



SKNFA 2013-2014

PREMIER DIVISION

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SKNFA 2013-2014 RULES & REGULATIONS

ANNEX A – PREMIER DIVISION

League Format

1. The 2013-2014 SKNFA **PREMIER LEAGUE** shall commence on Saturday 19th October 2013.
2. The league shall be conducted in conformity with the rules and regulations of FIFA.
3. The Premier League shall consist of Ten (10) teams namely:
 - a. Conaree United
 - b. Delphic Newtown Untied
 - c. H.E Garden Hotspurs
 - d. Harris Paint St. Peters
 - e. KFC Trinity/Challengers United
 - f. Mantab
 - g. Rams Village Superstars
 - h. S.L Horsford St. Pauls United
 - i. SPD United
 - j. St. Thomas/Trinity Strikers
4. Venue – Matches will be played at venues determined fit by the SKNFA and on days and times as fixtured.
5. All players in the Premier Division League must be **16 years and older**.
6. The above mentioned teams shall play three (3) rounds of round robin matches.

Match Days

As a general rule the match days for the Premier Division are as follows *(but not limited to any other day)*:

- Thursdays
- Saturdays
- Sundays but not limited to any other day
- The SKNFA reserves the right to schedule or reschedule any game to any day and time of the week.

CARNIVAL CUP

The Carnival Cup shall consist of 4 teams: the four top Premier Division teams at the end of the first round of matches and will be played at the break of the Premier League in December, 2013.

The games will be played in a Knock-out Format as follows:

Team 1 vs. Team 4 Match A
Team 2 vs. Team 3 Match B

Finals

WINNERS OF MATCH A & MATCH B play in the Finals

LOSERS OF MATCH A & MATCH B play for THIRD PLACE

Rules and regulations

- (1) Each game shall be played within two (2) 45 minutes halves (90 minutes)
- (2) In the event of a tie at the end of regulations time 2-15 minutes halves will be played. (Golden goal no longer applies).
- (3) If at the end of overtime the game is still tied – Best of 5 Penalty Kick shall apply.
- (4) If there is still a tie then **sudden death penalty kicks** shall be taken by those players who have not taken kicks before, until a winner is determined.
- (5) If there is still a tie at the end of sudden penalty kicks, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

Guidelines for the finals (i.e. team list, passes, IDs etc.) would be communicated subsequent to the start of the Finals.

The prize structure for the Carnival Cup is as follows:

Winner - \$1,000.00
2nd Place - \$500.00
3rd Place - \$300.00
4th Place - \$200.00

EASTER CUP

The Easter Cup shall consist of 4 Premier teams: the four top leading teams in accumulated points of the second round of matches and will be played over the EASTER WEEKEND, 2014.

The games will be played in a Knock-out Format as follows:

Team 1 vs. Team 4 Match A
Team 2 vs. Team 3 Match B

Finals

WINNERS OF MATCH A & MATCH B play in the Finals
LOSERS OF MATCH A & MATCH B play for THIRD PLACE

Rules and regulations

- (1) Each game shall be played within two (2) 45 minutes halves (90 minutes)
- (2) In the event of a tie at the end of regulations time 2-15 minutes halves will be played. (Golden goal no longer applies).
- (3) If at the end of overtime the game is still tied – Best of 5 Penalty Kick shall apply.
- (4) If there is still a tie then **sudden death penalty kicks** shall be taken by those players who have not taken kicks before, until a winner is determined.
- (5) If there is still a tie at the end of sudden penalty kicks, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

Guidelines for the finals (i.e. team list, passes, IDs etc.) would be communicated subsequent to the start of the Finals.

The prize structure for the Easter Cup is as follows:

Winner - \$1,000.00
2nd Place - \$500.00
3rd Place - \$300.00
4th Place - \$200.00

FINAL FOUR

The top four (4) teams at the end of the three (3) rounds will then enter into a group of four (4) called the Final Four.

The Final Four Playoffs will be a one (1) round of round robin matches. The two top teams will be decided from the following points earned:

- (1) Points earned from match-up during Final Four (4) Playoffs
- (2) Goal Difference at the end of the Final Four(4) Playoffs
- (3) The two (2) teams leading at the end of the Final Four (4) Playoffs will then play in the best of three (3) finals to determine the Premier League Champions.

Incentives:

- The team with the most points for each round will be awarded five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

The prize structure for the Final Four Premier Division is as follows:

Winner - \$10,000.00

2nd Place - \$6,000.00

3rd Place - \$4,000.00

4th Place - \$3,000.00

The bottom team in the Premier League at the end of the competition will be relegated to Division I and the top team of Division I will be promoted to the Premier Division.

The 9th place team of the Premier League will play against the winner of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th placed teams in Division 1 Playoffs in a one game final. The winner of the match has the chance to be promoted to or remain in the Premier Division. The winner of the one game final will play in the Premier Division for the 2014-2015 League.

The WINNER and RUNNER-UP OF THE FINAL FOUR COMPETITION will be eligible to represent the Federation in all international club championships.

General Information

We urge that you familiarize yourself and all members of your club with the SKNFA new rules and regulations.

Said rules become effective as of *Monday 7th October, 2013* and shall govern the SKNFA National Football Leagues.

Transfers:

The transfer window for the SKNFA National Senior Football League (2013-2014) is as follows:

Period 1– Opens on September 1, 2013: Closes on 1st November, 2013, at 5:00pm

Period 2- Opens January 1, 2014: Closes on January 15 2014, at 5:00pm

Points Standing:

The points standing will be determined by:

- Points
- Goal Difference (Goals scored minus goals conceded)
- Goals For
- Goals Against
- Results from head to head match up (including goals difference in head to head match up)
- Toss of a coin

Best of Three Finals

Rules and regulations

1. The Final match would be 90 minutes regulation time, i.e., 45 min per half with a 15 minute interval.
2. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, two extra 15 minutes period will be played.
3. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the best of five penalty kicks will apply.
4. If at the end of the best of five penalty kicks there is still a tie, **sudden death penalty kicks** shall be taken by those players who have not taken penalty kicks before until a winner is determined.
5. If there is still a tie at the end of sudden death penalty kicks, then a second Final Match will be rescheduled at a different date and steps 1 to 4 to be repeated.
6. If there is still a tie at the end of sudden penalty kicks of second final match, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

Guidelines for the best of three finals (i.e. team list, passes, IDs etc.) would be communicated subsequent to the start of the Playoffs and Finals.

Football Match for Peace

Every year on the 20th, 21st, or 22nd October, the SKNFA, in support of FIFA efforts to promote Peace, will organize a charitable match and/or events. The SKNFA Competitions Committee will decide on the type of match/competition/events to raise awareness and promote FIFA's World Peace Mission.

FA CUP (Knock-Out Competition)

All registered teams in the St. Kitts Nevis Football Premier Division, Division I and the Junior League qualify for the 2013 – 2014 F.A Cup (Knock-Out Competition).

The competition shall be played under the following format:

At the end of the registration date for the 2013-2014 Football league, Teams are Ranked, Zoned and fixtured based on the Final Points standing of the Premier, and Division I 2012-2013 Football Season and the 2013 Knock-Out Cup. Teams entering or re-entering the SKNFA Football League were ranked based on there registration date.

The two finalists from the Premier Division in the 2012/2013 season will represent the top team in each Zone and will benefit from a bye if the Zone has an odd number of teams.

Each match will go through a drawing process where teams are bunched together and are drawn to play against each other. The draw for the matches for the first round of knock-out games will not be televised but all other knock-out round matches will be drawn on live television.

All teams shall compete in matches under the following conditions

PRELIMINARY

- Each preliminary match shall be of 90 minutes regulation time, i.e., 45 min per half with a 15 minute interval.
- In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the best of five penalty kicks will apply.
- If at the end of the best of five penalty kicks there is still a tie, **sudden death penalty kicks** shall be taken by those players who have not taken penalty kicks before until a winner is determined.
- If there is still a tie at the end of sudden death penalty kicks, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

SEMI-FINALS

- Each match shall have a winner and only the winner shall advance
- Each match shall be 90 minutes regulation time, i.e., 45 min per half with a 15 minute interval.
- In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the best of five penalty kicks will apply.
- If at the end of the best of five penalty kicks there is still a tie, **sudden death penalty kicks** shall be taken by those players who have not taken penalty kicks before until a winner is determined.
- If there is still a tie at the end of sudden penalty kicks, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

FINALS

- The Final match would be 90 minutes regulation time, i.e., 45 min per half with a 15 minute interval.
- In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, two extra 15 minutes period will be played.
- In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the best of five penalty kicks will apply.
- If at the end of the best of five penalty kicks there is still a tie, **sudden death penalty kicks** shall be taken by those players who have not taken penalty kicks before until a winner is determined.
- If there is still a tie at the end of sudden death penalty kicks, then a second Final Match will be rescheduled at a different date and steps 1 to 4 to be repeated.
- If there is still a tie at the end of sudden penalty kicks of second final match, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

All teams are reminded that the FA – Cup Knock out competition is governed by the SKNFA Rules and Regulations of the 2013 –2014 Football Season.

Be further aware that any player who receives a Red Card in the FA – Cup tournament is not eligible to participate in their club’s next F.A Cup match.

The Grand prize for the FA Cup Champions \$3000.00

The Runner up shall receive \$1000.00

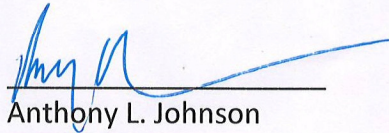
POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

The Management Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the league format and the rules and regulations.

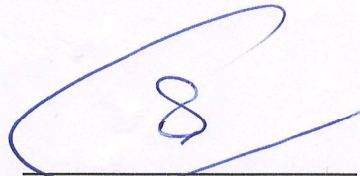
Annexes A, B, C, D and E form part of the Rules and Regulations.

THESE RULES WERE RATIFIED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ST. KITTS AND NEVIS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ON Saturday 5th October, 2013 AND SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON Monday 7th October, 2013.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee of the SKNFA:



Anthony L. Johnson
PRESIDENT



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