

Guidelines and Considerations Regarding Promotion and Relegation

1. The overall goal is to maintain a strong multi-level competition that is sustainable for the long term.
2. Specifically with regards to the Premier Division, the goal is to continue to expand the division. This is to ensure a strong and healthy premier competition, which will offer top players the best competition and support players competing at national team level. The expansion of the Premier Division continues to be a long-term objective.
3. Where possible, the aim is to have an even number of teams in each division with at least 10 teams in each division (other than the premier division as mentioned above).
4. No club will be allowed more than 2 teams in a division, with a possible exception in the lowest division.
5. Subject to point 4, the top two team in each division should have the opportunity to be promoted at the end of the season (with the exception of the Premier Division winner). Such promotion usually requires two teams to be relegated from the division they move into. If the winning team cannot be promoted as a result of point 4, the second placed team will be invited and so forth.
6. In the event that the league is cut short for any reason:
 - (a) Final league standings will be determined at the time of completion of the last full round of each respective division in the league before the league is abandoned.
 - (b) Consequently, if only certain divisions have completed the first round no league winners or losers will be declared in any division. However, if all teams have completed at least one full round (and smaller divisions, potentially three rounds) then the principle in 6(a) will apply.
6. The committee needs to consider new team requests, and team withdrawals and any other special circumstances when setting the divisions.
7. The committee maintains discretion to make promotion or relegation decisions as it sees fit, and for the benefit of the competition.

Fixtures & Knock-out Tournament - please note the final fixtures for the league games will be uploaded to the website in due course. The fixtures and dates for the knock-out tournament will be circulated at a later date. At present, the knock-out competition will be in the following format - the Premier Division shall compete in the Guv Dillon Cup, the First Division in the Knock-Out Cup, the Second Division in the Plate, the Third Division in the Bowl and the Fourth Division in the Saucer. The seeding will be determined by league standings after one full round. Association teams will not play in the knock-out tournaments.

However please note that the above remains subject to change. We will keep you updated of any changes as early as possible.

Kind regards

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