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ARTICLE 1: PREAMBLE

- a. The Council of the Bahamas Football Association (BFA), has been given the authority by the Statutes of the BFA to rule on any matter or issue that has not been specifically considered or dealt with below.
- b. All games which are contested under the auspices of the BFA will be played in keeping with the “Laws of the Game” (Laws) as issued by FIFA. The principles and rules (the Rules) contained in the following articles are intended to supplement these Laws. The final and binding interpretation of these rules is exclusively within the province of the bodies of the BFA.
- c. The Council may amend these rules annually, as they from time to time deem expedient.
- d. The 2024-2025 BFA Competitions are official events of the BFA. All other competitions must be sanctioned by the BFA. **All BFA affiliates must at all times**, first secure written permission to participate in any other competition not organized by the BFA.
- e. The 2024-2025 BFA Football Competitions serve as scouting grounds for National Men’s, Women’s and Age Group Teams.
- f. The 2024-2025 BFA Football Season will consist of the following Competitions: Bahamas Men Soccer League, Women League, U18 League, U15 League, U13 competitions, Cup competitions, Beach Soccer & Futsal tournaments and any other competition approved by the Council.
- g. National youth teams of a level lower than the national senior teams may be included in BFA club competitions.
- h. These rules shall apply to all Competitions of the BFA except to the extent that they are specifically excluded by rules relating to a specific Competition.
- i. The BFA reserves the right to change the time and venue of any match and must inform the respective clubs **no later than 48 hours** prior to the original scheduled time of the match.



ARTICLE 2: MANAGEMENT

- a. The **Competitions** shall be governed by the Council of the BFA either directly or through such other committees or bodies of the BFA to which the Council may delegate its power in accordance with the Statutes, Policies, Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the BFA.
- b. Each of these committees shall meet **as often as is necessary** to conduct the respective business of the competitions concerned.
- c. **All** official communication related to the various competitions shall be addressed to the **General Secretary**. Official communications may be sent via email to the following email addresses: frederick.lunn@bahamasfa.net, carl.lynch@bahamasfa.net
- d. **All communication must be on the club's/affiliate's letterhead and signed by a registered club president.**
- e. Clubs/Affiliates **must** submit the official names and email addresses of their team management personnel for competitions organized by the Bahamas Football Association.
- f. All BFA's official communication may be sent via email to the official club representative or posted on BFA's website (www.bahamasfa.net).
- g. Emails sent by the BFA are considered to be delivered on the date and time sent.
- h. The **Council** shall have the power to apply, act upon, and enforce the Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting football competitions and tournaments organised under the auspices of the BFA, including other competitions and tournaments not provided for by these rules.
- i. **All** decisions of the **Council** shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the relevant judicial body, except where provided for in these Rules or other Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- j. **All** fines and charges **shall** be paid within **five (5) calendar days** of the date of notification of imposition (unless otherwise ordered).
- k. The BFA reserves the right to deduct from monies due to clubs, all outstanding amounts due to the association.



- l. Clubs/Affiliates, Officials or individuals committing a breach of these rules shall be liable to such penalties as the Council and or the Disciplinary Committee (DC) may impose or as prescribed in the BFA Disciplinary Code.
- m. A Club/Affiliate having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the **Council or other body acting its behalf** within **five (5) calendar days of receipt of notice** of such order or within five(5) calendar days of an operative date specified in that order, shall **not** be allowed to play or participate in the competitions of the BFA until the order has been complied with or a valid reason for non-compliance has been submitted to the General Secretariat before the end of the day. Should a non-compliant club be fixtured for matches during the period, that club may not contest such a match and the match may be disposed of either by a rescheduling or forfeiture, subject to the Rules and the review or disciplinary process of the BFA.
- n. Any club/affiliate which fails to duly register its players or meet any of its financial or any other obligation by the stipulated deadline (see Article 7) **shall** not be entered in the respective competition.
- o. Notwithstanding the forgoing the Council may request an earlier compliance of an order or instruction if it is satisfied that an earlier compliance is necessary for the normal function of competitions or activities of the BFA.
- p. All clubs/affiliates shall be notified of any alleged breach of the regulations forthwith or in any event within **1 week** of being aware of any action or neglect that is capable of supporting the alleged breach.



ARTICLE 3: TEAM GROUPINGS

A. BAHAMAS MEN’S SOCCER LEAGUE

Clubs/Affiliates eligible to participate in the 2024-2025 season

B. U18 LEAGUE

Clubs/Affiliates eligible to participate in the 2024-2025 season

C. U15 LEAGUE (8v8)

Clubs/Affiliates are encouraged to register 2 or more teams to participate in the League for 2024-2025 season

D. BFA WOMEN’S LEAGUE (8v8)

Clubs/Affiliates are encouraged to register 2 or more teams to participate in the League for 2024-2025 season

E. CUP Ties

Clubs/Affiliates eligible to participate in the 2024-2025 season

ARTICLE 4: TITLES –

- a. The 2024-2025 Bahamas Men Soccer League, Women Futsal, Bahamas Women’s Soccer League, Cup competitions, Bahamas Youth competitions & Beach Soccer competition shall take place between September 30, 2024 to August 31, 2025 or such later date otherwise notified by the Council.



ARTICLE 5: ENTRIES

- a. For entry into competition for the 2024-2025 BFA Season, **all clubs/affiliates must submit the Participation Agreement at least four (4) weeks before the start of the season as notified by the BFA Secretariat.**
- b. Only the Centre of Excellence training squad, BFA affiliates and BFA members shall participate in the 2024-2025 Competitions.
- c. **A BFA competition** will involve a minimum of four (4) teams. *In cases where there are less than four teams no awards will be given*
- d. The decision of the **Council shall be final and binding on such matters.**



ARTICLE 6: PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Each Club shall take the following provisions into account when selecting its representative team:**
 - a. All players' registration with their respective club must be first approved by BFA through FIFA Connect.**
 - b. All players shall be eligible for selection in keeping with the regulations governing the eligibility and transfer of players.
 - c. Youth players can only play one category above their age group.
 - d. The **General Secretariat** with the sanction of the Council shall be the final authority on the matter of eligibility of players.
 - e. In keeping with the statutes of FIFA, except a prior decision is made to the contrary by the Council, a player selected to represent the various National or Island teams shall be released by the parent club to be a member of such team(s). **Any club which fails to adhere to this principle shall be the subject of disciplinary proceedings as well as the player(s) involved.**
- 2. A player is considered ineligible if:**
 - a. serving a suspension, as per regulations of the BFA and the said suspension has been confirmed by the BFA to the player and his Club in writing,
 - b. registration is not authorized, or was based on false information provided by himself/herself and or his/her club,
 - c. summoned to appear before a Judicial Body or Committee of the BFA and is not authorized by that body to play until an appearance before the said body or committee has been made,
 - d. payments for fines imposed are still pending,
 - e. he/she fails to appear for National duties when duly notified to appear, or
 - f. serving a suspension issued by a body that is superior to the BFA, subject to the discretion of the BFA.
- 3. Responsibilities:**
 - a. Clubs/Affiliates are responsible for the proper registration of all players with the BFA for the respective competition through FIFA Connect.



- b. Clubs/Affiliates must register their players on the official registration form/platform supplied by the BFA, all columns of the form/platform must be completed accurately.
- c. No player is permitted to be registered with more than one club or to transfer from one club to another except during the period referred to as “**Transfer Window**” of the tournament.
- d. It is the responsibility of each Club/Affiliate to ensure that non-eligible players do not participate in any football related activities on its behalf.
- e. Any Club/Affiliate which fields an ineligible player (player submitted on team sheet) shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee with a minimum fine of forfeiture of any points gained while using such player.
- f. Clubs/Affiliates and players, who enter into financial or any other agreement of any kind, must submit a copy of such agreements to the BFA within 72 hours of such transaction being signed by both parties and in any event before such an agreement impacts any match between clubs in a BFA competition.
- g. Clubs/Affiliates who seek to register players under the age of eighteen (**18**) years must obtain a **Consent Form** for minors provided by the BFA to be **completed by the parent/guardian**. Such form must be uploaded on the registration system.
- h. Each player shall be issued a **player identification card** which will be verified against the team roster at the registration session and such card **shall** be presented before or during each match if requested by a Tournament official.
- i. Clubs/Affiliates are fully responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials and supporters. Disciplinary actions shall be taken against a club inclusive of the offending individuals.



ARTICLE 7: COMPETITION REGISTRATION

- a. There shall be two registration periods: **August 5, 2024 to October 27, 2024** for first team players and **December 4, 2024 – January 5, 2025** for additional players.
Registration closes 11:59 pm on the final day.
- b. Each player who is desirous of participating in BFA or BFA sanctioned competitions must register in FIFA Connect registration system with their relevant club.
- c. Each Club/Affiliate that is desirous of participating in BFA or BFA sanctioned competitions **must register** all their players on the form/platform provided for registration. These completed forms must be returned to the General Secretariat on or before the deadline date as determined by the BFA, accompanied with the appropriate registration, affiliation and competition fees, as outlined in this regulation.
- d. A player/club/affiliate not meeting the registration deadline shall be deemed as ineligible to play.
- e. Clubs/Affiliates shall ensure that player ID presented at registration and by the players prior to each match, if requested, correspond with the approved roster.
- f. Each eligible player must be registered with one club.
- g. A player is permitted to represent only the club he/she is registered for.
- h. Players shall be registered as amateur or professional as contained in the special regulations of FIFA, governing the status and transfer of players.
- i. Players who have a written financial or any other agreement with a club shall lodge a copy of the contract with the BFA before being considered as eligible to play any match.
- j. Each Club/Affiliate participating in **11 v 11 competitions** shall register a **minimum** of eighteen (18) players.
- k. Clubs/Affiliates in **11 v 11** competition are permitted to register a **maximum** of twenty-two (22) players and five (5) officials (Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Goalkeeper Coach, Manager, Medical).
- l. Clubs/Affiliates in the men competition can play 4 additional players that must be call ups from U18.
- m. Each Club/Affiliate participating in the **8 v 8 competitions** shall register a minimum of nine (9) players.



- n. Clubs/Affiliates in **8 v 8 competitions** are permitted to register a **maximum** of thirteen (13) players and five (5) officials.
- o. The BFA will not accept any club or player in any competition until such club or player has complied fully with the BFA competition requirements including the full payment of the respective competition fee upon registration.
- p. All registered players are only permitted to participate in BFA organized and or sanctioned competitions.
- q. All registered players shall be published on the BFA website. It is the duty of clubs to access such information published on the BFA website and clubs are deemed to have knowledge of such information published on the BFA website on the date of its publication.
- r. Clubs/Affiliates must submit a preliminary list of the minimum number of players 1 month prior to the start competition.
- s. Registration fees will be determined by council.



ARTICLE 8: TRANSFER

- a. A player will only be permitted to register with one Club during the season. The Transfer window for the season shall be **August 25, 2024 – September 30, 2024 and December 4, 2024 – January 5, 2025**.
- b. Players who are registered with a Club for the 2024 - 2025 Season will only be permitted to play for another Club after the transfer has been effected by the BFA during the transfer period of the said season.
- c. No transfers will be approved for players with a club three years or under.
- d. In the case where an amateur player has requested a transfer and not been granted by the former club, after **seven (7) days** the transfer will be deemed complete once the new club meets all other transfer requirements.
- e. New teams are barred from transferring players in or out of their team for a period of three years after its entry or re-entry into competition.



ARTICLE 9: PROCEDURE FOR TRANSFER

- a. Transfers shall be conducted in accordance with these regulations and BFA Poaching Regulations.
- b. All transfers must be completed via FIFA Connect.
- c. An amateur or professional player being transferred between two clubs affiliated to the BFA shall request a transfer from the club he last represented.
- d. A club wishing to engage the services of a player that is registered with another club shall be obliged to inform his club in writing of its interest, before commencing any negotiations with that player.
- e. The old club has seven (7) days to accept or reject the transfer. If there is no response in the seven-day period, a transfer may be granted.
- f. If the transfer is accepted, **the new club must submit the player to be registered along with documents to the BFA** exhibiting proof of payment of club compensation as stated in Article 10 or an agreement between the clubs and receipt of administrative fee payment.
- g. If the transfer is rejected, the old club must notify the new club of the reason why the transfer is rejected. The new club shall seek to rectify the issue before the transfer period is completed.
- h. Where a player has not participated in any official BFA match for a period of eighteen (18) months a **transfer is permissible**, however, club compensation is not required.
- i. The transfer administrative fee stated in Article 10 must be paid before transfers can be completed.
- j. A transfer will only be deemed completed when **it is approved** by BFA.
- k. Players and clubs must ensure that all transfer-related communication is received in writing from the secretariat and the registration posted on the BFA website prior to the player's inclusion on the team sheet for the match.
- l. Transfer requests not meeting the requirements can be resubmitted in the next transfer window.



- m. Any Club in breach of this Article will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Clubs reserve the right to notify the BFA of such violations which will be taken to the Disciplinary Committee by BFA. Any such notification must be done on the club's letterhead duly signed by the club president.

ARTICLE 10: TRANSFER FEES

10.1

CATEGORY	ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	CLUB COMPENSATION PER YEAR WITH CLUB
Youth Players (12-18)	\$100.00	\$300.00
Women	\$100.00	\$300.00
Men	\$100.00	\$500.00
International Transfer	\$100.00	

10.2 The maximum Club Compensation Fee is \$1500.00.



ARTICLE 11: IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- a. All registered players and officials in all competitions **shall** be issued with the appropriate ID Cards by the BFA.
- b. Each ID card is valid for two (2) years and remains the property of the BFA.
- c. In cases of transfer, the player will be issued a new ID Card upon surrendering his old one.
- d. The team is granted free entry of maximum 26 players and 5 officials to the venue on presenting their ID cards to the appropriate gate personnel for their matches.
- e. All ID cards must be surrendered to the BFA when requested by an official.
- f. A replacement fee of twenty-five Bahamian Dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged for each ID card lost or disfigured.
- g. The BFA reserves the right to withdraw the ID of a player or official card where abuse of the system, in any form, is ascertained.



ARTICLE 12: WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION

- a. Every Club/Affiliate must notify the General Secretariat of the Association in writing, four (4) weeks before the start of the competition, of its intention to continue or withdraw from any competition.
- b. Clubs/Affiliates shall not be allowed to withdraw any of its teams from the respective competition after agreeing to participate in the current year. Any Club/Affiliate infringing this rule shall be liable to a fine or such action as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.
- c. In the event of a Club's/Affiliate's withdrawal from a competition, where each team played each other an equal number of times the results stand. All points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Club/Affiliate shall remain in the League table.
- d. In the case of a withdrawal where each team has not played each other an equal number of times, the results for that unequal portion of competition fixtures will be expunged from the points standing.
- e. A Club/Affiliate is considered to have withdrawn from a competition if
 - a. It informs the BFA in writing of its withdrawal
 - b. It fails to fulfil **three (3)** competition fixtures, regardless of the sequence of these matches.
- f. If a Club/Affiliate withdraws from a competition **it shall** be suspended for at least the following season. The Disciplinary Committee may determine additional sanctions.
- g. The fine for withdrawal from a competition is forfeiture of registration fees plus fines per table below.

Condition	Fine
Withdraw within 4 weeks of the start of the competition	25% of Registration Fee
Withdraw before the completion of the first round.	35% of Registration Fee
Withdraw after the completion of the first round	50% of Registration Fee

- h. Vacancies caused by the retirement of a team or by the withdrawal of a membership organization from the competition may be filled by the Council at their discretion prior to the commencement of the leagues.



ARTICLE 13: ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

A. Official BFA Functions:

The league coordinator may invite a club or player to official meetings in relation to the competition: Failure to attend the meeting carries a fine of **fifty (\$50.00)**.

B. Bahamas Men's Soccer League:

Bahamas Men's Soccer League matches shall be played in accordance with the following format:

- i. The **First Round** will consist of teams playing each other once, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat (league system).
- ii. The **Second Round** will consist of the top six (6) teams playing each other twice and the bottom teams playing each other twice.

C. BFA Women's League

The matches in the BFA Women's League shall be played in accordance with the following format:

- i. The **First Round** will consist of teams playing each other once, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat (league system).
- ii. The **Second Round** will consist of teams playing the return games of those played in the previous round.

D. Cup Tie Competitions

- i. BFA retains the right to determine the structure, format of play and match calendar for The Competition
- ii. The Men Cup Ties
 - a. Knockout competition
 - b. There will be a random draw to determine match-ups at each stage of the competition
 - c. Round one will involve lower ranked teams after the first round of matches in the league.
 - d. Quarter finals will be the top seeded teams after the league first round and the winners of Round 1.
 - e. Semifinals will be the winners of the quarter finals
 - f. Third place shall be a single match contest between the semifinal losers
 - g. The final shall be a single match contest between the semifinal winners



- iii. The Women Cup ties
 - a. Round 1 **Group Stage** will comprise of teams within their respective group playing each other at least once, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat (league system). shall be a group stage with two group.
 - b. Quarter finals shall be the top two teams from each group
 - c. Semifinals shall be a contest among the quarter final winners.
 - d. The final shall be a contest between the semifinal winners
 - e. Third place shall be a contest between the semifinal losers

E. U18 League:

Bahamas U18 Soccer League matches shall be played in accordance with the following format:

- iii. The **First Round** will consist of teams playing each other once, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat (league system).
- iv. The **Second Round** will consist of teams playing the return games of those played in the previous round.

F. U15 League:

Bahamas U15 Soccer League matches shall be played in accordance with the following format:

- v. The **First Round** will consist of teams playing each other once, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat (league system).
- vi. The **Second Round** will consist of teams playing the return games of those played in the previous round.

G. The Away Goal Rule

The away goal rule will **NOT** be in effect for all two game playoffs or knockout.

- H. This format will apply for the 2024-2025 season only.



ARTICLE 14: COMPETITIONS STANDINGS

1. Leagues

If two or more teams are equal on points (including ties among second or third place teams,) the manner in which the positions are decided will be as follows, and in the order indicated:

- a. Most points in all group matches;
- b. Goal Difference in all group matches;
- c. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:

- d. Greater number of points in matches between the tied teams;
- e. Greater goal difference in matches between the tied teams (if more than 2 teams finish equal on points);
- f. Greater number of goals scored in matches among the tied teams (if more than 2 teams finish equal on points);
- g. Least number of goals allowed between the teams in question;
- h. A play-off on neutral ground (only to determine qualification for promotion or demotion).

2. CUP TIE

A. Group Stage

a. At the conclusion of the group phase, teams will be ranked in each group according to the following criteria:

- i. Greatest number of points in all group matches;
- ii. Goal Difference in all group matches;
- iii. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;

b. If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:

- i. Greatest number of points in matches between the tied teams;
- ii. Goal difference in matches between the tied teams;
- iii. Greater number of goals scored in matches among the tied teams;



- iv. Least number of goals allowed among the tied teams;
- v. The lowest number of points based on the number of yellow and red cards in all group matches is considered according to the following additions:
 - 1. First yellow card: + 1 point
 - 2. Second yellow card/indirect red card: + 3 points
 - 3. Direct red card: + 4 points
 - 4. Yellow card and direct red card: + 5 points
- vi. Drawing of lots by BFA

B. Knockout Stage

At the conclusion of the knockout matches, the two teams will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- i. Greatest number of points in knockout matches;
- j. Goal Difference in knockout matches;

If the two teams are equal on the basis of the above two criteria, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty spot.

C. The Third Place

If the two teams are tied at the end of regulation time, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty spot.

D. The Championship Game

If the two teams are tied at the end of regulation time,

- i. two equal halves of fifteen (15) minutes shall be played, if the game is still tied
- ii. the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty spot, if tied
- iii. joint winners will be awarded.



ARTICLE 15: THE LEAGUE COORDINATOR

- a. The league coordinator is responsible for the organization of the competition.
- b. The league coordinator shall, amongst other matters, be responsible for:
 - i. Supervising general preparations, deciding on the format, the draw and or the formation of these Competitions, taking sports, geographic and economic factors into consideration;
 - ii. Fixing dates, venues and stadia for the matches in the final competition as well as the preliminary competition;
 - iii. Determining the match schedule and kick-off times for all of the competitions;
 - iv. Dealing with breaches of the doping regulations;
 - v. Deciding which matches will be subject to doping tests;
 - vi. Settling cases of force majeure;
 - vii. Refer all disciplinary matters to the General Secretary for prompt review of any disciplinary action required.



ARTICLE 16: SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITIES

The **Secretariat in conjunction with the Council** will be responsible for:

- a. Overall supervision of competitions
- b. Updating results of matches, players eligibility, transfers, accumulated cards in matches, statistics of the competitions and displaying on the BFA website and all other mediums managed by the BFA on a timely basis
- c. Updating all other social media networks.
- d. Facilitating the payment of the match officials
- e. Collecting of team and match information
- f. Assisting the Competitions Committee with the operations of the competitions.
- g. Instituting disciplinary proceedings and communication of actions taken and decisions made.
- h. Notifying match officials of their appointment.
- i. Collecting of gate receipts from the matches where necessary.
- j. Arranging for the provision of medals and trophies.
- k. Notifying teams of any changes to the schedule or fixtures.
- l. Notifying the media of all results of BFA matches.
- m. Updating the BFA website (www.bahamasfa.net) with details of the competition on a timely basis.
- n. **Communication of all official decisions of the Council and other bodies of the BFA**



ARTICLE 17: TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Clubs/Affiliates shall submit a colour photo of its home and away kits at the time of registration and provide information on its home and away kits at the time of registration of their respective teams.
- b. Clubs/Affiliates shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than one (1) hour (60 minutes) before the scheduled time the match is due to be played on Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays and weekday matches starting 7:00 pm or later.
- c. Clubs/Affiliates shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than forty-five (45) minutes before the scheduled time the match is due to be played on Monday to Friday for matches starting at or before 6:00 pm.
- d. **Teams** must provide a copy of team sheet of maximum eighteen (18) players or otherwise stated with their ID cards (Article 30) and list of 5 officials within five (5) minutes upon arrival as per Article 17b & 17c.
- e. The home team must provide four (4) match balls to the match officials before the start of the match.
- f. **All Clubs/Affiliates** shall be responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials and supporters.



ARTICLE 18: MATCHES PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- a. All matches will be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- b. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version is authoritative.

ARTICLE 19: MATCH COORDINATION MEETINGS

- a. The General Secretariat through the Competitions Committee shall be responsible for the convening of all Match Coordination Meetings (MCM).
- b. Clubs/Affiliates not attending Match Coordination Meetings shall be fined a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting.



ARTICLE 20: CONDITIONS OF PLAY/TIMES OF KICK-OFF/ POSTPONEMENTS

- a. Fixtures shall be deemed final upon publication.
- b. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as published by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).
- c. Clubs/Affiliates must take the necessary precautions to keep their grounds in playable condition.
- d. All matches shall be played on grounds deemed suitable by the BFA
- e. The kick-off times shall be fixed by BFA. Any club team failing to commence at the appointed time shall be liable to face penalties as the Disciplinary Committee may determine.
- f. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time if possible and must state the reason(s) for all late starts in their Match Report.
- g. The playing teams must provide balls fit for play according to Article 23 throughout the match and the referee must state in his Match Report the unsuitability of the match balls.
- h. The league coordinator reserves the right to change the time and venue of any match and must inform the respective clubs no later than 48 hours prior to the original scheduled date of the match.
- i. A request for postponement shall be submitted in writing on the club's letterhead duly signed by the president to the BFA Secretariat no later than 14 days before the scheduled match day.
- j. The league coordinator shall make the final decision on all requests for postponement and the decision conveyed in writing to the club making the request.
- k. Players must be present at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of their match to participate in the match.
- l. If the temperature is 28°C - 32°C (82.4°F - 89.6°F) cooling breaks should take place around the 30th minute and 75th minute.
- m. If the temperature is greater than 32°C (89.6°F), the match should be postponed or rescheduled.



ARTICLE 21: NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- a. Should a team not have at least the minimum number of players to start a game based on the rules of the game at the scheduled match time, they shall forfeit the game.

Game Format	Minimum number of Players
11 v 11	7
8 v 8	5

- b. Only the following duly accredited persons are authorized to sit on the team bench

Game Format	Maximum number of Substitutes	Maximum number of Officials
11 v 11	7	5
8 v 8	5	3

- c. If three (3) or more players from a Club's/Affiliate's registration are summoned for duties of the National Team (BFA) whether training or for a match, that Club/Affiliate may request the postponement of a scheduled match (s) during which said players are called for national duties.



ARTICLE 22: SUBSTITUTIONS

22.1 A team may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the permission granted by the Association use substitute players as follows:

- a. Senior Men League 7 in three windows
- b. U18 League 7 in three windows
- c. U15 League Roll in
- d. BFA Women League Roll in

22.2 FIFA Concussion Substitution Protocol B shall be used for BFA competitions.

- a. Each team is permitted to use a maximum of two “concussion substitutes” in a match.
- b. A “concussion substitution” may be used regardless of the number of substitutes already used.
- c. In competitions where the number of named substitutes is the same as the maximum number of “normal” substitutes that can be used, the “concussion substitute” and the associated “additional” substitute for the opposing team (see below) can be a player who has previously been substituted and who may be used at any time, regardless of the number of substitutes already used.
- d. When a “concussion substitute” is used, the opposing team then has the option to use an “additional” substitute for any reason.



ARTICLE 23: DURATION OF MATCHES AND BALL SIZES

a.

Age Group	Duration of Competition Fixtures - Normal Time	Ball Size
U18 Men Women	2 x 45 minute halves (= 90 minutes)	Size 5
U15	2 x 35 minute halves (= 70 minutes)	Size 5

- b. The footballs chosen for BFA men competitions shall conform with the Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA: "FIFA APPROVED", "FIFA INSPECTED" or "INTERNATIONAL" MATCH BALL STANDARD



ARTICLE 24: MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM FIELD DIMENSIONS

- a. For full size 11 a-side pitches, FIFA defines minimum dimensions of 50 yds x 100 yds and maximum dimensions of 100 yds x 130 yds. BFA has set the minimum size at 60 yds x 100 yds and maximum size at 80 yds x 110 yds.
- b. List of Playing Fields in Bahamas.
 - 1) Roscow A.L Davies Soccer Field
 - 2) Thomas A Robinson Stadium
 - 3) Thomas A Robinson Stadium (Old)
 - 4) Queen's College
 - 5) Winton Rugby Field
 - 6) St. Paul's

ARTICLE 25: LEAGUE VENUES

- a. Roscow A.L Davies Soccer Field shall be the **predominant** venue for the leagues:
- b. Venues that meet the minimum BFA requirements (60 yds x 100 yds) shall be considered for BFA senior men matches.
- c. All venues to be used for the hosting of League matches **should** have restrooms.
- d. Only the venues in Article 24b can be considered as alternate venues for League matches



ARTICLE 26: PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

- a. Each team shall wear its official colours according to the entry forms sent to the BFA Secretariat.
- b. In addition to the official outfit, each team shall have a reserve outfit (reserve colours), which shall also be declared on the entry form. The colours of the reserve outfit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official outfit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.
- c. If, in the opinion of the Referee or the Match Commissioner, the colours worn by two (2) opposing teams might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for any reason, they shall be modified, using either the entire reserve outfit or a combination of both.
- d. The goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams and the Referee. The goalkeepers' kits for starting and reserve keepers must be the same.
- e. No item of kit worn by a field player (shirt, shorts and socks) may consist of more than three colours. This provision does not apply to the colours used for letters and numbers (Player's name and number).
- f. If three colours are used, one shall be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks and the other two colours shall clearly be minor colours. The predominant colour shall be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the shirt and shorts.
- g. Exceptionally, a fourth colour may be used but only provided that it is the same as that used for the lettering or features permanently in the national emblem of the country concerned and covers only a very small area of the shirt as a purely decorative element; this restriction does not apply to the area for the lettering. The fourth colour is defined as a "decorative colour".
- h. If undergarments are worn, the colour of the sleeve must be the same main (predominant) colour of the sleeve of the jersey or shirt. If undershorts (thermal, boxer, brief etc.) are worn, they must be of the main (predominant) colours of the short.
- i. Players will not be allowed to participate if they are not in proper uniform (jersey, shorts, socks, shin guards, and footwear). With the exception of the goalkeeper, any slider pants worn by a player must be the same colour with the one worn by the team. Teams must wear numbers on their shirts. Each player shall have a different number and this number must be the same as listed on the official "Team Roster" form.
- j. The colours of a team's jerseys may be different from the colour of the team's shorts and/or stockings. If both teams are wearing similar colour jerseys, the away team shall be required to change. Goalkeepers shall change jerseys as the referee directs, regardless of home/visitor status.



- k. Shoes must meet FIFA specifications (no exposed metal cleats).
- l. Players wearing splints or casts of any type shall not be eligible to participate in any competition fixture.



ARTICLE 27: TEAM (COLOURS)

- a. Teams **must submit two colours** for the season at time of registration.
- b. The General Secretary in consultation with Council shall approve and publish on all of its online mediums the home and away colours of each team.
- c. In the case of any further conflict, teams must wear the agreed colours determined at the Match Coordination Meeting (MCM).
- d. In cases where there are no MCM, the league coordinator shall notify the teams of their colours at least 24 hours before the match.
- e. Notwithstanding the above in the event that there is a conflict in the colours worn by any two (2) teams and for any match, the visiting team (Team B) shall be required to change.



ARTICLE: 28 MATCH OFFICIALS

- a. BFA shall approve the list of referee assessors, referees and assistant referees to be used in all BFA and BFA sanctioned competitions.
- b. The Referee's Officer shall appoint the referees and assistant referees to the matches from the approved list in 'a' above. At least one referee and two assistant referees shall be appointed for each match.
- c. The General Secretariat shall appoint a Match Commissioner to BMSL matches and other matches as deemed necessary.
- d. Referees and Match Commissioner shall arrive at the venue no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled time the match is due to be played on Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays and weekday matches starting 6:00 pm or later and forty-five (45) minutes for other matches Monday to Friday.
- e. Referee must order the game to start as per schedule.
- f. The Referee and/or Match Commissioner may deem the match abandoned if any team fail to have the minimum number of players required to start the match at the advertised kick-off time. The offending team/s shall forfeit the match and the matter shall be taken to the Disciplinary Committee for further action.
- g. After each match the Referee and Match Commissioner shall complete the relevant match report forms stated in Article 29c. These forms must be submitted to the BFA's General Secretariat within 24 hours of the completion of the match.
- h. In cases where a referee is late for a match the most senior official shall take charge.
- i. The appointment of match officials shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- j. Referees are not to blow their whistle to call teams out of the locker rooms.



ARTICLE 29: REPORT FORMS AND FINES

- a. Each team manager must submit their team sheet to the Match Commissioner or Referee upon his or her arrival to the match. In all cases, these forms must be submitted prior to the start of the match.
- b. Within 2 hours after the match, the Referee must submit at least an oral report of the scores and goal scorers in the match to the League Coordinator.
- c. Within 24 hours of completing the match, the Referee must submit the following match forms to BFA: Match Summary, Referee Report, Incidence Report & signed team sheet by the coach.
- d. In matches where a Match Commissioner is appointed, forms shall be submitted to the Match Commissioner immediately after the match.
- e. **A twenty (\$20) penalty** will be imposed for match reports not submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the match. Each subsequent day that the match report is not submitted will result in an additional five-dollar (\$5) penalty per day.



ARTICLE 30: TEAM SHEET

- a. The names (FULL FIRST AND LAST) of all players participating in a match must be recorded on the team sheet in the appropriate manner and must include the player's jersey number to be worn during the match.
- b. The only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity shall be the BFA ID that explicitly states the player's day, month and year of birth. Identity cards or other supporting official documents shall not be accepted as a valid means of identification. The participating club shall present each player's BFA ID to the BFA Match Commissioner/Referee at the time of team inspection before the match. A player without a valid BFA ID shall not be entitled to play.
- c. 18 players may be entered on the start list (11 players and 7 substitutes). The 11 first-named players must start the match, the other 7 are designated as substitutes. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the start list. All goalkeepers and the captain must be identified as such. Two players must be goalkeepers, with the number 1 shirt reserved for one of them.
- d. Both teams must return their start list to the Match Commissioner or referee at least 55 or 40 minutes before kick-off.
- e. A team can request a copy of the opponent's start list before the start of the match.
- f. After the start lists have been completed, signed by the team administrator and returned to the Match Commissioner or Referee, and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:
 - i. If any of the first 11 players (starting players) listed on the start list are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the 7 substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer take part in the match, and the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, the stipulated number of players may still be replaced as per Article 22
 - ii. If any of the seven (7) substitutes listed on the start list are not able to be fielded for any reason, the player(s) concerned may not be replaced on the bench by an additional player, which means that the quota of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, the stipulated number of players may still be replaced as per Article 22.
- g. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list may be seated on the substitutes' bench, and if so, would then also be eligible for doping control selection.
- h. No more than twelve (12) people (5 officials and 7 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials must be indicated on the



“Officials on the Substitutes’ Bench” form to be provided to the Match Commissioner/Referee. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes’ bench.

- i. The use of any electronic communication equipment and/or systems between and/or amongst players and/or technical staff is not permitted.
- j. Failure of the Club/Affiliate to strictly adhere to this Article shall render them a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).



ARTICLE 31: MATCH PROCEDURE

Teams taking the field after scheduled match time will forfeit the match.

60 minutes before match time	Arrival of teams and officials
55 minutes before match time	Teams submit team list to match officials
45 minutes before match time	Officials check teams
35 minutes before match time	Teams and officials warm up
15 minutes before match time	Teams and officials return to dressing area
10 minutes before match time	Substitutes and officials leave for the bench
8 minutes before match time	Starting Players line up in tunnel Final check of players
6 minutes before match time	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Teams and officials take the field to the FIFA Living Football Anthem2. Playing/Singing of Bahamas National Anthem3. Announcement of starting line ups4. Teams Greet5. Coin Toss between captains
0 minutes	Start of Match



ARTICLE 32: ABANDONED MATCHES

- a. In the event of a match being abandoned owing to causes over which neither team has control, the Competitions Committee shall review the causes of abandonment and make its ruling on the outcome of the match in accordance with the following:
 - i. If a match is abandoned before the completion of the first half, during the half-time interval or up to 75 minutes of play the match shall restart from the time of stoppage.
 - ii. If a match is abandoned after the completion of 75 minutes of play the match shall be deemed completed.
- b. In all cases where the Competitions Committee is satisfied that a game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or Club/Affiliate or its/their members, fans, or any spectators attending the match it shall award the points and a score of 3-0 for the game to its opponents and take whatever other action they may deem necessary.
- c. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or Club/Affiliate fans, or any spectators attending the match, the Competitions Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate.
- d. **Abandoned Matches Beyond Tournament's Control**
 - i. Should a game in progress be terminated (due to weather conditions, field conditions, civil unrest, or other situations beyond the tournament's control) after completion of the first half, that game shall be considered complete and official. The score at the time of the termination shall stand.
 - ii. If a game is suspended for any of the foregoing reasons before fifteen (15) minutes of play the game shall be replayed in its entirety.
 - iii. If a game is suspended for any of the foregoing reasons after fifteen (15) minutes of play the game shall restart from the time of stoppage.
 - iv. Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear for the match as indicated in Article 17a. Teams that fail to appear will forfeit the game.
 - v. The Referee in consultation with the League Coordinator and/or Match Commissioner is authorized to postpone a game.



ARTICLE 33: FAILURE TO HONOUR FIXTURE (ANY MATCH OF THE SEASON)

- a. A team failing to honour its fixture on any match day will lose the match by forfeiture and be fined a minimum \$300.00.
- b. A team failing to honour its fixture on the final match day of the league will lose the match by forfeit and commence the next season with minus three (-3) points
- c. In championship deciding matches, whether a grand final or match where a team can win the respective competition or win prize money, a team failing to appear may be suspended from BFA or BFA sanctioned competition for a minimum of three matches and or fined at least \$1000.00.
- d. The BFA shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in cases of force majeure.
- e. All matters shall be taken to the Disciplinary Committee for sanctions.



ARTICLE 34: MEDICAL/DOPING

- a. In order to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches in the competitions, and to protect players' health, each participating club shall ensure and confirm to BFA that its players are medically cleared to participate in football activities.
- b. Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be sanctioned by the BFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the BFA Disciplinary Code.
- c. Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the BFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant BFA regulations, circulars and directives shall apply to the competitions in the 2024-2025 season.
- d. Every player may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which he competes and to out-of-competition testing at any time and place.
- e. Extreme weather conditions may warrant cooling breaks to be implemented during the course of a match in accordance with the protocols established by the FIFA Medical Committee and/or documented in the FIFA Football Emergency Medicine Manual. Such breaks would be considered on a match by-match basis. Responsibility for implementing and controlling cooling breaks resides with the referee.
- f. A player who experiences a suspected concussion during a match must undergo an examination by the team medical personnel in accordance with the protocols established by the FIFA Medical Committee and/or documented in the FIFA Football Emergency Medicine Manual. The referee may temporarily suspend play for up to three minutes whenever an incident of suspected concussion occurs. The referee may only allow the injured player to continue playing with the authorisation of the team medical personnel,, who will have the final decision.
- g. In cases where a player can not return to the field during the match, the player must submit a medical clearance from a doctor authorising him/her to return to play.



ARTICLE 35: PROTESTS

Protests or objections of any kind connected with matches are subject to the following provisions:

- a. Protests shall be submitted, except if a different procedure is stipulated by these regulations, in writing to the BFA General Secretariat no later than **twenty-four (24)** hours after the completion of the match in question.
- b. Protest shall state the appropriate infraction and supporting documents provided.
- c. Protests against the eligibility of players taking part in any matches shall be submitted in writing to the BFA's General Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours of the match in question.
- d. Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the BFA General Secretariat no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the match in question.
- e. No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
- f. All protests including questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the rules, except where stated in these rules or any other rules or regulations of the Association shall be referred to the Council or a Committee acting on its behalf. However, no objection relative to the dimensions of the ground, goal post or other aspects of the game shall be entertained by the Association unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any Club lodging a protest with the Referee and failing to withdraw the protest or not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct and shall be dealt with by the Council.
- g. No objection or protest shall be withdrawn except by permission of the Council.
- h. Any committee member associated in any manner with the Membership Organization/club concerned shall not be present at the deliberations (except as a witness or representative) when such objection or protest is being considered and decided.
- i. No protest shall be considered by the BFA unless the complaining member has deposited with the General Secretariat the applicable fee of One Hundred Bahamian Dollars (**\$100.00**) along with the submission of the protest no later than 24 hours after the match.



- j. Parties to a protest or complaint shall be afforded an opportunity of making a statement when the protest is being heard and where possible, shall receive **48** hours' notice of the meeting, together with a copy of the protest. The Council or committee acting on its behalf shall take into consideration when dealing with the protest the possession by the protesting Club of any information, which if properly used might have avoided the protest.
- k. Clubs within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of written notification of any decision of the Council or Committee acting on its behalf may, except where stated in these rules or any other rule or regulation of the Association, appeal against such decision.
- l. The appeal shall be submitted, except if a different procedure is stipulated by these regulations, in writing to the General Secretariat along with the appropriate fee for the adjudication of the Appeals Committee.
- m. No appeal shall be considered unless the complaining member has deposited with the General Secretariat the applicable fee of Three Hundred Bahamian Dollars (\$300.00) along submission of the appeal within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of written notification of any decision of the Council or Committee acting on its behalf.
- n. Submissions not meeting the aforementioned processes shall be null and void.
- o. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and binding.
- p. Once the final match of the respective Competition has ended, any protests described in this article or complaints about the sports procedure followed during the Competition shall be disregarded.



ARTICLE 36: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- a. The BFA Disciplinary Code, BFA Statutes and FIFA regulations shall govern all disciplinary actions to be taken regarding infringements of the rules of the game and competitions.
- b. In cases of infringement of these Regulations, unsporting behaviour on the part of referees, participating teams, their players, officials, or the occurrence of any kind of unsavoury incident, the BFA Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
 - i. Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend or disqualify players, referees, teams, team coaches or officials.
 - ii. Take action in accordance with BFA's Disciplinary Code against any person(s) who may violate the Tournament Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play.
 - iii. Sanction players, team officials, coaches and other Team officials who are deemed guilty of provocation.
- c. Breach of regulations or unsporting behaviour on the part of participating Teams or their officials, shall be reported to the BFA Disciplinary Committee for application of such sanctions as it may deem appropriate.
- d. The Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide the procedure to be followed.

36.2 Disciplinary Procedure

- a. Notification of Infringement: Clubs shall be notified by the General Secretariat of the infraction with the penalty according to the respective regulations.
- b. Response: Clubs have forty-eight (48) hours to accept or reject the claim.
 - i. Acceptance: Clubs can respond in writing to the general secretariat accepting the infraction. If the club does not respond within 48 hours the infraction is considered to be accepted and the quoted sanction is applied to the club.
 - ii. Rejection: If the club rejects the infringement, the club must submit in writing the reason for rejection along with supporting documents to the General Secretariat along with a fee of \$100 within 48 hours of notification.
- c. Notice of Claim – Upon meeting Article 36.2bii above, a claim will be sent to all parties with supporting documents.
- d. Hearing – The Disciplinary Committee shall invite all parties to a hearing. Parties shall be notified no later than 48hrs before the hearing.
- e. Judgement – The Disciplinary Committee shall submit its judgement to all parties after making its decision.



ARTICLE 37: DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

- a. All fouls, misconduct and offenses may be cautioned by the referee in accordance with the FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME
- b. A player receiving a caution (yellow card) in three (3) matches in the season shall be automatically suspended for the following match of his team.
- c. A player who receives a red card is automatically suspended for the following match of his team and must leave the stadium immediately.
- d. The BFA Disciplinary Committee retains the right to increase the number of matches for which a player is suspended in accordance with the severity of the cautioned offence and the BFA Disciplinary Code.
- e. Violations of these regulations, BFA Disciplinary Code and Statutes are sanctionable.



ARTICLE 38: APPEALS COMMITTEE

- a. The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions that are not declared final by the relevant regulations of BFA.
- b. The appellant may object to insufficient representation of the facts and wrong application of the law.
- c. The Appeals Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. However, the Appeals Committee may, if necessary, resort to further evidence which it considers relevant.
- d. The decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final with regard to violations of the Laws of the Game.
- e. No appeal shall be considered by the Appeals Committee unless the complaining member has deposited with the General Secretariat the applicable fee of Three Hundred Bahamian Dollars (\$300.00) along submission of the appeal no later than seven (7) calendar days of notification.



ARTICLE 39: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS & REWARD PACKAGE

41.1 BFA will facilitate payment on behalf of the league the costs of:

41.1.1. allowances for;

- a. Referees
- b. League Coordinators
- c. Security Officers
- d. Medical Personnels

41.1.2. Awards for the participating Clubs/Affiliates, the amounts of which shall be determined by BFA;

41.1.3. Staff to assist with the operations during the season

41.2 The Club/Affiliate shall be responsible for the costs of the following:

41.2.1. adequate insurance to cover their Team Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel in consideration of the applicable BFA rules or regulations.

41.2.2. travel and the allowances for the respective team delegation members.

41.2.3. registration fees and other fees to participate in competitions

41.2.4 Competition balls

41.2.5 refreshment for their team delegation members

41.3. Any expenses and costs incurred by a Participating Club/Affiliate other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be borne by the Participating Club/Affiliate concerned.

41.4 Prizes for the season shall be awarded as follows:

41.4.1 The winner receives a trophy and the top three teams in the Bahamas Men Soccer League shall receive a maximum thirty-one (31) medals for each team.

41.4.2 The winner receives a trophy and the top three teams in the BFA Women's League and U15 shall receive a maximum sixteen (16) medals for each team.

41.4.3 The winner receives a trophy and the top three teams in the Hummel Cup shall receive a maximum thirty-one (31) medals for each team.

41.4.4 The winner receives a trophy and the top three teams in the U18 League shall receive a maximum twenty-five (25) medals for each team.

41.4.4 Prizes will be given to the top player in each league in the following categories: Golden Boots (player scoring the most goals), Golden Glove (best goalkeeper), Golden Ball (most valuable player).

41.5 This format will apply for the 2024-2025 season only.



ARTICLE 40: MEDIA ADVERTISING AND MERCHANDISING

- a. Marketing, Radio, Television Promotion and Advertising rights for the Tournament are fully vested with the BFA.
- b. Rights for the merchandising of the event, both on and off site, are exclusively the BFA's.
- c. Permission to make technical films/tapes, exclusively reserved for the use of a participating Club/Affiliate concerned, must be obtained from the General Secretary of the BFA.

ARTICLE 41: EXCLUSION OF MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

The Council shall have the power to exclude from further participation in a League or any other competition in the Association, any member whose conduct has in their opinion been objectionable and who have been found guilty of violating the rules and regulations of the Association or its competition.

ARTICLE 42: DISCLAIMER

- a. The Bahamas Football Association will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any club, team or team member if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part.
- b. The Bahamas Football Association is not responsible for the coverage of insurance of any player representing their respective club. *All players must be covered by their individual insurance or local club's or organization's insurance.*
- c. Football is a physical sport. Each participant understands that injuries may occur while participating in football activities. The Bahamas Football Association is not responsible for any injuries caused while participating in football activities.
- d. The Bahamas Football Association will not be responsible for any injuries sustained while travelling to or from any football activities.



ARTICLE 43: SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

BFA shall issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise related to competitions. These provisions and/or instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

ARTICLE 44: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Matters not provided for in these Regulations and any cases of force majeure shall be decided by BFA. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

ARTICLE 45. COPYRIGHT

The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations shall be the property of BFA.

ARTICLE 46. NO WAIVER

Any waiver by BFA of any breach of these Regulations (including of any document referred to in these Regulations) shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any breach of any other provision or a waiver of any right arising out of these Regulations or any other document. Any such waiver shall only be valid if given in writing. Failure by BFA to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one or more occasions shall not be considered to be a waiver of or deprive BFA of the right to subsequently insist upon strict adherence to, that provision or any other provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations.



ARTICLE 47: ENFORCEMENT

These regulations were approved by the BFA Council and came into force with immediate effect.



No.	Competition	Start	Finish
1	Nations League Men (2 matches)	2 th September 2024	10 th September 2024
2	Bahamas Men's Soccer League	6 th October 2024	27 th April 2025
3	U18 League	4 th October 2024	28 th March 2025
4	Women Cup (8v8)	5 th October 2024	3 rd May 2025
5	BFA Women League	19 th October 2025	29 th March 2025
6	Nations League Men (2 matches)	7 th Oct. 2024	15 th Oct. 2024
7	U15 League (8v8)	12 th October 2024	22 nd February 2025
8	U15 Tournament	26 th October 2024	22 th March 2025
9	3v3 Youth Soccer Festival	30 th November 2024	
10	U18 Girls Tournament	11 th January 2025	8 th February 2025
11	Men Cup Tie 1	12 th January 2025	4 th May 2025
12	Awards Ceremony	10 th May 2025	

- *Competition and/or dates are subject to change*