

Amendments to the 2017 Tournament Rules of the Barbados Football Association (BFA)

Effective immediately the following amendments to the BFA's tournament rules will apply.

1. Player Transfers

Any member Club may decide on an annual subscription fee for its members. The collection of subscription fees is the onus of the Club.

If at the time of transfer, a player's subscription arrears are more than \$300.00, the maximum amount a Club shall demand from the player is \$300.00. A player has the right to settle his or her subscription arrears.

Where a player is paid a fee to play for a Club, a written contractual agreement shall be drawn up indicating the terms of the contract and the player's fees. The BFA shall provide a contract template on its website for guidance. . A copy of the player's contract shall be lodged at the BFA for their records prior to the commencement of the football season.

2. Club "Referee"

A match scheduled by the BFA shall be officiated by an official referee of the BFA or an individual to whom both teams are in agreement.

In the event both Clubs are not in agreement with the Club "referee", the Referees' Manager shall appoint an alternative. If the Referees' Manager is unable to appoint an alternative referee at that time, the match shall be rescheduled to a date to be determined by the BFA.

3. Premier League

Clubs shall submit no fewer than eighteen (18) players on the team list for each game. A Club that is unable to field the required number of players 15 minutes after the start of the game shall be subject to disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the BFA.

Where an incentive is being awarded to a Club for winning games, any Club that violates this rule shall be ineligible to be awarded the incentive.

Delaying the Start of the Game

A Club found guilty of delaying the start of the game shall be subject to disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the BFA.

4. Premier League & Division One - 2018

There shall be a change in the tournament format for the 2018 season in the Premier League and Division One competitions. The number of Premier League Clubs shall be increased to 12 as follows: The Clubs ending the 2017 season in the ninth and tenth positions shall play against the third and fourth placed Clubs in the Division One. The winners of these games shall play in the Premier League along with the top two Clubs in Division One.

An irregular match score between two Clubs that casts suspicion shall be investigated by the BFA and if any offence is found to have been committed, the Clubs shall be subject to disciplinary action by the BFA, including expulsion and/or demotion.

A Club is deemed to be in default of a game if:

- (i) the Club fields fewer than the required eighteen (18) players;
- (ii) the Club does not field a team at all; or
- (iii) the Club fields a team after the fixed time for the start of play without informing the BFA in a reasonable period of time of the cause(s).

A Club found to be in default according to rules (i)-(iii) shall be fined as follows:-

Premier League	\$1000.00
Division One	\$500.00
Division Two	\$300.00
Division Three	\$200.00

All fines must be paid before the start of the next football season.

A Club that forfeits a game shall also be fined in the same manner as prescribed above.

Amendment to Rule 17 (XVII)

Any player or Club official who receives a red card or two (2) yellow cards during a game shall have his ID card withheld by the referee and submitted with the referee's report to the BFA. The player or Club official shall serve a one-match suspension in the **competition** in which the player or Club official was sent off. In the event that the Club has no more games to be played in the competition in which the player or Club official was sent off, that player or Club official shall serve a one-match suspension in the next scheduled match.