



**TO ALL MEMBER CLUBS**

Circular no. 2018-08

September 17th, 2018

### **2018 SEASON INFORMATION – PREMIER LEAGUE**

Dear All,

I write to inform everyone on some matters pertaining specifically to the Premier League and the new season.

#### **Start Date**

The competition for the Premier League will commence on **Sunday October 21st, 2018** at the BFA Wildey facility and conclude in May 2019. This new date will make way for the international game playing on October 13<sup>th</sup> in El Salvador and will also allow a little more time for teams to prepare.

#### **Club Licensing and Team Registration**

Club licensing for Clubs with teams in the Premier League started on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** and will conclude on **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

During this period the following is required to successfully complete the Club Licensing Process:-

1. Each Premier League Club must have an active youth component  
**(This is a priority and teams must provide evidence to the Club Licensing Committee. The BFA will verify the participation of those clubs registered for the ongoing Youth Competition.)**
2. Each Premier League club is required to have a certified first aid person on the management team. **(Valid First Aid Certification must be presented to the Club Licensing Committee)**
3. Each club must have a minimum D Licensed Coach on the first Management Team  
**(This coach must be identified, and a copy of his certificate produced to Club Licensing Committee)**
4. Appoint a General Manager
5. Appoint a Media Officer
6. Appoint a Finance Officer
7. Appoint a Marketing Officer (Posts outlined in 4, 5, 6 & 7 must now be filled by at least three persons.)
8. Submit Budget for upcoming season
9. Submit Legal Declaration by authorized signatory
10. Submit club Confidentiality Agreement

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11. Submit club ownership structure and control mechanism
12. Submit club statutes or equivalent legal document
13. Permission from owner for use of training grounds
14. Team Registration (Annual Subs) before September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Clubs who do not meet the above criteria set out will not be allowed to participate in the 2018-2019 season.**

### **The Format and Adjustments**

At a meeting at the close of the last season the format was retained with some modifications. These changes include:

1. Teams will now play each in their zone twice and will also play the teams in the other zone twice for points.
2. The two teams placing first in each zone will play each other in a two best of three round to determine the League champion.
3. The teams placing 6<sup>th</sup> in each zone will play against the team placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the opposite zone and the losers will be demoted. The winners will play each other, and the loser of that match will also be demoted as the third team.

### **Player Registration & Insurance**

A new ID card will be issued for registered officials and players participating in the 2018-2019 competition. Information should be submitted as soon as possible after September 28<sup>th</sup> to avoid any delays in receiving ID cards.

Forms are available for download on the BFA website [www.barbadosfa.com](http://www.barbadosfa.com). The registration fees per player which includes the mandatory player insurance is \$60.00. A minimum of five officials must also be registered per team at a rate of \$60.00 each. This fee also includes the mandatory insurance for officials.

Players and officials who were insured in 2017 are not required to resubmit insurance forms for 2018. Insurance application forms only applies to players and officials registering for the first time.

**Premier League teams are reminded that they must register and participate in the Premier Reserve League.**

Clubs requiring deductions from Prize money won are requested to fill out the deduction authorization form from the office to have this effected.



### **Transfer Window**

The transfer window opened on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and will close on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A second window for the Premier League will open for one Day on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 where all outstanding business must be completed by midnight.

All applications for international transfers must be communicated in writing to the BFA within the transfer period. Players who have legal status from the Barbados Immigration office are not considered as overseas players and as such do not require International Transfer Certificates. They can be registered as normal.

As indicated in Circular No. 2018-02 pertaining to the amount of foreign players, six players will be attached to the first team for the entire season. All others will play in the reserve league. These six players must be identified prior to them playing any games.

Thank you for taking note and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the BFA Secretariat at telephone number 538-BALL (2255) or via email at [office@barbadosfa.com](mailto:office@barbadosfa.com).

Yours faithfully

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