



# 2020 Johnson Cup Tournament Rules and Regulations



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## **1 Tournament Management**

1.1.1.1 The management of the Tournament shall be under the jurisdiction of Northern Inland Football (NIF). NIF shall have the power to formulate the Official Tournament Regulations and alter or add to these Regulations at any time, where deemed necessary.

1.1.1.2 Participating Clubs shall be bound by the Official Tournament Regulations. NIF reserves the right to make determinations on any matter or circumstance which is not specifically detailed within this document. Such decisions are not subject to appeal.

1.1.1.3 The Tournament may be postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather. If the Tournament is cancelled the team nomination fee will be refunded.

## **2 Naming Rights**

2.1.1.1 NIF reserves the right to determine naming rights of the Tournament. The 2020 Tournament shall be referred to as the Johnson Cup.

2.1.1.2 The Men's competition will be referred to as the Kevin Johnson Cup.

2.1.1.3 The Women's competition will be referred to as the Jan Johnson Cup.

## **3 Tournament Dates**

3.1.1.1 NIF reserves the right to determine Tournament dates. The 2020 Tournament shall be conducted on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

## **4 Participating Teams Selection Criteria**

4.1.1.1 The Tournament is open to all NIF affiliated Clubs. Clubs may nominate more than one team in the tournament.

4.1.1.2 Teams must nominate using the Official Tournament nomination form.

## **5 Nomination Fee**

5.1.1.1 A team nomination fee of \$300 will apply.

## **6 Participant Eligibility**

### **6.1 Player Eligibility**

6.1.1.1 Players must be turning a minimum of 16 years of age in 2020 to play in the men's tournament. Female players must be turning a minimum of 15 years of age in 2020 to play in the women's tournament. Players are only permitted to be registered and participate for 1 Team during the Tournament.

### **6.2 Ineligible Participants**

6.2.1.1 A Team fielding an Ineligible Player and/or Team Official in any Tournament Match shall be ineligible for any points associated with the Match and may be subject to further disciplinary action. The points associated with the Match shall be awarded to their opponents and the score recorded shall be 3 goals to 0 in the opponent's favour or the actual goal difference of the Match whichever is the greater.

## **7 Tournament Format**

- 7.1.1.1 NIF reserves the right to adjust or alter the tournament format if deemed necessary at any time subject to participating team numbers and/or other circumstances.
- 7.1.1.2 The Tournament shall be conducted in Round Robin Pool format with the number of pools and teams per pool determined after close of nominations.
- 7.1.1.3 NIF reserves the right to determine the composition of each respective Pool. Each team will be drawn from a pot and allocated into a Pool.
- 7.1.1.4 The four (4) highest placed teams will progress to the semi-finals.
- 7.1.1.5 The semi-final format will be determined after nominations close and published before the teams are drawn for each pool.

## **8 Tournament Point Score Method**

### **8.1 Pool Match Phase**

- 8.1.1.1 Match Points shall be awarded on the basis of 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. Match points will be awarded for all Pool Matches.
- 8.1.1.2 In the event a Team forfeits a Match:
  - a) prior to kick off, the opposing Club will be deemed to have won the Match by a score of 3 goals to 0, or
  - b) after the Match has commenced, the opposing Club will be deemed to have won the match by a score of 3 goals to 0, or the actual goal difference at the time of forfeit, whichever is the greater.
- 8.1.1.3 At the completion of the Pool Matches, rankings in each Pool will be determined by the following criteria:
  - a) Greatest number of match points obtained in all Pool MatchesIf two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their ranking shall be determined as follows:
  - b) The result of the Match played against each other in the Pool phase
  - c) The Team with the highest goal difference
  - d) The Team with the highest goals for
  - e) Lowest number of Red Cards accumulated
  - f) Lowest number of Yellow Cards accumulated
  - g) Drawing of lots by NIF Tournament Management

### **8.2 Final Series**

- 8.2.1.1 In the event of a Match being drawn at the conclusion of normal time, the result of the Match shall be decided by Penalty Kicks as per FIFA Laws of the Game. No extra time shall be played.

## **9 Match Rules**

### **9.1 Match Duration**

- 9.1.1.1 All matches shall be 2 equal periods of 15 minutes with a 5-minute half-time interval. No stoppage time is to be applied.

## **9.2 Interchange Method**

9.2.1.1 Unlimited interchanges will be permitted throughout the Match subject to Match Official notification. All players must be listed on the Match Card prior to kick off.

## **9.3 Participant Numbers**

9.3.1.1 The tournament is an eleven a-side competition.

9.3.1.2 Teams are permitted to select a maximum of 18 to be used throughout the duration of the Tournament. 16 Players are permitted to be selected for each Team in a Match. A maximum of 3 Team Officials (per Team) are permitted on the bench for each Match.

## **9.4 Playing Strips**

9.4.1.1 Each playing strip must be matching and have playing numbers to ensure identification of team members.

9.4.1.2 Playing strips must not contain any offensive or inappropriate slogans, logos or names.

## **10 Match Records**

### **10.1 Official Match Card**

10.1.1.1 NIF shall provide an Official Match Card for each Match. The Official Match Card must be completed in ink, in a legible manner by both Teams and must contain the names and strip numbers of the Players taking part in the Match, including the names of the nominated Interchange Players.

10.1.1.2 The completed Official Match Card must be supplied to the Referee prior to the scheduled kick off time.

10.1.1.3 Should a match be forfeited, the referee shall endorse the team sheet accordingly. Any Team Manager, Team Coach or Club Official supplying false information shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by NIF.

## **11 Results Entry**

11.1.1.1 NIF Tournament Management will enter results directly into the Competition Management System (SportsTG). Results will be updated after each fixture and the Tournament Table will be available online to view live.

## **12 Ground Officials at Matches**

12.1.1.1 All teams must have a minimum of one (1) identifiable Ground Official present during games.

12.1.1.2 Ground Officials are required to:

- h) Actively patrol the playing arena.
- i) If requested, escort the Match Officials on and off the playing arena and follow any reasonable request made to them by the Match Officials regarding Team Official and Spectator behaviour.
- j) Be the point of contact with Spectators of the Ground Officials own Club. Ground Officials are to advise Club Executives with any issues during the games, who will submit appropriate reports to NIF if required.

## **13 Disciplinary Matters**

13.1.1.1 All disciplinary matters shall be dealt with by NIF with provision for the following:

### **13.2 Yellow Cards**

13.2.1.1 A Player who accumulates 3 Yellow Cards during the Tournament must serve an automatic 1 Match Suspension in the next Match.

13.2.1.2 A Team Official who accumulates 2 Yellow Cards during the Tournament must serve an automatic 1 Match Suspension in the next Match.

13.2.1.3 Should a Player or Team Official's Club not progress to the next round of the Tournament they are not required to serve a Suspension for Accumulation.

### **13.3 Red Cards**

13.3.1.1 A Player or Team Official who receives a Red Card in a Match will be required to serve a Suspension in accordance with Appendix 1.

13.3.1.2 Should a Player / Team Official's Club not progress to the next round of the Tournament; the following will apply for Red Card infringements:

- k) Direct Red Card – NIF will review infringement and determine any further action deemed necessary.
- l) Indirect Red Card – Infringement will be expunged.

## **14 Suspensions Outside of Tournament**

14.1.1.1 Players or Team Officials who have received Match Suspensions outside of the Tournament are permitted to participate.

14.1.1.2 Any Matches in which they do not participate in will not count towards serving their suspension.

14.1.1.3 For the avoidance of doubt, any participant serving a timed suspension will not be considered eligible to participate in the tournament.

## **15 Weather Procedures**

15.1.1.1 In the event of any weather which results in fixture(s) not being able to be completed, the result of the Match shall be recorded as a 0 – 0 draw.

15.1.1.2 Where multiple Matches are not completed, NIF reserves the right to alter the format of the Tournament as deemed necessary. Should the number of Matches which are affected by weather result in an inability to clearly and fairly identify winners in each pool, NIF reserves the right to postpone the remainder of the tournament.

15.1.1.3 [NNSWF Hot Weather Policy](#) will apply to all Matches. For the avoidance of doubt the Tournament shall be consider a 1st Grade Competition.

## **16 Match Officials**

16.1.1.1 Match Officials shall be appointed to all Matches by NIF.

## **17 Tournament Awards / Prize Money**

- 17.1.1.1 The team crowned the 2020 Johnson Cup winner will be presented with the Johnson Cup at the conclusion of the Tournament Final.
- 17.1.1.2 The Cup will be presented to the winning team but will remain the property of NIF. NIF may ask for the Cup to be returned during this time for reasons such as photo shoots and award ceremonies.
- 17.1.1.3 The Cup will need to be returned in the same condition as it was given.
- 17.1.1.4 The player who scores the most goals in the Tournament will be awarded the Golden Boot Award and presented a commemorative trophy at the conclusion of the Tournament Final.
- 17.1.1.5 The Winner of both the Kevin Johnson Cup and the Jan Johnson Cup will be awarded \$500 in prize money.

## Appendix 1

Table 25.4.1.2   Minimum Mandatory Suspensions			
CODE	OFFENCE	GRADING GUIDELINES	PENALTY
R4	Denying goal scoring opportunity – Handling the ball		Auto
R5	Denying goal scoring opportunity – Foul		Auto
R1	Serious Foul Play  (typically, but not limited to, serious foul play when the ball is in play)	1. Careless or reckless tackle	Auto
		2. Attempting to gain possession of the ball using excessive force	Auto
		3. Conduct that endangers the safety of an opponent in a contest for the ball or has the potential to cause serious injury.	Auto +1
		4. Conduct causing serious injury	Auto +2
R3	Spitting	1. Spitting at an opponent or another Club Associate	Auto +4
		2. Spitting on an opponent or another Club Associate	Auto +8
R2	Violent Conduct  (typically, but not limited to, serious foul play when the ball is not in play, and/or playing distance)	1. Minimal contact with an opponent or Club Associate	Auto +1
		2. Violent conduct and/or attempted violent conduct towards an opponent or Club Associate	Auto +1
		3. Serious and/or premeditated violent conduct towards an opponent or Club Associate	Auto +2
		4. Serious violent conduct that has caused bodily harm	Auto +3
		5. Violent conduct causing, or with the potential to cause, serious injury	Auto +4
R6	Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures	1. Using language and/or gestures in frustration	Auto
		2. Using language and/or gestures directed at another player or Club Associate	Auto +1
		3. Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures, to another Player or Club Associate	Auto +2
		4. Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	Auto +4
R7	Second caution (Yellow Card)		Auto
R8	Offences against Match Officials	1. Unsporting conduct	Auto +1
		2. Using offensive language and/or gestures	Auto +1
		3. Repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures	Auto +2
		4. Unwarranted contact with and/or conduct with a Match Official	Auto + Code of Conduct
		5. Threatening or intimidating language and/or conduct towards a Match Official or conduct reasonably perceived as a threat of physical violence towards a Match Official or their family	Auto + Code of Conduct



		or property	
		6. Spitting at or on a Match Official	Auto + Code of Conduct
		7. Violence towards a Match Official and/or their family or property	Auto + Code of Conduct
		8. Violence towards Junior Match Official and/or their family or property	Auto + Code of Conduct
<b>R9</b>	<b>Team Official Specific Offences (not covered in R1-R8)</b>	1. Delaying the restart of play for the opposition	Auto
		2. Deliberately throwing / kick an object onto the field of play	Auto
		3. Physical aggressive behaviour towards any person other than a Match official	Auto +1
		4. Entering the field to confront a Match official at half time or full time	Auto + 1
		5. Entering the field to confront a Match official during a Match	Auto + Code of Conduct
		6. Entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner.	Auto +1
		7. Entering the field to interfere with play or an opposing player	Auto +2