

**GIBRALTAR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**GFA PEPE REYES CUP RULES 2023-2024**  
**SCOPE OF GFA PEPE REYES CUP RULES**



**1. General Provisions**

- 1.1 The name of this Competition shall be called the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup.
- 1.2 The organisation, management and operations of the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup shall be the responsibility of the GFA.
- 1.3 Clubs (inclusive of all Players, Club Officials and Club Personnel) must comply and shall be bound by these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules.
- 1.4 The GFA shall have the power and authority to amend these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules from time to time.
- 1.5 The GFA shall exclusively retain the power to approve and implement such ancillary rules and policies, together with clarifying matters of ambiguity concerning the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup or any other additional aspects which may affect the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup.
- 1.6 The GFA shall exclusively retain all entitlement and authority to use, assign, sell or otherwise take advantage of all marketing and commercial, broadcasting and audio visual rights associated with the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup, inclusive of pursuing such commercial opportunities and/or agreements and partnerships which may be in the best interests of the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup.
- 1.7 The GFA Pepe Reyes Cup is the property of the GFA, and shall be presented to the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Champions at the conclusion of the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final.
- 1.8 The GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Champions shall retain the trophy of the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup for the duration of the 2023/24 football season, and return it to the GFA at the conclusion of the same.
- 1.9 At its sole discretion, the GFA may present to the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Champions and corresponding runners up, replica miniature cups, medals and other prizes.
- 1.10 Unless otherwise stated herein, where these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules are silent, the Football League Rules and such corresponding regulations shall apply by analogy.

**2. Laws of the Game**

- 2.1 All Matches in the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup will be played in conformity with the Laws of the Game promulgated by the IFAB as the same may be amended from time to time.

### **3. Club Eligibility and Participation in the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup**

- 3.1 The GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final shall be played between the GFA Football League Champions 2022/23 and the GFA Rock Cup Champions 2023.
- 3.2 In the event that the same Club and/or Team are the GFA Football League Champions 2022/23 and the GFA Rock Cup Champions 2023 at the same time, the place of the Rock Cup Champions 2023 shall be taken by the runner up of the GFA Football League for the 2022/23 season.
- 3.3 If one of the above Clubs and/or Teams are unable to participate in the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final, the GFA shall retain and use its full and unfettered discretion to decide which Club and/or Team may be chosen as a replacement.
- 3.4 The GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final shall be played over a single Match. The duration of the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final shall be ninety (90) minutes, together with any additional injury time instructed by the Match Officials.
- 3.5 The half-time interval shall be for a duration of fifteen minutes.
- 3.6 To the extent that GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final ends in a draw after the final whistle, the outcome shall be determined by means of both Clubs and/or Teams participating in a penalty shootout in accordance with the procedure adopted by the IFAB.
- 3.7 The GFA shall have the power to vary the arrangements provided in these regulations if it is deemed necessary.
- 3.8 Any Team intended on withdrawing from the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final must give written notice of their intention to both the GFA and the opposing Club and/or Team, together with the Disciplinary Regulations Officer not less than seventy-two (72) hours before kick-off. Any Team failing to comply with this requirement may be subject to Disciplinary Sanctions in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations in this GFA Handbook.
- 3.9 If the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final is postponed, it shall be rescheduled and played as directed by the GFA who shall provide written notification to each of the participating Clubs and/or Teams.
- 3.10 Where the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final is abandoned through the fault of, or due to the conduct of, a Club and/or Team or their supporters, the Club and/or Team will be considered to be at fault, and together with its Players and Club Officials, as well as its supporters, may be made subject to Disciplinary Sanctions in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations in this GFA Handbook. Further, under such circumstances, the GFA is not obliged to reschedule the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final, and shall have the discretion to declare the opponent of the Club and/or Team at fault the winners of the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup.

#### **4. Player Registration and Eligibility for the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final**

4.1 Players must be registered in accordance with all applicable GFA Statutes and the Status and Transfer Regulations before being eligible to be registered to form part of a Team registered by a Club to compete in the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final.

4.2 Each Club and/or Team eligible to participate in the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final shall abide by all Player eligibility regulations contained in the Football League Rules and the Intermediate League Rules, including but not limited provisions pertaining to Home-Grown Players, which shall be applicable to the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final.

#### **5. Inability to Field a Team for the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final**

5.1 Regulations on a Club's inability to field a Team as set out in the Football League Rules shall apply to these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules.

#### **6. Match Day Provisions**

6.1 The first Club and/or Team named in the fixture shall be the home team and the second Club and/or Team named in the fixture shall be the away team.

6.2 Prior to the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final, both competing Clubs shall accurately insert and complete the details of their Team on the COMET system in accordance with the team sheet regulations as set out in the Football League Rules which will apply to these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules.

#### **7. Checking of Identity**

7.1 Regulations on the checking of identities of Players and/or Club Officials as set out in the Football League Rules shall apply to these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules.

7.2 In addition, to the extent that the GFA is not satisfied with the proof confirming the Player or Club Official's identity, the GFA may decide to disqualify said Player or Club Official, as well as disqualify the Club and/or Team from the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final, and seek to impose further Disciplinary Sanctions in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations in this GFA Handbook.

#### **8. Home-Grown Player Rule**

8.1 Regulations on the Home-Grown Player Rules as set out in the Football League Rules shall apply to these GFA Pepe Cup Rules.

#### **9. Club Manager Qualifications**

9.1 Regulations on Club Manager qualification requirements as set out in the Football League Rules shall apply to these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules.

10. **Match Ball Requirements**

10.1 Regulations on Match ball requirements as set out in the Football League Rules shall apply to these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules.

11. **Match Officials**

11.1 The GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Final will be administered and policed by Match Officials in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the GFA Referee Regulations as amended from time to time.

12. **Advertising**

12.1 Regulations on Advertising as set out in the Football League Rules shall apply to these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules.

13. **Sponsor Designations**

13.1 Regulations on Sponsorship Designations as set out in the Football League Rules shall apply to these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules.

14. **Player Identification and Strip**

14.1 Regulations on Player Identification and Strips as set out in the Football League Rules shall apply to these GFA Pepe Reyes Rules.

15. **Disputes, Complaints & Special Requests**

15.1 Any dispute or complaint by a Team and/or Club regarding another Team and/or Club must be officially reported to the GFA within 48 hours from the date of such facts or events giving rise to said dispute or complaint, and shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations in this GFA Handbook.

15.2 With regards to requests for a one minute silence prior to the GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Match, this shall only be permitted under the following circumstances:

- (a) a national or international tragic event;
- (b) a national event;
- (c) a demonstration of respect for the death of individuals who have contributed to the game of football in Gibraltar or internationally; or
- (d) the death of a Player or Club Official.

16. **Breach of GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules**

16.1 Any breach of these GFA Pepe Reyes Cup Rules will be dealt with by the GFA's Disciplinary Control Unit in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulation in this GFA Handbook.

16.2 The GFA may also take any action necessary to address any breaches which may not be adequately addressed under the Disciplinary Regulations providing that such actions are reasonable and proportionate.

17. **Ancillary Pepe Reyes Cup Provisions: Suspensions**

17.1 In the event that a Participant receives a suspension of more than three (3) matches in the Pepe Reyes Cup, said suspension shall be carried over to the GFA Football League. Suspensions below a three (3) match sanction will not carry over to the GFA Football League.