

LFA-MITCHELLS PLAIN

RULES & REGULATIONS



2019

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Rule 1 - Ineligible Players

1. a If an ineligible player participated in an LFA fixture, the opponents or any interested party shall Notify the IFA-MP, in writing with the relevant fee, of such transgression, within 72 hours of the match being played, failing the result of the match shall stand.

1. b If an unregistered player participated in an LFA fixture, the opponents or an interested party shall notify the LFA-MP, in writing with the relevant fee, of such transgression, within 72 hours of the match being played, if found guilty of the fielding an unregistered player.

- 1.2 In the event of a player having been found to be ineligible, the club with which he is registered with shall;
 - a. Forfeit the last match in favour of their opponents, with a score of two (2) goals to nil.
 - b. Be fined per ineligible player per match, and in addition, such a club and/or player may be liable to be dealt in terms of Article 40 of the constitution.

- 1.3 In the event of a player from both affiliates having been found to be ineligible in a match involving the two clubs, then;
 - a. The match shall be declared a no result, with neither club being awarded any points
 - b. Both affiliates shall be fined per ineligible player per match, and in addition, such a club/s and or player/s may be dealt with in terms of Article 40 of the LFA constitution.

- 1.4 In the event of a player being found to be ineligible in a knock-out match, the club with which he is registered with shall;
 - a. Be deemed to have been knocked-out
 - b. Be fined per ineligible player per match, and in addition, such a club/s and or player/s may be liable to be dealt with in terms of Article 40 of the constitution.

Rule 2 - Age Groups and Divisions

- 2.1 Age limits shall be computed as from the 1st of January as stipulated below;
 - a. An under 6 player must obtain his/her 6th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season
 - b. An under 8 player must obtain his/her 8th birthday on or after the 1st of January of the current playing season.
 - c. An under 10 player must obtain his/her 10th birthday on or after the 1st of January of the current playing season.
 - d. An under 12 player must obtain his/her 12th birthday on or after 1st of January of the current playing season.
 - e. An under 14 player must obtain his/her 14th birthday on or after 1st of January of the current playing season.
 - f. An under 16 player must obtain his/her 16th birthday on or after 1st of January of the current playing season.
 - g. An under 18 player must obtain his/her 18th birthday on or after 1st of January of the current playing season.
 - h. An under 19 player must obtain his/her 19th birthday on or after 1st of January of the current playing season.
 - i. An over 35 player shall qualify to play in an over 35 match upon attainment of his/her 35th birthday.
 - j. An over 40 player shall qualify to play in an over 40 match upon attainment of his/her 40th birthday.

- 2.2. In the event of a dispute arising regarding a player's age or clearance certificate then the onus of producing the respective player's birth/ID and or clearance certificate shall be on the club to whom such a player/s and/or member/s is registered with the LFA-MP.

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2.3. The LFA-MP shall have league and knockout competitions for the following divisions;

- a. Champions League
- b. Super League
- c. Premier League
- d. First Division
- e. Second Division
- f. Third Division
- g. Over 35
- h. Over 40
- i. Over 45
- j. Under 18 Champions, Super League & Premier
- k. Under 16 Champions, Super League & Premier
- l. Under 14 Champions, Super League & Premier
- m. Under 12 Champions, Super League & Premier
- l. Under 10 Champions & Super League
- n. Under 8 Champions & Super League
- o. Under 6 Development League

2.4. The LFA-MP may also have a separate knockout competition for all its clubs who have a team playing in the respective SAFA Cape Town, SAFA and PSL leagues.

2.5. Each of the LFA-MP's respective divisions/leagues i.e. juniors and seniors shall have its own respective knock-out draw and competition.

2.6. A club shall have teams in the senior divisions i.e. Champions, Super league, First or Second, first and foremost and any excess team can only be registered in the second divisions.

2.7. In the event of a new club/s applying for affiliation, then the provisions of Articles shall not apply and such new club will start its introduction into the league at the Super League of the LFA-MP.

2.8. Where a club/s has a team playing in any one of the respective SAFA Cape Town and/or SA FA leagues, then such a club shall not be compelled to comply with Articles but shall be compelled to register a team/s in the Second divisions.

2.9 - Age-groupings - 2019

2.9.1 U18 - players born on or after 01 January 2001 (boys and girls)

2.9.2 U16 - players born on or after 01 January 2003 (boys and girls)

2.9.3 U14 - players born on or after 01 January 2005 (boys and girls)

2.9.4 U12 - players born on or after 01 January 2007 (girls may be one year older)

2.9.5 U10 - players born on or after 01 January 2009 (girls may be one year older)

2.9.6 U8 - players born on or after 01 January 2011 (girls may be one year older)

2.10 Clubs playing in the Champions League & Super League shall have a team in the following divisions, Champions League, Super League, First Division, Second Division including in each of the following, U18, U16, U14 & U12.

Rule 3 - Competitions and Substitutions

3.1 The type of competitions to be played by the LFA-MP shall be decided upon at the Mode of Play Meeting each year, which shall be held in December of the previous year

3.1.1 In 2018 ALL LFA Leagues are two (2) Rounds leagues, the following conditions shall apply;

- (i) Matches shall also be played on the Sundays with games commencing at 10h00
- (ii) Postponements shall only be granted on condition that the applicant submit as part of the application the venue (midweek) for matches to be played, failing the matches shall be awarded
- (iii) The five day rule to submit applications shall apply, failing the rules & regulations governing the matches shall apply.

3.2 In 2019 the juniors shall play strength versus strength the club's position/leagues shall be determined as follows;

- (i) The performance of the junior teams as a unit from U12 to U18
- (ii) Points will be awarded on performance of teams in their leagues during 2019
- (iii) All junior teams from U12 to U18 shall play as a unit on one venue

3.3 In 2019 the points system shall be as follows:

- 3.3.1 For a win, three (3) points
- 3.3.2 For a draw, one (1) point
- 3.3.3 Accumulative points for U12 to U18 (as a unit) shall reflect on a monthly grid
- 3.3.4 Clubs B teams shall not be considered for promotion or the points system
- 3.3.5 Monthly Points Report shall be submitted indicating current position

3.4 Relegation at the end of 2019 (Juniors)

- 3.4.1 Champions League bottom one in each stream (2) clubs

3.5 Promotion at the end of 2019 (Juniors)

- 3.5.1 Super League top two, one in each stream (2) clubs



3.6.1 The promotion & relegation is the same as at the end for 2019

3.7 In 2019 the promotion & relegation in the seniors shall be as follows;

- 3.7.1 Two clubs, will be relegated from the Champions League.
- 3.7.2 Two clubs will be promoted from the Super League in the following manner, the team ending first in both streams (Red & Blue) will be automatically promoted.

3.8 The duration time of all matches played in the respective divisions under the jurisdiction of the LFA-MP shall be as follows;

- a. Champions League 90 minutes i.e. 2 x 45 minute halves
- b. Super League 90 minutes i.e. 2 x 45 minute halves
- c. Premier League 80 minutes i.e. 2 x 40 minute halves
- First Division 60 minutes i.e. 2 x 30 minute halves
- d. Second Division 60 minutes i.e. 2 x 30 minute halves
- e. Third Division 60 minutes
- e. Over 40 50 minutes i.e. 2 X 25 minute halves
- f. Over 35 50 minutes i.e. 2 x 25 minute halves
- g. Under 19 60 minutes i.e. 2 x 30 minute halves
- . Under 18 50 minutes i.e. 2 x 25 minute halves
- i. Under 16 50 minutes i.e. 2 x 25 minute halves
- j. Under 14 40 minutes i.e. 2 x 20 minute halves
- k. Under 12 40 minutes i.e. 2 x 20 minute halves
- l. Under 10 30 minutes i.e. 2 x 15 minute halves
- m. Under 8 20 minutes i.e. 2 x 10 minute halves
- n. Under 6 20 minutes ie 2 X 10 minutes halves

3.9. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Laws of the Game, six (6) substitutes shall be allowed in all junior division games from under 12 to under 18 except for the under 6, under 8 and 10 divisions with unlimited substitutes

3.10 In all senior matches of the LFA-MP a maximum of five (5) substitutes shall be allowed on the bench, of which any three (3) may be used except in the over 35 division where five (5) substitutes can be used in any over 35 division match, the over 40 will have returning substitutions, this rule shall apply in U6, U8, U10, 035.040 & 045 divisions only

3.11 In the event of a club's team having less than eleven (11) players at the start of a match then the said team shall be allowed to add a player/s during the course of the match to its team list and team, providing that the final list and team does not exceed eleven (11) players and no substitutions will be allowed.

3.12 Teams shall not be allowed to start the match with a substitute on the bench if the team has fewer than eleven (11) players.

3.13 Where a club/s wishes to withdraw an excess Junior and or Senior team/s from the league competitions of the LFA-MP, then such club must inform the General Secretary and Competitions Chairperson of the LFA-MP and such a club shall be liable to a withdrawal fee per Senior team/s and per Junior team/s

3.14 A club/s shall not be allowed to withdraw its most senior team from the competitions of the LFA-MP.

3.15 Where a team/s is withdrawn from the league competitions of the LFA-MP before the completion of the first round, then all the results of such a team/s shall be expunged, but should the team/s be withdrawn after the completion of the first round, then the results of the first round shall remain.

3.16. When Junior and or Senior teams finish level on points in the league competitions of the LFA-MP, then goal difference (i.e. goals for minus goals against) shall decide the respective league winner, and in the event of the goal difference being the same, then the team with the most goals scored "for" shall be declared the winner.

3.17 A club shall forward the results of all their matches played in the LFA-MP's competitions not later than twenty four (24) after such matches had been played, and failing to do so, then such a club shall be liable to a fine per result.

3.18 Should there be no result after the completion of the match duration time in a knockout match/as then the following shall apply:

- a. The match shall be decided upon the taking of five (5) alternate penalty kicks per team, and the team who has scored more penalty kicks than the other team shall be deemed to have won the match but should the score be level at the completion of the taking of the five penalty kicks, then a "sudden death" penalty shoot shall determine the result of the match, and the first team to miss a penalty kick in the "sudden death" penalty shootout, shall be deemed to have lost the match.
- b. In the case of Senior match/as, shall be decided upon the taking of five (5) alternate penalty kicks per team, and the team who has scored more penalty kicks than the other team shall be deemed to have won the match but should the score be level at the completion of the taking of the five penalty kicks, then a "sudden death" penalty shoot shall determine the result of the match, and the first team to miss a penalty kick in the "sudden death" penalty shoot-out, shall be deemed to have lost the match.

3.19. The penalty kicks shall be taken and governed in terms of the provisions of Law 14 of Laws of the Game.

3.20 Only during the finals of the senior knock-out games will the playing of extra time after the normal time be allowed to determine a winner

- (a) Champions & Super League Final will add 30 minutes (2 x 15 minutes halves)
- (b) All other senior knock-out finals to penalties and sudden death

3.21 The U6 and U8 division will be regarded as the development division and will therefore not qualify for any trophies for participation, however each player participating shall receive a medal or a certificate for participation in both league and tournaments.

Rule 4 - Matches, Players and Teams

4.1 A club shall recognize and arrange matches only with clubs affiliated to SAFA Cape Town and/or SAFA, and shall not play with or against clubs, teams or players of any other body without the written approval of the LFA-MP, which approval shall be subject to a prior written application by the relevant club desiring to participate in any such matches.

4.2 Any new club to the LFA-MP shall register its playing colors and design along with its alternate playing color/s and design at the Annual General Meeting of the LFA-MP and the Executive Committee shall be empowered to refuse to register any color/s and or design which are already registered with the LFA-MP.

4.3 A club whose team/s is fixture "home" i.e. the team/s who is named first on a fixture of the LFA-MP, shall play only in their registered color/s of that club, and the team/s of such a club shall play in its alternate registered color/s only when its team/s is fixture "away" in a fixture/s of the LFA-M P, and should a club's team/s fail to adhere to these provisions then such a club's team/s shall be deemed to have defaulted i.e. lose the points of the match/as should such a club team/s have won or drawn; provided that no points shall be awarded to the opponents should they have lost the match/as.

4.4 In the event of a club's team/s transgressing clause 4.3 above in a knock-out match/as, such team/s of a club shall be deemed to have been knocked out; provided that their opponents too shall . be deemed to have been knocked out should they have lost the match/as against the team/s of the transgressing club; provided further that a fine per team shall be imposed on any club whose team/s transgresses these provisions.

4.5 All Junior and Senior players shall wear the playing strip and hose in their respective club's registered colors, shin guards, proper football boots and each respective team's jerseys shall be properly numbered and failing that such jerseys have no numbering then such a team or those players who wear jerseys without having a number/s, not wearing the strip or hose in the registered colors of the club, wears no shin guards or no proper football boots, then such a player/s shall not be allowed to participate in the said match.

4.6 A player/s shall not be allowed to wear a sweatband or any other headgear, tracksuit pants or gloves while participating in any fixture/s of the LFA-M P except with the prior written permission of the LFA-MP. Only the goalkeeper shall be allowed to wear special goalkeeper gloves and playing kit.

4.7 A senior player/s shall be allowed to participate in only one (1) match per playing day, but in the event of the LFA-MP fixture double headers on the same day, a senior player/s may only play a second match in the same team and division he/she played in on the same day.

4.8 A senior player/s whose name/s and registration number/s appear on the team sheet for a particular match shall immediately be committed to that team once the team sheet has been handed to the referee, and such a player/s shall not be allowed to participate in any other fixture/s on that day except in situations described in 4.7

4.9 A club shall be allowed to field a maximum of six (6) under 18 players and six (6) under 16 players in any senior division match, be it within the LFA-MP, with the exclusion of the under 19 division.

4.10 A player/s shall be cup tied in a division where he plays his/her first knock-out match.

4.11 Should clubs not adhere to the aforementioned clause 4.10 then such defaulting club shall be liable to be dealt with in terms of the aforementioned clause 4.10 provided that such matter is brought to the attention of the LFA-MP.

4.12 Where a club has more than one (1) team in a particular Senior Division, then a player may not be interchanged from one team to another in that particular division i.e. from the "A" team to the "B" or to the "C" team etc. or vice versa without the written approval of the LFA-MP, which approval shall be subject to a formal written application to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP.

4.13 Where a club has more than one (1) team in a junior division, then a player may not be inter-changed from one team to another in that particular division i.e. from the "A" team to the "B" or to the "C" team etc. or vice versa after the 31st of May of each year.

4.14 Any club who, after not being granted a postponement of its fixture/s has a team/s failing to fulfill scheduled fixture/s (do not play), shall forfeit the points of the match to their respective opponents.

4.15 Should a club's most senior team in the LFA-MP's leagues fail to fulfill any fixture (do not play) of the LFA-MP on any day such a club shall be fined.

4.16 Should a Junior and or a Senior team default then the non-defaulting team shall be awarded three (3) points and two (2) goals 'for' and the defaulting team shall be credited two (2) goals 'against'.

4.17 All match return sheets (team sheets) and the player registration cards must be handed to the referee of the match fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of a match/as fixture by the LFA-MP and affiliates whose teams fail to do so, shall be fined per non-compliance and the referee of the match/as shall report such non-compliance to the Convener/s of the day who shall record it on the Convener's sheets.

4.18. A player/s will not be eligible to participate in any match/as fixture by the LFA-MP and or SA FA Cape Town unless a valid SAFA Cape Town player registration card for the current playing season is produced, including to have registered or re-register with the LFA-MP for the current season and his/her name and registration number is listed on the team list submitted with the player registration cards to the referee prior to the commencement of the said match.

4.19. The "No SAFA Cape Town" player registration card, "No Play" rule shall apply within the LFA-MP.

4.20. A player/s selected to represent the LFA-MP or SAFA Cape Town and or SAFA, shall not be eligible to participate in any other match on the same day.

4.21. Where three (3) or more players of a club's team are selected to represent the LFA-MP and or SAFA Cape Town and or SAFA, then the scheduled LFA-MP fixture/s of such a club's team shall be postponed.

4.22. The venue/s and time/s for matches played under the direct jurisdiction of the LFA-MP shall be decided upon by the Competition Chairperson.

4.23. A club whose junior and/or senior team/s default its matches, shall be liable to a fine, provided that in either of the cases, the LFA-M P shall pay over a sum, not greater than fifty (50) percent of the aforementioned fine to the opposing affiliate, whose team/s had taken the field of play and provided further that such payment shall only occur at the next General Meeting of the LFA-MP.

4.24. A club's team/s that plays in anyone of respective divisions of the LFA-MP, and defaults three (3) times during the course of the season, then such team of such affiliate shall be expelled from the division which that team plays in for the remainder of the season.

4.25. A player/s in possession of a senior player registration card shall not be eligible to participate in any junior match of the LFA-MP.

4.26. A club who has a player still registered and playing in any of the SAFA or SAFA-Cape Town leagues and such league/s are not concluded at the time the LFA-MP starts its official domestic league then such player/s will be allowed to partake in his/her LFA club fixture provided;

- (1) The player was at the close of the previous season registered as a member of that club.
- (2) Permission has been granted to the club by the LFA-MP Executive Committee and
- (3) The club has adhere to the Rules & Regulations governing this concession

4.27. A new club accepted at the Annual General Meeting into the LFA-MP may register a maximum of ten (10) members and or players from the entire membership of the LFA-M P to be part of their new club and not more than three (3) members can be registered coming from current clubs registered with the LFA-MP, for a period of twelve months from the day of the acceptance AGM, for exiting Clubs not more than three (3) players can move from one Club to another Club as per the Region`s Moratorium.

4.28 A player who qualify to play in either the 035 or 040 leagues and who is a member of a club who does not have a team registered in the respective league for which he/she qualify may play as a guest for any club in the LFA-MP in the respective league. The receiving club must notify the LFA-MP in writing and such a player will be tied to the club in the respective league for the rest of the season. Where a club has a team/s in the respective leagues the above arrangement does not apply to them and their members cannot guest for other clubs.

4.29 Players from clubs outside the LFA-MP are not permitted to guest for any LFA-MP club in any of the LFA-MP domestic leagues.

4.30. The U6 matches shall have five (5) players, U8 matches shall have seven (7) players and shall have no off-sides rule shall apply to their matches. U6 & U8 matches shall be non-competitive and each participant in this league will receive a medal or certificate after the final matches. The U10 division shall have nine (9) players per match and the off-side Rule shall apply in all matches

Rule 5 - Suspension and Fines

5.1. A suspension/s and or penalty/s imposed on any registered member/s and or affiliate of SAFA Cape Town and or SAFA shall be recognized by the LFA-MP, including the Coke Cup, however the player/s is eligible in the LFA-MP, after serving his two (2) match ban in the division he was sent-off or after the ban imposed by the Disciplinary Committee process.

5.2. No application for reinstatement, leniency and or clemency shall be entertained until fifty percent (50) of the suspension has been served.

5.3. A player/s sent off the field of play by the referee, shall be deemed to be under immediate and automatic suspension for two (2) matches from the date of send-off in the division he/she was sent off in, and notwithstanding that the Disciplinary Committee shall peruse/scrutinize the referee's send-off report and shall have the right to summons the said player/s to appear at a Disciplinary Committee hearing, should the offence or transgression committed be serious, and the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to pronounce on the said player/s suspension and or penalty.

5.4. All send-off reports must reach the LFA-MP no later than 20H00 on the Monday whether the said match/as were played on the Saturday and or the Sunday, failing which the club to which the respective match officials are registered with, shall be liable to a fine, which fine shall be payable at the next General Meeting of the LFA-MP.

5.5. A player and or member who is red carded by a referee during, before or after a match, may, if he believes that he was incorrectly red carded by the referee, lodge a complaint in writing, with the LFA-MP, within forty-eight (48) hours after the match had been played, and such complaint must be accompanied by a complaint fee.

5.6. A complaint, as described in 5.5 above, shall be heard by the Disciplinary Committee after the lodging of such complaint.

5.6.1 A match Complaint shall be heard by the Disciplinary Committee after lodging such a match complaint, within 72 hours, the outcome should have the same effect as a protest in terms of outcome for the Complainant and such a match complaint fee shall be R500

5.7. The LFA-MP shall inform the club/s of a player/s that has accumulated four (4) cautions immediately after such a player/s have received his/her fourth caution, and such a player/s shall serve a two (2) match ban in the division where he/she had received their fourth caution.

5.8. A club of the LFA-MP shall have seven (7) days after receipt of the notice from the LFAMP as described in 5.7 above, to challenge the match ban.

5.9. No suspended club, official/s and or member/s of the LFA-MP shall participate in any Competitions, practices and or friendly matches of the LFA-MP, SAFA Cape Town and or SAFA, nor shall such a suspended person/s act in any official capacity in the LFA-MP, SAFA Cape Town and or SA FA or for the club with which he is registered or for any other club within the LFA-MP, nor conduct any business on behalf of the LFA-MP, SA FA Cape Town and or SA FA or for the club with which he is registered or for any other club within the LFA-MP.

5.10. A player/s who is sent off by the referee on the last day of the current season then the automatic two (2) match ban will only come into effect at the start of the following playing season, and should they appear at the DC and receive any additional suspension, then such a suspension/s shall only be affected at the start of the following playing season; provided further that such player/s shall not be entitled to participate in any other matches and or tournaments, whether approved or not by the LFA-MP, during the non-playing season.

5.11. All excess suspensions that overlap within the current playing season shall come into effect at the commencement of the following playing season, provided further that such a player/s and or member/s shall not be entitled to participate in any other matches and or tournaments - whether approved or not by the LFA-MP - during the non-playing season.

5.12. Should a match/as be abandoned, for whatever reason, by a referee/s then both teams i.e. the players whose names appear on the respective team sheets shall be deemed to be under immediate suspension and the respective teams' player registration cards shall be forwarded to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP by the referee or the said club/s within twelve (12) hours after the abandonment of the said match/as, and both teams' players, the referee and or the assistant referees, both the respective team managers shall be summoned to appear, within 72 hours before the DC after the abandonment of such a match.

Rule 6 - Protests

6.1. A protest/s may only be made on the question of the interpretation or transgression of the laws of the game but the referee's decision shall be final and acted upon on the field of play, though under protest.

6.2. Any protest relating to the ground, goalposts or bars, or other appurtenances of the game, shall not be entertained by the DC unless an objection had been lodged with the referee before the commencement of the match. Such protests shall however not be upheld, unless the defect had a direct bearing on the result of the match. The defect had a direct bearing on the result of the match.

6.3. Such protest/s must be formally lodged with the referee by the captain of the protesting team at the time the alleged violation takes place, and the referee shall immediately inform the opposing captain thereof.

6.4. The referee must forward a written report on the protest to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP within forty eight (48) hours after the protest had been lodged.

6.5. All protest must be followed up in writing, to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP, stating the reason/s for the lodging of the protest, within forty eights (48) hours of the match, failing which it shall be deemed to have lapsed, and the protest fee must accompany the written protest.

6.6. Should the protest fee not accompany the written protest then the protest will not be entertained.

6.7. When such verbal protests have been lodged and not subsequently proceeded with, it shall be deemed to be misconduct and the club liable for a fine.

6.8. No club shall protest on an over aged player/s in junior matches or on an under aged player/s in the case of over 35 matches; provided that their objection to a particular player participating in the match is upheld by the referee and or agreed to by the opposing team prior to the commencement of the match.

Rule 7 - Referees

7.1 Referees shall be registered with a club of the LFA-MP.

- a. Referees will be issued with a RC membership card which shall be color coded to indicate the level of grading and any other entitlements.
- b. No referee shall be registered with the RC directly.

7.2. All clubs shall register a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) referees with the LFA-MP before by 1st of March of each year.

7.3. A club/s will be allowed to replace a registered referee/s, subject to the approval of the RC, and such affiliate/s must indicate which referee/s are to be removed from, and which referee must be added, to its original registration of referees list.

7.4. The referee and assistant referee's attire shall be as follows;

- a. Black Top
- b. Black Shorts
- c. Black Hose
- d. Soccer Boots or Special Black Takkies
- e All trimmings on the top and hose must be in white
- f. The wearing of any form of raincoat whilst officiating in match/as shall not be permitted.
- g. In the event of referees making use of alternate colored referees attire the condition set to allow the use of the alternate attire will be that the referee and his or her assistant referees wear identical color scheme attire for the same match.

7.5. In the event of one (1) of the teams wearing black or a dark colored playing strip, then the referee may -in order to be easily identified - be allowed to wear an alternative colored referee attire.

7.6. A referee/s and assistant referee/s shall report to the Convener/s of the day at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled time of his/her appointed fixture/s in full referee's attire, and the referee assisted by his/her assistant referees shall check out both teams' registration cards and playing apparel within the fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the said match, and failing to report to the Convener/s of the day fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled fixture shall result in the said referee and/or assistant referee being deemed to have defaulted if the official/s is replaced by the Conveners of the day.

7.7. Should an appointed referee or assistant referee of an appointed club fail to referee or to do duty as an assistant referee in his/her respective appointed match and the club fails to provide an alternate registered referee or an assistant referee, i.e. the alternate registered referee or assistant referee must be a referee or assistant referee from the club who had failed to provide the appointed referee or assistant referee, then the most senior team will lose their points on the day, and in the event that no senior plays on the day, a fine will be imposed as per schedule of fees for each default on a match day (R200,00).

7.8. Should an appointed referee or assistant referee of the referees club fails to officiate in his/her respective appointed match and the referees club fails to provide an alternate registered referee or an assistant referee, i.e. the alternate registered referee or assistant referee must be a referee or assistant referee from the referees club then the referees club will be fined R100, 00 per official per match.

7.9. A referee/s and or an assistant referee/s shall only be deemed to have defaulted if the said referee/s and or assistant referee/s had been replaced by a referee/s and or assistant referee/s from another club/s or the referees club to officiate the said match/as.

7.10. When a referee/s and or assistant referee/s is appointed by name, then a change of appointment can be made by the affected club or referee club with the approval of the Referees HOD who shall consult with the Referees Committee.

7.11. Should a club's referee/s or assistant referee/s have defaulted earlier in the day or its most senior team have defaulted or when its most senior team is not fixture to play and its referee/s and or assistant referee/s do not fulfill their referee and or assistant referee appointments, then a fine per defaulting referee/s and or assistant referee/s shall become applicable and shall be paid at the next General Meeting of the LFA-M P.

7.12. A referee/s who have sent off a player/s, abandoned a match/as and or any misdemeanor, must forward his/her report/s in writing to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP within twenty four (24) hours after the above mentioned had occurred, failing which, such referee/s shall be under automatic and immediate suspension until him or her appears before the DC for an outcome.

7.13. A referee/s report shall only be entertained by the DC if submitted in writing and within Twenty four (24) hours after the sending off of such a player/s.

7.14. The Referees HOD shall, in consultation with the other members of the RC, be empowered to replace or substitute any referee/s and or assistant referee/s of any match in an emergency or in the best interest of the LFA M P.

7.1s.A referee/s and assistant referee/s shall sign and print his/her name/s in full and the result/s of the match/as they have officiated in, in the referees register, which the Convener of the day will make available on match days at each ground under the jurisdiction of the LFA-MP.

7.16. After officiating in any match/as, a referee/s shall forward to the Convener of the day, the team sheets of both teams, the result of the match, all or any remarks and the player registration cards/s of any player/s he may have sent off.

7.17. The Conveners of the day shall forward the team sheets to the LFA-M P on the same day.

7.18.A referee/s who have sent off a player/s, abandoned a match/as, reported a protest/s, reported any misdemeanor, must attend the DC hearings when summoned to do so, failing which such referee/s shall be placed under immediate suspension until he or she appears before the DC.

7.19. A referee/s and an assistant referee/s who officiate in a fixture/s under the auspices and jurisdiction of the LFA-M P shall be paid a match fee by both teams prior to the fixture/so

7.20. The respective match fees to pay to the respective referee/s and/or assistant referee/s shall be;

- a. U6 to U16: Forty rand (R 40.00) per match i.e. twenty rand (R20, 00) per team).
- b. U18 & U19 forty rand (R 40, 00) per team per match.
- c.All Seniors: One hundred rand (R100, 00) per match per team i.e.
- d. From the above fees R5 per junior match and R10 per senior match must go to the conveners.
- e.Knockout matches U12 to U16 - where the assistant referees are supplied will be R25 per team. Without assistant referees the fee is R20, 00 per team.

7.21. A team/s failing to pay the referee/s and/or assistant referee/s shall be defaulted and shall be dealt with in terms of the LFA-MP's Constitution, and should both teams refuse to pay the referee/s and/or assistant referee/s, and then both teams shall be deemed to have defaulted and dealt with in terms of the LFA-MP's Constitution.

7.22. When a referee or an assistant referee default, the most senior team lose their points on the day, in the event that no senior team is playing, the club will be fined R200.00

Rule 8 Honorary Life Member/Post Humorous/Awarded Colors

8.1 The LFA-MP shall award colors to the Executive and Sub Committee members upon their Election on condition the member serves their full term in office.

The LFA-MP may award an official badge and tie:

8.3 To a person/s that has brought honor or done meritorious services that has benefited the LFAMP.

8.4 The awarding of the items described in 1 and 2 above shall be done at the LFA-MP's Annual Awards Ceremony.

8.5 The closing date for nominations of Honorary Life-member shall be forwarded to the LFA-MP General Secretary not later than the 31 July of each year.

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8.6 An Ad Hoc Committee shall be appointed to recommend, after considering the merits of the nominee/s, to the LFA-MP's General Council whether the items described in 1 and 2 above shall be awarded to the respective nominee/s, or not, and the LFA-MP's General Council shall sanction, amend or reject the recommendations

8.7 The Ad Hoc Committee described in Article 5.5 shall be constituted as follows;

- a. One (1) member from the Disciplinary Committee nominated by the Disciplinary
- b. One (1) member from the Referees Committee nominated by the Referees Committee.
- c. Two (2) members from the Executive Committee nominated by the Executive Committee.
- d. Three (3) members from the clubs of the LFA-MP, nominated by the clubs of the LFA-MP one (1) of the three (3) nominees shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.

8.8 The LFA-MP may, at its discretion, confer Honorary Life Membership on any person as a mark of esteem, for exceptional services rendered to the LFA-MP in particular and or football in general but shall exclude active players and referees, provided, that Honorary Life Membership shall not be conferred on more than three (3) persons per Annual General Meeting.

8.9 Proposals for such Honorary Life Membership, together with written motivations justifying such proposals must be submitted to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

8.10 The said proposal shall be read out, seconded and passed by two thirds (2/3) majority at an Annual General Meeting of the LFA-MP, before given effect.

8.11 Such Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to attend and participate in the discussions at any Annual General Meeting, General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the LFA-M P and shall not have the right to vote.

8.12 Nominations for Honorary Life Membership may only be made by;

- a. The Executive Committee in office.
- b. The Sub-Committees of the LFA-MP as constituted in accordance with this Constitution.
- c. Club/s or a member/s in good standing.

8.13 Such nominations must be signed by the President/Chairperson and Secretary of the proposing club, and must be accompanied by the meetings minutes of the said club's General Meeting at which such decision to nominate the said member for Honorary Life Membership was taken.

8.14 To qualify for nomination, the nominee must have been a member of the LFA-MP for at least ten (10) years and provided that, under special circumstances, the General Council, on recommendation from the Executive Committee, has the power to waive the qualification period for a nominee to qualify.

Rule 9 Delegates at General Meetings

9.1. Each club shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) delegates at General Meetings of the LFA-M P.

9.2 Delegates/delegations to LFA-MP meetings must produce written credentials, should submit proof of credentials electronically submitted before meeting officially starts, failing which delegates have observer status, the Secretary to confirm receipt of credentials electronically submitted. but delegates of clubs who attend the LFA-MP's general meetings regularly, can be registered for the entire season (standing credentials), which must be renewed at the LFA-MP's First General Meeting of the following season.

9.3. Club/s who does not forward written credentials for their respective delegates to attend General Meetings shall have no voting rights at these meetings and shall also be fined, and the shall be payable at the next General Meeting of the LFA-MP. They shall have observer status and will not be allowed to take part in any decision-making process.

9.4. Clubs who is absent from two (2) consecutive General Meetings shall not be permitted to participate in any activities of the LFA-MP and or SA FA Cape Town and or SAFA and or any other body to which the LFA-MP is affiliated to, inclusive of competitions, until the affiliate's Executive Committee had appeared before the LFA-MP's Executive Committee, who shall be empowered to deal and take the necessary punitive measures against such a defaulting club/s.

9.5. Delegates and Executive and or Sub-Committee members attending General and or Special General Meetings of the LFA-M P shall be properly attired.

9.6. The wearing of a jacket and tie is compulsory; a jacket shall mean a normal dress/dinner jacket or a blazer.

9.7. The wearing of jeans, tracksuits, talkies, shorts and/or sandals will be unacceptable.

9.8. Should a club/s, delegate/s wish to leave midway through the proceedings at General and or Special General and or Annual General Meeting of the LFA-MP then such affiliate/s shall be bound by any decision/s taken during the period of the absence of their delegates at these meetings.

9.9. Any delegate/s conducting himself in a disorderly manner by interrupting and retarding the proceedings at any General Meeting and or Special General Meeting of the LFA-MP or ignoring the ruling of the Chairperson, shall be called to order, and should such a delegate/s persist then the Chairperson shall at once order such a delegate/s from the meeting, and the club to which such a delegate/s is registered, shall be informed of the occurrence and shall be requested to replace the offending delegate/s with another or other delegate/s.

9.10. No smoking shall be allowed in all meetings of the LFA-MP but should a delegate/member have a need to smoke then he shall request from the Chairperson to be excused from the meeting and go outside of the meeting venue to smoke.

Rule 10 Duties of the Officials

10.1. VICE-PRESIDENTS:

- a. Shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President.

- b. Shall act as the Convener of the managers and selectors of the LFA-MP's representative teams, and shall serve on the Junior Committee, with responsibilities limited to the junior representative teams i.e. under 12 to under 18, whilst engaged in activities relating to the Junior Committee.

10.2. GENERAL SECRETARY:

- a. Shall be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all the proceedings of Annual General, General, Special, Preliminary, Emergency and Executive Committee meetings of the LFA-MP.

- b. Shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes of all Annual General, General, Special, Preliminary, Emergency and Executive Committee meetings of the LFA-MP

- c. Shall be responsible for the preparation of the minutes of the Annual General, General, Special, Preliminary, Emergency and Executive Committee meetings of the LFA-MP and for the distribution thereof to all clubs, Executive Committee members and Sub-Committees of the LFA-MP, as the case may be.

- d. Shall carry out the instructions that may be given by the General Council or the President, provided that these instructions are reasonable and pertaining to the business of the LFA-MP.

- e. Shall notify the Executive Committee members, Sub-Committee members and affiliates of the date, venue, time and agenda of Annual General Meetings fourteen (14) days prior to such meetings being held.

- f. Shall notify the Executive Committee members, Sub-Committee members and clubs of the date, venue, time and agenda of General Meetings seven (7) days prior to such a meeting being held.

- g. Shall notify the Executive Committee members of the date, venue, time and agenda of Executive Committee Meetings three (3) days prior to such meetings being held, and as soon as possible for matters of urgency.

- h. Shall, on behalf of the LFA-MP, receive, keep a record of, countersign and stamp all clearance certificates of players and/or members who intend transferring from one affiliate to another or from one affiliate to another club affiliated to another Association affiliated to SAFA Cape Town.

5. TREASURER:

- a. Shall keep a true and complete record/s of all the finances of the LFA-MP, inclusive of but not limited to receipts, payments, assets and liabilities of the LFA-MP.

- b. Shall submit the financial books of the LFA-MP for auditing to auditors of the LFAMP twenty one (21) days after the end of the LFA-MP's financial year.

- c. Shall send each affiliate an Income and Expenditure Statement and the balance sheet and the findings of the Auditors no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM of the LFA-MP, and the findings and recommendations of the Auditors shall form part of the Treasurer's report for the AGM.

- d. Shall submit monthly Income and Expenditure statements to all clubs and Executive Committee members seven (7) days prior to the monthly meeting/s of the LFA-MP.

e. Shall ensure that all cheques and/or withdrawals are at all times signed by the President, Treasurer and General Secretary

Rule 11 Defunct Clubs

11.1 A club/s of the LFA-MP who is declared defunct (no longer operative or functional or in existence) the following shall occur;

a. A period of one month shall lapse, after the date upon which such a club is declared defunct, before member/s shall be permitted to join another club

b. A senior member who was a member at the time of the club in the LFA-MP was declared defunct shall be held responsible for any liabilities, financial or otherwise, the club may have incurred with the LFA-MP

c. A senior/s shall be held liable for a pro-rata share of the total debt owing to the LFA-MP.

Rule 12 Assets and Trophies

12.1 All the trophies of the LFA-MP shall be floating trophies unless otherwise specified by the LFA-MP.

12.2 A club, before being presented with any trophies must be in good standing, financially, with the LFA-MP.

12.3 A club/s shall return the trophy/ies to the LFA-MP on the first Tuesday after the 31st May of each Year and thereafter every Tuesday, between 19h00 and 21h00, and in the same condition it was presented, failing to return the trophy/ies on the due date, such club shall be under immediate suspension until the next Tuesday between 19h00 and 21h00 as it has returned each and every trophy presented to it.

12.4 The LFA-MP shall repair any damage to a trophy/ies of the LFA-MP, and the club responsible shall be billed for the cost of the repairs, which costs shall be paid at the next General Meeting of the LFA-MP.

Rule 13 Tournaments

13.1. A club/s who intend staging a soccer tournament must request permission from the Executive Committee of the LFA-MP to do so by 30 September of the preceding year of the tournament date/s and the following must accompany such a request:

- a. The concept (age, group, type, how many teams).
- b. The date and venue.
- c. Copy of the format and rules (if available at the time).

13.2. A tournament/s played under the auspices/jurisdiction of the LFA-MP must be sanctioned by SAFA Cape Town.

13.3. Clubs of the LFA-MP intending to participate in a tournament/s (sanctioned by SAFA Cape Town) must request permission/approval from the LFA-MP to do so.

13.4. A club whose team/s participates in a tournament/s without the permission/approval of the LFA-MP will be dealt with in terms of the disciplinary measures provided by the LFAMP's Constitution.

13.5. The Executive Committee may, on good cause shown, reject or accept the application of a club to host a tournament within the jurisdiction of the LFA-MP

Rule 14 Disciplinary Committee

- 14.1 The DC shall consist of the DC Chairperson, and four (4) other members who shall be endorsed by the LFA Executive Committee and shall hold their portfolios for four (4) consecutive years.
- 14.2 The DC shall submit regular reports to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP on matters pertaining to the administration and progress of the DC.
- 14.3 The DC shall convene once a month to conduct Disciplinary hearing/s or when it is deemed necessary.
- 14.4 All DC hearings must commence at the time indicated on the notice persons who are summonsed to appear shall sign the register, and appear in order of the register. failing which such cases that are not registered, shall be deferred to the next DC hearing.
- 14.5 The President and or the General Secretary of the LFA-MP shall be empowered to co-opt a registered member/s of the LFA-MP, who shall be in good standing, onto the DC -in the event of an emergency and such a co-opted member/s shall only serve for that particular hearing.
- 14.6 No member/s) of the Executive Committee of the LFA-MP shall be elected or co-opted to serve on the DC.
- 14.7 A player and or member of the LFA-MP who upon being officially summoned by the LFA-MP to appear at a PMDC hearing and fails to make an appearance without an acceptable and or valid apology from his/her club shall be under immediate suspension.
- 14.8 Such suspension shall include being stopped from playing and or participating in any activities of his/her club, the LFA-MP and or SAFA Cape Town and or SAFA, and such player and or member shall remain under suspension until his/her case is heard by the DC, provided that such hearing shall be subject to the provisions of Articles, and further that the DC shall be empowered to invoke any suspension (if applicable) from the date of his/her scheduled appearance.
- 14.9 If any member/s of the LFA-MP fails to attend a DC hearing when summoned, then such matter shall only be heard once the club he is registered with makes a written application to the LFA-MP for such case to be re-scheduled and heard.

- 14.10 The validity of the evidence given at a DC hearing shall be at the discretion of the DC.
- 14.11 Observers shall not be allowed at DC hearings.
- 14.12 A player/s or any other member/s of the LFA-MP who appear at DC hearings shall not be entitled to legal representation, unless such legal representative is a current member of the club and has been a member of such affiliate for at least twelve (12) months.
- 14.13 Witnesses shall be allowed at DC hearings.
- 14.14 Should a referee/s fail to submit his/her report/s as outlined in Articles, then a player/s shall not get the benefit of the doubt but the DC shall have the discretion to deal with such a matter and or case.
- 14.15 The DC, in deciding on the suspension of a player/s or any other member of the LFA-MP shall at its discretion take into consideration the period the said player/s and or member/s had been suspended prior to the hearing.
- 14.16 The DC shall be empowered to reprimand and or suspend and or fine any player/s and or member/s and or club of the LFA-MP.
- 14.17 A junior player/s appearing at the DC shall be represented and or accompanied by a senior member of the said club, failing which such a club/s shall be liable to a fine. (Parents are not allowed to represent, unless a registered member of the said club)
- 14.18 A player/s and or any member/s of the LFA-MP misconduct himself/herself, making use of abusive and/or foul language, refusing to leave the field of play when ordered to do so by the referee, assaulting an official and or referee and or assistant referee and or player and or member and or spectator before and or during and or after a match and or meeting, shall be summonsed to appear.
- 14.19 A player/s and or a team/s of an affiliate refusing to play a scheduled LFA-MP fixture, or leaving the field of play in protest against the decision of the referee, shall be deemed to be under immediate suspension pending the outcome of a hearing for which they shall be summonsed to appear.
- 14.20 Any senior team/s of an affiliate failing to fulfill its fixture/s for two (2) consecutive matches shall be deemed to be under suspension pending the outcome of a hearing for which the Executive Committee of such affiliate shall be summonsed to appear for before the LFAMP's Executive Committee.
- 14.21 A club/s or any of its teams suspected of willfully refusing to fulfill a fixture/s of the LFAMP shall be guilty of an offence and shall be placed under immediate suspension from all activities of the LFA-MP and or SAFA Cape Town and or SAFA, pending the outcome of a hearing for which the Executive Committee of such club shall be summonsed to appear for before the DC.

- 14.22 A player/s selected to play in a match/as arranged by the LFA-MP and without good and sufficient cause fails to play in such a match and or who fail to report for training when requested to do so (without good and sufficient cause), shall be guilty of an offence and shall be deemed to be under immediate suspension, pending the outcome of a hearing for which the Executive Committee of such club shall be summonsed to appear before the DC.
- 14.23 A member/s and or official/s of the LFA-MP who encourages or instigates a player/s and or member/s and or spectator/s to commit a breach of the LFA-MP's rules, regulations, and byelaws and or any other offence shall be guilty of an offence and shall appear before the DC
- 14.24 The DC shall deal with any other matter/s such as misconduct, misdemeanors, irregularities etc. as instructed by the LFA-MP with specific terms of reference.
- 14.25 The DC shall be empowered to call upon any member/s and or player/s of the LFA-MP to testify at its hearings, and call upon any evidence such as minute books, financial records, birth certificates etc. in its investigations and hearings.
- 14.26 In the event of a protest being upheld, the protesting club shall be entitled to a refund not greater than seventy-five (75) of the protest fee that they paid, and such a refund/s shall be payable to the affiliate at the next General Meeting of the LFA-MP.
- 14.27 A club/s requesting the DC to investigate an alleged contravention of the LFA-MP's rules and regulations can do so in writing and accompanied by the appropriate fee, and the request must be lodged with the LFA-MP within seventy-two (72) hours after the alleged contravention had taken place.
- 14.28 The provisions above are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Executive Committee of the LFA-M P with regard to the suspension and expulsion of clubs/members.
- 14.29 The charges shall be read by the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee to the accused/so
- 14.30 The date, place and time of hearing shall be fixed by the disciplinary Committee/constitution with reasonable notice given to all parties.
- 14.31 The following procedures shall be used at a hearing unless otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 14.32 The accused will indicate whether and to what extent s/he admits or denies the charges against him/her.
- 14.33 The accused shall then call evidence on any matter contained within the statements of facts set out in the charge.
- 14.34 Each party in turn may question witnesses as they give evidence and the Disciplinary Committee may question parties and witnesses at any time.

14.35 After the conclusion of the evidence called or produce by the accused, the Member/s and the accused in turn may make closing submissions.

14.36 All parties other than the Disciplinary Committee shall then withdraw while the Disciplinary Committee deliberates.

14.37 Upon reaching its decision, the Disciplinary Committee shall inform all parties via the General Secretary

14.38 Save as is otherwise provided in these Rules, a decision of a Disciplinary Committee shall be subjected to an appeal in terms of the Constitution of the LFA-MP

Schedule of Fees - Rules & Regulations

1. Absent from Standing Committee Meetings – R100
2. Re- Ineligible Player fine - R250 per player
3. Failure to submit match results - R15 per result
4. Withdrawal of junior team - R100 per team
5. Withdrawal of senior team - R200 per team
6. Failure to fulfill fixture - most senior team - R500
7. Junior team defaults - R100 per default
8. Senior team default - R250 per default
9. Referee failure to submit report - R100
10. Complaint Fee for Red Card - R250
11. Protest Fee - R500
12. Defaulting Referee or Assistant - R200 per default
13. Club requesting investigation – R150
14. Appeal Fee – R800
15. Match Complaint Fee – R500