



**GFF-KFC
National U20 Playoff 2019**

“INDEPENDENCE CUP”



TOURNAMENT DESCRIPTION

The “**GFF-KFC National U20 Intra-Association Independence Cup**” is the GFF’S national under 20 football tournament and consist of two stages: an **Intra-Association** stage and a **National Play-off**.

Each of the nine (9) Regional Member Associations (RMAs) will coordinate their GFF-KFC Intra-Association Knockout Tournament within the period **27th April to 9th June, 2019**, and the winners from each RMA will participate in the National Play-off during the period **15th June to 1st July**.

The tournament will involve all nine (9) RMAs, and their 102 clubs, and will be played in Administrative Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

PRIZES

At the culmination of the tournament there will be a grand presentation of prizes to the top three (3) teams to the tune of:

1 st Prize	-	\$500,000.00	+	Trophy	+	Medals
2 nd Prize	-	\$300,000.00	+	Trophy	+	Medals
3 rd Prize	-	\$200,000.00	+	Trophy	+	Medals
4 th Prize	-	Trophy	+	Medals		

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This is a National Football Development tournament owned, organised and coordinated by the Guyana Football Federation (GFF) in accordance with Article 75:1 of the GFF Constitution.
2. In accordance with Article 13:c of the GFF Constitution each Regional Member Association (RMA) is obligated to participate in this tournament and is assigned the rights and responsibilities to coordinate the Intra-Association phase of the tournament within their respective jurisdiction “ONLY”. The clubs affiliated to the nine (9) RMAs will be eligible to participate in this tournament.
3. The tournament will be played on a knock-out basis.
4. Matches will be played for ninety (90) minutes comprising of two equal periods of forty-five (45) minutes each.
5. If at the end of regulation time the score is tied during the Intra-Association leg of the tournament, kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA Regulations regarding kicks from the penalty mark, will be implemented immediately, however, for the National Play-off, an additional **twenty (20) minutes** will be played; **two periods of ten (10) minutes each**; and then if the score remains tied, kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA Regulations regarding kicks from the penalty mark, will be implemented.
6. Teams will be allowed **five (5) substitutions**.
7. **The Champion Club, and Runner-up Club in some cases, of each RMA Intra-Association leg of the tournament will have the prerogative of including three (3) guest players for the National Play-off, but ONLY from within their respective RMAs. The Clubs’ three (3) guest players will remain the same throughout the Play-off as/if the club continues to progress.**
8. Teams will be allowed to register twenty-five (25) players and five (5) officials.
9. A player, upon receiving two (2) cautions (yellow cards) in the same match, will automatically be suspended for **the next match** in event that the team qualifies to go forward in the tournament.
10. A player, upon receiving a Straight Red Card (Expulsion) will automatically be suspended for **the**

next two (2) matches in event that the team qualifies to go forward, and he will be subject to further disciplinary action if necessary.

11. The Referee is the sole authority during matches in accordance with FIFA 'Laws of the Game'.
12. The tournament will be played in accordance with the "Laws of the Game" set by FIFA.
13. The Rules may at any time be amended, in adherence to the Rules of GFF, CONCACAF and FIFA, in any case not provided for by these current Rules.

Uniforms

14. Clubs are required to register two (2) uniform colours – one (1) to be called the home kit / strip and the other the away kit / strip. **(The Match Officials reserve the right to determine the colour to be used by a Club at any match).**
15. **All Clubs / Teams are required to have both uniforms available at the playing venue.**
16. Each player shall wear a number on the back of his Club shirt and on his playing shorts. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main colour of the shirts and shorts (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for Spectators and Match Officials.
17. A Team List shall be provided to each Club by the RMA Match Coordinator one hour before the commencement of the match and should be completed and returned to the Match Coordinator / Match Official for Club / Team inspection. All Goalkeepers and Captains must be identified as such. (The Captain must wear his arm band on the field). Two players must be Goalkeepers, with the number one (1) shirt reserved for one of them.
18. Each Club should have two (2) sets of different colour bibs for warm up sessions.
19. Each Club should have adequate bibs for their substitutes on the bench.
20. One person at a time is allowed to give instruction(s) to players on the field of play from the Technical Area.
21. Players and Officials are requested to clean up the Technical Area and Dressing Rooms before leaving same. A fine may be imposed for non-compliance.

22. Clubs are responsible for the securing of their valuables and for any damages that may result during its occupation of the Dressing Room area.

Protests

23. Protests shall be made verbally to the Match Coordinator within two (2) hours of the match in question and followed up with a written report or an electronic mail to the Honorary Secretary of the RMA or General Secretary of the GFF (*whichever is relevant*) within forty-eight (48) hours after the match has been completed. **Failure to comply with the above will result in the protest action being disregarded.**

24. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the RMA or GFF Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine on the Club, Player and or Official by whom the protest was lodged.

25. If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these regulations is not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the RMA or GFF.

Reports

26. All Match Coordinators, Referees Assessors & Referees Reports must be completed immediately following the match.

27. If for reasons beyond the control of the person involved, the Reports cannot be completed at the match venue, the Reports must be completed and given to the Match Coordinator within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the said match. The reason for the non-completion of the report must be communicated to the Match Coordinator immediately such reason(s) becomes known.

28. The Match Coordinator must ensure that the Match Summary / Report reaches the GFF Secretariat Competitions Department within forty eight (48) hours after the match is completed.

29. Prize monies will be as follows: 1st Place \$500,000.00; 2nd Place \$300,000.00; 3rd Place \$200,000.00

30. Teams must be present at the playing venue at least **90 minutes before** the match time (kick-off).

- 31. **Beverages must be served in plastic cups, no bottles/glasses must be allowed in the venue.**
- 32. **Music system(s) should not be played while the ball is in play.**

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

- 33. In the event that any of the Clubs / Teams become unable to participate before the commencement of the Tournament, mechanisms will be put in place for a replacement Club / Team by the RMA or GFF.
- 34. Teams are required to register with their respective RMA **by 16:00 hours on Wednesday 24th April, 2019, and with the GFF by 16:00 hours on Wednesday 12th June, 2019 for the National Playoff.**
- 35. To be eligible to participate in the Tournament players must be born **on or after 1st January, 1999.**
- 36. Teams that have not completed their registration by the stipulated deadline will not be eligible to participate in the Tournament.



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Ian Alves
Director of
Competitions

10th June, 2019



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Rennella Bourne
General Secretary (ag.)

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Wayne Forde
President

We the under-mentioned Clubs, by our signatures, hereby declare that we have read the rules, understand the rules, and agree to participate in the 2019 GFF-KFC National U20 Intra-Association "Independence Cup" under these rules and conditions.

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