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Northern Regional Football League
Reserves Knockout Cup Regulations
2017

1 COMPETITION

- 1.1 Participation in the NRFL Reserves Knockout Cup Competition shall only be open to the reserve teams of clubs within the boundaries of Auckland Football, Northern Football and Waibop Football Federations participating in 2017 NRFL Competitions.
- 2.2 The NRFL Reserves Knockout Competition shall be run according to the relevant published NRFL Regulations.

2 ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

- 2.1 All Qualifying teams shall be automatically entered into the NRFL Reserves Knockout Competition, and Draws created and circulated.

3 MATCH VENUES, DATES AND KICKOFF TIMES

- 3.1 The Competition Manager shall determine times, dates and grounds for any fixture in the competition and shall have the right at all times to amend, postpone or cancel any fixture.
- 3.2 The Competition Manager shall publish a fixture list including the match venues, dates and kick-off times prior to the first round of matches. All matches shall be played on the dates and times as published by the Federation, and shall not be varied without the prior written approval of the Competition Manager.
- 3.3 The Men's Reserves Knockout Cup is scheduled to mirror the NZF Chatham Cup rounds.
- 3.4 The Women's Reserves Knockout Cup is scheduled to mirror the NZF Women's Knockout Cup rounds.

4 REFEREES, ASSISTANT REFEREES AND FOURTH OFFICIALS

- 4.1 The Federation shall make appointments for all NRFL Reserves Knockout Cup fixtures.
- 4.2 The prepayment for referees made by clubs for the NRFL does not extend to the NRFL Reserves Knockout Competitions. The Home club in each fixture will be invoiced for the expense for referee(s) separately to the NRFL referee expense.

5 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1 The Federation has no financial provisions for teams in the Competition.

6 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 6.1 A Player is eligible to play in the NRFL Reserves Knockout Competition provided that:

- 6.1.1 They have not taken the field in the same competition in the same season with another club, and;
 - 6.1.2 They have played in 2 or more NRFL Reserves matches for their participating club in the current season
- 6.2 Each Club shall be solely responsible for fielding only eligible players.
- 6.3 Any Club found guilty of fielding an ineligible Player for whatever reason will forfeit the match and shall be subject to the following penalties;
- 6.3.1 Fine

APPENDIX ONE

NRFL RESERVES KNOCKOUT COMPETITION FORMAT PREMIER MENS RESERVES, DIVISION 1 MENS RESERVES, DIVISION 2 MENS RESERVES

For 2017 the proposed Men's Reserves Knockout Competition dates are:

- 13 May - Preliminary round
- 5 June – Round 1
- 24 June – Round 2
- 26 August – Semi-finals
- 1st or 2nd Weekend in September – Finals Day TBC

PRELIMINARY ROUND

The preliminary round will involve the 8 teams in NRFL Division 2 Reserves ranked 5th – 12th positions on the standings table at the time of the draw on Monday May 1st. The four winning teams will progress to round one of the Competition. The four defeated teams will take no further part in the NRFL Reserves Knockout.

KNOCKOUT CUP FIRST ROUND

The first round of the competition will consist of a random draw between the 12 NRFL Premier Reserves teams plus the leading 4 teams in NRFL Division One Reserves as of the date of the next draw.

After the first round the teams will go forward into one of two sections as follows:

- The 8 winners of first round of games in the upper half of the draw will be drawn at random to play in the Cup competition.
- The 8 defeated teams in the first round games in the upper half of the draw will be drawn at random to play in the Plate competition

If the scores are tied at the end of normal time, the result shall be determined by the taking of penalties in accordance with FIFA Regulations. There must be a result. No extra time shall be played in all games leading up to and including semi-finals.

Final - If the scores are tied at the end of normal time, a period of 15 minutes extra time each way as per FIFA Laws of the Game. If the scores are tied at the end of extra time, the result shall be determined by the taking of penalties in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

KNOCKOUT BOWL FIRST ROUND

The first round of the NRFL Reserves Knockout Bowl competition will consist of a random draw between the NRFL Division 1 Reserves 5th – 12th positions and the teams in NRFL Division Two Reserves in positions 1st-4th and the winners of the preliminary round as of the date of the next draw.

After the first round the teams will go forward into one of four sections as follows:

- The 8 winners of first round games in the lower half draw will be drawn at random to play in the Bowl competition.
- The 8 defeated teams in first round games in the lower half draw will be drawn at random to play in the Shield competition.

After the round two fixtures, only winning teams will progress further into each competition. Fixtures in these sections will be drawn randomly from the teams qualifying into the semi-finals and then finals.

KNOCKOUT *PLATE* FIRST ROUND

The 8 losing teams from the first round of the Cup will be entered into the Knockout Plate Competition and randomly drawn. After that second round of fixtures, only winning teams will progress further into each competition. Further fixtures in this section will be drawn randomly, with the winning teams qualifying into the semi-finals and then finals.

KNOCKOUT *SHIELD* FIRST ROUND

The 8 losing teams from the first round of the Bowl will be entered into the Knockout Shield Competition and randomly drawn. After that second round of fixtures, only winning teams will progress further into each competition. Further fixtures in this section will be drawn randomly, with the winning teams qualifying into the semi-finals and then finals.

APPENDIX TWO
NRFL RESERVES KNOCKOUT COMPETITION FORMAT
PREMIER WOMENS RESERVES

For 2017 the proposed Women's Reserves Knockout Competition dates are.

- Sunday 4th June – Round 1 (Elimination)
- Sunday 6th August – Semi-finals
- 1st or 2nd Weekend in September – Finals Day TBC

ROUND ONE (ELIMINATION)

The first round of the NRFL Women's Premier Reserves Knockout Cup competition will consist of a random draw between the teams competing in the NRFL Women's Premier Reserves Competition. The winning teams from this round will progress to the semi-finals.

If the scores are tied at the end of normal time, the result shall be determined by the taking of penalties in accordance with FIFA Regulations. There must be a result. No extra time shall be played in all games leading up to and including semi-finals.

Final - If the scores are tied at the end of normal time, a period of 15 minutes extra time each way as per FIFA Laws of the Game. If the scores are tied at the end of extra time, the result shall be determined by the taking of penalties in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.