

REGULATION 13

WOMEN'S KNOCKOUT CUP COMPETITION

1. NAME OF COMPETITION

- (a) The competition shall be called '**Women's Knockout Cup**' and shall be competed for by teams duly qualified according to these rules. New Zealand Football (NZF) shall have the right to add to this name the name of the sponsor if it so desires.
- (b) The Cup is the property of NZF and shall be insured by NZF. When the winner has been ascertained, NZF shall deliver the Cup to such club, which shall be responsible for its return to NZF in good order and condition, **not later than 31 May the following year**. The winning club shall acknowledge receipt of the Cup in writing.
- (c) In addition to the Cup, NZF shall present twenty (20) medals to each of the teams in the final, plus four (4) medals to the match officials of the day.
- (d) Unless otherwise determined by these regulations, the entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in NZF. NZF shall have the power to do all other things necessary to ensure the progress of this competition through all its stages and may take appropriate action to bring about such results. All or any of the powers vested in NZF may be delegated to a nominee.

2. ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

- (a) The competition shall be open to:
 - i. All clubs being members of district federations affiliated to NZF. Entries shall be restricted to one team per club.
 - ii. Secondary school affiliated to the New Zealand Secondary Schools Girls Football Association (NZFSGFA), such entries to be at the sole discretion of NZF, and in any event limited to one team per school.
On entering a team in this competition the entering team and the NZFSGFA agree to abide by this Regulation 13 and all other NZF Regulations (specifically with regard to matters of discipline) and the NZF Code of Conduct.
 - iii. Any other team, being a combination of clubs from the same District Federation not entered in the competition but which would otherwise be eligible in their own right to enter the competition pursuant to clause 2(a)(i), which NZF may, in its sole discretion, authorise to enter the competition.
- (b) NZF shall call for entries each year from teams desirous of competing in the Cup competition.

- (c) Each team's entry shall be accompanied by the designated entry fee of \$200.00 + GST, and be lodged with their District Federation **no later than 1 May** for the season in which the team wishes to compete.
- (d) The District Federation shall forward a schedule of the names and details of the teams entering the competition, together with the appropriate entry fees to NZF or its nominee **no later than 8 May** each year. Federations not forwarding entry fees in this manner shall render that federation liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- (e) NZF shall have the power to accept late entries, but **no later than 8 May** each year and for late entries NZF may impose a penalty of not more than double the fee provided for in clause 2(c) herein.
- (f) NZF may reject the entry of any team or teams of an affiliated Federation if it deems such a course desirable.
- (g) NZF shall have the power to disqualify any competing club or players(s) for any breach of the Rules and Regulations of NZF.

3. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

- (a) All teams that have entered this competition shall compete on a knockout basis until two teams remain unbeaten.
- (b) NZF shall set the dates on which the successive rounds of the competition will be held, or the day by which one or more rounds must be completed. Games must be played on the dates specified unless otherwise approved NZF or its nominee.
- (c) The competition will be played on a Federation basis until one (1) team from Federations 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, together with two (2) teams from Federation 2 remain unbeaten. Should a Federation not provide any competing teams, then NZF shall determine how the vacant quarterfinal position shall be filled.
- (d) The quarter-final draw for the teams qualifying from clause 3(c) shall so far as practicable have due regard for the costs of travel for participating teams, and desirability of promoting matches of such importance throughout New Zealand in order to maximise local and community involvement.
- (e) All entrants shall be available from the first round. The number playing in each round shall be:

Qualifying Round as necessary to provide the required number of teams for

Round 1	not more than 32 teams
Round 2	not more than 16 teams
Quarterfinals	not more than 8 teams

- (f) NZF shall be responsible for the draw for all games. The draw for each Federation section of this competition shall be as NZF directs. The draw for the Federation section of the competition shall have due regard to the costs of travel of participating teams. NZF shall, after each draw is made, advise each District Federation of the details of the games to be played and each Federation shall be responsible for notifying the teams respectively.
- (g) A national open draw shall be made from semi-finals.
- (h) All teams competing in the competition shall observe the rules of the competition and any directions given by NZF concerning the promotion and conduct of matches.

4. GROUNDS

- (a) For all rounds up to and including the semi-finals of the competition, the team drawn first shall be deemed to be the home team. The home team shall have the right to determine the match date (within the official competition calendar) and kick off time subject to the approval of the District Federation or New Zealand football as appropriate.
- (b) The date and time by which matches that have been postponed or rescheduled will be as directed by the District Federation or by New Zealand Football as appropriate.
- (c) The District Federation of the home team shall determine the grounds to be used in all rounds up to and including the semi-finals.
- (d) Pursuant to clauses 4(a) & (c), the grounds will normally be the home ground of the home team but the District Federation or NZF as appropriate, reserve the right to decide the venue for each game.
- (e) NZF shall determine the ground for the Final.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- (a) Unless a satisfactory reason is given, the team entered by a club/school must represent the full playing strength of each club/school.
- (b) Unless otherwise stated in this Regulation, players shall be duly qualified according to the Rules of NZF and those of the appropriate affiliated Federation.
- (c) A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing club in this competition.
- (d) Club player eligibility
 - i. In all matches of this competition, each player, except where she has played for her club during the previous season and has not played in any match for any other club in New Zealand during the current season, must have played two

federation competition or league games for her club or a club which is part of any combination authorised by NZF pursuant to clause 2(a)(i) (for clarity, each of the two Federation or league games must be played on separate match days. Further, the player cannot be eligible to play in the Women's Knock Out Cup until one (1) day after his second match in the Federation or League competition). A player must have been a registered player for this club for at least seven (7) days prior to the playing of any such matches.

The qualification provided for in this clause may be waived by NZF should the commencement of this competition precede the first two rounds of any federation/regional league.

- ii. All players competing in the competition must be registered members of their respective clubs as at 30 June in each year of the competition. Any players transferring to or registering with the club after 30 June are not eligible to participate in the competition.
- (e) Secondary school player eligibility

In all matches of this competition, all players must be full time, bona fide students at the school and under 19 on 1st January in the year of participation.

- (f) If NZF has any doubt as to the qualification of any player taking part in this competition, it shall be the District Federation's, or where appropriate the NZFSGFA's, responsibility to determine the eligibility of players, and failing satisfactory proof, NZF may disqualify such player, or competing team from the competition or impose such other penalty as it may deem fit.

6. WITHDRAWAL, PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PLAY AND REPLACEMENT

- (a) Any team defaulting their obligations after the publication of a draw shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and may be suspended from competing in future years.
- (b) Teams must take all reasonable steps to arrive at a match on time. If they fail to do so they may be fined an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

7. PROCEDURE FOR PROTESTS

- (a) Any protest relating to this competition shall be dealt with under NZF Regulation 7.

8. MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS OF THE GAME

- (a) All matches shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

9. DURATION OF MATCHES, EXTRA TIME, DETERMINING THE WINNER BY KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK

- (a) Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes with an interval not exceeding 15 minutes in between.
- (b) If, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, extra time must be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two further equal periods, not exceeding 15 minutes each, with an interval not exceeding five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
- (c) If at the end of extra time the result is a draw, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.

10. TEAM COLOURS

- (a) Where the colours of two competing teams are similar, the visiting team must change. Goalkeepers must wear colours to distinguish them from other players and the referee. The referee's decision as to whether colours are similar shall be final.

11. REFEREES, ASSISTANT REFEREES AND FOURTH OFFICIALS

- (a) The NZF Referee's Appointments Panel shall be responsible for the appointment of the Referees and Referee's Assistants for all matches in the competition from the quarterfinals onwards, subject to the approval of NZF. In the earlier rounds of the competition the Federation or Regional Referees' Committee shall appoint the Referee and Referee Assistants. Where no appointment of Referee's Assistants is made, each competing team shall appoint a Referee's Assistant.

12. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- (a) In all rounds up to and including the semi finals, the home team shall meet all match expenses and retain the full gate receipts.
- (b) In the final match all gate receipts shall be retained by NZF who shall be responsible for all reasonable expenses related to the final, including travel costs of participating teams.
- (c) The match officials appointed by the NZF Referee's Committee for the semi-finals and final shall have travel and accommodation expenses reimbursed within budgets approved by NZF. Such travel and accommodation shall be arranged in conjunction with the NZF Referee's Committee.

- (d) NZF will, subject to available finance, pay a subsidy to teams required to travel more than 200 kms to play in matches from the quarterfinals onwards.

13. RESULTS/TEAM CARDS

- (a) For all matches correctly completed team cards shall be handed to the Referee by each team not less than 30 minutes prior to the kick-off time.
- (b) For all matches (except the Final) each team shall forward complete result cards, signed by the Referee, to their Federation/NZF to reach them **no later than 5.00pm, three days after the playing of the game**. It shall be deemed sufficient compliance if the team can prove to the satisfaction of the Federation that the card was posted by mail **no later than 5.00pm on the day immediately following the game**.
- (c) Each designated home team shall appoint one person who shall be responsible to telephone results of all matches up to the quarter finals to the Federation **no later than 30 minutes** after the conclusion of the match. Quarter and semi final results shall be telephoned direct to NZF or their nominee.
- (d) Teams failing to comply with the provisions of clause 13 shall be fined one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) in respect of each offence.