

**CAYMAN ISLANDS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**



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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Cayman Islands Football Association's main objective is the organization of football throughout the Cayman Islands.
- 1.2 This document covers the various rules and regulations relating to domestic competitions in furtherance of this objective.
- 1.3 Any individual, club or team which is a member of the Cayman Islands Football Association shall indemnify the Cayman Islands Football Association, its directors, officers, employees and agents against all reasonable losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses suffered or incurred by such individual, club, team as a result of their participating in any and all competitions and tournaments organized by the Cayman Islands Football Association.
- 1.4 Participation by any individual (whether as a player, official, referee, administrator etc), club or team, in any and all domestic competitions organized by the Cayman Islands Football Association shall constitute an agreement between the Cayman Islands Football Association and the individual, club or team and between each of the individuals, clubs and teams to be bound by, and to comply with the constitution of the Cayman Islands Football Association, these Rules of the Association and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Laws of the Game.
- 1.5 All individuals present at any and all matches or events, which are sanctioned or organized by the Cayman Islands Football Association, attend and participate at their own risk. The Cayman Islands Football Association, its officers, employees, contracted workers and volunteers etc. shall not be responsible for any damage, injury, loss or other liability, howsoever caused.
- 1.6 The Cayman Islands Football Association retains the rights to all images, in whatever form, and however created, arising within the confines of a match venue and during the operation of a match under its control.
- 1.7 In the event that these Rules of the Association conflict with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Cayman Islands Football Association (the "Articles") the Articles shall take priority.
- 1.8 Matters not provided for under these Rules of the Association shall be decided by the Executive Committee of Cayman Islands Football Association whose decision shall be final.

SECTION 2 ADMINISTRATION

- [2.1](#) The constitution of the Cayman Islands Football Association ("CIFA" or "the Association") charges the Competition and Tournament Committee ("CTC") with the responsibility for organizing all of the Association's football competitions and tournaments.
- [2.2](#) The Rules of the Association ("Rules") shall take effect from the date approved by the CIFA Executive Committee (the "Executive").
- [2.3](#) Amendments to the Rules may be proposed by the CTC at any time. Such proposals shall be submitted to the Executive for approval. If the Executive approves such amendments they shall have immediate effect unless otherwise stipulated by the Executive.
- [2.4](#) Any member of the Association may propose amendments to the Rules. Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Executive. The Executive shall advise the respective member of the outcome of its submission. If the Executive approves such amendments they shall have immediate effect unless otherwise stipulated by the Executive.

SECTION 3

THE COMPETITION AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The CTC shall consist of the First Vice President of the Association, acting as chairman of the CTC, a deputy chairman and the number of members that may be deemed necessary.
- 3.2 The President of the Association appoints the members of the CTC. The members of the CTC should include at least one member of (i) the CIFA's Women's Committee, (ii) the CIFA's Youth Committee and (iii) the Cayman Islands Referee Association.
- 3.3 The duties of the CTC are, inter alia,:
- 3.3.1 the organization of all CIFA competitions and tournaments in accordance with the regulations governing each competition or tournament; and
 - 3.3.2 the production and publication of an official report, including all relevant statistics, on each tournament or competition of the Association
- 3.4 The CTC shall meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month during the football season or such other time as determined by the CTC.
- 3.5 The quorum for all CTC meetings shall be not less than one-half of the official members of the CTC.
- 3.6 The CTC, in conjunction with the Youth Committee and the Women's Committee (where relevant), may appoint a competition organiser for each competition organised by the CTC.
- 3.7 The CTC may delegate any of its functions to the CIFA Youth Committee or the CIFA Women's Committee in relation to any junior men/boys age group and junior women/girls age group competitions.

SECTION 4 COMPETITIONS DEPARTMENT

- [4.1](#) The CTC may establish a Competitions Department to carry out the functions necessary for the proper conduct of the Association's competitions and tournaments. The Competitions Department shall receive instructions from and report directly to the CTC.
- [4.2](#) The head of the Competitions Department shall be a member of the CTC with the right to vote at any CTC meeting.
- [4.3](#) The departments shall be responsible for, inter alia,:
- [4.3.1](#) the appointment, training and evaluation of match commissioners;
 - [4.3.2](#) the organization, production and management of competition fixtures;
 - [4.3.3](#) the reservation, inspection and approval of the various football venues;
 - [4.3.4](#) maintenance, storage and security of football equipment and supplies which is the property of the Association;
 - [4.3.5](#) the management of competitions;
 - [4.3.6](#) the organization and management of security at competitions and tournaments; and
 - [4.3.7](#) the maintenance and production of all necessary league tables, statistics, records etc. in relation to each competition and tournament;

SECTION 5 AGE GROUPS

- [5.1](#) Domestic football competitions shall comprise of the following groups
- a. Adult men;
 - b. Adult women;
 - c. Junior men/boys; and
 - d. Junior women/girls
- [5.2](#) The adult men's group shall comprise of the (i) Under 23 League, (ii) Men's Premier League, (iii) Men's First Division and (iv) Masters League.
- [5.3](#) The adult women's group shall comprise of the Women's Senior League.
- [5.4](#) The junior men/boys group shall comprise of the (i) 19 & Under League, (ii) 17 & Under League, (iii) 15 & Under League, and (iv) 13 & Under League.
- [5.5](#) The junior women/girls group shall comprise of the (i) 17 & Under League and (ii) the 15 & Under League.
- [5.6](#) The planning and operations of adult women's, and junior women's/girls' football competitions shall be undertaken by the CTC in conjunction with CIFA's Women's Committee and the Competitions Department.
- [5.7](#) The planning and operations of junior men's/boys' football competitions shall be undertaken by the CTC in conjunction with CIFA's Youth Committee and the Competitions Department.
- [5.8](#) In accordance with the rules of the Players Status Committee, no player may participate in more than two (2) age group competitions, unless the CTC has given its written and specific permission for a player to do otherwise.

SECTION 6
PARTICIPATION – ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATION

- [6.1](#) For a member club, team, player or official to participate in any of the Association's competitions or tournaments they must have met all of the eligibility requirements as stipulated by the Association and the CTC. All member clubs participating in the Men's Premier League must meet the designated criteria for the aforementioned League.
- [6.2](#) Each age group competition will comprise of a league competition, and may also include one or more knockout competitions.

SECTION 7

PARTICIPATION – TERMINATION

- [7.1](#) The Executive may, under extenuating circumstances, grant immediate resignation from any and all competitions for any member club or team. The Executive may determine any terms and conditions associated with such immediate resignation, which may be imposed on players, officials and/or the club/team itself.
- [7.2](#) 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 member club or team from all or any domestic competition.
- [7.3](#) A member club or team will be expelled from a single age group competition if it forfeits two (2) matches in the respective age group competition for the respective season.

SECTION 8 CODE OF CONDUCT

- [8.1](#) All individuals participating (in any capacity) in any and all CIFA competitions, and tournaments and all CIFA members and committees and all affiliates and guests of the CIFA shall conduct themselves with integrity, and in a disciplined, professional and responsible manner, and shall be subject to the FIFA Code of Conduct at all times.
- [8.2](#) All participants shall at all times act in the best interests of the game and shall not act in any manner which is improper or brings the game into disrepute
- [8.3](#) The Association shall have the power to take disciplinary action in all cases where they judge an individual or group to have breached section 8.2 above
- [8.4](#) A copy of the FIFA Code of Conduct may be obtained from the CIFA's office during normal business hours.

SECTION 9 COMMITMENTS TO COMPETITION

- [9.1](#) Member clubs of the Association shall enter teams in a number of Competitions, as stipulated below. For the purposes of satisfying the following paragraphs, the Masters League shall not represent a qualifying competition.
- [9.2](#) With effect from August 2008, member clubs with a team participating in the Men's Premier League from September 2008, shall be required to have at least one (1) youth team in competitions organized by the CTC in the Under 12-14 age range, and at least one (1) junior men's/youth team in in competitions organized by the CTC the Under 16-21 age range.
- [9.3](#) With effect from August 2008, member clubs with a team participating in the Men's First Division in October 2007, shall be required to have at least two (2) junior men's/youth teams in competitions organised by the CTC.
- [9.4](#) With effect from August 2008, member clubs with a team participating in the Women's Senior League in October 2007, shall be required to have at least one (1) junior women's/youth teams in competitions organised by the CTC.
- [9.5](#) Member clubs which are unable to meet the junior/youth requirements as noted above may be denied permission by the Executive to compete in the Men's Premier League, Men's First Division or the Senior Women's League in subsequent seasons.
- [9.6](#) 9. The Executive may determine any and all terms and conditions to be imposed upon a Club, a Team, a player or an official, for the Club's/member club or team for their failure to comply with the above requirements.
- [9.7](#) A member club or team may only enter one team in the Men's Premier League and/or the Men's First Division and/or the Senior Women's League.
- [9.8](#) A member club or team may, with the approval of the Executive, enter more than one team in any other age group competition.
- [9.9](#) Clubs which are not full members of the Association will be required to enter teams into at least two (2) competitions (not including the Men's Premier League or Men's First Division) for at least one season, prior to applying or re-applying for admission as full members. The extent of the qualifying requirements, and their duration, will be determined by the Executive.

SECTION 10 COMMITMENTS TO NATIONAL TEAMS

- [10.1](#) Member clubs and teams shall support the Association in relation to the preparation for international matches by requiring all their players to make themselves available to the Association when called upon for national team duties.
- [10.2](#) Players called by the Association to attend national team duties should make every effort to comply fully with the requests of the Association.
- [10.3](#) Failure of any member club or team to comply with 10.1 above, without good cause as determined by the Executive, shall be sanctioned by the Executive.
- [10.4](#) Failure of any player to comply with 10.2 above, without good cause as determined by the Executive, shall be prevented from competing in any and all domestic leagues until such time as they are in compliance with 10.2.
- [10.5](#) Teams with players on international duty will be allowed reasonable concessions with regard to fixture rearrangements. Teams with three (3) or more of its payers on international duty should advise the CTC in the first instance, so that fixture changes may be contemplated.

SECTION 11 COMPETITIONS – LEAGUE FORMAT

- [11.1](#) The format of the Association's domestic competitions is determined by the CTC and approved by the Executive.
- [11.2](#) Prior to the commencement of each domestic league competition, the CTC would announce the format of the competition, advising, inter alia:
- [11.2.1](#) the number of zones or divisions;
 - [11.2.2](#) the eligibility requirements for each competing team;
 - [11.2.3](#) the eligibility requirements for participating players and officials;
 - [11.2.4](#) the allocation of teams to each zone or division;
 - [11.2.5](#) the venues to be used;
 - [11.2.6](#) which Teams will play which opponents and how many times;
 - [11.2.7](#) how final positions, qualifying positions, or championship winners will be determined;
 - [11.2.8](#) whether playoff matches will be included, when and how they will operate; and
 - [11.2.9](#) whether promotion and relegation will be relevant, and how promoted and relegated teams will be determined
- [11.3](#) In all league competitions, and except for playoff matches, three points shall be awarded for each match won, and one point for each drawn match. No points will be awarded for a match lost.
- [11.4](#) In all league competitions, final positions in the division or zone will be determined on the basis of points gained over the season.
- [11.5](#) In all league competitions, if two or more teams within any division or zone have an equal number of points at the end of that season's league fixtures, then the teams concerned shall be placed in league positions in the order of priority as follows:
- [11.5.1](#) Goal difference from all league matches played;
 - [11.5.2](#) Goals scored in all league matches played;

[11.5.3](#) Points gained in their head-to-head league matches;

[11.5.4](#) Goal difference in the head-to-head league matches

[11.6](#) If teams cannot be separated by 11.5 above the teams may either be regarded as having finished in equal positions or be required by the CTC to play one or more playoff matches to determine a winner and therefore the higher ranked team. The CTC shall determine the format, timing and venue, and all rules, including special rules if any, relating to any such match or matches.

[11.7](#) For all playoff matches, there will be no replay for a tied game. A result must be obtained in that match, by going to extra time and penalties if necessary.

[11.8](#) Where playoff matches comprise two legs, the winner of each playoff match will be the team scoring the greater number of goals over the two legs.

[11.9](#) If, after completing normal playing time in a 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.

SECTION 12 COMPETITIONS – KNOCKOUT FORMAT

- [12.1](#) Knockout competitions, where held, shall involve Teams playing against a single opponent in each round, with the winners of that round advancing to the next round and next opponent (or winning the competition). The losing Team in a knockout competition shall not so advance.
- [12.2](#) There will be no replays for any tied knockout match. There must be a result on the day for that match, if necessary, by going to extra time and penalties.
- [12.3](#) Where a knockout match comprises two legs, the overall winner will be the team scoring the greater number of goals over the two matches. Tied matches will be determined in the same manner as for tied two-leg league playoff matches.

SECTION 13

COMPETITIONS – PENALTY SHOOT- OUT FORMAT

- [13.1](#) If a penalty shoot-out is required to determine a match winner, the referee will have sole discretion to determine the goal towards which penalty kicks are taken.
- [13.2](#) Penalties to determine a match winner will use the following format (unless a different format is stipulated by the rules of the respective competition):
- [13.2.1](#) each team will take up to five (5) penalties, taking penalty kicks in turn until either one team scores more than its opponent from the five (5) kicks, or one team scores more than its opponent could score even if the opponent took all of its five (5) kicks.
- [13.2.2](#) if, after each team has taken five (5) penalty kicks, the scores are still level, then “sudden death” penalty kicks will be taken. Each team will continue taking penalty kicks in turn, until one team scores and its opponent fails to score, from the same number of kicks taken.
- [13.3](#) Management of a penalty shoot-out phase of a game is the responsibility of the referee in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

SECTION 14
COMPETITIONS – MEN’S LEAGUES

- [14.1](#) Participation in the Men's Premier League shall be restricted to full members of the Association.
- [14.2](#) Participation in the Men's First Division shall be restricted to full members of the Association.
- [14.3](#) In all domestic matches in adult men's age group competitions each team is permitted a maximum of three substitutions and up to seven substitutes may be nominated.

SECTION 15
COMPETITIONS – ADULT WOMEN

- [15.1](#) Participation in Senior Women’s age group shall be restricted to members of the Association.
- [15.2](#) In all domestic matches in adult women age group competitions each team is permitted a maximum of five substitutions and up to seven substitutes may be nominated.

SECTION 16

COMPETITIONS – JUNIOR MEN/BOYS

- [16.1](#) In all domestic matches in 19 and Under competitions each team is permitted a maximum of five substitutions and up to seven substitutes may be nominated.
- [16.2](#) In all domestic matches in younger age group competitions each Team is permitted a maximum of seven substitutions and up to seven substitutes may be nominated.
- [16.3](#) In all domestic matches in younger age group competitions team coaches are encouraged to use all their permitted substitutes in each match.

SECTION 17
COMPETITIONS – JUNIOR WOMEN/GIRLS

- [17.1](#) In all domestic matches in junior women's and girls' age group competitions each team is permitted a maximum of seven substitutions and up to seven substitutes may be nominated.
- [17.2](#) In all domestic matches, team coaches are encouraged to use all their permitted substitutes in each match.

SECTION 18

COMPETITIONS - TEAMS FROM CAYMAN BRAC

- [18.1](#) Cayman Brac is entitled to submit teams in any domestic competition organised by the Association. The following paragraphs set out some basic requirements for Cayman Brac involvement in domestic competitions organized by the Association.
- [18.2](#) Team from Cayman Brac wishing to take part in any of the Association's competitions and/or tournaments shall complete any and all registration requirements as determined by the Players Status Committee and the CTC.
- [18.3](#) Domestic league matches, which involve a Cayman Brac team, may be played in Cayman Brac in any season providing that the Cayman Brac venue has been passed fit by CTC.
- [18.4](#) For all matches where a team from Grand Cayman has a match in Cayman Brac, the Executive shall determine the extent of any financial or other assistance that may be provided to the team traveling from Grand Cayman. However, the Executive shall not be obliged to provide any financial assistance at all nor an equal amount of financial assistance to each traveling team.
- [18.5](#) Irrespective of any possible financial assistance decision made by the Executive clubs will be required to generate their own funds to cover the costs of their teams traveling to Cayman Brac for any domestic league competition.
- [18.6](#) Teams from Grand Cayman failing to travel to a CTC fixture scheduled for Cayman Brac, or teams from Cayman Brac failing to travel to a CTC fixture in Grand Cayman, shall be deemed to have not fulfilled their fixture commitment for that match.
- [18.7](#) Teams which know well in advance that they will be unable to travel between Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac for a scheduled CTC fixture should advise the CTC of this fact at least one week prior to the scheduled fixture date.

SECTION 19

COMPETITIONS - FIXTURES

- [19.1](#) By participating in domestic competition member clubs and teams hereby understand and accept that fixtures can and will be rearranged where circumstances warrant.
- [19.2](#) All matches shall, unless rearranged with the approval of the CTC, be played on the dates and at the times and venues scheduled in the latest version of the fixtures.
- [19.3](#) All member clubs, teams, players, officials must adhere to the kick-off time as advertised in the fixtures published by the CTC. The respective match commissioner and/or referee must report any delays in the kick-off time to the CTC. Any member club or team causing the kick-off time to be delayed will be fined the sum of \$100 for a first offence, \$200 for a second offence and \$300 for every subsequent offence occurring within the same season.
- [19.4](#) Any member club or team causing the kick-off to be delayed by more than 15 minutes from the time advertised will be guilty of misconduct and the member club or team will be deemed unable to fulfil its fixture obligation and will be fined \$300.
- [19.5](#) If, for whatever reason, member clubs or teams find that one of their upcoming matches cannot be played on the appointed date, the member club or team should submit a written report to the Association detailing the circumstances and all other relevant information. The CTC would make a decision in relation to the fixture in question and advise the teams. All decisions of the CTC are final.
- [19.6](#) Any and all rescheduled domestic league matches shall be played on another date as determined by the CTC.
- [19.7](#) Member clubs or teams shall not amongst themselves rearrange match fixtures.
- [19.8](#) Member clubs or teams shall not arrange any other matches outside of their domestic league fixture obligations unless permission has been granted by the CTC. Member clubs and teams desiring to stage friendly matches during the domestic league season must obtain the prior written approval of the CTC and ensure that such matches do not interfere with the domestic league fixtures or any local international fixtures for which the Association is obligated.
- [19.9](#) Any member club or team, without just cause as determined by the CTC, 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.
- [19.10](#) Any member club or team reporting to a scheduled match with less than 7 registered players available to take the field of play at the scheduled kick off time shall be deemed to have not fulfilled its fixture obligation.
- [19.11](#) Any member club or team 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 to the Association 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 club or team for that same period.

[19.12](#) Any member club or team 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. Any member club or team failing to fulfill its fixture obligations on a second occasion shall have its results expunged for the season.

[19.13](#) Teams 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.

SECTION 20 COMPETITIONS - PRE-MATCH REQUIREMENTS

20.1 THE TEAMSHEET

- 20.1.1 An authorised representative of each team must advise the names of players taking part in each match by submitting the approved printed CIFA team sheet to the referee (or two identical team sheets to the match commissioner – if a match commissioner has been assigned to and is present at the match) at least fifteen (15) 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.
- 20.1.2 Any team failing to abide by the above paragraph 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.
- 20.1.3 In all cases of player selection (starting players) or nomination (possible substitutes), the team sheet ultimately provided to the referee shall be the sole reference document proving such selection or nomination.
- 20.1.4 If any selected or nominated player sustains an injury before the kick-off, but after the submission of the team sheet to the referee, that player may be replaced prior to the kick-off with another registered player, by informing the referee accordingly.

20.2 THE BENCH

- 20.2.1 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 team (up to five (5) team officials and up to seven (7) substitutes).
- 20.2.2 No other persons will be authorised to sit on or around the team bench and the match commissioner and referee (or assistant referees) will enforce this, by requesting that the team manager take the appropriate action.
- 20.2.3 If a team manager fails to address the inappropriate use of the bench area by unauthorized persons, the team shall be fined \$50 for every match that this situation prevails, following the request by referee or match commissioner.
- 20.2.4 The nominated substitutes of the team shall remain on the bench at all time unless preparing to enter the field of play.
- 20.2.5 A team's players, who have not been selected to start the match, and have not been included among the nominated substitutes, shall not occupy a place on the team bench. All such players shall be located in the spectator areas of the venue.

[20.2.6](#) On completion of the match, the team shall be responsible for removing and properly disposing of any garbage generated by that team, such that the bench area is clean and tidy.

[20.3](#) IDENTIFICATION

[20.3.1](#) The CTC will advise which competitions and age groups will require its teams' players and officials to have ID cards. The CTC will advise how ID cards will be issued, and when such ID's would be required to be produced for inspection

[20.3.2](#) Each team's starting eleven, nominated substitutes and officials are required to carry (if issued by the CTC) the appropriate identification card, for possible identity checks before, during or after the match. The carrying of ID cards may be delegated to a team official for the duration of that match.

[20.3.3](#) The match commissioner or referee may request that ID cards for each player and official of a team be produced in order to compare the ID card to the card holder and to the information as recorded on the team sheet.

[20.4](#) PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

[20.4.1](#) All players entering the field of play shall be properly attired in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

[20.4.2](#) In all cases, shinguards shall be used, and shall be properly designed and manufactured.

[20.4.3](#) Players' shirts must be clearly numbered on the back in accordance with the respective team sheet provided to the referee prior to the start of the match. Any team 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.

[20.4.4](#) The person designated as captain of the team shall wear a distinguishing armband to indicate his status.

20.5 FOOTBALLS

[20.5.1](#) The CTC shall provide suitable match footballs for all semi-finals and final matches. For all other matches the team designated as the home team must provide at least two (2) match footballs. Each match ball shall be approved by the assigned referee of the match.

[20.5.2](#) The required size of the football will be determined by the CTC.

[20.5.3](#) The football provided from the match must be in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

[20.5.4](#) The home team shall present at least two (2) footballs to the match referee at least 10 minutes prior to the advertised time of kickoff for inspection.

[20.5.5](#) Teams that fail to provide the required quality of match football will be fined \$50 for each occurrence.

SECTION 21

COMPETITIONS – MATCH RESULTS

- [21.1](#) 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. These standard forms shall be submitted to the administrative office of the Association within two (2) calendar days after completing the match.
- [21.2](#) If any issues of indiscipline was 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.
- [21.3](#) The match commissioner (if one was assigned and 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 two (2) calendar days after completing the match.
- [21.4](#) Any team (via a registered official of the team) intending to lodge a protest over the result of the match, or over issues that impact upon the result of the match shall inform either the referee or match commissioner within 15 minutes of the end of the match in question that an official protest will be lodged with the Association.
- [21.5](#) Any protest as outlined in 21.4 above shall, subsequently, be made in writing to the Association.

SECTION 22

COMPETITIONS – MATCHES PLAYED WITH INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 22.1 An ineligible player is a player who is not eligible to play in the match in question, but has taken the field of play for at least a part of the match. An ineligible player is a player, *inter alia*:
- 22.1.1 that is suspended as a result of previous disciplinary action;
 - 22.1.2 that is not registered with the respective team or the registration process for that player is incomplete and therefore has not yet been confirmed by the Players Status Committee;
 - 22.1.3 that started the match but was not listed on the team sheet provided to the match referee; and
 - 22.1.4 that entered the field of play as a substitute but was not listed on the team sheet among the nominated substitutes.
- 22.2 Where it is determined by the CTC that a team has fielded an ineligible player the match shall be awarded to the other team by a score of 3-0. 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.
- 22.3 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 player.
- 22.4 The team fielding the ineligible player will be fined \$100 for each offence.
- 22.5 If it has been determined by the CTC that both teams during a match have fielded an ineligible player then the match will be counted as played and lost by both teams by the score of 3:0. If this was a knockout match other than a final, then both teams will be excluded from the competition and each fined \$100. If this was a final match, or a playoff match affecting qualification, promotion or relegation, then the match shall be replayed, with each team fined \$300 for bringing the game into disrepute.

SECTION 23

COMPETITIONS – ABANDONED MATCHES

- [23.1](#) Subject to the following paragraphs, a match that is abandoned shall be replayed in its entirety.
- [23.2](#) 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 other team.
- [23.3](#) If the behaviour of a team's player, official or supporter causes the abandonment of any match the match referee should note as such in his referee report in relation to the match.
- [23.4](#) All yellow and red cards issued during any match which is abandoned shall have full effect, irrespective of the match result awarded, and of the actual time played.
- [23.5](#) Where a player or official from either team was sitting out the match through suspension, the match shall be counted as a game missed by such suspended player or official, provided the abandoned match is not to be replayed.
- [23.6](#) Goals scored during an abandoned match shall not count towards a player's individual total.
- [23.7](#) If any match is abandoned in the opinion of the CIFA-appointed official due to the actions of one team, or any player or official from one team, then the match will be automatically awarded to the opposing team by a score line of 3 goals to 0.

23.8 SECTION 24
COMPETITIONS – MATCHES NOT PLAYED AS SCHEDULED

- [24.1](#) Where a team fails to show for a CTC fixture, and providing the referee is present and the other team is ready to start the match on time, the team, which fails to show, shall be deemed to have lost the match by walkover and by a score of 3-0. The team, which fails to show, shall also be fined \$300.
- [24.2](#) If a team arrives for the scheduled fixture, but does not have seven players ready to start the match at the scheduled kick-off time, the team will be deemed to be absent and having failed to show for the fixture.
- [24.3](#) Where a player or official from either team was sitting out the match through suspension, the match shall be counted as a game missed by such suspended player or official.
- [24.4](#) If either team fails to show for a scheduled match, and there is no match referee present, then the match will be replayed, at a date and time to be advised by the CTC.
- [24.5](#) If both teams fail to show for a scheduled match, and the match referee is present, both teams shall be deemed to have played and lost the match. Each team shall also be fined \$300 and each team would have lost the match by the score of 3:0. If this was a knockout match other than a final, then both teams will be excluded from the competition. If this was a final match, or a playoff match affecting qualification, promotion or relegation, then the match shall be replayed, with each team fined a further \$300 for bringing the game into disrepute.

SECTION 25

REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

- [25.1](#) The responsibility for appointing match officials to matches shall be delegated by THE Association to the Cayman Islands Referees Association ("CIRA"). The CIRA will be responsible for setting appointments of referees and assistant referees for all matches sanctioned by the Association. The Executive may approve such appointments.
- [25.2](#) Referee and assistant referee which are appointed by the CIRA for domestic league matches should be members in good standing with the CIRA.
- [25.3](#) Referees and assistant referees must not accept outside appointments except by consent of the Executive.
- [25.4](#) If no referee 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.
- [25.5](#) Each match shall commence with two assistant referees present. If one or both assistant referees are not present by the scheduled kick off time the referee in his sole discretion may appoint suitable individuals from those persons already present at the match to act as assistant referees. These appointments may be made from members of the two (2) competing teams if no other persons are suitable or available. Any such appointment of non-CIRA members shall be communicated to both teams prior to commencement of the match.
- [25.6](#) The referee in his sole discretion may determine if a match shall proceed if there is only one assistant referee available for the match. If the referee is unable to find at least one assistant referee for the match the match shall be postponed. The match will then be rescheduled by the CTC.
- [25.7](#) The gross match fee for referees and assistant referees shall be made in accordance with any agreements from time to time between the Association and the CIRA.
- [25.8](#) In the case of postponed matches half fee will be paid to match officials who report to the ground and who make their presence known to the match commissioner or the referee.
- [25.9](#) All match fees will be paid monthly to the CIRA. However, no individual match fee shall be paid to the CIRA unless the respective referee match report been submitted to the Association's administrative office.
- [25.10](#) Any individual acting on behalf of, or in the presumed interests of a member club or team which attempts to pay a referee or assistant referee in an effort to influence the outcome of a match shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.
- [25.11](#) The referee shall be 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.
- [25.12](#) The referee must record in their report any late starts and/or late arrivals of any assistant referees or themselves.

[25.13](#) The referees must advise the CTC of all cases where a team has caused a match to commence late or with less than eleven players.

SECTION 26

MATCH COMMISSIONERS

- [26.1](#) The assignment of match commissioners to domestic league competitions is the responsibility of the CTC.
- [26.2](#) A match commissioner is required to complete a standard form and submit same along with a copy of the respective team sheets to administrative office of the Association within two (2) days after the said match.
- [26.3](#) A match commissioner 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.
- [26.4](#) The match commissioner shall report all incidences which occur at a venue and shall note all the instances where a fine is to be imposed on a team, player etc.

SECTION 27
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- [27.1](#) A member clubs, teams, players, officials, referees, committee members etc. are subject to the Association's Disciplinary Procedures.
- [27.2](#) All instances of misconduct, shall be dealt with in accordance with the Association's Disciplinary Procedures.

SECTION 28 SAFETY AND SECURITY

- [28.1](#) Member clubs and teams shall advise their players, officials and supporters to conduct themselves in accordance with the FIFA Code of Conduct and the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- [28.2](#) The CTC shall be responsible for the assignment of security personnel to tournaments and competitions organized by the Association.

SECTION 29 SPORTS MEDICINE

- [29.1](#) Each team is required to have suitably experienced and/or trained medical personnel in attendance at all of that team's matches. Such individuals should be qualified to and able to deal with instances of injury and illness that occur before, during and after matches and will have the designation of 'medical officer'.
- [29.2](#) The Association may introduce regulations concerning the qualifications and experience required by individuals, in order for those individuals to be suitably accredited as a team's medical officer.
- [29.3](#) Teams that do not have a medical officer in attendance at their games may face sanctions from the Association.
- [29.4](#) Each member club or team is encouraged to obtain personal injury insurance cover for its players. Each individual participating in any and all of the Association's sanctioned tournaments and competitions is required to have at least basic health insurance cover as required under the laws of the Cayman Islands.