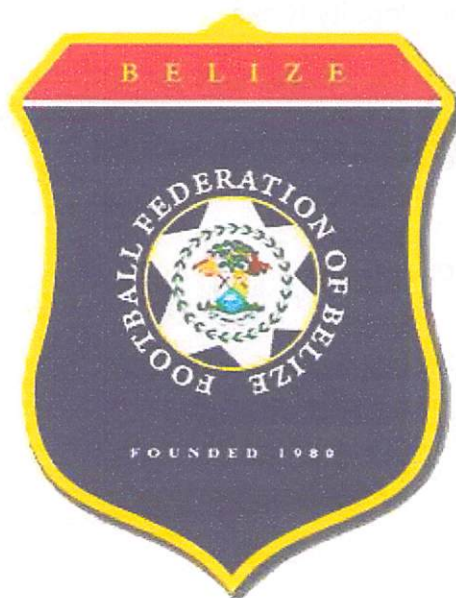




2018 NATIONAL U-17M CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Regulations



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PREAMBLE

- A. The 2018 NATIONAL U-17M Club Championship is an official event of the Football Federation of Belize, hereinafter referred to as FFB, and is a FFB National Teams' and FFB Football Clubs' development initiative,
- B. Any rights that these regulations do not cede to a district association participating in the FFB U-17M Championship shall belong to FFB.
- C. This Championship enable the FFB to realize the objectives of
 1. ensuring that all FFB registered youth players are engaged in highly competitive matches all year long and
 2. selecting the best players for the FFB National Teams Development Program in competition districts.

I. TITLE – 2018 NATIONAL U-17M CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The 2018 NATIONAL U-17M Club Championship shall commence Jun 30 2018 and conclude before December 31 2018.
2. The competition districts of associations affiliated with FFB are invited to participate at the district level with U17M youth clubs' teams or U17M Clubs' youth teams.
3. The District Selection Committee shall consist of the coaches of the participating youth clubs. The Technical Officer of the Regional Office shall appoint a person to chair this committee. The purpose of this committee is to select the best players **(TECHNICALLY SOUND, TACTICALLY AWARE, PHYSICALLY FIT, AND PSYCHO-SOCIALLY BALANCED, KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE LAWS OF THE GAME)** to make up the Football District representative team.
4. District Youth Club Championships commence between June 30 2018 and end October 2, 2018 with a declared club champion. At the conclusion of the District Youth Club Championships, the District Association shall create a list of the thirty (30) best players to comprise its District Youth Selection. Of this list of players, the names of the players with the eighteen (18) highest cumulative (Technical, Tactical, Physical, Psycho-Social) scores shall comprise the U17 District Selection.
5. The National Phase of the U17M Championship shall run from 10 October 2018 to 30 November 2018. It shall be contested by the Champion Youth Clubs of the U17M district competition. The Champion clubs may NOT strengthen their club teams.
6. During both phases of the U17M club championship, the Selection Process shall allow every player the opportunity to deploy her skills in a competitive environment within which her performance can be objectively evaluated to earn an opportunity for a call up for duty on the representative team of the district association as well as on FFB U17M National Teams
7. The Organizing Committee for the U-17M Youth Club Championship shall present club trophies and individual medals to the teams placing first and second. First place Youth Club shall receive 18 gold medals and First Place Club Trophy. The second placed club shall receive 18 silver medals and a second place club trophy. The third placed club, if applicable, shall receive 18 bronze medals.

8. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Inter-District U-17M CLUB Championships shall present Club trophies and 18 individual medals to champion and sub-champion club teams in the finals
9. A set of Eighteen (18) players with the most coaches' votes throughout both Intra-District and Inter-District phases of competition shall make up Tournament Eighteen which shall participate in the national district selections competition when such is organized
10. The set of Eighteen (18) district selection players will be revised based on district selection performance in the national selections competition. This updated list of players will constitute the district selection for the U17M National District Selection Tournament when organized

II. ENTRIES

INTRADISTRICT COMPETITION

Only the U-17M Youth Club teams registered through the FFB General Secretariat are eligible to participate in the District U17M Youth Championships. The players must be born between Dec 31, 2003 and Dec 31 2001. The U17M Club Registration shall involve the following

- i. Completing a club registration form obtainable from FFB Website
- ii. Submitting a club team list of at least 15 female players and at least one FFB licensed or licensable coach (club team officials)
- iii. Submitting names of club officials
- iv. Submitting a copy of club rules and regulations
- v. Submitting the name of the person who represents the club

INTERDISTRICT COMPETITION

The U17M club champions from the ten designated competition districts are eligible to participate in this phase.

III. WITHDRAWALS

1. All registered youth clubs are obligated to play all their matches until they are eliminated from the Championship. Except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by the respective Organizing Committee, any team that fails to participate after registration, shall be penalized as follows,
2. If a withdrawal takes place:
 - a. before the start of the Competition or Tournament a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25);
 - b. Anytime during the Final Phase of the Competition or Tournament a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
 - c. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the respective Organizing Committee, a team which withdraws at any stage of the competition may be ordered to reimburse the FFB, if applicable, for any expenses it has already incurred as a result of its proposed involvement or non-involvement in the competition and also pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.

3. Penalties specified herein will not be applied in cases of force majeure, as verified by the relevant Organizing Committee.
4. For the National phase of the U17M Club Championship , the District Association of any penalized team shall be responsible for ensuring that specified sanctions are carried out and complied with;
5. If a team does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the ground before the end of a match, the team shall be considered as having lost. The match and three points shall be awarded to its opponents with a score of 3-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field or refuses to continue to play;
6. The guilty team shall, as a general rule, be excluded from further participation in the competition or tournament. In addition and if applicable, the guilty association shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by the other association(s) and by FFB. Furthermore, the guilty District Association will forfeit any claim to financial remuneration, if any, from FFB. Further measures may be taken by the relevant Organizing Committee;

IV. THE U-17M CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. The Organizing Committees shall be appointed by the FFB Executive Committee after consultations with the cognizant body within the District Association.
2. The Organizing Committee shall, amongst other matters, be responsible for:
 - a. Supervising the general preparations, determining the competition system, as well as forming the competition groups for the Competition/Tournament.
 - b. Fixing the dates, venues, stadia for training sessions, and Competition/Tournament matches.
 - c. Determining the schedule for the tournament.
 - d. Designation of referees and officials for all matches in the Competition/Tournament.
 - e. Choosing the official ball of the Tournament, and any other technical material required during the Competition/Tournament.
 - f. preparing information brochures for benefit of parents and guardians for all players, if applicable
 - g. dispatching permission slips, if applicable, for parental authorization for children's participation in the youth championships
 - h. preparing data sheets for coaches to record observations of outstanding player performances during all matches in the Intra-District and InterDistrict Phase of the Youth Club Competition. The coaches shall nominate the best defense, midfield, goalkeeper, forward, from both teams. Coaches shall also nominate a club team MVP for a match and a match (considering both teams) MVP. This information shall be used by the District Selection Committee to determine provisional list of players for the district selection.
 - i. Functioning as a decision making body in the event of challenges or complaints, and issuing the applicable rulings thereto.
 - j. Executing and coordinating the operation and logistics of the Competition/ Tournament.

- k. Deciding the applicable solutions in case of force majeure.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUBS

1. HOST CLUB

For the InterDistrict Phase of the U-17M Club Competition, the Hosting Obligations shall be determined by the home game schedule if applicable, and include:

- a. If mutually agreed upon, provision of meals for twenty-five (25) persons (20 players and 5 team officials) per club.
- b. Provision water and re-hydrating beverages for all matches.
- c. availability of training sites in good and adequate conditions available for all associations.
- d. Provision adequate security for all participants, district association officials, and match officials from arrival to departure.
- e. Provision medical and emergency services at matches.
- f. Provision accreditation to all members of each Association official involved.
- g. designate club team official to collect player and club team performance match data for delivery to match commissioner.
- h. coordinate with match commissioner to prepare venue for match coordination meeting between match officials, security, club officials.
- i. instruct club team to enter center circle at conclusion of each match to shake hands with referees and opposing team players
- j. to provide ticketing personnel with list or persons on club team delegation on match day

2. VISITING CLUB

For all phases of the U-17M Club Competition, the visiting Club's Obligations shall be determined by the visiting game schedule if applicable, and include:

- a. maintaining contact with match commissioner from time of departure from home station until arrival at host venue
- b. attend match coordination meeting chaired by match commissioner
- c. designate club team official to collect player and club team performance match data for delivery to match commissioner.
- d. instruct club team to enter center circle at conclusion of each match to shake hands with referees and opposing team players
- e. prepare pro forma invoice for transportation and submit to FFB HQ at least 72 hours before transportation provider makes payment demands
- f. submit to ticketing personnel the list of persons on club delegation not to exceed 25 persons

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REGIONAL OFFICES

- 1. Each regional office shall be responsible for:
 - a. supervision of footballing activity of district youth clubs in their jurisdiction.
 - b. if applicable, coordinating the distribution of equipment and match day supplies.
 - c. The conduct of the members of its delegation (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the competition, from their arrival into the host venue until their departure;
 - d. Incidental expenses, including laundry, incurred by its delegation members during the course of their stay in the host venue and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation;

- e. If applicable, any expenses of extending the stay of any member of its delegation, unless otherwise approved by FFB;
 - f. prompt submittal of any information requested by FFB Secretariat;
 - g. collecting match datasheets on players nominated for consideration to District Selection on a match to match basis.
 - h. appoint player selection committees to collate player performance data and evaluate players' suitability to represent the district in the national tournament.
 - i. publish of FFB licensed coaches with at least a FFB-D License for clubs to choose from when building their club teams for competition purposes
2. By taking possession of these regulations, the participating associations and their players and officials agree to comply with the Laws of the Game and the FFB Statutes and these Regulations.
 3. The participating district associations and their players and officials agree to comply with the FIFA Fair Play Code, FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Code of Ethics as well as decision and directives of FFB bodies, unless these Regulations stipulates otherwise.

VII. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM THE HOST VENUE

A. NATIONAL PHASE OF THE U-17M CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The head of delegation from each youth club delegation shall notify the respective O.C. point of contact about the estimated time and date of departure from home venue towards the host venue.
2. The travelling delegation shall notify the O.C of the time of departure and the estimated time of arrival at the host venue.

VIII. U-17M CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee shall establish a subcommittee from among its ranks to serve as the body responsible for discipline. It shall adjudicate all disciplinary cases in accordance with these regulations and the FIFA Disciplinary Code. If the party adversely affected by the decision chooses to appeal the decision, it must submit a written appeal stating the grounds for its appeal within 48 hours after receipt of decision and with a deposit of \$100. Failure to submit a written appeal in the time frame specified shall render the Disciplinary Committee's decision as final. The FFB Disciplinary Committee shall serve as a first instance appeal body for appeals against district disciplinary committee decisions with the FFB Appeals Committee as the last resort. The sub-committees shall meet on the Monday following a match to review all match reports and submit findings to FFB Disciplinary Committee which shall, if warranted, convene meetings based on a determination of its Chairman. The decision, if applicable, shall be rendered within three (3) days of the date of district sub-committee meeting.

1. The FFB Disciplinary Committee is empowered to
 - a. Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend or disqualify players, referees, team officials or coaches.
 - b. Take any disciplinary measure in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code against any person or District Association(s) which may violate the Competition/Tournament Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play.
 - c. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of FFB organized tournaments / competitions in which they might otherwise have participated.

2. Report serious matters for further consideration by the FFB Executive Committee.
3. The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee will be based on recommendations from preliminary disciplinary proceedings at district level. These proceedings shall be based on written reports from referees, assistant referees and/or the Match Commissioner and video footage available from the disputed match. All participating youth clubs/District Associations will be informed of the sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee. Such decision shall be copied to the FFB General Secretariat, the respective District Sub-Committee Chairman, and the Chairman of the respective Organizing Committee.
4. The FFB Disciplinary Committee/ District Disciplinary Sub-Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide the procedure to be followed. Decisions resulting from such hearing shall be invalid if less than three (3) members are present.
5. All economic penalties, if applicable, assessed must be paid by the respective youth club/ Association no later than seventy-two (72) days after notification thereof.
6. Cautions and Suspensions:
 - a. Cautions received during one competition are not carried over to another competition. Cautions received in intradistrict stage are not carried over to interdistrict phase. Cautions in one home and away knockout series shall not be carried over to the other series. Red card suspensions incurred in one knockout series shall be carried over to the next series.
 - b. A single caution received in the preliminary/district phase of the competition shall not be carried over to the final /National Phase of the competition.
 - c. Three (3) cautions received in different games in the any stage of competition shall result in automatic suspension from the next game in the competition.
 - d. Red card suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the competition and are carried over to the next youth competition. An indirect red card shall incur -3 fair play demerits while a direct red card shall incur -5 fair play demerits

IX. FFB APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. The FFB Appeals Committee shall hear appeals lodged against decisions passed by the FFB Disciplinary Committee. Appeals shall be lodged with the Committee via the FFB General Secretariat and must articulate the grounds for appeal. Appeals letters not stating grounds for appeal shall be deemed invalid.
2. The procedure to be applied by the Appeals Committee shall be applied in strict accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
3. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be delivered within three (3) days of case submission and shall be final.

X. PROTESTS

1. Protests are objections raised by competition stakeholders i.e. players, referees, match officials, etc. to any violation of the provisions of these regulations.
2. Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or FFB representative at the match not later than two (2) hours after conclusion of the match and followed up immediately with a written report, including the original

protest, to be sent to the Chairman of the respective District Disciplinary Sub-Committee by fax or scan and e-mail.

3. Protests for reasons outlined in paragraph 4 below must be accompanied by a check in the amount of twenty-five (\$25) payable to FFB.
4. Protests against eligibility of players chosen to take part in a game and deemed to have been suspended shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner not later than two (2) hours following the conclusion of the match.
5. Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Commissioner or the FFB representative at the match not later than two (2) hours following the conclusion of the match in question.
6. No protests may be made against the referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final. Protests, however, are allowed with respect to referee misconduct in misapplication of laws of the game.
7. Youth Clubs or District Associations may not bring disputes with FFB before a Court of Justice and they shall undertake to submit any such disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of FFB.
8. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, a fine may be imposed.
9. The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by FFB, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.
10. Once the winner of the U17 Championship have been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during the competition shall be disregarded.

XI. MATCHES PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

1. All matches will be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
2. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.
3. Only five (5) appropriately credentialed team officials, and up to nine (9) players [substitutes], shall be allowed to sit on the bench at the touch line, a maximum of twelve (12) persons. The names of all these persons and their functions shall be indicated on the form provided by the referee. Five changes are allowed.

XII. DURATION, EXTRA TIME, PENALTY KICKS

U-17 COMPETITION/TOURNAMENT

1. Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes with an interval of 15 minutes in between.
2. If, in the knock out phase of the tournament, the teams are still tied at the end of normal time or at end of second match of a home and away series, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner in a ABBAABBAAB BA BA etc. 5 vs 5 format followed by a 2 vs 2 format until a winner is declared. If penalty kicks cannot determine the winner, a coin toss shall determine the winner.

XIII. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

For club competitions, players must be Belizean citizens, foreign-born persons with permanent residency, or foreign born persons with legal status to reside in Belize. For district selections, players must be Belizean citizens holding a Belizean passport or eligible to obtain a Belizean passport. Persons born to Belizean parents on foreign soil

are eligible to participate in the youth club competitions. Foreign born persons living in Belize with permanent residence or legal domicile shall be classified as national players for purposes of club competitions. Individuals born to Belizean parents on foreign soil shall be classified as nationals. Only five (5) foreign players shall be eligible. Of the five (5) foreign players, only three (3) players at a time shall be eligible to participate on the field of the field of play at the same time. Without a written agreement between parents and clubs/league specifying the length of time players must remain with a club before transfer is allowed, the player shall be eligible to register with another club for the next season in the same competition year. A player is ineligible to play for two clubs in the same season but is eligible to play for two different clubs in different seasons i.e. opening season and closing season of the same competition year.

1. NATIONAL U-17M CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The goal of the competition is to expose each female player to a competitive environment in which she can hone her physical, technical, tactical and psycho-social skills as she strives to overcome the efforts of opposing players with comparable skillsets. This forum allows the teams responsible for selecting the best players for the respective district academy from which the best players from each district can represent the district in friendlies and competitive district selection tournaments or competitions.

2. The player must have a birthdate between Dec 30, 2001 and Dec 31, 2003 to be eligible to participate as a U-17 Player in the 2018 youth club competition
3. Each player should be in possession of a player passport containing an up-to-date photograph and giving full particulars on the date of birth (day, month, and year) of the player. If a player is not in possession of a player passport as evidenced by holding a FFB-issued player license, she may not be allowed to participate in the tournament. The player registration process begins with the submission of the club team rosters on the FFB Club team template, downloading of the player registration form from the FFB Website, completely filling out forms with players' FFB ID, and submitting forms to FFB HQ via the respective U17F OC and the Regional Office, if applicable.
4. Team Delegations and Final Roster: Each participating Association shall submit to the FFB General Secretariat its Final Delegation list of up to twenty-three (23) persons, which must include up to eighteen (18) players not later than seven days (7) prior to the first match of the Tournament.(June 30,2018). The list shall be accompanied by the individual passports of its players for eligibility verification
5. A listed player may only be substituted in the event of serious injury up until twenty-four (24) hours before his team's first match of the national tournament. The substitute shall be selected from the provisional list of eighteen (18) players. .
6. All eighteen (18) shall be named on each match sheet (11 selected players and 7 substitutes).
7. Five players may be substituted in any match
8. The Associations shall be responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead forfeiture of match in question.

XIV. REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

1. Players and officials are not allowed to visibly display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing or team kit, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or

body. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organized by FFB (including in the stadium for official matches and mixed zone activities).

2. Each team should have an official and reserve team kit (seventeen T-shirts with numbers), which shall be declared on the team color form. If applicable, the colors of the reserve team kit (shirt, shorts, and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colors of the official team kit (shirt, shorts, and socks). The reserve team kit (including the goalkeeper's) must also be taken to every match. Only these colors may be worn at matches.
3. Each player shall wear a number between 1 and 20 on the front and back of his team shirt and on his playing shorts. The colors of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light or dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.
4. The use of undergarments that are likely to become exposed during a match shall be regulated by the applicable stipulations of the Laws of the Game.
5. Shin guards shall be worn at all times during match.

XV. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

1. During the national tournament, the FFB flag, and the Belize flag shall be flown inside the stadium at every match provided that sufficient flag poles are available. The FIFA Fair Play flag shall also be hoisted or draped in the stadium, clearly visible from the VIP box.
2. The Belize National Anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the field during the final match.

XVI. REFEREES, ASSISTANT REFEREES AND FOURTH OFFICIALS

1. The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials (hereinafter referred to collectively as match officials) for the preliminary and final phase of national tournament shall be appointed for each match by the FFB Referees Committee through the FFB Referee Department and the local referee college. To minimize costs of officiation, referees shall be selected from host club venue pool of referees. The decisions of the FFB Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal. The referees for the intra-district phase of the youth club tournaments shall be appointed by the respective district referee college. The referees for the interdistrict phase of the youth club competition shall be appointed by the FFB Referees Committee through the FFB Referee Department.
2. The match officials refereeing kit and equipment should be used only on match days.
3. After each match the referee shall fill out the official FFB report forms and he shall hand it over immediately to the Match Commissioner, the FFB General Coordinator, or the OC match coordinator at the venue as directed.
4. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible, such as:
 - a. Misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion;

- b. Unsporting behavior of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a national association at a match;
- c. Any other incident.

XVII. TECHNICAL RULES

INTRA-DISTRICT PHASE OF YOUTH CLUB COMPETITION

1. The Technical Officer in consultation with District Association shall proceed to identify individuals for appointment to membership of the U17M Organizing Committee (O.C).
2. The Organizing Committee shall elect a chairman from among themselves and compile rules for its internal procedures
3. The O.C. shall review these regulations and make recommendations for amendments to the relevant provisions to suit the local competition environment.
4. The O.C shall form a disciplinary subcommittee from within its ranks. This body shall conduct disciplinary proceedings in strict adherence with the FIFA Disciplinary Code. One of these will be designated as Chairman. Any two members shall constitute a quorum for any disciplinary proceeding. In absence of chairman, one of the two members shall act as chairman shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the other two members, the Chairman shall act alone.
5. The O.C shall conduct registration of youth club teams, draw up the format of the competition, and prepare schedule of matches including rules for re-scheduling matches not yet played, matches that could not have been played or matches that were not played.
6. The District U17M Club Champion shall be declared before or on Nov 1 2018.
7. The Chairman of the O.C. shall submit the rosters of all participating club teams to the FFB General Secretariat for assignment of FFB ID numbers to players in a competition district.
8. The Technical Officer of the Regional Office shall be responsible for the registration of all youth players on behalf of the FFB and submit copies of registration forms and fees collected by July 7, 2018.
9. The Chairmen of the O.C.s or their delegates shall represent the competition districts on the National U17M Organizing Committee for the Inter-District Phase of the U17M Club Competition.
10. The district phase of the U17M Club Championship shall consist of a minimum of two (2) clubs and a maximum of ten (10) clubs. The format of competition shall be league style of play with each team playing every other team twice. The team with the most points in the table of standings will be declared winner. If two or more clubs are tied in points, then the team with the best goal ratio shall be declared the champion. In the district phase points shall be awarded as follows:
 - i. win with one goal margin= 2pts
 - ii. win with a two goal margin=3pts
 - iii. win with a goal margin=>3=5pts
 - iv. draw=1 pt
 - v. loss with a one goal margin= 0 pts
 - vi. loss with a two goal margin= -1 pts
 - vii. loss with a goal margin =>3 = -2 pts

INTER-DISTRICT PHASE OF U17M CLUB COMPETITION

1. The FFB Director of Competitions shall establish an automatic appointment procedure for the chairmanship of the Organizing Committee for the National Phase of the U17M Club Championship (N.O.C.). The initial selection process for chairman will be by casting of lots. The remaining members of the InterDistrict O.C shall each serve as Chairman in a rotation determined by alphabetical sequence of the respective competition district. The terms of reference of this N.O.C. is embedded in these regulations.
2. The first meeting of the N.O.C. shall be convened on the FFB Headquarters, in Belmopan on June 23, 2018 at 10 a.m. after all U17M club team rosters in all ten competition districts have been submitted to FFB Secretariat. The main objective of this meeting shall be to bring all U17M Club Championship Stakeholders in the same room to establish common ground for cooperation for smooth functioning of the N.O.C. and L.O.Cs
3. The champions of each U17M competition district shall be make up the participating youth teams in the U17M interdistrict competition. They shall be ranked based on highest goal ratio (goals scored/goals conceded), highest number of goals scored, greatest fair play score(obtained multiplying the number of cautions by -1, indirect red cards by -3 and direct red cards by -5 and adding the three numbers. The smallest negative number will be the greatest fair play score) in that order.
4. The five (5) head to head series in the round of ten shall be formed thus:
 - (a.) seed 1 vs seed 10
 - (b.) seed 2 vs seed 9
 - (c.) seed 3 vs seed 8
 - (d.) seed 4 vs seed 7
 - (e.) seed 5 vs seed 6

And shall be conducted on a home and away knockout basis with the lower seeded club playing home in first leg of series. The five winners and the three best losers advance to the quarterfinals. The winners of the four quarterfinal series advance to the two semifinal series. The winners of the semifinal matches advance to the finals series to contest the championship. The third place shall be selected from the two losers of the semifinal series based on the best match performance outcomes as defined by the overall goal aggregate followed by greatest goal ratio (goal ratio is a measure of efficiency of club team and is calculate by dividing the goals scored by the goals conceded). The winner of the finals shall be declared the national U17F club champion and shall retain that title until the next national U17F club competition.

5. The winners of each series will be determined as follows:
 - a. Greatest goal aggregate obtained in knockout series
 - b. Goal difference in all matches
 - c. Greatest number of goals scored in all matches
 - d. In the event of a tie after second match in any series, both teams shall enter into a penalty shootout in the ABBAABBAAB format followed by the BAAB sudden death format to determine winner.
 - e. Drawing of lots shall be done by the Organizing Committee.

6. For every match in both intra-district and inter-district phases of the competitions, each coach shall nominate the best defender, forward, midfield, MVP, attacking player and goalkeeper from both teams and submit this list to the match commissioner. The top eighteen (18) players over the course of the competition will be named the tournament XVIII and shall form basis for the FFB's National Youth A and B-Teams. The remaining players shall make up the pool of players for the FFB National Teams' Department Development Program.

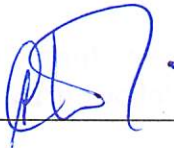
XVIII. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

1. FFB HQ shall bear the following expenses:
 - a. local travel for clubs in district phase
 - b. transportation for clubs in national phase
 - c. balls for each club
 - d. pouches of water during matches
 - e. match commissioner fees (\$30 per match)
 - f. match official fees (\$65/match)
 - g. stadium fees
 - h. security officer fees
2. The Administrative Officer in each Regional Office shall provide numbered tickets to an adhoc gate revenue committee (agrc) formed by designated officials of each youth club participating on match day. The proceeds shall be documented by the (agrc) secretary and turned over to the Regional Office's AO following strict accountability procedures.
3. Payments to match officials and match commissioners shall be on a monthly basis with properly completed referee reports, match commissioner reports, player performance data sheets serving as invoices for payments. Cheques written out in names of officials shall be the only form of payment
4. Based on number of teams and match schedule, the Administrative Officer at Regional Office shall project equipment (balls, nets) and water supply requirement per month for relevant competition district and make a requisition for funds from FFB HQ to procure needed equipment and supplies for match day. Each transfer of funds or expenditure by shall be recorded by a signed receipt for the exact amount of expenditure or transfer.

XIX. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR


The FFB Executive Committee, whose decisions shall be final, will resolve matters not provided for in these Regulations.

For the Executive Committee of FFB, this 28 day of May, 2018,



President
Sergio Chuc





General Secretary
Earl Jones