

# **MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

## **SPORTS DIVISION**

### **RULES/REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE 2011/12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. *The Championships will be governed according to the International Netball rules and regulations unless provided for in the rules below.*

#### **2. LEAGUES/FESTIVALS**

*The following are the leagues in this year's programme*

- *Under 14 League*
- *Under 16 League*
- *Under 20 League*

#### **3. REGISTRATION**

- (a) *Registration of teams must be done on the prescribed registration form.*
- (b) *The correct date of birth must be clearly written next to the full name of each player appearing on the registration form.*
- (c) ***A player shall be registered for one institution and in one age category.***
- (d) *Registered players must be bona fide members of the institution for which they are registered.*
- (e) *Schools may register only one team per age category.*
- (f) *Completed registration forms must be submitted to the Sports Division by Tuesday, November 1, 2011.*

#### **4. QUALIFICATION**

- (a) *To qualify: (U-14) – players born in 1998 and after  
(U-16) – players born in 1996 and after  
(U-20) – players born in 1992 and after*
- (b) *Only bona fide registered players will be allowed to play in the leagues/festival.*

#### **5. DURATION OF MATCHES**

- (a) *Under 20 matches will be of one hour's duration (4/15 minutes quarters).*
- (b) *Under 14 & Under 16 matches will be 40 minutes duration (4/10 minutes quarters).*
- (c) *The interval between each quarter will be determined in accordance with the International Netball Rules.*

#### **6. PLAYING TIMES**

- (a) *Matches will begin at 3:00 p.m.*
- (b) *Whenever there are two matches at the same venue, the second match will begin at 4:00 p.m.*

#### **7. REPORTING FOR MATCHES**

- (a) *Teams are expected to arrive for a match at least half an hour before the scheduled start (i.e. for matches beginning at 3:00 p.m. teams should arrive by 2:30 pm and for matches beginning at 4:00 p.m. teams should arrive by 3:30 pm)*
- (b) *A school team should be afforded due supervision and **MUST** be accompanied by a school teacher at **ALL** its matches.*

- (c) *A team will be considered as having reported for a match, once no less than five players are on hand in the appropriate uniform and accompanied by a teacher.*
- (d) *A team unable to fulfill a match engagement must notify the Sports Division at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the match in question.*

#### **8. LATE ARRIVAL AND “NO SHOW”**

- (a) *In the event that a match does not take place because of “no show” or lateness by one or both teams, the matter will be investigated by the Sports Division and a decision will be taken to either award negative 2 points to defaulter(s) or have the match replayed.*
- (b) *Under these circumstances, the match will only be replayed upon receipt by the Sports Division within 72 hours, a report by the defaulter(s), on the circumstances surrounding the lateness or “no show”, provided that the Sports Division is satisfied that the school(s) concerned did all in its (their) power to turn up for the match and to be on time, and provided also, that the school(s) concerned did all it (they) could to inform the opposing team(s) about the problem.*
- (c) *Schools found to be in violation of the Late Arrival/No Show regulation, will in addition to the negative 2 points penalty, bear the costs (umpires fees, ground preparation, transportation) associated with the unplayed game.*

#### **9. VENUES**

*Venues for matches will be Portsmouth, Marigot, Castle Bruce, Roseau, Wesley and Grand Bay.*

#### **10. DRESS**

- (a) *All players must turn up for their matches in the appropriate school team uniform.*
- (b) *Tights, if worn, must not be longer than the players’ skirts or shorts.*
- (c) *All teams are required to wear playing bibs at all their matches.*
- (d) *Players who do not conform to the dress code will be asked to leave the court.*

#### **11. PROCEDURES FOR PROTEST**

- (a) *Dissatisfaction with the course of control of a match entitles a team to submit protest in writing to the Sports Division within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the said match.*
- (b) *Players and team officials may not call off a match which is in progress – only the umpires may do so.*

#### **12. FORFEITS**

*A team will forfeit match points for the following reasons:*

- (a) *Failure to field a minimum of five players (except if excused)*
- (b) *Failure to play or to continue playing.*
- (c) *Failure to turn up for a match without giving due notice (see 7(d)).*
- (d) *Breach of rules governing “Age qualification” and “Registration”.*
- (e) *Scores for forfeit matches are as follows:*
  - U-20                 = 15 goals – 0*
  - U-16                 = 10 goals – 0*
  - U-14                 = 5 goals - 0*

#### **13. POINTS SYSTEM**

- (a) *A win (including by forfeit): 2 points*
- (b) *A loss (including by forfeit): 0 points*
- (c) *Loss by forfeit: negative 2 Points*

#### **14. DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF EACH LEAGUE/FESTIVAL**

- (a) *In the event that less than six (6) teams register, the competition will be played on a round robin basis.*
- (b) *If teams are grouped in zones, matches will be played on a round-robin basis in each zone, and one or more teams topping the points table in their respective zone will enter the next stage of the league/festival in the quarter finals, semi finals or final of the league/festival.*
- (c) *In determining winners of round –robin leagues/festivals and zones, the following will apply:*
  - (i) *Team with most points wins.*
  - (ii) *In the event of a tie in points the winner shall be the team which obtained more points when the teams concerned played each other.*
  - (iii) *If after (ii) that is a tie in points then the team with the better goal difference wins.*
  - (iv) *If after (iii) the tie still exists, then the team with the better goal average wins.*
  - (v) *If after (iv) teams are still tied, the teams concerned will play each other.*
- (d) *For all Semi Finals and Finals, Home Court Advantage will go to the team with the better results at the end of the Round Robin.*

#### **15. SUDDEN DEATH**

*In the event that a match is tied at the end of regulation playing time, the teams concerned will be required to play for an extra five minutes. If after this extra period, the match is still tied, a “sudden death” period of play will be introduced as follows:*

*The “sudden death” period of play will begin with a toss of a coin for choice of goal or first centre pass.*

*Play will come to an end as soon as a team scores on its opponent’s centre pass.*

#### **16. DISCIPLINE**

- (a) *The breaking of rules and/or the employment of any action not covered by the wording of the rules, in a manner contrary to the spirit of game is not permitted.*
- (b) *For rough or dangerous play or misconduct, in addition to awarding the appropriate penalty, an umpire may:*
  - (i) *Order a player to leave the court, but only when sure that the ordinary penalty is insufficient and, except in extreme cases, only after a warning.*
  - (ii) *Send a player off the court for a specified part of the game e.g. until the next goal is scored, until the next interval or for the rest of the game. When a player is suspended, that player may not be replaced. After completion of the suspension period, the player may return to the game after a goal is scored or at the next interval.*
- (c) *Any player/players insulting or assaulting an umpire, match official, officer of the Sports Division/Ministry, guests of the Sports Division, principals, teachers, parents, players and spectators will be suspended from further participation in the competition, until the outcome of an investigation to determine whether further disciplinary action will be warranted.*

#### **17. WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS**

*Schools are expected to complete all match fixtures.*

*In the event that a school withdraws from the league/festival/match after having started or confirmed its participation, the matter will be investigated, and if the reason for such withdrawal proves unsatisfactory to the Sports Division, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Chief Education Officer for necessary action. Students/pupils from the school concerned will not be considered for national selection and awards.*

**18. OVER AGE**

*Schools playing student(s)/pupil(s) who are over the age limit set for the leagues/festivals programme will forfeit match points. Students/pupils concerned will not be considered for national selection and awards.*

**19. AWARDS**

*The following awards will be presented at the Annual Schools Sports Awards Ceremony:*

- *Champion Team Award*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team Award*
- *Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award*
- *Most Outstanding Shoot Award*
- *Most Disciplined Team Award*
- *Zone Winner Award*

**20. CRITERIA FOR MVP, MOST DISCIPLINED AND OUTSTANDING SHOOT AWARDS**

*Individuals will be eligible for awards in one age category only (i.e. the category in which the individuals have been registered).*

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (MVP)**

- *Coaches shall nominate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices for MVP on the opponent's team after each game during the Round Robin phase.*
- *1<sup>st</sup> choice nominees will receive a score of 10 points*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> choice nominees will receive a score of 5 points*
- *Player with most points will be declared MVP. In the event of a tie, the Sports Division will declare the MVP.*

***Note: A team's MVP is the player who had the greatest positive impact on her team's performance.***

**MOST DISCIPLINED TEAM**

*Teams will be penalized with negative points for ill-discipline as follow:*

<i>Lateness:</i>	<i>arrival within ten minutes prior to start of a match(negative 5 points)</i>
	<i>arrival after the scheduled start of match(negative 10 points)</i>
<i>No Show:</i>	<i>unexcused or unacceptable reason for "No Show" (Team will be not be considered for award)</i>
<i>Improper Dress:</i>	<i>negative 2 points per player out of uniform</i>
<i>Caution (Warning):</i>	<i>negative 1 Point for player</i>
<i>Improper Coaches Behaviour:</i>	<i>coaches will be penalized on a scale of negative 2 to negative 10 points</i>
<i>Suspension of Players:</i>	<i>one center pass ( Negative 2 points per player)</i>
	<i>until next interval (Negative 3 points per player)</i>
	<i>for rest of the game ( negative 5 points per player)</i>
	<i>for the rest of the competition (negative 10 points)</i>

Teams with the least negative points will be declared the Most Disciplined Team. In the case of a tie, the Sports Division will determine the winner of the award.

### **MOST OUTSTANDING SHOOTER**

The Most Outstanding Shooter will be determined as follows:

- Total number of goals scored by a shoot (GS/GA) during the Round Robin Stage(N) multiplied by the player’s shooting percentage(P) (accuracy).
- Player with the highest score (i.e.  $N \times P / 100$ ) will be declared the Most Outstanding Shooter. In the event, of a tie, the following will apply:
  1. player with most goals
  2. player with greatest accuracy

### **21. GENERAL**

- (a) School teachers are expected to ensure that their players and supporters exhibit attitudes conducive to maintaining the good name of the sport and their respective institutions.
- (b) All players and team officials are required to observe the edict: **“THE UMPIRE’S DECISION IS FINAL”**
- (b) School teachers are required to arrange for their teams to arrive as a group when turning up for their matches.
- (c) Below are the Sports Division’s approved bus rates. Schools are asked to adhere to these rates.

<b>BUS RATES</b>
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<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>COST</b>
Roseau to Castle Bruce	\$250.00 (round trip)	Marigot to Roseau	\$280.00(round trip)
Roseau to Londonderry	\$300.00(“ “ )	Marigot to Portsmouth	\$195.00(“ “)
Roseau to Portsmouth	\$250.00(“ “ )	Marigot to Grand Bay (via West Coast)	\$500.00(“ “)
Roseau to Grand Bay	\$125.00(“ “ )	Marigot to Grand Bay	\$330.00(“ “)
Roseau to St. Joseph	\$100.00(“ “ )	Marigot to Castle Bruce	\$180.00(“ “)
Roseau to Dublanc	\$200.00(“ “ )	Marigot to Dublanc	\$230.00(“ “)
Roseau to Jimmit	\$ 60.00(“ “ )	Marigot to Jimmit	\$180.00(“ “)
Roseau to Macoucherie	\$150.00(“ “ )	Marigot to Grand Bay	\$330.00(“ “)
Roseau to Soufriere	\$ 60.00(“ “ )	Marigot to Macoucherie	\$300.00(“ “)
Roseau to Pte. Mitchel	\$ 50.00(“ “ )	Atkinson to Calibishie	\$150.00(“ “)
Roseau to Salybia	\$ 275.00(“ “ )	Bense to Salybia	\$200.00(“ “)
Roseau to Marigot	\$280.00(“ “ )	Bense to Marigot	\$125.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Roseau	\$250.00(“ “ )	Penville to Calibishie	\$150.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Grand Bay	\$330.00(“ “ )	Penville to Portsmouth	\$150.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Dublanc	\$ 60.00(“ “ )	Delices to Marigot	\$250.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Londonderry	\$175.00(“ “ )	Soufriere to Grand Bay	\$150.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Jimmit	\$200.00(“ “ )	St. Joseph to Roseau	\$100.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to St. Joseph	\$175.00(“ “ )	St. Joseph to GrandBay	\$225.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Castle Bruce	\$350.00(“ “ )	St. Joseph to Dublanc	\$100.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Macoucherie	\$175.00(“ “ )	St. Joseph to Portsmouth	\$200.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to La Plaine	\$400.00(“ “ )	St. Joseph to Londonderry	\$275.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Soufriere	\$325.00(“ “ )	St. Joseph to Castle Bruce	\$250.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Morne Jaune	\$370.00(“ “ )	Londonderry to Macoucherie	\$300.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Giraudel	\$300.00(“ “ )	Londonderry to Portsmouth	\$175.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Campbell	\$150.00(“ “ )	Londonderry to St. Joseph	\$275.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Pte Michel	\$300.00(“ “ )	Londonderry to Castle Bruce	\$200.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Marigot	\$195.00(“ “ )	Londonderry to Dublanc	\$250.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Carib Reserve	\$325.00(“ “ )	Londonderry to Jimmit	\$200.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Laudat	\$315.00(“ “ )	Londonderry to Grand Bay	\$350.00(“ “)
Portsmouth to Tete Morne	\$375.00(“ “ )	Londonderry to Roseau	\$300.00(“ “)
Grand Bay to Roseau	\$125.00(“ “ )	Campbell to Roseau	\$80.00(“ “)
Grand Bay to Londonderry	\$350.00(“ “ )	Campbell to Portsmouth	\$210.00(“ “)

<i>Grand Bay to Portsmouth</i>	\$330.00(“ ”)	<i>Paix Bouche to Portsmouth</i>	\$60.00(“ ”)
<i>Grand Bay to Castle Bruce</i>	\$300.00(“ ”)	<i>Mahaut to Portsmouth</i>	\$225.00(“ ”)
<i>Grand Bay to St. Joseph</i>	\$225.00(“ ”)	<i>Warner to Portsmouth</i>	\$300.00(“ ”)
<i>Grand Bay to Macoucherie</i>	\$250.00(“ ”)	<i>Mahaut to St. Joseph</i>	\$50.00(“ ”)
<i>Grand Bay to Jimmit</i>	\$150.00(“ ”)	<i>Salisbury to St. Joseph</i>	\$45.00(“ ”)
<i>Grand Bay to Macoucherie</i>	\$250.00(“ ”)	<i>Laplaine to Portsmouth</i>	\$450.00(“ ”)
<i>Grand Bay to Marigot</i>	\$330.00(“ ”)	<i>Soufriere to Roseau</i>	\$100.00(“ ”)
<i>Grand Bay to Dublanc</i>	\$310.00(“ ”)	<i>Pointe Michel to Roseau</i>	\$50.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Dublanc</i>	\$350.00(“ ”)	<i>Massacre to Portsmouth</i>	\$245.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Grand Bay</i>	\$300.00(“ ”)	<i>Massacre to Roseau</i>	\$45.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to St. Joseph</i>	\$250.00(“ ”)	<i>Castle Bruce to Laplaine</i>	\$150.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Roseau</i>	\$250.00(“ ”)	<i>Castle Bruce to Delices</i>	\$175.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Londonderry</i>	\$200.00(“ ”)	<i>San Sauveur to Castle Bruce</i>	\$75.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Marigot</i>	\$180.00(“ ”)	<i>Delices (grand fond) to Castle Bruce</i>	\$225.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Macoucherie</i>	\$275.00(“ ”)	<i>Atkinson to Roseau</i>	\$300.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to St. Joseph</i>	\$250.00(“ ”)	<i>Carib Reserve to Portsmouth</i>	\$325.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Portsmouth</i>	\$350.00(“ ”)	<i>Roseau to Penville</i>	\$415.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Jimmit</i>	\$250.00(“ ”)	<i>Roseau to Tete Morne</i>	\$150.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Portsmouth</i>	\$350.00(“ ”)	<i>Roseau to Petite Savanne</i>	\$180.00(“ ”)
<i>Castle Bruce to Salybia</i>	\$100.00(“ ”)	<i>Delices (G.Fond) to Calibishie</i>	\$475.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to Portsmouth</i>	\$200.00(“ ”)	<i>Salisbury to Dublanc</i>	\$75.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to Londonderry</i>	\$200.00(“ ”)	<i>Tete Morne to Roseau</i>	\$175.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to Castle Bruce</i>	\$250.00(“ ”)	<i>Dublanc to Pointe Michel</i>	\$200.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to Dublanc</i>	\$150.00(“ ”)	<i>Penville to Roseau</i>	\$450.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to Macoucherie</i>	\$ 75.00(“ ”)	<i>Petite Savanne to Roseau</i>	\$190.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to Roseau</i>	\$ 60.00(“ ”)	<i>Massacre to Dublanc</i>	\$150.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to Grand Bay</i>	\$150.00(“ ”)	<i>Calibishie to Portsmouth</i>	\$160.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to Marigot</i>	\$180.00(“ ”)	<i>Grand Fond to La Plaine</i>	\$150.00(“ ”)
<i>Jimmit to St. Joseph</i>	\$75.00(“ ”)	<i>Tete Morne to Grand Bay</i>	\$ 75.00(“ ”)
<i>Wesley to Marigot</i>	\$50.00(“ ”)	<i>La Plaine to Castle Bruce</i>	\$250.00(“ ”)
<i>Wesley to Roseau</i>	\$300.00(“ ”)	<i>Salisbury to Portsmouth</i>	\$130.00(“ ”)
		<i>Vielle Case to Portsmouth</i>	\$120.00(“ ”)

**NB: Bus Fare for Coaster Buses = cost x 2 x 85%**