

INAUGURAL BCM FOOTBALL CHALLENGE CUP 2008

BCM 2010 Project Office
proposal for an inaugural
'Buffalo City Municipality
Football Challenge Cup'

***BCM/SAFA 16 Team Knock-Out
Tournament across Buffalo City: ABSA
Stadium, Jan Smuts Stadium, Gompo
Stadium, Sisa Dukashe Stadium, Breidbach
Sports Fields & Victoria Grounds***

22, 23 & 24 February 2008

Table of Contents

- 1. BACKGROUND**
- 2. THE TOURNAMENT**
- 3. PRIZE MONEY**
- 4. BUDGET**

1. BACKGROUND

On 25 September 2007 Council approved a 2010 proposal that Buffalo City Co-host (together with Nelson Mandela Metro) an international football tournament, the 'Eastern Cape Champions Soccer Challenge', introduced to the cities by G A Sports Services South Africa. The tournament was scheduled for January 2008.

Due to insufficient time for preparation and proposed dates coinciding with major international tournaments in 2008 – namely the African Cup of Nations and the Euro 2008 Football Championships - GA Sports were not able to secure the necessary TV rights and thereby could not secure sponsorship for 2008.

In this regard one of the recommendations in the main body of this report is the postponement of the Eastern Cape Champions Soccer Challenge tournament to January 2009.

The second key recommendation is that the 2010 Project Office uses the opportunity, in this financial year, to launch a local tournament across Buffalo City involving the best of local talent including top teams from the rest of the Province.

Both recommendations have been supported by the 2010 Steering Committee meeting of 30 January 2008 and the Municipal Manager and Directors Committee Meeting of 11 February 2008.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE TOURNAMENT

- 2.1 To sustain the early-in-the-year 2010 hype in the city created when the Swedish Club (Gefle IF) visited in January 2007;
- 2.2 To ensure that the 2010 and City Development Strategy (CDS) objectives to promote BCM as a "sports destination of choice" has a local football benefit: at least one football tournament a financial year involving local football development under the auspices of SAFA Buffalo City football structures;
- 2.3 To promote football excellence amongst the best players of Buffalo City through an incentive based tournament involving the top teams from across the Eastern Cape Province;
- 2.4 To use sport (football) to generate excitement and hope amongst the many young football players in the City in the build-up to 2010;

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 3.1 16 Team Knock-Out Tournament: 16 teams will compete in a straight knock-out tournament, across Buffalo City, over three days culminating in a cup final at ABSA Stadium East London on Sunday 24 February 2008.

All the first round games on the 22nd February 2008 will be played at Jan Smuts Stadium (East London), Gompo Stadium (Duncan Village) and Sisa Dukashe Stadium (Mdantsane).

All the second round games on the 23rd February 2008 will be played at the Victoria Grounds (King William's Town) and Breidbach Sports Grounds (Breidbach).

The final matches of the tournament on 24 February 2008 will be played in East London at the Jan Smuts Stadium and ABSA Stadium.

3.2 **The 16 Teams Involved:**

- 3.2.1 Braelyn Callies FC
- 3.2.2 Liverpool FC
- 3.2.3 Mighty Pioneers FC
- 3.2.4 Tornado FC
- 3.2.5 Blackburn Rovers FC
- 3.2.6 Parkside United FC
- 3.2.7 Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University FC
- 3.2.8 Bush Bucks FC
- 3.2.9 Naughty Boys FC
- 3.2.10 African Winners FC
- 3.2.11 Park United FC
- 3.2.12 Ace Cosmos FC
- 3.2.13 Star of India FC
- 3.2.14 Tembu Royals FC
- 3.2.15 Cloud Nine FC
- 3.2.16 Bay Academy FC

3.3 **Match Venues: The proposed match venues will be as follows:**

- 3.3.1 ABSA Stadium (East London)
- 3.3.2 Jan Smuts Stadium (East London)
- 3.3.4 Victoria Grounds (King William's Town)
- 3.3.5 Gompo Stadium (Gompo)
- 3.3.6 Breidbach Sports Fields (King William's Town)
- 3.3.7 Sisa Dukashe Stadium (Mdantsane)

4. PRIZE MONEY

- 4.1 1st Prize R25 000.00 & Gold Medals
- 4.2 2nd Prize R15 000.00 & Silver Medals
- 4.3 3rd Prize R10 000.00 & Bronze Medals
- 4.4 4th Prize R5 000.00
- 4.5 Top Goal Scorer – R1 000.00
- 4.6 Player of the Tournament – R1 000.00
- 4.7 Most Disciplined Club – R1 000.00
- 4.8 Top Coach – R1 000.00
- 4.9 Top Match Official – R500.00
- 4.10 Top Goalkeeper – R500.00