

# QPCC 8-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

## TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The annual 8-a-side football takes place during September and October at the Queen's Park Cricket Club.
- 1.2 Fixtures will be communicated to members via email and the Tournament website, visit [www.qpcc.com](http://www.qpcc.com).
- 1.3 There will be four adult age groups,
  - Age Group 1: 35 & Under,
  - Age Group 2: 36-45,
  - Age Group 3: 46-55,
  - Age Group 4: 56 & Over.
- 1.4 *Age groups may vary at the discretion of the committee due to the variation of the registration numbers and ages of players that fluctuate yearly.*
- 1.5 Games will be scheduled mostly on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- 1.6 The tournament is run by the 8-a-Side Committee and all decisions made by the Committee are final.
- 1.7 The Committee can amend these rules as required and will communicate all changes to all affected parties.
- 1.8 The tournament fixtures and results will be posted on QPCC website or our Teamopolis site ([www.qpcc2011.teamopolis.com](http://www.qpcc2011.teamopolis.com)).
- 1.9 Changes in fixtures will be communicated via email and the site data will be kept current.

### 2.0 Eligibility and Registration of Players

- 2.1 The tournament is open to QPCC members who are in good financial standing only.
- 2.2 Members must also be current on their bar bill prior to the start of the tournament.
- 2.3 Registration is facilitated via an online portal on the QPCC website ([www.qpcc.com](http://www.qpcc.com)).
- 2.4 All registrations must be completed by the specified registration deadline.
- 2.5 All registered players must pay the Tournament's registration fee, which is due on the opening day of the tournament. Captains are responsible for ensuring their respective team members submit their contribution before participation. Members who have not made their contribution are not eligible to play. Captains will only be assigned uniforms in accordance with the players' fees collected.
- 2.6 Players wishing to participate as goalkeepers may select the check box in the registration page at the time of registration.
- 2.7 Members must select the checkbox on the registration page to agree to the Terms of Waiver and the participating rules of the 8-A-Side Football Tournament. Each team must also complete the tournament waiver. Only members who complete the waiver are eligible to play.
- 2.8 The participation of footballers who represent QPCC at a senior level will be at the discretion of the Head Coach in collaboration with the Football Committee.
- 2.9 All players must register before the published deadline date or they will not be permitted to play in the tournament.

- 2.10 Following the closure of registration, players are seeded to facilitate the picking of teams.
- 2.11 Members must play in their assigned grouping with the exception that upon his/her request a player may play in a younger division than their classification. No player is allowed to play in an older division.
- 2.12 Any member playing in two divisions
- 2.13 Members' age classifications are determined using their age on the opening day of the tournament.

### **3.0 Picking of Teams**

- 3.1 The number of teams in each division shall be determined by number of entrants and number of sponsors
- 3.2 Each team must designate a captain to represent the team at the team selection meeting, the date of which will be communicated in advance to team captains.
- 3.3 The 8-a-Side Committee will preside over each meeting to resolve all queries.
- 3.4 All players registered will be seeded by the committee prior to meeting using seedings from last year and team captain feedback.
- 3.5 Players will be seeded into 4 categories – A, B, C and goalkeeper. These seedings will be broken into lists containing all of the players registered for a specific age division.
- 3.6 Players are to be selected in the following fashion:
  - Captains shall draw lots/cards to determine order of picking. The captain who drew first choice picks a name from the A list, then the captain who drew second picks from the A list and so on until each captain has picked once. The order is then reversed and one more round of picking ensues.
  - After the first two rounds, the lots/cards are drawn again and the process repeated until the A list is empty. If the A list finishes within a round the captains left to pick in that round move immediately to the B list and continue the process. This continues until all lists are empty finalizing the teams.
- 3.7 The only exception to this rule is that each captain and playing sponsor are also seeded, but not included on the player lists. As such, the first pick of that seeding for each team must be the captain. In other words, a captain could be seeded as a B player and would pick as normal from the A lists, but when those lists had been emptied and it was his/her turn to pick from the B list, rather than pick from the list on the first round, he/she must pick themselves and the picking continues to the next captain. If it reaches back around to the captain that picked themselves, they can now pick from the B list. This rule holds for goalkeeper captains as well.
- 3.8 It is the captains' responsibility to contact team members and inform them of games and to distribute team uniforms.

### **4.0 Rules of Play**

- 4.1 Football boots: Turfs, rubbers and blades will be accepted. There will be no use of screw pegs.
- 4.2 Each game will be refereed by (1) TTF referee. Their decision is final at all times.
- 4.3 Normal FIFA Rules apply with the following exceptions:
  - There is no offside,
  - There is no slide tackling and
  - Substitutions are unlimited once every player has played at least one half.

- 4.4 A team is in default if they cannot produce 5 players at the allotted start time of the game. A default win shall be awarded to the other team with a 3-0 score line. Games cannot be rescheduled.
- 4.5 Games are 30 minutes long – 15 minutes per half. There is no extra time.
- 4.6 All players must play at least one half per game. The only exception is where a player is injured.
- 4.7 If all players have played one half and an on-field player is injured, the opposing team shall be offered the option to name the substitute to be brought on.
- 4.8 All players must play in the sponsor provided kits – shirts, pants and socks. Players will not be allowed to play in non-sponsor provided kits.
- 4.9 Points system is as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- 4.10 Penalties are taken from the top of the penalty box and the kicker must leave his/her non-kicking foot planted during the kick. No run up is allowed.
- 4.11 Two yellow cards or a red card in a game ejects a player from that game. No replacement can be made for this player.
- 4.12 Any player receiving a red card can be banned from further games depending on the infringement and decision of the committee.
- 4.13 The referees will record all the goal scorers in each game as well as determine the MVP for each game. The player in each division with the most goals shall be awarded the most goals prize and the player in each division with the most MVP votes shall be voted division MVP. A tournament MVP is chosen from among the three divisional MVP's.

Come out as a player, sponsor or spectator, meet fellow club members and enjoy the tournament. It is your club, support it!

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