

**GFF/ Pele Alumni**

**Frank Watson**

**Nationwide Playoff 2017/  
2018**

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## **TOURNAMENT DESCRIPTION**

The Guyana Football Federation (GFF) in collaboration with the Pele Alumni has planned for the execution of the inaugural Frank Watson Nationwide Playoff.

The final playoff will be played in a Round Robin format with the winners of the various clusters competing against each other to determine the champions.

From the qualification phase, Santos FC, FC Eagles, Rising Stars and Tabatinga FC will contest the final phase.

At the culmination of the tournament there will be the distribution of prizes to the four (4) finalist.

## **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

Given that this playoff is the conclusion of the 2017/ 2018 version of the Frank Watson Nationwide tournament, players born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 are eligible. However, the players must be registered and bonified members of the participating club without exceptions. No guest players allowed.

## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The winners of the individual cluster playoffs will contest the final along with Tabatinga FC of the RFA. Those are as follow
  - Santos FC – Winner, Cluster #1
  - FC Eagles – Winner, Cluster #2
  - Rising Stars FC – Winner, Cluster #3
2. There will be a drawing and finalizing of fixtures prior to the start of the day's play. This will take the form of pulling a letter from a bag to determine which slot on the provisional fixture your team occupies.
3. All teams are expected to be at the venue by 08:15hrs.
4. The tournament will be played on a Round Robin basis among the four finalists.
5. The matches will be of Forty (40) minutes duration comprising of two equal periods of twenty (20) minutes each. Half time interval will be 10mins.
6. If at the end of regulation time the score is tied, Kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner of the match.
7. Should there be a deadlock between teams at the end of the round robin games, then rule eight (8) will be used to determine the overall winner.
8. The group winner will be determined using the following criteria:
  - Aggregate Goal difference (Goal Scored minus goals conceded) within regular time of matches.
  - Higher number of goals scored
  - Lowest number of Goals conceded
  - Head to Head results including kicks from the penalty mark.

9. Teams will be allowed to register eighteen (18) players and three (3) officials.
10. Seven (7) substitutions will be allowed per team per match. There will be three (3) periods of substitution allowed per team per match to accommodate the changes (Halftime substitutions will not count towards your allotment).
11. In the final phase, no player must play **less than** twenty (20) accumulated minutes over the course of the three final round games. Should any player fail to achieve the minimum accumulated minutes, the defaulting team will be severely penalized by the coordinating body.
12. A player, upon receiving a Straight Red Card will automatically miss the following game and may face further punishment if the nature of the offense warrants.
13. The Referee is the sole authority during matches in accordance with FIFA 'Laws of the Game'.
14. The tournament will be played in accordance with the laws of the game set by FIFA.
15. The Rules may at any time be amended or added to, in adherence to the Rules of GFF, CONCACAF and FIFA, in any case not provided for by these Rules.

### **Uniforms**

16. Clubs are required to use uniforms presented for winning the Association's edition of the tournament. Clubs must walk with their regular match kits to be used if there are colour clashes. **(The Match Officials reserve the right to determine the colour to be used by a Club at any match).**
17. Each Club should have adequate branded (Pele Alumni) bibs for their substitutes on the bench.

18. One person at a time is allowed to give instruction(s) to players on the field of play from the Technical Area.
19. 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.
20. Clubs are responsible for the securing of their valuables and for any damages that may result during its occupation of the dressing room area.

### **TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**

1. 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 GFF.
2. Teams are required to register with the GFF Competitions Department **by 16:30 hours on Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**
3. Teams that have not completed their registration by the GFF stipulated deadline will not be allowed to participate in the Tournament.

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