



## Youth League 2010 Season Draws to a Close

The 2009-2010 Youth League football season has come to an end, and this year has been one of the most competitive since the inception of the league. Eight divisions comprise the BYFL in New Providence with 7 and Under and 9 and Under incorporating boys and girls on the same teams, but with separate divisions for the boys and girls at 11 and Under, 14 and Under and 17 and Under. The 7 and Under Division play a non-competitive format, where results and goals are not recorded and no standings or tables are kept. The kids are encouraged to play for fun and at the end of the season all are rewarded for participation. The competition does get going in the 9 and Under Division however, and with the largest division, this is the most hotly contested of the lot. 15 teams comprise the division, with each playing 14 matches on the season. Lyford Cay claimed the top spot in this division with 42 points, followed in the tables by Cavalier FC (36 points) and Dynamos FC Team A (34 points).

The 11 and Under Boys Division was equally as competitive. The division saw Dynamos FC Team B claim the top spot with 26 points, followed by Cavalier FC (22 points) and Tambearly School (21 points) a four-way tie for first with Carmichael Primary, Tambearly, Dynamos A and Bears FC all finishing with 24 points at the top. The league does not employ a tie-breaker, and so all of the teams were presented with Champions medals. United FC finished in second with 18 points, followed by Cavalier FC with 14 points.

The 14 and Under Boys saw a two way race that went right down to the final match-up between the two teams. In the end, Baha Juniors FC prevailed and took the title on 40 points) followed in second place by Western Warriors, with Cavalier FC finishing in third. The 14 and Under Girls was over early on, with Cavalier FC sweeping aside all opponents and becoming one of only two teams in all divisions to finish with an undefeated record. They amassed maximum points from their six games, finishing with 18 points, with Lyford Cay in second (7 points) and Insurance Management Bears in third.

The 17 & Under Boys saw Baha Juniors FC post the other undefeated record, but with three ties amassed 30 points to claim the title. Dynamos FC finished in second on 17 points and Insurance Management Bears FC in third on 14 points. The 17 & Under Girls was a bit more competitive with Baha Juniors claiming the top prize despite losing their last three matches amassing 27 points. Cavalier FC and Insurance Management Bears FC finished tied for second with 22 points, with United FC claiming the medals for third place.

Immediately following the conclusion of the award presentations, the League conducted the Knock-Out Cup competition. Small-sided games on smaller pitches for limited duration gave excitement and enjoyment to all, and balanced the playing field. In the end, some unusual suspects turned up division winners:

9 & Under United FC  
11 & Under Boys Dynamos FC  
11 & Under Girls Lyford Cay  
14 & Under Boys Baha Juniors FC  
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