



TO ALL MEMBER CLUBS

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THE 2019 NATIONAL YOUTH CUP

Dear All,

We are pleased to inform you of the following which pertains to the 2019 National Youth Cup Competition.

Start Date

The National Youth Cup will commence on February 9, 2019.

Age Groups & Eligibility

The tournaments will be contested in the following categories and eligibility is as follows:

- Under 9 – players born on or after 1st Jan. 2010 and on or before 31st Dec. 2012
- Under 11 – players born on or after 1st Jan. 2008 and on or before 31st Dec. 2010
- Under 13 – players born on or after 1st Jan. 2006 and on or before 31st Dec. 2008
- Under 15 – players born on or after 1st Jan. 2004 and on or before 31st Dec. 2006
- Under 17 – players born on or after 1st Jan. 2002 and on or before 31st Dec. 2004

Deadline Date

Clubs must confirm their participation in the National Youth Cup in writing or via email by Friday, January 25th, 2019. Registration of officials and players complete with consent forms should be submitted as soon as possible to avoid any delays in receiving ID cards. Forms are available for download on the BFA website www.barbadosfa.com

Registration Fees

The registration fees per player which includes the mandatory player insurance in \$20.00. A minimum of two 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 2018 are **not required to resubmit insurance forms** for 2019. This only applies to players and officials registering for the first time.



Competition Dates & Format

The National Youth Cup Competition will be played between February 9 and April 27, 2019. Only one team will be permitted to represent a club in Tier 1 of each age category while Tier 2 is open to multiple teams per category.

The **clubs** who would have qualified for the play-offs in each age group or the next best in the most recent Guardian Group Youth Football League competition will compete in Tier One. All others will compete in Tier Two.

The teams in categories U9 - U15 will be divided into two zones of 4 with teams playing each other twice. The top two teams in each zone will advance to the double knock-out semi-finals. The two winning teams will compete in a final to determine the winner. The teams in the U17 category will play each other twice with the top two teams competing in the finals.

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.

Yours faithfully

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