



BERMUDA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS **(DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS)** **(Amended October 21st, 2009)**

1. (a) Any bona-fide member of a club shall be eligible to play for the club in the Association (subject to clauses in these rules and other policies and regulations generally) provided the player has not, in the current season played for another club in the Association, or has previously been registered for another club in the Association.

(b) If a player has played or remains on the Association register of players for a club, permission for his release must be obtained from the club to which the player is attached.

(c) Under no circumstances can a visitor, in any capacity, be eligible to play in league and/or Cup games or any other match sanctioned under the auspices of the Association.
2. For the purposes of these regulations a bona-fide playing member of a club is one who, has signed a full and accurately completed registration form and has complied with the regulations regarding the release and registration of players and has submitted this registration form to the Administrative office of the Association and obtained a registration I.D. card issued only by the B.F.A. prior to playing.
3. A player having taken part in matches for any club affiliated to the Association shall not be released to or be allowed to play for any other Club in the Association without gaining the approval of his current Club and submitting the relevant release form to the Association signed by the appropriate Executive Officer of that Club (see article 8).
4. (a) A fee of **\$30.00** for a three (3) year period shall be paid in advance to the Association by each registered (senior) player as laid down in Article 17 of these rules.

(b) A fee of **\$10.00** shall be paid in advance to the Association for the registration of all youth players which shall be valid until the players' sixteenth birth-date.
5. In the event of a player signing a Release form, and having a registration submitted for more than one club, the Administrative Office shall inform the player and it shall be the responsibility of the player to determine which registration is valid and should be accepted by the Association. The Clubs involved will be duly informed.
6. It shall be deemed misconduct for a club to:



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- (a) Play a person who has played for another club in the same season except as set out in Section 12 of these regulations.
 - (b) Submit a signed registration form for a player who has willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete it.
7. (a) The Executive Council shall have the power to accept the registration of any player and to refuse, cancel, or suspend the registration of any player they consider guilty of registration irregularities or any conduct they deem undesirable and to disqualify the player in question from participation in any or all games in the Association and/or otherwise deal with the player at their discretion.
8. (a) The release period for registered players shall be from May 1st to June 15th. Release Forms can be obtained from the Administrative office of the B.F.A. and returned with a fee of \$25.00.
- (i) Any player who fails to obtain release from their Club in accordance with Article 8 (a) shall be eligible for a late release from August 1st to August 31st. Late Release Forms can be obtained from the Administrative Office of the BFA and must be returned with a fee of \$30.00.
 - (ii) Any player who has not participated in any games for the Club which he / she is registered are eligible to apply for a transfer from their club after December 31st of the current season. Transfer Forms can be obtained from the Administrative Office of the BFA and must be returned with a fee of \$20.00.
 - (iii) Any player, whose registration card has expired and has not, obtained a new registration card from the Administrative Office for period of 2 or more years, shall be eligible or a release at any time during the current season from his previously registered club in accordance with Article 3. Release Forms can be obtained from the Administrative Office of the BFA and must be returned with a fee of \$25.00.

NOTE: The Player Release List will to be sent to all Clubs before June 30th.

- (b) Any player desiring to re-register with his previous Club or register with a new club must do so before July 31st. All player registration forms must be submitted by the Club to the BFA Administrative Office with the accompanied fee of **\$30.00** per player. According to the General Rules for Divisional Competitions under **Registrations, Entry and Withdrawal of Membership Organizations** a club can only register a minimum of 18 players per team.
 - (i) Any player who fails to register in accordance with Article 8(b) and does not wish to remain with their previously registered Club will be ineligible



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to play any football and will be allowed to register during the Late Player Registration Period from November 15th to December 20th. All Registration Forms must be submitted to the Administrative Office of the BFA with a fee of \$35.00.

(ii) Any player wishing to register with a Club in accordance with Article 8(a)(ii) may do so after December 31st of the current season. All Registration Forms must be submitted to the Administrative Office of the BFA with a fee of \$35.00.

(iii) Any player wishing to register with a Club in accordance with Article 8(a)(iii) may do so at any time during the current football season. All Registration Forms must be submitted to the Administrative Office of the BFA with a fee of \$30.00.

(iv) A player is not required to register with a new club in the same season that he/she obtains a release from their former club. However, the player is ineligible to play until such time as he/she re-registers with their former club or registers with a new club in accordance with Articles 8(b) and 8(b)(i). If a player wishes to re-registers with their former club they can do so at any time and there shall be no fee unless their ID card has expired.

(c) In the case where a player who has graduated through a club's football program (U-7 thru U23) without transferring and is eligible to or has registered as a senior player wishes to be released from his club the club may request compensation for his development:

The compensation shall be in accordance with the following fee structure, of which, \$100.00 will be retained by the Association:

a) Age 16-21 - a fee up to \$1,000.00
b) Before Age 23 - a fee up to \$750.00
c) Before Age 25 - a fee up to \$500.00
d) After Age 25 - the Club shall have no claim to compensation under this Article.

i. If the player's new club is unable to comply with the above release fees and the player does not wish to return to his former club, then the two clubs concerned and the player shall meet to resolve this matter. In the event that no resolution is agreed upon then it shall be resolved by an Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Executive Council.



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14. I.D. registration of all players shall take place between August 1st, and October 31st of each year, according to the schedule determined by the Administrative office of the B.F.A. There shall be a late I.D. registration period from November 15 - December 20th. (NOTE: Nothing in this article should be taken as evidence to preclude the General Secretary from granting registration rights at times other than the above as a result of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, proved to the satisfaction of the Association.)
15. All protests regarding the qualification of players in any match must be made to the Association within 48 hours of the match in question. Should that period fall on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday, then the protest must be made on the first working day following.
16. Each club registering a player in accordance with these rules shall receive a player's registration card for the player containing such information as the association from time to time deem necessary. This card shall remain the property of the Bermuda Football Association and the club shall be responsible to the Association for any misuse of the card.
17. The registration period for all players registered under these regulations shall be for three years. Should the player register during the playing season, then the registration shall be valid for the unexpired portion of that playing season plus the number of years totaling three. Upon expiration of the three year registration period, the player shall be required to obtain a new I.D. registration card valid for a further three (3) years. All I.D. registration cards shall be issued in accordance with all release and registration procedures as laid down in these regulations.
18. In any match played under the authority of the Association only those players and officials listed on the team sheet for that match shall be eligible for free admission into the grounds. Clubs are responsible for copies of their team sheets being presented to the gate-keepers prior to the game. Field Operators must inform the Association of their main entry for players and officials. Any player or official found in breach of this regulation shall have their cards confiscated and the club fined a minimal of \$25.00 and the player or players suspended at the discretion of the Executive Council or any committee acting on its behalf.
19. Not later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time for each match, the club shall present to the referee or designate, the team sheet containing the full first and last names of all players and officials who will participate in the match together with their registration cards, in the same order as they appear on the team sheet.
20. No player shall be permitted to participate in any match under the auspices of the Association without being in possession of a valid Players Photo ID Card. The ID Cards of all players participating in any match must be presented to the Referee prior to the start of the match. The General Secretary, in unusual circumstances, may grant players the right to sign the team sheet by notifying the Referee either verbally or in writing before the match.



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21. At the conclusion of the match, the team manager or designate shall collect from the referee all the registration cards of the players and officials except the card or cards of any player or official who has been dismissed from the match for any infringement of the Laws of the Game. Such card or cards shall be delivered to the Association by the referee along with the report on the match no later than 48 hours following the match.
22. All players and/or officials under suspension by the Association shall have their cards retained by the Association until such time as the suspension is lifted.
23. It shall be a violation of these rules to deface, alter or transfer a registration card. Such action shall be deemed misconduct and dealt with in accordance with the rules of the Association.
24. In the case of a registration card being lost, stolen, or defaced, the club must notify the Association in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence and a new card shall only be issued to the club on payment of \$10.00.
25. It shall be deemed misconduct and a violation of these rules for any club to present to the referee or designate, a registration card of a player or official serving suspension in accordance with a decision of the Executive Council or a Committee acting on its behalf, or the player's registration having expired.
26. The Executive Council may amend these rules as they from time to time deem expedient.