to other competition groups with the approval of the Executive Committee of CIFA.
- 1.5 Clubs which are associate, provisional or special members of the Association, or have only been full members for less than 2 years, shall only be required to enter a team into a minimum of one competition group. Associate, provisional or special members may however enter teams in more than one competition group, so long as permission has been applied for from the Executive Committee of CIFA, and such permission has been granted.
- 1.6 Clubs which are associate, provisional or special members of the association will be required to enter teams into two competition groups for at least one season, prior to applying or re-applying for admission as full members.
- 1.7 Participation in any domestic competition shall constitute an agreement between the Association and each Club, and between each of the Clubs, to be bound by, and to comply with:
 - a) these Rules and the Articles of the Association (each as amended or added to from time to time); and
 - b) the Laws of the Game.
- 1.8 Such agreement in paragraph 1.7 above shall have effect from the date of the Club's admission to each competition and terminate upon the Club ceasing to be a participant thereof (but without prejudice to any rights or claims which may have arisen or arise in respect of circumstances prior to such date and to any Rules which, by their terms, establish rights and obligations applicable after such date).
- 1.9 By virtue of this undertaking, Clubs shall in particular be bound to provide certain rights, facilities and services to the Association in order to enable it to fulfill its obligations under commercial contracts entered into in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of the Association.

1.10 Termination of Membership

- a) No Club or team shall terminate its membership of any competition unless it shall have given provisional notice in writing to the Secretary, by the half-way point in any Season, of its intention to do so at the end of the Season concerned; such notice shall be confirmed or withdrawn by the Club or team one calendar month prior to the scheduled end of the season for that competition.
- b) If a Club intends terminating its membership under section (a) above for more than one competition, the club or team shall make that point clear in its written notice. The Club shall also give notice at the requisite times for each competition from which it intends withdrawing.
- c) The half-way point referred to in section (a) above shall be determined as the working day following that team's match which then completes at least 51% of that team's scheduled league fixtures for that season.
- d) The scheduled end of the season referred to above shall be determined as the working day following that team's match which then completes 100% of that team's scheduled league fixtures for that season.
- e) Despite sections (a) and (b) above, the Executive Committee of CIFA may, under extenuating circumstances, grant immediate resignation from any and all competitions for any club or team, at its own discretion. The Executive Committee of CIFA will determine any terms and conditions associated with such immediate resignation, which may be imposed on players, club officials and the club itself.

1.11 Any Club which is in breach of the provisions of sections 1.10 (a) and (b) shall on demand indemnify the Association, on behalf of the other Clubs in domestic competition, against all losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses suffered or incurred by such Clubs and/or the Association which result directly or indirectly from such breach (including, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any loss of income or profits as a result of such breach from any sponsorship, or other commercial agreement or arrangement entered into by the Association).

1.12 In the event of any Club giving notice under paragraph 1.10 (a) above, then if any representative of any such Club shall be serving in any official capacity at the date of such notice, he shall automatically be disqualified and vacate such position with immediate effect.

1.13 The Association may from time to time, and upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit, expel or accept the retirement of any Club from domestic competition. Any resolution to expel any Club from domestic competition shall not be carried unless supported by at least three quarters of the votes of those present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting, notwithstanding any provisions in the Articles of the Association.

1.14 Commitment to National teams.

- a) Clubs shall support The Football Association in relation to international matches by requiring all their players to make themselves available to the National Squad whenever reasonably called upon.
- b) Failure to comply with paragraph (a) above shall, at the request of the technical director, require the Executive Committee of CIFA to determine the eligibility of the player concerned to continue participating in CIFA-sanctioned competitions, including any national team.

1.15 Knockout Competitions

- a) Each competition group may enter its own knockout competition during the season, if organized by the CTC, and if held, it shall be called the Football Association Cup.
- b) Each of the teams in that competition group shall compete in its own Football Association Cup competition in each season if eligible to do so. No more than one team from each club shall participate in this competition.
- c) If teams are organized into divisions, each of the teams in each competition group shall compete, if held, in The Divisional Cup Competition, if eligible to do so.

1.16 Referees Course

- a) In any season where the active roster of referees and assistant referees (for Senior Men's and Senior Women's competition groups combined) falls to a level that the Executive Committee of CIFA considers too low to complete the season, the Executive Committee of CIFA will announce such assessment to its members, and schedule a referees course to increase the number of referees and assistant referees on the active roster.
- b) Clubs which are at that time competing in Senior Men's and Senior Women's competition groups shall then nominate and send one of their members to attend each day of the designated course organised by the Executive Committee of CIFA. The person so nominated and sent shall be someone who does not yet possess the requisite qualifications.
- c) Any club whose nominated participant under paragraph (b) above does not attend every class session, or who does not sit the end-of-course exam, or who sits the exam but does not obtain 50% of the marks available in that exam, shall have that participant deemed to have not attended the course, and a financial penalty will be invoked on the club in accordance with paragraph (g) below.
- d) CIFA understands that unforeseen circumstances can prevent proper attendance on the above noted referees course. If any participant has not met the attendance and exam requirements as noted in (c) above, and is therefore subjecting his club to a fine as in (g) below, either that person or his club may write to the Executive Committee of CIFA to explain the circumstances of that person's non-attendance or exam failure. Such correspondence must reach the administrative office of CIFA within 7 calendar days of the end of the referees course. The Executive Committee of CIFA may grant an exemption from the requisite fine if it finds that the circumstances warrant such consideration, and will advise their decision at the earliest opportunity.
- e) Any club that has at least two referees active in the senior competition groups on the date that paragraph (a) above is invoked shall be exempted from sending

further members to the course. However, the club will still be invited to send a member or members, but will face no penalty if no one from their club attends the course, or if their attendee fails the exam.

- f) Admission to the above noted referees course shall not be limited to members of clubs competing in the Senior Men's and Senior Women's competition groups. All other interested parties will be welcome to attend.
- g) Any Club that is required to send one of its members, and fails to do so, or is deemed to have failed to do so under paragraph (c) above, will be fined \$500. In the event that a club sends more than one member, and not one of those members meets the attendance and exam requirements, the fine imposed on the club shall remain at \$500.
- h) Even though participants may comply with the attendance requirements, and obtain over 50% of the marks in the final exam, it is important that qualified persons actually make themselves available for appointments as match officials. As a result, referees and assistant referees qualifying from the above noted referees course shall be required to be appointed to, and carry out those appointments for, a minimum of 12 matches during the 12 calendar months following completion of the referees course. Clubs whose newly qualified officials fail to complete those 12 assignments shall be fined \$500. As in (g) above, this remains a per-club fine, irrespective of the number of potential officials a club may have.
- i) Clubs whose newly qualified officials fail to meet the 12-match requirement as in (h) above due to reasons beyond their control, may request that they be exempted from the \$500 fine. Such request shall be sent to the General Secretary of CIFA within 7 days of the end of that 12 month period, or earlier if failure to meet the target is known earlier. That request shall detail the circumstances supporting the request. The Executive Committee of CIFA will then determine whether or not such exemption shall be granted.

SECTION E COMPETITIONS

Senior Men's League

- 1.1 The Senior Men's League shall comprise Association Football Clubs affiliated to the Association. Each club shall enter one team in the Senior Men's League.
- 1.2 The teams shall be divided into two zones, containing equal, or nearly equal numbers of teams.
- 1.3 Each team in each zone shall play every other team in its own zone twice.
- 1.4 Each team in each zone shall play every team in the other zone once.
- 1.5 The CTC will endeavour to arrange that matches played against an opponent under sections 1.3 and 1.4 above will be played on a home and away basis, but the CTC cannot guarantee that this will be so.
- 1.6 Three points shall be awarded for each league match won, and one point for each drawn match. No points will be awarded for a match lost. Positions in each zone will be determined on the basis of points gained over the season.
- 1.7 At the end of each zone's fixtures, the top 2 teams from each zone shall qualify for the League Playoff matches.
- 1.8 If any two or more teams in any single zone have an equal number of points at the end of that zone's fixtures, then the teams concerned shall be placed in positions in the order of priority as follows:
 - a) Points gained in their head-to-head matches
 - b) Goal difference in their head-to-head matches
 - c) Goal difference from all matches played, in both zones
 - d) Goals scored in all matches played, in both zones
- 1.9 If teams vying for playoff places are in tied positions, and cannot be separated by using the options under sections 1.8 (a) to 1.8 (d), the teams will play-off in one or more matches to determine a winner and the higher ranked team in the zone. The Executive Committee of CIFA shall determine the format, timing and venue, and all rules, including special rules if any, relating to a play-off match or matches.
- 1.10 In cases where teams are tied on points, AND the options under sections 1.8 (a) to 1.8 (d) do not solve the tie, AND all the teams in question are not involved with playoff-qualifying positions, then the teams will be regarded as having finished in equal positions.

Senior Men's League, Playoff rules

- 2.1 The 4 teams qualifying for the playoff matches (sometimes referred to as the Final Four) shall be the top two teams from each of the 2 zones.
- 2.2 Each team qualifying for the playoff matches shall play its playoff matches on a home and away basis, with teams playing their home matches at a venue within their own district. If there is no venue available in their own district, playoff teams may choose an available venue in an adjacent district for their home matches. Any such chosen venue must be agreed by the CTC at least one calendar week prior to the match date.
- 2.3 Matches will be arranged by the CTC so that the winner of one zone plays the runner-up of the other zone.
- 2.4 The playoff teams shall play in a two-leg knockout tie, with the overall winners of the tie advancing to the final. The final will be a single match, to be played at a venue to be determined by the CTC. The winner of the final shall be declared the League champion for that season.
- 2.5 The winner of each playoff tie will be the team scoring the greater number of goals over the two matches.
- 2.6 If, after completing normal playing time in the playoff second leg match, the aggregate scores (from both legs) of the two teams are equal, the two teams will play an extra 30 minutes (15 minutes each way) extra time. If this fails to resolve the tie, a penalty shoot-out will take place until a winner is determined.
- 2.7 If, after completing normal playing time in the playoff final match, the scores of the two teams are equal, the two teams will play an extra 30 minutes (15 minutes each way) extra time. If this fails to resolve the tie, a penalty shoot-out will take place until a winner is determined.
- 2.8 If a penalty shoot-out is required, the referee will have sole discretion to determine the goal towards which penalty kicks are taken. From the players remaining on the field at the end of extra time, each team will kick up to 5 penalties, the winner being the team scoring the most goals from its 5 kicks.
- 2.9 If the 5 penalty kicks per team fail to produce a winner, then "sudden-death" penalty kicks will be taken. Each team will continue to take penalty kicks until one team scores, and the other fails to score, from the same number of kicks taken.
- 2.10 Prizes will be awarded to successful teams in accordance with amounts and positions agreed to by the Executive Committee of CIFA at the start of each season. However, prizes may be withheld from members/teams who are not in good standing per the Constitution.

Senior Women's League

- 3.1 Women's football in the Cayman Islands shall be afforded "developmental status". As a result, separate rules shall apply to all women's football organised by CIFA. Please see separate rules document.

Junior Leagues (separate male and female competitions)

- 4.1 Youth football in the Cayman Islands shall be afforded "developmental status". As a result, separate rules shall apply to all youth football organised by CIFA. Please see separate rules document.

Football Association Cup rules (all competition groups):

Matches other than the Final or the Final Replay

- 5.1 All the teams from the competition group that are eligible to compete in that group's Football Association Cup for that season shall be drawn to play the opening round, or receive a bye. The number of teams competing will determine the number that play in the first round, and the number that receive byes to the next round. The round after the first round shall comprise a number of teams, and that number shall be one of 2, 4, 8, 16 etc. (representing 2 to the power of "n", with n being a whole number).
- 5.2 Each round will be contested by pairs of teams playing a single match. The winner of each match will advance to the next stage of the competition.
- 5.3 The winner of each match shall be determined on the basis of the result at the end of regulation time, unless the two teams are tied.
- 5.4 If the two teams are tied at the end of regulation time then two periods of 15 minutes extra time will be played.
- 5.5 If extra time fails to produce a winner, the tie will be decided on penalties.
- 5.6 The referee will have sole discretion to determine the goal towards which the kicks are taken. From the players remaining on the field at the end of extra time, each team will kick up to 5 penalties, the winner being the team scoring the most goals from its 5 kicks.
- 5.7 If the 5 penalty kicks per team fail to produce a winner, then "sudden-death" penalty kicks will be taken. Each team will continue to take penalty kicks until one team scores, and the other fails to score, from the same number of kicks taken.

The FA Cup Final

- 6.1 Two teams playing a single match shall contest the final.
- 6.2 The winner of the final shall be determined on the basis of the result at the end of regulation time, unless the two teams are tied.
- 6.3 If the two teams are tied at the end of regulation time, then two periods of 15 minutes extra time will be played.
- 6.4 If extra time fails to produce a winner, the tie will be decided at a replay on the following weekend. See section 7 below.

The FA Cup Final Replay, if needed, for Senior Men's competition

- 7.1 Two teams playing a single match shall contest the final replay.
- 7.2 The winner of the replay shall be determined on the basis of the result at the end of regulation time, unless the two teams are tied.
- 7.3 If the two teams are tied at the end of regulation time, then two periods of 15 minutes extra time will be played.
- 7.4 If extra time fails to produce a winner, the tie will be decided on penalties.
- 7.5 The referee will have sole discretion to determine the goal towards which the kicks are taken. From the players remaining on the field at the end of extra time, each team will kick up to 5 penalties, the winner being the team scoring the most goals from its 5 kicks.
- 7.6 If the 5 penalty kicks per team fail to produce a winner, then "sudden-death" penalty kicks will be taken. Each team will continue to take penalty kicks until one team scores, and the other fails to score, from the same number of kicks taken.

Any other knockout competition except the FA Cup

- 8.1 If CIFA organises any knockout competitions in addition to the FA Cup, then separate rules can apply to that competition. Any such separate rules will be made available to all participants.

Participation in any competition by teams from Cayman Brac

- 9.1 As a member of CIFA, Cayman Brac is entitled to submit its own team to participate in any competition organised by CIFA. However, participants understand that there are logistical issues to deal with, and the following paragraphs attempt to set out some basic requirements for Cayman Brac involvement. These sections only refer to a single Cayman Brac team; in the event that more than 1 Cayman Brac team participates, then different rules may be determined by the CTC or by the Executive Committee of CIFA.
- 9.2 For any team from Cayman Brac to take part in any CIFA competition, the team shall complete all registration requirements as determined by the Players Status Committee.
- 9.3 Matches may be played in Cayman Brac in any season providing that the venue has been passed fit by either the Cayman Brac member of CIFA, or by a nominee of the CIFA Executive Committee.
- 9.4 Knockout competition matches involving a single Cayman Brac team shall require early round matches to alternate between Cayman Brac and Grand Cayman, unless the Cayman Brac team chooses not to play in Cayman Brac.
- 9.5 Semi-final and final matches shall not be played in Cayman Brac unless the CIFA Executive elects to do so.
- 9.6 For all matches where a Grand Cayman team has a match in Cayman Brac, the Executive Committee of CIFA shall determine the extent of any financial or other assistance that may be provided to the team travelling from Grand Cayman.

SECTION F REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS

Basic requirements

- 1.1 Clubs shall be required to register the following with the Association, for each competition entered into by their Club:
 - (a) Players (but see 1.3 below);
 - (b) Team officials;
 - (c) Team colours, both a “home” kit and a selection of “away” alternatives;
 - (d) The official contact person to which all correspondence from CIFA may be addressed, including phone and fax numbers, mailing address and e-mail address;
 - (e) Details for fax and phone as in (d) above but for an alternate person in case the official contact is unobtainable or unavailable.
 - (f) The name of the team’s principal sponsor (if any)
- 1.2 All registrations with the Association shall be on the Association’s prescribed forms, supplying whatever registration and identification details as are requested.
- 1.3 Clubs shall only be required to register each new player once for a season, irrespective of the number of competition groups those players intend competing in. The registration form returned to the club by the Players Status Committee will show which competition groups the player is eligible for. The registering player shall only compete in the groups noted on the registration form. The registering player shall be regarded as ineligible for all other competition groups.
- 1.4 Players already registered with a club from the previous season shall be regarded as already registered for that same club for the current season. Clubs will not be required to re-submit the identification data except in respect of information that has expired or changed from the previous season’s registration (which may for example include passport, nationality and work permit details). Prior to each season, clubs will be sent a summary of current registration details from the Association’s office, showing the continuing information on registered players, as well as which information needs amending or supplying, in order to complete the registration process.

Transfer Window

- 2.1 FIFA has determined that transfers (meaning players joining clubs/teams) may only occur during specified transfer windows. These transfer windows will be separate periods of time during which transfers may be applied for and processed.
- 2.2 FIFA requires each association to determine its own transfer windows. The Cayman Islands Football Association has decided that its transfer windows for Senior Men’s competitions for the 2002-2003 season will be
 - a) August 15 to September 30, 2002 (called the FIRST transfer window); and
 - b) January 1 to January 31, 2003 (called the SECOND transfer window).
- 2.3 CIFA’s transfer windows from season 2003-2004 onwards for the Senior Men’s competitions will be the entire months of August (FIRST transfer window) and January (SECOND transfer window) in each season, **subject to changes in dates due to exceptional circumstances.**
- 2.4 The FIRST transfer windows for all competition groups other than the Senior Men’s competitions shall be the 6 calendar weeks prior to the first fixture in each of those

competition groups, in each year. The SECOND transfer window for the Senior Women's competition group shall be the entire month of January, in each year.

- 2.5 Players competing only in Junior competition groups will only be allowed to transfer clubs during the FIRST transfer window. There will be no SECOND transfer window for players competing only in Junior competition.

Registration of Players

- 3.1 Registrations of players into continuing competitions will be afforded the same status as transfers. As a result, registrations of previously unregistered players will only be accepted during the dates for the approved transfer windows.
- 3.2 Registrations of players for any new CIFA competition shall be permitted during the 6 calendar weeks preceding the first scheduled fixture of that competition, **subject to changes in dates due to exceptional circumstances.**
- 3.3 Prior to the commencement of each season, the CTC, on advice from the Executive Committee of CIFA, will determine the maximum and minimum numbers of concurrent registrations permitted for Senior Men's and Senior Women's teams, and will advise teams accordingly. The current maximum for the season shall not exceed the absolute maximum of 40, and the current minimum for the season shall not fall below the absolute minimum of 16. The CTC may specify a lower maximum or a higher minimum for any single season, for reasons it deems appropriate.
- 3.4 Furthermore, for teams entering the Senior Men's competitions,
- a) The above noted maximum of 40 players shall be further restricted to a maximum of 25 players who have already passed their 21st birthday, and a maximum of 15 players who have not yet reached their 21st birthday; and
 - b) If players reach the age of 21 during a season, and after registration has been completed, this shall have no effect on the numbers of eligible players in each age group for any team. The age is only of relevance at registration. Any player reaching the age of 21 after registration shall be regarded as aged under 21 for the entire season, for the purpose of satisfying paragraph (a) above.
- 3.5 A registered player is one who has completed CIFA's standard registration form and who has been registered and approved.
- 3.6 Once a player is registered for a team or a club, the player's registration will remain in force throughout each season, and continue through each close season as well. Registrations will remain in force indefinitely except by process of transfer or de-registration.
- 3.7 Players registering for the Senior Men's and the Senior Women's competitions will also be issued with a player registration card. ~~It is the player's responsibility to pay the cost of and collect the registration card. Registration cards will be issued no later than five business days after approval of a registration application.~~
- 3.8 Players intending to compete in either the Senior Men's or Senior Women's competitions shall not be deemed registered unless the player (or the player's team, on behalf of that player) possesses a valid player registration card issued by the Association for that season, and has collected such card from the Association.
- 3.9 In the event that circumstances beyond the Executive Committee of CIFA's control result in player ID cards not being available as agreed under 3.8 above, the Players Status Committee will grant a temporary ~~one-month~~ concession to any such player unable to

obtain an ID card. This will allow the Executive Committee of CIFA to reorganize distribution of ID cards once the problem has been resolved, while allowing the player and the team not to be inconvenienced. These temporary concessions will be issued in writing by the Players Status Committee.

- 3.10 Players intending to compete in competitions other than Senior competitions shall not be deemed registered unless the team has been advised by the Association on the standard form that registration has been completed for that player.
- 3.11 Players intending to compete in more than one competition group (for example, young players eligible for both Senior and Youth competitions) must satisfy registration requirements for each competition in which they intend to play.
- 3.12 All players registered for Senior competitions shall, by completion of the player registration forms, be subject to Doping Control Procedures, irrespective of age. Clubs must therefore obtain parental or guardian consent for registration of players under the age of 18 to Senior competitions, and such parental/guardian consent shall be evidenced either on the registration form, or attached to it. It is the Club's responsibility to see that proper approval is obtained, as the Association will not verify such approval, as long as it is evidenced. Clubs should refer to CIFA's Doping Control Regulations for full details on how this process will be administered.
- 3.13 All non-Caymanian players intending to play in the Senior competitions will be required to show proof of residency (temporary or otherwise). In addition, any new registrations from non-Caymanians may require an International Transfer Certificate or a letter stating that the player is not registered, from his home Association, before registration can be approved.

- 3.14 Foreign Players. There are three categories of players eligible for registration in the Senior leagues:
- a) Persons holding a Cayman passport or Cayman status; and
 - b) Persons not covered under (i), but are of any nationality, and were registered with CIFA at the conclusion of the 2002-2003 season; and
 - c) Persons not covered under (i), and who were not registered with CIFA at the conclusion of the 2002-2003 season.
- Players meeting the conditions of (a) or (b) above shall be regarded as “LOCAL” players. Players only meeting the conditions of (c) above shall be regarded as “FOREIGN” players.
- 3.15 Each team competing in a senior league shall be allowed to register a total of 3 FOREIGN players, providing that the team still complies with the maximum number of players permitted, and the maximum numbers of players within each age group.
- 3.16 The FOREIGN players shall not obtain the “LOCAL” designation except through becoming Cayman passport or Cayman status holders.

Multiplicity of Registration

- 4.1 In the event that a previously unregistered player signs registration forms for more than one Club, priority of registration shall be decided by the player. That decision can include playing for, or being one of the nominated substitutes for one of the teams in question. Once that decision is taken, either by official notification, or by other word or deed, that player may not change teams except through agreed transfer procedures.

Transfer of Players

- 5.1 Senior league players, and Junior league players who have played for their senior team, may transfer from one Club to another during the regular season's two transfer windows, provided the following conditions are met:
- a) The transfer request is dated and submitted only during the agreed transfer windows.
 - b) The request is made in writing by the manager of the Club wishing to register the player, together with a transfer administration fee of CI\$250.
 - c) The transfer request includes a section completed and signed by at least one of the President, Secretary or Manager of the Club releasing the player, and thereby approving the transfer. It is the responsibility of the club wishing to register the player to obtain the appropriate release signatures from the releasing club.
 - d) The club gaining the transferring player has not already been involved in 3 inward transfers during the two transfer windows.
 - e) The club losing the transferring player has not already been involved in 3 outward transfers during the two transfer windows.
 - f) The player in question has not been involved in a transfer with any other members of the Association within the previous 12 calendar months, or since the issue of these August 2002 rules, if a shorter period.
 - g) Approval is given by the Executive Committee of CIFA (no reasonable request will be withheld).
 - h) Two full face, passport size photographs have been supplied for a new player registration card.
- 5.2 For the purposes of counting the number of transfers made under (d) and (e) above, the two transfer windows for a season shall be regarded as the August/September window, followed by the January window, and not vice versa.
- 5.3 Junior players will normally be subject to the above transfer requirements if they have previously played for their club's senior team. However, the Executive Committee of CIFA shall have discretion to determine otherwise.

Player de-registration

- 6.1 It is possible that clubs or teams may wish to terminate a player's registration, due to various reasons, which may include (but is not limited to) permanent injury, age, dismissal from the club, and departure from Cayman.
- 6.2 For players registered with Senior league teams, player de-registration will be permitted during the **FIRST transfer window of 2002-2003**, by the club advising the Players Status Committee of the players being de-registered. There will be no charge for any de-registrations during this transfer window.
- 6.3 Any team or club wishing to de-register a Senior league player during any subsequent transfer window shall apply to the Players Status Committee by ~~August 15~~ the mid-point of the first transfer window in any year by advising the player's name and other registration details, and the reason for requesting de-registration. The player's registration will be cancelled by the Players Status Committee one calendar week after receiving the application, subject to there being no irregularities, which the Players Status Committee would then investigate.

- 6.4 Junior players who have already played for their Senior team shall normally be subject to the same de-registration procedures and fees as in section 6.3 above. However, the Executive Committee of CIFA shall have discretion to determine otherwise.
- 6.5 Any Junior players who have not played for their Senior teams will be allowed to de-register from their Senior and/or Junior teams, without charge, by advising the Players Status Committee during the FIRST transfer window in any season. De-registrations of such Junior players shall not be permitted during any SECOND transfer window.
- 6.6 De-registered players leaving a team through passing the stated age limit for that team's competitions, but who intend playing for the same club in the next higher age group competitions, shall still be required to apply for de-registration from the specified group. The club shall advise the Players Status Committee that the player/s in question will need to be registered for that higher age group team.
- 6.7 Registration for the higher age group team as in 6.6 above shall be denied if such registration is for a Senior competition (where restrictions apply), AND such registration would breach any of those restrictions.
- 6.8 Successful registration of a player in a higher age group team as in 6.6 above within 6 months of having been de-registered, shall cause half of the de-registration fee to be refunded.
- 6.9 Other than during the FIRST transfer window of the 2002-2003 season, while new rules are being introduced (per section 6.2 above), a de-registered player shall not normally be permitted to re-register with a different club within the 12 calendar months following de-registration, except under extenuating circumstances. If a player requires re-registering, the player's intended new team shall advise the Players Status Committee of such intention, and explain the reasons surrounding de-registration, and the request for re-registration. The Players Status Committee will then determine if they would support the re-registration application, based on the evidence provided, and send the proposal for the Executive Committee of CIFA to consider. The Executive Committee of CIFA anticipates that extenuating circumstances may only apply where a player has been injured, treated and recovered, though other circumstances may be considered if the Executive Committee so wishes. However, no re-registration for a different club shall occur under any circumstances unless the player has remained de-registered for a period not less than 6 calendar months from the date of being de-registered.
- 6.10 If a club or team is granted permission to resign under section D 1.11 then its registered players will be regarded as having been de-registered. Depending on the circumstances behind the granting of permission to resign, the de-registered players may (or may not) be deemed to be immediately eligible to register for another club at the next arising transfer window, subject to any registration restrictions previously mentioned. The Executive Committee of CIFA, at its complete discretion, shall make such decision.

Registration of team and club officials

- 7.1 Each club shall submit a registration form for each team that it sponsors, using the standard registration forms issued by the Association, identifying club and team officials for each team.
- 7.2 The club officials would normally be expected to hold one or more of the following positions:
 - a) Manager
 - b) Coach
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Secretary
 - e) President
 - f) Trainer
 - g) Physio/Doctor
 - h) Any Assistant position for items (a) to (g) above

Clubs to register colours.

- 8.1 During the period of the FIRST transfer window, when team registrations are being submitted, the Secretary shall obtain from the Clubs, in writing, details of their first and second choice colours (shirts, shorts and socks) and such details shall be published in the Directory of Clubs. The colours registered by each Club shall be worn during the next following Season and no changes either in the colours or the combination of colours shall be permitted during the course of the Season except with the prior approval of the Executive Committee of CIFA, or under section 7.3 below. Clubs are required to wear their first choice colors both at home and away where possible.
- 8.2 Each Club shall also submit a sample (either by a drawing or by a sample of the cloth) of its registered colours to the Secretary prior to the commencement of each Season.
- 8.3 When the colours of two competing teams are alike or similar, the Visiting team (as noted on the Association's fixtures) shall change to its second choice colours or a combination of its first and second choice colours provided that these do not include any of the basic colours of the Home Club or Match Officials.
- 8.4 No team shall be permitted to play in shirts the colour of which is likely to cause confusion with the outfit worn by the Match Officials.

Miscellaneous

- 9.1 Once registered, clubs, officials, teams and players shall permit any and all information and images relating thereto, and which are relevant to the activities of the Association and its members, to be disclosed in any media publication issued by or sanctioned by the Association, including the Association's internet site.

SECTION G FIXTURES

Arrangement of Fixtures

- 1.1 All fixtures shall be arranged by the CTC as soon as is practical prior to the commencement of the Season. The copyright of all lists or arrangements of such fixtures shall be vested in the Association.
- 1.2 By participating in domestic competition, clubs hereby understand and accept that fixtures can and will be rearranged where circumstances warrant. Therefore each version of the fixtures shall include a version number and a release date. Versions will be numbered consecutively, and the Association will send all new versions of fixtures to participating clubs and relevant parties, as those versions are released.
- 1.3 All matches shall, unless rearranged with the approval of the CTC, be played on the dates and venues scheduled in the latest version of the fixtures.
- 1.4 Any dispute between two or more Clubs as to the arrangement of matches shall be referred to and decided by the CTC.
- 1.5 If, for whatever reason, clubs find that one of their upcoming matches cannot be played on the appointed date, the Clubs concerned shall immediately report this to the General Secretary.
- 1.6 In the event of any match not being played owing to weather or other causes over which neither Club has any control, it shall be played on a date as determined by the CTC.
- 1.7 The CTC shall not consider an application for rearrangement of any fixtures, other than for international fixtures or force majeure, unless it receives at least twenty-one (21) days notice in writing from the Club concerned.
- 1.8 In the case where a Club has sent three or more of its players to national training or competition, the Executive Committee of CIFA shall consider, at the option of the Club, the rearrangement of one or more fixtures during the absence of those players.
- 1.9 Clubs shall not arrange any other matches, until after dates for the Association's matches are settled, unless permission has been granted by the CTC.
- 1.10 Clubs desiring to stage Representative Matches or arrange Friendly Matches must obtain the prior written approval of the CTC and ensure that such matches do not interfere with the Association's fixtures.
- 1.11 All kick-offs must adhere to the time advertised by the Association; Clubs and Referees must report any delays to the Executive Committee of CIFA. Any Clubs causing a Kick-off to be delayed by up to 15 minutes from the time advertised will be fined the sum of \$100 for a first offence, \$200 for a second offence and \$300 for a third offence occurring within a season. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed by more than 15 minutes from the time advertised will be guilty of misconduct and fined \$300.

- 1.12 Teams playing in cup final matches on midweek dates shall, by concession, be relieved of playing league matches on the weekends immediately before and immediately after the scheduled cup final dates.

Non-fulfillment of Fixture Obligations

- 2.1 Any Club without just cause failing to fulfill its fixture obligations in respect of any domestic competition match on the appointed date or dates shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and fined \$300. A Club reporting to a game with less than 7 registered players fifteen minutes after the scheduled kick off time shall be deemed to have not fulfilled its fixture obligation.
- 2.2 Any Club failing to fulfill its fixture obligations shall also be liable to pay compensation for any expenses necessarily incurred as a direct result of this failure. The amount of compensation will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee of CIFA who will consider every such case on its merits based upon applicable contracts.
- 2.3 Any Club failing to fulfill its fixture obligations for a second time during a season shall be fined \$500 and expelled from the Association and shall not be considered for re-application for a period ending at least to the end of the following season. Its individual members shall not be allowed to register for another member for that same period.
- 2.4 Any club failing to fulfill its fixture obligations on a first occasion for the season shall be deemed to have lost that match by a walkover score of 3-0.
- 2.5 Any club failing to fulfill its fixture obligations on a second occasion shall have its results expunged for the season.

SECTION H THE MATCH

The match participants

- 1.1 An authorised representative of each team must notify the names of Players taking part in each match by submitting a printed teamsheet to the Referee (or two identical teamsheets to the Match Commissioner and none to the referee, if a match commissioner is present) at least fifteen minutes before the advertised time of kick-off, clearly identifying the names and shirt numbers of players intending to start the match, and separately identifying any nominated substitutes.
- 1.2 Any club failing to carry out the provisions of section 1.1 above will be fined \$25 for the first offence, \$50 for the second offence, \$100 for the third offence, and for each and any subsequent offence shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and fined \$300.
- 1.3 Each team is responsible for ensuring that the two teamsheets provided to the match commissioner (if one is present) are identical as far as team selection and nomination of substitutes is concerned.
- 1.4 In all cases of player selection (starting players) or nomination (possible substitutes), the teamsheets ultimately provided to the referee shall be the sole reference document proving such selection or nomination.
- 1.5 If any selected or nominated player sustains an injury before the kick-off, but after the submission of the teamsheets to the referee, that player may be replaced prior to the kick-off with another registered player, by informing the referee accordingly.
- 1.6 In all domestic matches in Senior competitions, each team is permitted a maximum of three substitutions. Up to seven substitutes may be nominated.
- 1.7 The Players' shirts (including the shirts of the goalkeepers) must be clearly numbered on the back in accordance with the teamsheets handed to the Referee before any match. Any club failing to carry out this provision shall be fined \$25 for the first offence, \$50 for the second offence, \$100 for the third offence, and for each and any subsequent offence shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and fined \$300.
- 1.8 The Captain shall wear a distinguishing armband to indicate his status.
- 1.9 **Ballboys Clothing.** The colors of clothing worn by ballboys (when used) must not clash with the colors of either of the competing Clubs or Match Officials.
- 1.10 **Shirt Advertising.** In all Matches the Players' shirts may carry advertising, subject to:
 - (a) the Rules relating to the clothing of Players laid down by the Football Association, and
 - (b) the design having the approval of the Executive Committee of CIFA.
- 1.11 Clubs that commence a game shorthanded (less than eleven players on the field of play) shall be fined \$100. Should this occur a second time during the season they shall be fined \$300. Upon a third occasion it will be deemed that the club can no longer fulfill its fixture obligations and the rule in section G 2.3 will apply.

Trainer's Bench Facilities

- 2.1 The Association shall provide separate areas adjacent to the pitch for the sole use of team officials, medical staff and substitutes; such designated areas shall have direct access to the pitch, be located equidistant from the halfway line and capable of seating 12 people from each Club (up to 5 Officials and up to 7 Substitutes). The Clubs shall be required to submit the names of its match officials to the Referee before each match. No other Club members shall be allowed to use the Bench facilities.

Attendance of Qualified Medical Practitioner

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that a qualified Medical Practitioner or a Physiotherapist is in attendance throughout each match.
- 3.2 Only those qualified as above should attend Players or Officials on the field of play unless in exceptional circumstances when an unqualified official may assist.

Results of League Matches

- 4.1 The Match Referee shall be required to complete the Association's standard forms in order to advise the Association of the match result, goalscorers, red/yellow cards, and any other information of relevance to the match in question, which fall within the referee's responsibility to report. These standard forms shall be submitted to the administrative office of the Association within 2 calendar days after completing the match, except that if there have been no working days in the 2 calendar days following the match, then the standard forms shall be submitted on the first working day thereafter.
- 4.2 If any issues of indiscipline were brought to the referee's attention by an assistant referee, resulting in the issue of a yellow or red card to a player, the referee shall also be required to submit a report from the relevant assistant referee.
- 4.3 The Match Commissioner (if one was present) shall be required to complete the Association's standard forms in order to advise the Association of the match result, goalscorers, red/yellow cards, and any other information of relevance to the match in question. These standard forms shall be submitted to the administrative office of the Association within 2 calendar days after completing the match, except that if there have been no working days in the 2 calendar days following the match, then the standard forms shall be submitted on the first working day thereafter.
- 4.4 Further to Article 38.1 of the Constitution, when a club or team intends to lodge a protest over the result of the match, or over issues that impact upon the result of the match, a registered official of the protesting club shall inform one of the following persons within 15 minutes of the end of the match in question that an official protest will be lodged with the Association, and the grounds thereof:
- a) The match referee
 - b) The match commissioner (if one was present)
 - c) A member of the Executive Committee of CIFA
- 4.5 Any such protest as in section 4.4 above, shall, subsequently, be made in writing in accordance with Article 38.2 of the Constitution.

Results awarded by walkover for matches not played

- 5.1 In the event that one team fails to show for a CTC fixture, that team shall be referred to in these sections as the **offending** team. The other team shall be referred to in these sections as the **opposing** team.
- 5.2 If the offending team fails to show for a CTC fixture, and both the opposing team and the match referee are present, then the offending team shall be deemed to have lost the match by walkover, on a score of 3-0. All three goals in such cases shall be referred to as awarded goals.
- 5.3 Where a player from the offending team was sitting out the match through suspension, the match **shall not** be counted as a game missed by such suspended player.
- 5.4 Where a player from the opposing team was sitting out the match through suspension, the match **shall** be counted as a game missed by such suspended player.

Results determined by the CTC for matches actually played

- 6.1 In the event that a team has fielded an ineligible player, that team shall be referred to in these sections as the **offending** team. Their opponents shall be referred to in these sections as the **opposing** team.
- 6.2 Where a team has fielded an ineligible player, the match shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- 6.3 An ineligible player is a player who, by various reasons, is not eligible to play in the match in question. Those various reasons can include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a) The player is suspended as a result of previous disciplinary action
 - b) The player is not registered for that team, or the registration process is incomplete and therefore not yet confirmed by the Players Status Committee
 - c) The player started the match but was not listed on the team sheet provided to the match referee
 - d) The player entered the field of play as a substitute but was not listed on the team sheet among the nominated substitutes
- 6.4 In cases of ineligible players, the match will probably be completed before the issue is discovered. If fewer than four goals were scored in the match by the opposing team, then the opposing team shall be awarded the match by a score of 3-0.
- 6.5 In cases of ineligible players, the match will probably be completed before the issue is discovered. If more than three goals were scored in the match by the opposing team, then the opposing team shall be awarded the match by a score equal to the number of goals they scored, with the offending team's number of goals reduced to zero.
- 6.6 All goals actually scored by the opposing team shall count towards the season's record of goalscorers. Any goals actually scored by the offending team shall be expunged.
- 6.7 If the opposing team scores fewer than 3 goals, then all goals scored by the opposing team shall count towards the season's record of goalscorers. Any goals awarded in addition to those goals actually scored (so as to make up the score to 3-0) shall be called awarded goals.
- 6.8 All yellow and red cards issued during the match, and any other reported issues of indiscipline, shall have full effect, irrespective of the match result awarded.
- 6.9 Where a player from either team was sitting out the match through suspension, the match **shall** be counted as a game missed by such suspended players.

Decisions for matches that are abandoned

- 7.1 A match that is abandoned shall be replayed in its entirety unless the match falls into one or more of the following sub-sections.
- 7.2 If the match is abandoned by the referee because one team can no longer field 7 players, then the team with less than 7 players shall lose the match by forfeit. The result shall be awarded 3-0 to the winning team unless that team shall have already scored more than 3 goals at the time of the abandonment, in which case all those goals scored shall count. Any goals actually scored by the losing team shall be expunged.
- 7.3 If the behaviour of a team's players, officials or supporters causes the abandonment of any match, then the CTC shall be entitled to prefer a charge against any one or more of the club, the team, the officials and its players.
- 7.4 If the abandonment of any match is not covered by section 7.2 above, then the match will be replayed in its entirety if there are more than 5 minutes to play at the time of the abandonment.
- 7.5 If the abandonment of any match is not covered by section 7.2 above, and there are 5 minutes or less to play at the time of the abandonment, then the CTC may determine whether the result should stand and the match be regarded as completed, or if the match should be replayed. The CTC may only decide that the result shall stand and the match deemed completed if the score at the abandonment has one team with a 3-goal margin over its opponent.
- 7.6 All yellow and red cards issued during the match, and any other reported issues of indiscipline, shall have full effect, irrespective of the match result awarded, and of the actual time played.
- 7.7 Where a player from either team was sitting out the match through suspension, the match shall be counted as a game missed by such suspended players, provided the abandoned match is not to be replayed.
- 7.8 Goals scored during an abandoned match shall not count towards a player's individual total if the match is to be replayed.

SECTION I REFEREES, ASSISTANT REFEREES, FOURTH OFFICIALS AND MATCH COMMISSIONERS

In the following sections:

CIFA = The Cayman Islands Football Association

CIRA = The Cayman Islands Referees Association

The Executive = the Executive Committee of CIFA

Resources

- 1.1 While CIFA acknowledges that a “team” of 3 match officials is required, all persons involved in CIFA competitions and conforming with these rules, understand that resources are limited, as far as numbers and availability of qualified match officials are concerned.

Referees

- 2.1 A member of the CIRA, possessing the requisite qualifications and/or experience for appointment as a referee, shall referee each scheduled match in CIFA’s domestic competitions. There shall be no exceptions. If no such person is available at the scheduled kick off time on match day, the match shall be postponed. The match will then be rescheduled by the CTC.
- 2.2 Qualified referees visiting Cayman from other countries may be appointed to referee matches in CIFA’s domestic competitions. However, that person must first present proper credentials to the Executive or to the CIRA, to enable a temporary membership of the CIRA to be granted.
- 2.3 A list of members of the CIRA shall be available for inspection and enquiry during normal business hours at the administrative office of the Cayman Islands Football Association.

Assistant Referees

- 3.1 Each match is supposed to commence with two assistant referees present. These assistant referees should ideally be members of the CIRA, possessing the requisite qualifications and/or experience for appointment as assistant referees. If such persons are not available, the referee in his/her sole discretion may appoint suitable individuals from those persons already present at the match. These appointments may be made from members of the 2 competing clubs if no other persons are suitable or available. Any such appointment of non-CIRA members shall be communicated to the 2 teams prior to commencement of the match.
- 3.2 Depending on the number of persons willing, able and available to be appointed as assistant referees for the match in question, the referee shall decide if the game can be played, even if it means that only one assistant referee is in place. However, the match shall not take place if there are no assistant referees in place. Any match not played through lack of assistant referees shall be reported to, and rescheduled by the CTC.

Appointment of Referees and Assistant Referees

- 4.1 The responsibility for appointing match officials shall be delegated by CIFA to the CIRA. The CIRA will therefore be responsible for setting appointments of Referees and Assistant Referees (as well as the fourth official and/or standby official, if any) for all domestic matches falling under the control of CIFA.
- 4.2 The Executive Committee shall be required to approve all referee and assistant referee appointments for League Playoff matches and any Final.
- 4.3 Canvassing by Referees and Assistant Referees (by asking for specific football team assignments) will be regarded as a disqualification.
- 4.4 Referees and Assistant Referees must not accept outside appointments on dates when they have CIFA engagements except by consent of the Executive Committee of CIFA.

Payments to match officials

- 5.1 The gross match fee for Referees and Assistant Referees payable before any deductions shall be \$30 and \$20 respectively. If any Fourth Official or Standby Official is appointed, they will receive the same fee as paid to an assistant referee.
- 5.2 In the case of postponed matches, half fee will be paid to Officials who report to the ground.
- 5.3 All match fees will be paid monthly, directly to the CIRA. However, no individual match fee shall be paid to the CIRA when a match report has not been received from the referee.
- 5.4 Any Club or Official or other persons acting on behalf of, or in the presumed interests of a Club paying or offering to pay a Referee or an Assistant Referee more than his proper fee, allowances and transportation costs, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

Condition of playing venue

- 6.1 The referee shall be primarily responsible for determining if the assigned match venue is in a fit condition to allow the match to take place, or to continue, if already in progress.
- 6.2 If weather conditions are poor, or have been poor prior to the match, or there are other circumstances affecting the condition of the pitch, the assigned match referee shall visit the ground early, to determine if the match can in fact be played, and in his/her sole discretion, may declare the ground unfit.
- 6.3 If weather conditions are poor, or have been poor prior to the match, or there are other circumstances affecting the condition of the pitch, then the Association, the CTC or the President of the Cayman Islands Referees Association (or nominee) may arrange for a pre-match pitch inspection, with or without the assigned match referee present, and may declare the ground unfit. If the condition of the pitch is uncertain, even after inspection, then the assigned match referee or the President of the Cayman Islands Referees Association (or nominee) shall decide.
- 6.4 Any such declaration of the pitch being unfit in 6.2 or 6.3 shall be communicated where possible to all affected parties, and as soon as possible. If the match is not played as scheduled, it will be re-scheduled by the CTC.
- 6.5 The referee shall decide if any venue has become unfit to play on during the course of a match. However, in the case of matches where it is found necessary to stop play owing to weather or other cause, the referee must wait a reasonable length of time before deciding upon abandonment.

- 6.6 The Association will take every precaution to keep its grounds in a playing condition and, where necessary, the Association's groundsman shall re-mark the ground during the half-time interval.
- 6.7 The Executive Committee of CIFA may require the Referee to complete a report on the condition of the playing surface.

Alteration of Kick-off time

- 7.1 On the day of the match, the consent of the Referee must be obtained before the kick-off can be altered from the advertised time.
- 7.2 Referees must report late starts and late arrivals of Assistant Referees or themselves. Assistant Referees who are late must also forward an explanation to the CIRA immediately.
- 7.3 Referees must advise the Secretary of all cases where teams commence a game late or short-handed.

Officials who were not appointed

- 8.1 Any Assistant Referee who officiates as a Referee during the whole or part of a game must advise the CIRA of that fact and the reason thereof.
- 8.2 The match referee must note in the report the names of persons standing in as assistant referees, as well as noting any team affiliation that the assistant referees had.

Other matters

- 9.1 Ballboys. Referees must satisfy themselves that uniforms worn by Ballboys (when deployed) do not clash with the colors worn by either of the competing Clubs. If in the Referee's opinion there is any interference with play, or his control of the games is affected, he is authorised to request them to change their uniform or to leave the vicinity of the field of play.
- 9.2 Processional Entry. The Match Officials shall lead both teams together on to the field of play five minutes prior to the kick-off time.
- 9.3 Referee's Uniform. In all domestic matches, Match Officials shall be required to wear an outfit as determined by the Executive Committee of CIFA.
- 9.4 Report on Match Officials. Clubs may submit a report on the match officials. Any such reports should be submitted to the Association within 7 calendar days of the match in question.
- 9.5 Players Equipment. Referees must ensure that any equipment worn by a player, is of no danger to another player. It is not good enough, for example, to simply bandage a solid knee brace or plaster cast unless this meets with the satisfaction of both the Referee and the opponents. Any objection by the player's opponents may require the Referee to ask for the relevant piece of equipment to be removed before the player takes the field of play.

Match Commissioners

- 10.1 A Match Commissioner is assigned by the CTC to each Senior Men's match as an independent observer of the match and any relevant issues. However, due to limited resources, a match commissioner may not be able to be assigned.
- 10.2 A Match Commissioner may be assigned to other matches, as determined by the CTC.
- 10.3 The match commissioner should receive two copies of each team's teamsheet, prior to the match. It is the match commissioner's responsibility to ensure that the two copies are identical as far as names, numbers and selection/nomination is concerned. When the teamsheets have been checked, one copy shall be passed to the referee or the assigned "senior" assistant referee.
- 10.4 If the two copies of teamsheets are not identical, the match commissioner shall advise the team officials, who shall rectify the discrepancy before the match starts. The match commissioner shall advise the referee of the discrepancy if it will impact upon the scheduled kickoff time.
- 10.5 Like the referee, the match commissioner is required to complete the standard form, and submit same, with copy teamsheets attached, to the administrative office of the Association, as in H 4.3 above.
- 10.6 Match Commissioners will receive a fee equal to that paid to an assistant referee, providing that a report on the match has been received by the Association.

Fourth Official

- 11.1 The match referee shall determine the duties of the Fourth Official (if one is appointed) subject to the provisions in the following sections.
- 11.2 The fourth official shall be responsible for handling all matters pertaining to the admission of substitutes, including:
 - a) Verifying that the intended substitute is in fact listed as such on the teamsheet
 - b) Verifying that the substitution paperwork (sometimes called the sub form) clearly identifies the player wishing to enter the field of play, and agrees with the teamsheet
 - c) Ensuring that no team uses more than the three permitted substitutes
 - d) Retaining all such paperwork for the referee who shall require it at the end of the match.

SECTION J
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Players receiving yellow or red cards, or players/officials who face other charges of misconduct, shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures document issued by the Executive Committee of CIFA.
- 1.2 Registration of players, team officials and a club will automatically deem those registered persons and the Club subject to the current Disciplinary Procedures issued by the Executive Committee of CIFA.

SECTION K GENERAL MATTERS

- 1.1 In the event that these Rules conflict with the Association's Memorandum and Articles, it is the Memorandum and Articles that shall take priority. Matters not provided for under these regulations shall be decided by the Executive Committee of CIFA whose decision shall be final.
- 1.2 **Championship Trophy.**
- a) The team that is declared the League Winner shall be awarded a replica of the perpetual Championship Trophy. When the winner of Trophy has been ascertained, the original Championship Trophy shall be handed over to the winner on awards night, and it shall be returned to the Secretary on or before the end of the second following business day in good order and condition.
 - b) The League shall also present to the League Winner 25 medals, and 4 souvenir certificates, one for Manager, one for the Physiotherapist and two for staff other than Players. Additional souvenir certificates may be presented by consent of the Executive Committee of CIFA.
 - c) On application, the League Winner may apply to borrow the perpetual Championship Trophy for approved purposes, including photo shoots and promotional exercises, and if such application is granted, the trophy can be collected from the Association by a registered club official, who will sign for receipt of the trophy. Any such application must state the date by which the perpetual Championship Trophy will be returned to the Association, which should be no longer than 7 calendar days after being borrowed.
 - d) Any club borrowing the trophy must ensure that custody of the trophy remains with a responsible and registered club official.
 - e) The club will responsible for making good any loss or damage while the trophy is in the care of the club or their registered players and officials, irrespective of how caused.
 - f) Clubs failing to return borrowed trophies within one week of being requested to do so, shall be charged with misconduct, and fined \$500 for each trophy not returned, plus the cost of replacing the trophy, including related travel, courier and other expenses.
- 1.3 **Additional Competitions to be approved by the Executive Committee of CIFA.** Clubs shall not play in any other Competition without prior written approval of the Executive Committee of CIFA, including club competitions organized and sanctioned by either the CFU or CONCACAF.
- 1.4 **Deposits.** Provisional members of the Association shall be required to place an additional deposit with the Association which will be repaid to the member when it is granted or regains Full membership. This additional deposit shall be a sum equal to the registration fee.

COMPETITION RULES: SCHEDULE 1

In accordance with Section C, paragraph 1.3, which says (quote)

Prior to the commencement of each season, the CTC shall determine and announce

- a) the sub-divisions of the junior age groups, if any;
- b) the qualifying ages for each junior age group;
- c) the qualifying ages for each senior age group.

...the information for the 2005-2006 season is as follows:

- a) Seniors (male): Players must be at least 15 years old. No upper limit at this time.
- b) U-23 (male): Players must be less than 24 years old, but at least 17 years old.**
- c) U-17 (male): Players must be less than 18 years old, but at least 14 years old.
- d) U-14 (male): Players must be less than 15 years old, but at least 12 years old.
- e) Seniors (female): Players must be at least 15 years old. No upper limit at this time.
- f) Juniors (female): Players must be less than 18 years old, but at least 12 years old.

The above noted age requirements will be applied as at the 1st September in each year, prior to the commencement of the fixtures for that competition.