

DUDLEY EVE TROPHY

1. Name of Competition

The Competition shall be called the Dudley Eve Trophy.

2. Ownership of Cup

The Cup shall be the property of the Bermuda Football Association, and shall be competed for annually

3. Eligibility of Clubs

The competition shall be played between the clubs in the Premier Division of the Bermuda Football Association at the beginning of the season.

4. Qualification of Players

Players must be registered members of the participating teams, and their registration must be in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Qualification of Players (Domestic Competitions), prior to any match in which they participate.

5. Playing Rules

(a) The ten teams shall be placed in two groups of three (3) teams and one group of four (4) teams with the first, fourth and seventh placed teams from the previous Premier Division campaign, plus the 2nd placed team from the previous First Division campaign, in Group A; the second, fifth and eighth teams from the previous Premier Division campaign in Group B; and, the third and sixth teams from the previous Premier Division campaign, plus the 1st placed team from the previous First Division campaign, in Group C.

(b) Each team in each Group shall play each other once.

(c) All matches shall be played at night unless the Competitions Committee rules otherwise.

(d) The venues for each match shall be decided by the Competitions Committee.

(e) The first named team shall be designated the home team.

(f) In all rounds, except the final, the match balls shall be provided by the home team.

(g) In all rounds, except the final, a maximum of eighteen (18) players and five (5) officials are allowed on the team sheet. For the Final match a maximum of twenty (20) players and five (5) officials are allowed on the team sheet.

(h) Where there is a conflict in the colors worn by any two teams, the home team shall be required to change. However, should the visiting team not be wearing its registered colors thus causing the home team to change, the visiting team shall be fined, and/or otherwise dealt with by the Association.

(i) Three points shall be awarded for a win, and one point for a draw.

(j) The teams finishing first in each Group shall automatically progress to the semi-final round, along with the best second placed team. The results of the 4th placed team in Group A shall be discounted when tabulating to determine the best 2nd placed team.

(k) If, for the purpose of determining the semi-finalists, two or more teams are tied on points, then goal difference shall be the decider.

(l) Should goal difference not break the deadlock, then the most goals scored shall be the decider. Should a deadlock still persist then the head-to-head scores from the games played between the teams tied in the Group stage with the team having the better record being awarded the higher placing in the standings. Should a tie remain then the drawing of lots shall be the decider.

(m) (i) If at the end of regulation time in the Semi-final and Final matches, the score is tied, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

(n) The Referee shall consult with the Chairman of the Competitions Committee and/or the Association's Representative before calling the Semi-final or Final off for any reason.

(o) The winner of the Final of the Dudley Eve Trophy shall retain the replica trophy while the Dudley Eve Trophy shall remain in the possession of the Association.

6. Finance

(a) Admission charges to all games shall be determined by the Executive Council each year prior to the commencement of the competition.

(b) In addition to receiving the Dudley Eve Trophy the Champion shall also receive the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) with the Runner-up receiving seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00). The losing semifinal teams shall each receive the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). The remaining teams shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each.

(c) Match Officials shall be appointed by the Competitions Committee. All Match Officials shall be paid as laid out in Rules Governing Referees and Assistant Referees.

7. Control & Management

(a) The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Executive Council or the Competitions Committee acting on its behalf.

(b) The Competitions Committee shall have the power to disqualify any competing club, player or players who may be proved guilty of any breach of the Rules of the Association.

(c) All questions relating to the qualification of players, the interpretation of rules or any dispute or protest arising out of the competition, shall be referred to the Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final and binding to all clubs.

(d) All such queries must be submitted in writing within 48 hours of the match in question, to the Administrative Office, and must be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00

(e) The Executive Council may amend these rules, as they from time to time deem expedient.

(f) The Executive Council shall have the power to decide on matters not provided for in these regulations.