



# **RULES OF THE PEPE REYES CUP COMPETITION (THE "CUP")**

**2021/2022**

## **1. NAME OF CUP**

- 1.1** The Cup shall be called “The Pepe Reyes Cup” (hereinafter referred to as “The Cup”)

## **2. CUP OWNERSHIP**

- 2.1** The Cup is property of the Gibraltar Football Association (“hereinafter referred to as “the GFA”).
- 2.2** The Cup shall be presented to the winner of the Cup Final (the “Winner”) at the trophy ceremony. The Winner shall retain the trophy for the season, and return it to the Gibraltar FA at the conclusion of
- 2.3** The GFA Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as (“the GFA Board”) may in its sole discretion present to the Team and its players who have won the Cup for and/or been runners up thereof replica miniature cups, medals or other prizes. When a Player taking part in the final of the competition is ordered to leave the field or play for misconduct, the medal or other prize (if any) to which he may be entitled to receive may be withheld at the discretion of the GFA Board.

## **3. CONTROL OF COMPETITION**

- 3.1** The ownership, organisation, control and management of the Competition, including the development and application of relevant Rules and policies, shall be vested entirely and exclusively in the GFA Board.
- 3.2** The GFA Board shall have the power to make, delete, clarify and amend the rules for the organisation, control and management of the Competition as it from time to time deems necessary (hereinafter referred to as “The Competition Rules”).
- 3.3** All Teams participating in the Competition shall be bound by and shall comply with these Rules as may from time to time be amended by the GFA Board and any other Rules which the GFA Board may deem to apply.
- 3.4** In relation to any matter not specifically mentioned in these Rules, the GFA Board shall have the power to take such action and make such decisions, orders, ruling’s and impose such penalties as it deems necessary and follow such procedures as it considers appropriate.

- 3.5** The GFA Board shall itself be exclusively entitled, to use sell or otherwise exploit all marketing and commercial rights associated with the Competition without limitation. The GFA Board may in its discretion authorise others to exercise these rights also.

## **4. ELIGIBLE TEAMS**

- 4.1** The match shall be played between the current Gibraltar National League (the “GNL”) Champion and the Rock Cup Champion.
- 4.2** In the event that the Rock Cup Champion is also the GNL Champion, the Rock Cup Champion spot shall be taken by the runner up of the GNL for that season.
- 4.3** If one of the above teams is unable to participate in the match, the GFA Board shall in its sole discretion decide its replacement.
- 4.4** The GFA Board may in its sole discretion, reject the entry of any Team.

## **5. LAWS OF THE GAME**

- 5.1** The Match will be played in conformity with the Laws of the Game promulgated by the International Football Association Board (“IFAB”), these Rules and any other GFA Rules & Regulations that may be applied in these Rules as amended from time to time.

## **6. TEAM COLOURS**

- 6.1** Where the colours (shirts, shorts or stockings) of two competing Teams are similar, the Team playing away must change unless the competing Teams mutually agree alternative arrangements.
- 6.2** Teams’ colours must not clash with the outfit being worn by the Cup officials appointed for the fixture.
- 6.3** Players’ shirts must be clearly numbered on the back and must be compatible with the name of the Player stated in the Team Sheet submitted before the commencement of the fixture and there must be no change of numbers during the match.
- 6.4** The Captain shall wear a distinguishing arm band to indicate his status. Only the name of the Player wearing the shirt can be displayed on the shirt.
- 6.5** Advertising is permitted as per the GFA League Rules.

## **7. DURATION OF MATCHES**

- 7.1** The duration of the match shall be one and a half hours. The referee shall allow for time wasted or lost time through accident or other cause. The referee shall be the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his/her decision on this matter shall not be subjected to appeal.
- 7.2** The half time interval shall be fifteen minutes.
- 7.3** If the match ends in a draw after the final whistle, the outcome shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by the IFAB.
- 7.4** The GFA Board shall have the power to vary the arrangements provided in this Rules if it is deemed necessary.
- 7.5** If the match is cancelled, it shall be rescheduled and played as directed by the GFA Board.
- 7.6** If a match is abandoned prior to full time due to weather conditions, the state of the pitch or other unforeseen circumstances, it shall be rescheduled and replayed subject always to availability of allocations.
- 7.7** Where a match is abandoned through the fault or due to the conduct of a Team and/or their supporters, the Team at fault, its players and supporters may be sanctioned under the Gibraltar FA Disciplinary Regulations and may be liable to disciplinary proceedings for misconduct. Under such circumstances the GFA Board is not obliged to reschedule the match. In the event that a match is not rescheduled the opponent of the Team at fault shall be declared the winners of the match.
- 7.8** If a Team is unable to field a team, the rules concerning inability to field a team on match day in the GFA National League Rules will apply mutatis mutandis.

## **8. PROVISIONS FOR WITHDRAWING FROM THE COMPETITION**

- 8.1** Any Team intending to withdraw from the Competition must give written notice of their intention to the secretary of the opposing Team and to the Disciplinary Regulations Officer of the GFA not less than 72 hours before the date fixed for playing.

- 8.2** Any Team failing to comply with rule 8.1 may be sanctioned under the Gibraltar FA Disciplinary Regulations and shall be subject to a fine in accordance with the relevant provisions under the Gibraltar FA Disciplinary Regulations.

## **9. PROVISION CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- 9.1** The Cup shall be competed for annually, in accordance with these Rules as amended from time to time.
- 9.2** Players for each Team in the Competition shall be duly registered as Players in accordance with the Rules of the GFA.
- 9.3** Each Team shall abide by the Home Grown Player Rules set out in the GNL Rules. The Home Grown Player Rule is defined in the GNL Rules as any rule in those Rules which refers to, concerns or affects Home Grown Players. For the avoidance of doubt this includes rules concerning Home Grown Players and the type of substitutions that can be made under the GNL Rules. Additionally, the definition of a Home Grown Player set out in the GFA National League Rules, also applies to these Rules.
- 9.4** If the GFA Board has any doubt as to the qualifications of any Player taking part in this Competition, they shall have power to call upon such Player, or to the Team to which he belongs, of for which he played to prove that he is Qualified according to these Rules.
- 9.5** If the Player or the Team to which he belongs to, fails to provide the GFA Board with satisfactory proof that, as per 9.4 above, the Player in question is qualified or eligible to play in accordance with the relevant Rules, the GFA Board may decide to disqualify the Player in question, remove the Team from the Competition and impose any other penalties that the GFA Board deems appropriate, given the circumstances.

## **10. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES**

- 10.1** In all matches the referees and assistant referees shall be appointed by the GFA Referee Department.
- 10.2** The duties of the referees and assistant referees shall be defined in the Laws of the Game, these Rules and by the GFA.

## **11. PROVISION RELATING TO PROTESTS**

- 11.1** All disputes or complaints by a Team regarding another Team in relation to any matter applicable to this Competition, shall be dealt in accordance with the GFA Disciplinary Regulations.

## **12. MATCH DAY**

- 12.1** The referee appointed for the match shall be the sole authority to decide all questions referring to the fitness or otherwise of the ground at the time of the scheduled kick-off of the said fixture.
- 12.2** The first named Team in the fixture shall be known as the Home Team and the second shall be known as the Away Team.
- 12.3** Each competing Team shall accurately complete the Team sheet which can be found in the COMET system, containing a list of Players, substitutes and corresponding shirt numbers (as per 12.4 below) by no later than 60 minutes prior to kick-off. It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the Players listed in COMET are in fact eligible to play in accordance with these Rules.
- 12.4** A Team sheet must be composed in accordance with Article 14 of the GFA League Rules.
- 12.5** All other rules pertaining to Home Grown Players, Team Sheets, Player Eligibility and Checking of Identity set out in the GFA League Rules shall also apply to these Rules.

## **13. NOTICES**

- 13.1** All notices required to be given to the GFA Board in accordance with these Rules shall be addressed to the the Operations Director of the GFA in writing (this may include via email).

## **14. INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

- 14.1** The GFA Board shall be deemed to be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and the decision of the GFA Board upon any question or matter relating to the administration and organisation of the Competition which is not provided for herein shall be final and binding on all Teams and/or Players.

## **15. DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS**

- 15.1.** Any dispute or complaint by a Team regarding another Team in relation to any matter applicable to the Competition, must be officially reported to the GFA Board within 48 hours from the conclusion of the match in question. The matter shall be dealt with in accordance with the GFA Disciplinary Regulations.
- 15.2.** Any special request made by a Team in relation to a match must be made in writing to the General Secretary.
- 15.3.** The General Secretary may waive this time limit in exceptional circumstances.
- 15.4.** With regards to requests for a minute silence prior to a match, this shall only be permitted under the following circumstances:
- a) An international tragic event;
  - b) A national tragic event;
  - c) A national event e.g. Remembrance Sunday
  - d) Observing respect for the death of individuals who have contributed to the Game in Gibraltar or internationally.
  - e) Death of a player or team official.

## **16. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

- 16.1.** The following Statutes, Policies and Regulations apply to these Rules:
- a) Anti-Doping Regulations;
  - b) Social Media Policy;
  - c) Referee Regulations;
  - d) GFA Disciplinary Regulations;
  - e) The rules relating to substitutions and Home Grown Players in the Gibraltar FA National League Rules;
  - f) Any other Rules or Regulations that have been applied and referred to in these Rules;
  - g) The GFA Statutes;
  - h) Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players;

**16.2.** It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure their registered Players, coaches and any other relevant personnel are fully aware of the repercussions in the event of a breach of one or more of the above Rules and Regulations.

## **17. BREACH OF RULES**

**17.1.** Any breach of these Rules will be dealt in accordance with the GFA Disciplinary Regulations.

## **18. APPLICABILITY OF RULES**

**18.1.** These Rules have been adopted by the GFA Board to regulate the 2021/2022 League Season.



