

## **BY-LAWS**

### **General**

Please ensure that the rules contained herein are known, understood, and adhered to by all team officials and players. This will obviate the necessity for disciplinary action.

These rules are drawn up to protect Referees, Assistant Referees, and players who still believe that football is played for pure enjoyment, socialising, and in the true master's spirit.

A hosting team will prepare all the necessary facilities required on the day, and to the satisfaction of the League Inspection Team.

### **Player Registration**

- ✓ All teams must submit an updated team list indicating all players and at least four (4) officials of that team. All relevant copies of their Identification must be included as required by the League for administration purposes.
- ✓ Identification cards will be issued at cost and will be produced as proof of Identification.
- ✓ The players register will be kept by the League Committee for their records.
- ✓ All players who wish to join other teams, who are affiliates of the League, must be properly cleared and registered by their respective teams. Failure to obey the above will result in a player deemed a **defaulter** and cannot participate further in the League.

### **Player's Requirements:**

- All players should be 35 years of age and older.

### **Team Lists**

- ✓ Provision of the team lists will be the responsibility of the League Coordinator.
- ✓ A team list must be completed before each match and handed to the Match Commissioner.
- ✓ The Referee and both team Captains must sign the team list at the end of the match.
- ✓ Proof of age for all listed players will be provided.

### **Starting time of Matches**

- ✓ Official starting times for matches will be indicated on the fixtures and will be adhered to at all times.
- ✓ All team officials will report at the venue at least 30 minutes before the starting time of the match
- ✓ A team that arrives late and has reported to the League officials not less than 30 minutes before kick-off time will be granted 30 minutes grace and thereafter forfeits the game.
- ✓ In the case of game forfeiture, only points will be awarded to the opponents without goals.

### **Duration of Matches**

- ✓ All matches will play only 30 minutes for each half with a five (5) minutes break.

### **Substitutes**

- ✓ A maximum of seven (7) substitutes are allowed for each match.
- ✓ In all matches, a substitute can be used at any time and for any reason – *not necessarily due to injury*.
- ✓ The Goalkeeper may also be substituted.
- ✓ Players been substituted cannot come back onto the field to play during the same match.
- ✓ Only players listed on the team list handed to the commissioner prior to the start of the game may be used.

**1. Appointment of Referees and Assistant Referees**

- ✓ The league commissioner will appoint neutral referees and assistant referees to officiate matches.
- ✓ Two (2) Match Commissioners will also be appointed to overlook the proceedings of the matches and submit a written report.

**2. Suspension of Players**

- Identification cards of suspended players will be retained by the League until the full suspension is served.
- A player will automatically be suspended for six (6) weeks once the DC receives Referees' report that indicates the vulgar language, insult, abuse and aggressive behaviour e.g. attacking the referee and subjecting his life to danger.

**AMENDED BY-LAWS**

1. WALK OVER SCENARIO
2. FAILING TO HONOUR A FIXTURE
3. LATE COMING
4. PROTEST
5. REVIEW COMMITTEE

**WALKOVER SCENARIO**

- If a team arrives 30 minutes after stipulated times opponents will be awarded three (3) points and three (3) goals and that game will not be played.

**FAILING TO HONOUR A FIXTURE**

- If a team fails to honour a fixture the following will take place:
  - ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Offence team(s) will forfeit three (3) points, three (3) goals and R300.00 will be imposed on them as a fine and payable within 30 days.
  - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence team(s) will forfeit three (3) points, three (3) goals, and R500.00 will be imposed on them as a fine and payable within 30 days.
  - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence team(s) forfeits three (3) points, three (3) goals and will be summoned to a disciplinary hearing and/or with a possibility of expulsion.

### **LATE COMING**

- If a team arrives late the following will take place:
  - ✓ If one team is late by more than 10 minutes of the scheduled time, it will start the game with one (1) goal down and the remaining time of the first half will be played.
  - ✓ If the team is late by more than 30 minutes of the scheduled time, the walk-over scenario will apply.
  - ✓ However, if both teams are late by not more than 30 minutes, they will play the remaining time scheduled.

### **PROTEST**

- Any team that protests will do so before the end of the first half of their game and it must be accompanied by a protest fee of R150.00 that is refundable, if the protest is won and payable within seven (7) days, however, if the protest is lost the fee will be forfeited.
- Any team that is protested against is liable for the R150 protest fee only if the protest is lost and payable within seven (7) days.
- The appeal fee is R250.00 and is payable before an appeal is considered and it needs to be paid within seven (7) days after the verdict was communicated to the protester. R250.00 is refundable if the appeal is won.

### **REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- The Executive Committee has the power to review any decision(s) taken by referees at any given time.

### **Resolutions Taken during the AGM meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2023**

Decisions taken among others at the AGM meeting are as follows:

1. From this year 2023, all players registered should be 35 years and above. All teams are required to convert their cards from Red to Blue.
2. The principle of no card, no play will still be retained.
3. The registration amount will be R1500.
4. The date for registration of teams is the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.
5. The window period for registration of the new player will close at midnight on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.
6. Cup-tied players will not be allowed to play during the incomplete Simnandi Cup.
7. The Status Quo regarding the possible reinstating of funeral contributions when a member of the league dies is upheld until further notice. Tshepino will make a presentation in due course about a possible partner which is likely to address this issue.
8. Much as is discouraged and abhorrent, no action will be taken against players participating in more than two (2) associations due to challenges of enforcement.
9. Mr Justice Malapane was unanimously elected as the new Deputy Secretary.
10. No one is allowed to play and coach another affiliated team.
11. The minimum sanction for players who commit serious misconduct like spitting on a referee or assault is 12 months suspension. A repeat offender will be banned for life from the League.
12. The six (6) weeks rule/by-law is retained for players given red cards but who continue with disrespectful conduct i.e. insulting the match officials.
13. Player's cards are to be checked by both Team Captains in partnership with the 4<sup>th</sup> officials.
14. The League is taking an anti-corruption stance against individuals and teams found to be involved in match-fixing. The penalty will be banishment from the League.
15. About matches that are abandoned SAFA and FIFA rules will be applicable in dealing with such.
16. Teams have until the end of January 2023 to bring possible Referees to assist with the shortage of Middlemen and challenges of capacity. They should deal directly with the Chairperson.
17. The possible constitutional amendment on motion of no confidence is deferred to the Ad Hoc Committee.
18. This Ad Hoc Committee's main task is to identify possible issues for amendment and also clarify where the constitution is silent for roles and responsibilities of Executive Committee members.

19. The Committee will be given a timeframe to do its work and report back to a special AGM whose task will be to discuss, rectify and adopt the proposed amendments.