

LFA-MITCHELLS PLAIN



RULES & REGULATIONS

2022

Rule 1 Ineligible Players

- 1.1. If an ineligible player participated in an LFA fixture, the opponents or any interested party shall notify the LFA-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.
- 1.2. If an unregistered player participate in an LFA fixture, the opponents or an interested party shall notify the LFA-MP, in writing with the relevant fee, of such a transgression, within 72 hours of the match being played, if the player, if found guilty of fielding an unregistered player, the following shall be enforced, If the player is found to be ineligible, the Club shall forfeit the last match to their opponents with a score of 2-0, the ineligible player shall be fined per match and in addition such Club and/or player may be liable to be dealt with in terms of Article 40 of the constitution.
- 1.3. In the event of a player both Clubs having been found to be ineligible in a match involving the two Clubs, then, the match shall be declared a no result with neither Club being awarded any points, both Clubs 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 constitution.
- 1.4. In the event of a player/s being found ineligible in a knock-out match, the club with which he is register with shall, be deemed to have been knocked-out, in addition, be fined for the ineligible player/s and may be liable to be dealt with in terms of Article 40 of the constitution.

Rule 2 Age Groups & Divisions

- 2.1. Age limits shall be computed as from the 1st January as stipulated below:
 - 2.1.1. An U6 player must obtain his/her 6th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season.
 - 2.1.2. An U8 player must obtain his/her 8th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season.
 - 2.1.3. An U10 player must obtain his 10th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season.
 - 2.1.4. An U12 player must obtain his 12th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season.
 - 2.1.5. An U14 player must obtain his 14th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season.
 - 2.1.6. An U16 player must obtain his 16th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season.

3.1.7. An U18 player must obtain his 18th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season.

3.1.8. An U19 player must obtain his 19th birthday on or after 1st January of the current playing season.

3.1.9. An O35 player shall qualify to play in an O35 match upon attainment of his 35th birthday.

3.1.10. An O40 player shall qualify to play in an O35 match upon attainment of his 40th birthday.

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

2.3. The LFA-MP shall have league and knock-out competitions for the following divisions

2.3.2. Super League

2.3.3. Premier League

2.3.4. First Division

2.3.5. Second Division

2.3.6. Third Division

2.3.7. Over 35

2.3.8. Over 40

2.3.9. U18 Super

2.3.10. U16 Super

2.3.11. U14 Super

2.3.12. U12 Super

2.3.13. U10, U8 & U6 Super

2.4. The LFA-MP may also have a separate knock-out 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 respective divisions/leagues i.e. juniors and seniors shall have its own respective knock-out draw and competition.

2.6. A club shall have a in the senior divisions I. e. Super, First or Second 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.

2.8. Where a club has a team playing in anyone of the respective SAFA-Cape Town and/or SAFA leagues, then such a club shall be compelled to comply with the Articles.

2.9. Age Groups – 2022

2.9.1. U18 – players born on or after 01 January 2004 (boys and girls)

2.9.2. U16 - players born on or after 01 January 2006 (boys and girls)

2.9.3. U14 - players born on or after 01 January 2008 (boys and girls)

2.9.4. U12 - players born on or after 01 January 2010 (girls may be one year older)

2.9.5. U10 - players born on or after 01 January 2012 (girls may be one year older)

2.9.6. U8 - players born on or after 01 January 2014 (girls may be one year older)

2.9.7. U6 - players born on or after 01 January 2016 (girls may be one year older)

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

Rule 3 Competitions & Substitutions

3.1. The type of competitions to be played by the LFA-MP for the term of 2022 & 2023 has been decided upon at the Mode of Play Meeting.

3.2. The Super League for seniors for 2022 shall be retained into two (2) groups of sixteen (16) teams each, playing a two (2) round league with the group winners contesting the two-legged final, if the scores are even, the play-offs position shall be settled by a penalty shoot-out for the overall position to represent the LFA at the SAFA-Cape Town Regional Promotional Play-offs.

3.3. The Champions League in 2023 shall be the Clubs ending in position 1 to 8 in each stream with the Clubs ending in position 9 to 15 or 16 forming the Super League in 2023, notwithstanding the relegation from the SAFA-Cape Town & SAFA Leagues, which shall increase the Clubs.

3.4. The Champions League Clubs in 2023 shall retain their status in the Champions League even if a team drops out of the League/s, however the affected Club shall be automatically be relegated to the Super League in the following year including to also not qualify for promotion to any SAFA-Cape Town play-offs etc.

3.5. The Club shall play for promotion back to the Champions League in the next season, provided the Clubs meets the quote of teams, 2 senior teams with an U12, U14.U16 & U18.

3.6. All Clubs in the Super League streams for 2022, shall have a reserve team, under 18, 16, 14 & 12 to compete in the Champions Leagues, failing to comply with the full quota of teams/division shall remain in the Super League for 2023, but shall NOT be promoted to the Champions Leagues in 2023 nor shall be awarded any trophies

3.7. For the seasons 2023, for promotion shall be two (2) Clubs and relegation from the Champions League shall be two (2) Clubs annually.

3.8. The First & Second divisions shall follow the teams as drawn in the Champions League.

3.9. The O40 & O35 shall play a one round league.

3.10. The Junior divisions for U18, U16, U14 & U12 shall be drawn on the same format as with the Champions League or Super League.

3.11. The duration of all matches played in the respective divisions under the jurisdiction of the LFA-MP shall be:

3.11.2. Super League - 90 minutes (2 x 45 minute halves)

3.11.3. First, Second & Third Divisions - 60 minutes (2 x 30 minute halves)

3.11.4. O35 & O40 - 50 minutes (2 x 25 minute halves)

3.11.6. U18 & U16 - 50 minutes (2 x 25 minute halves)

3.11.7. U14 & U12 - 40 minutes (2 x 20 minute halves)

3.11.8. U10 - 30 minutes (2 x 15 minute halves)

3.11.9. U8 & U6 - 30 minutes (2 x 15 minute halves)

3.11. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Laws of the Game, six (6) substitutes shall be allowed in all junior division games from U12 to U18 except for the U10, U8 & U6 with unlimited substitutes.

3.12. 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 O35 division where five (5) substitutes can be used in any O35 match, the O40 will have returning substitutions, this rule shall apply in U6, U8, U10 & O40 divisions only.

3.13. To do so shall be allowed to add to a player/s during the course of the match to its team list and team proving that the team list does not exceed eleven (11) players and no substitutions will be allowed.

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

3.15. Where club/s wishes to withdraw an excess junior or senior team/s from the league competitions of the LFA-MP then such a club must inform the General Secretary and Competitions HOD of the LFA-MP and such a club shall be liable to a withdrawal fee per senior/s and per junior/s team/s.

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

3.17. Where a team/s is withdrawn from the league competitions of the LFA-MP before the completion of the first round, then all 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.

3.18. When a junior or a senior team/s finish level on points in the league competition 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, the most goals scored “for” shall be declared the winner.

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

3.20. Should there be no result after the completion of the match duration time in a knock-out match/es then the following shall apply:

3.20.1. The match shall be decided upon the taking of five (5) 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 five penalty kicks, then sudden death penalty shoot-out 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.

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

3.22. 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, the Super League finals will add 30 minutes (2 x 15 minute halves) All other senior knock-out finals to penalties and sudden death.

3.23. The U6 & U8 divisions will be regarded as the development divisions and will therefore not qualify for any trophies for participations, however each player participating shall receive a medal or a certificate for participations in both leagues and tournaments.

Rule 4 Matches, Players & 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 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 colors and design at the Annual Congress of the LFA-MP and the Executive Committee shall be empowered to refuse to should register any colors and or design which are already registered with the LFA-MP.

4.3. club whose team is fixture home, the team/s who is named first on a fixture of the LFA-MP shall play only in their registered colors of that club, and the team of such a club shall play in its alternate registered colors only when the team is fixture away in a fixture of the LFA-MP and should a club 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/es 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/es.

4.4. In the event of a club teams transgressing rule 4. 3. Above in a knock-out match/es such team/s shall be deemed to have been knock-out, provided that their opponents shall be deemed to have been knock-out should they lost the match/es against teams transgressing club, provided further that a fine per team shall be imposed on any club whose team/s transgress these provisions.

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

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

4.7. A senior player shall be allowed to participate in only one (1) 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 played in on the same day.

4.8. A senior player/s whose name 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 situation 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 first knock-out match.

4.11. Should clubs not adhere to the aforementioned rule 4.10. then such defaulting club shall be liable to be dealt with in terms of the aforementioned rule 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 to participate that particular division i.e. from

the A team to the B team or 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 interchanged from one team to another in that particular division ie from the A team to the B team or C team etc. or vice versa after the 31 May of each year.

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

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

4.16. Should a junior team 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 accredited 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 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the match as fixture by the LFA-MP and clubs who teams failed to do so, shall be fined per non-compliant and the referee of the Match shall report such non-compliance to the convenors of the day who shall record it on the convenors sheet.

4.18. A player/s will not be eligible to participate in any match as fixture by the LFA-MP and/or SAFA-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 name and registration number is listed on the team list submitted with the player registration card 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 are selected of a club/s team to represent the LFA-MP and or SAFA-Cape Town and or SAFA then their scheduled LFA-MP fixture/s of such a club team shall be postponed.

4.22. The venue/s and time/s for matches player under the direct jurisdiction of the LFA-MP shall be decided upon by the Competitions HOD.

4.23. A club whose junior team/s or senior team/s default its matches, shall be liable to a fine, provided that in either of the cases, the LFA-MP shall pay over a sum, not greater than 50% of

the abovementioned fine to the opponents club, whose team has taken the field of play and provided further that such payment shall only occur at the next Congress of the LFA-MP.

4.24. A clubs teams that play in anyone of the respective divisions of the LFA-MP, and defaults three (3) times during the course of the season, then such a team of a club shall be expelled from the division which that teams 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 whose has a player still registered and playing in any of the SAFA or SAFA-Cape Town leagues and such leagues 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 LFA club fixture provided:

4.26.1. The player was at the close of the previous season registered as a member of that club.

4.26.2. Permission has been granted to the club by the LFA-MP Executive Committee and

4.26.3. The club has adhered to the Rules & Regulations governing the concession.

4.27. A new club accepted at the Annual Congress into the LFA-MP may register a maximum of ten (10) members and or players from the entire membership of the LFA-MP 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 Annual Congress for exiting clubs not more than three (3) players can move from one club to another club as per the Regions Resolution.

4.28. A player who qualify to play in the O35 or O40 leagues who is a member of a club who does not have a team registered in the respective leagues for which he qualify may play as a guest for any club in the LFA-MP in the respective leagues. 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 club 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 shall have seven (7) players and shall have no off-sides rule shall apply to their matches, U6 and 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 have nine (9) players per match and the off-side rule shall apply in all matches.

Rule 5 Suspensions and Fines

5.1. A suspension/s and or penalties imposed on any registered member/s and or club 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 re-instatement, leniency and or clemency shall be entertained until fifty percent (50) of the suspension has been served.

5.3. A player sent off the field of play by the referee shall be deemed to under immediate and automatic suspension for two (2) matches from the date of send-off in the division he 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, 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/es were played on the Saturday and or 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 Congress of the LFA-MP.

5.5. A player and or member/s who is red carded by the 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 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 fourth caution and such a player/s shall serve a two (2) match ban in the division where he received their fourth caution.

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

5.9. No suspended club or official/s and or member/s shall participate in any competition, practice 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 SAFA 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, SAFA-Cape Town and or SAFA or for any 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 season, and should they appear at the DC and receive an additional suspension, then such a suspension/s shall only be affected the start of the following playing season, provided further that such

player/s shall not be entitled to participate in any matches and or tournaments, whether approved or not by the LFA-MP, during the non-playing season.

5.11. All excess suspension/s 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/es be abandoned, for whatever reason, by a referee 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 players cards shall be forwarded to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP by the referee or the said clubs within twelve (12) hours after the abandoned of the said match/es, 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 Protest

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 appurtenance of the game, shall not be entertained by the DC unless an objection had been lodged with the referee before the commencement of the game, such protest shall however not be upheld, unless the defect had a direct bearing on the result of the game.

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 eight (48) hours after 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 protest/s 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 an under aged player/s in the case of O35 & O40 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. The referees shall be registered with a club of the LFA-MP, referees will be issued with a RC Membership card which shall be color coded to indicate the level of grading and any other entitlements, 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 or by 01 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 club 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 attire shall be , black top, black shorts, black hose, soccer boots or special black takkies, all trimmings on the top and hose must be in white, the wearing of any form of raincoat whilst officiating in matches shall not be permitted, in the event of referees making use of alternate colored attire the conditions set out to allow the use of the alternate attire will be that the referee and his 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 dark colored playing strip, then the referee may in order to be easily identified, be allowed an alternate colored referees attire.

7.6. A referee/s and assistant referee shall report to the Convenor of the day at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled time of his appointed fixture/s in full referees attire, and the referee assisted by the assistants referees shall check out both teams registration cards and playing apparel within 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 Convenors of the day.

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

7.8. Should an appointed referee and or assistant referee of the referees club fail to officiate his respective appointed match and the referee club fail to provide an alternate registered referee or and assistant referee i.e. the alternate referee and the assistant referee must be registered referee or assistant referee from the referees club then the referee club shall be fined R100 per official per match.

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

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 affect club or the referees club with the approval of the referees HOD who shall consult with the Referees Committee.

7.11. Should a club/s referee/s and or assistant referee/s have defaulted earlier in the day or most senior team have defaulted or when its most senior team is not fixtured to play and its referee/s and or assistant referee/s do not fulfil their referees appointments then a fine per defaulting referee/s and or assistant referee/s shall become applicable and shall be paid at the next Congress of the LFA-MP.

7.12. A referee/s who has sent off a player/s, abandoned a match/es and or any misdemeanor, must forward his report/s in writing to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP within twenty four (24) hours after the abovementioned match has occurred, failing which, such referee/s shall be under automatic suspension until he 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-MP.

7.15. A referee/s and assistant referee/s shall sign and print his mane/s in full and the result of the matches they have officiated in the referees register, which the Convenor 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/es a referee/s shall forward to the Convenor of the day, the teams sheets of both teams, the result of the match, all or any remarks and the player's registration cards of any player/s he may have sent off.

7.17. The Convenor of the day shall forward the team sheets to the LFA-MP on the same day.

7.18. A referee/s who have sent off a player/s, abandoned a match/es report a protest /s reporting any misdemeanor, must attend the DC hearing/s when summoned to do so, failing which such referee/s shall be place under immediate suspension until he appears before the DC.

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

7.20. The respective match fees to pay to the referee/s and or assistant referee/s shall be for U6 to U16, fifty (50) rand (R25 per team) U18 & U19 fifty (50) per team and all senior matches one hundred & twenty(R120) per team, from the above fees five (5) rand per junior match and

ten (10) rand per senior match must go to the Convenor, in addition for knock-out matches from U12 to U16, where assistant referees are supplied will be R25 per team, without assistants referees the fee is R25 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 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 be dealt with in terms of the LFA-MP Constitution.

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

Rule 8 Honorary Life-Member/Post Humorous/Awarded Colors

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

8.2. The LFA-MP may award an official badge and tie to a person that has brought honor or done meritorious services that has benefited the LFA-MP, the LFA-MP may award an official badge and tie.

8.3. The awarding of the items described in 8.1 & 8.2 above shall be done at the LFA-MP's Annual Awards Ceremony.

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

8.5. An Adhoc Committee shall be appointed to recommend, after considering the merits of the nominees, to the LFA-MP Congress whether the items described in 8.1 & 8.2 above shall be awarded to the respective nominees, or not, and the LFA-MP Congress shall sanction, amend or reject the recommendations.

8.6. The Adhoc Committee shall be constituted as follows:

8.6.1. One member from the Disciplinary Committee nominated by the DC.

8.6.2. One member from the Referees Committee nominated by the RC.

8.6.3. Two members from the Executive Committee nominated by the LEC.

8.6.4. Three members from the Clubs nominated by the Clubs, one shall be the Chairperson.

8.7. 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 referee, provided that Honorary Life Membership shall not be conferred on more than three (3) persons per Annual Congress.

8.8. 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 Congress.

8.9. The said proposal shall be read out, seconded and passed by two thirds majority at the Annual Congress of the LFA-MP before given effect.

8.10. Such Honorary Life Membership shall be entitled to attend and participate in the discussions at any Annual, Ordinary or Extra-ordinary Congresses of the LFA-MP and shall not have the right to vote.

8.11. Nominations for Honorary Life Membership may only be made by Executive Committee in office, the Sub-Committee as constituted in accordance with the constitution or club/s or members in good standing.

8.12. Such nominations shall be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary of the proposing club, must be accompanied by the meeting minutes of the said club's general meeting at which such decision was made to nominate such member for Honorary Life Membership was taken.

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

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:

11.2. 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.

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

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

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

12.3. A club/s shall return the trophy/s to the LFA-MP on the first Tuesday, after the 31 May of each year, and thereafter every Tuesday between 19h00 and 21h00 and in the same condition as presented, failing to return the trophy/s 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/s presented to it.

12.4. The LFA-MP shall repair any damage to the trophy/s of the LFA-MP and the club responsible shall be billed the cost of the repairs which cost shall be Paid at the next Congress of the LFA-MP.

Rule 13 Tournaments

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

13.1.1. The concept (age group, type and how many teams

13.1.2. The date and venue

13.1.3. 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 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 participate in tournament/s without the permission/approval of the LFA-MP will be dealt with in terms of the disciplinary measures provided by the LFA-MP constitution.

13.5. The Executive Committee on good cause shown reject or accept the application of the club to host a tournament in 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 summoned shall sign the register, 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 General Secretary shall be empowered to co-opt a registered member/s of the LFA-MP who shall be in good standing, onto to the DC, in the event of an emergency, and a co-opted member/s shall only serve for that particular hearing.

14.6. No member/s of the LFA-MP Executive Committee shall be elected or co-opted to serve on the DC.

14.7. A player or a member of the LFA-MP who upon being officially summoned by the LFA-MP to appear at the DC hearing and fails to make an appearance without an acceptable or valid apology from his club shall be under immediate suspension.

14.8. such suspension shall include being stopped from playing or participating in any activities of his club, LFA-MP, SAFA-Cape Town and or SAFA and such player or member shall remain under suspension until his case is heard by the DC, provided such hearing shall be subject to the provisions of the Articles and further that the DC shall be empowered invoke any suspension (if applicable) from the date of his scheduled appearance.

14.9. If any member/s of the LFA-MP fails to attend any DC hearing when summoned then such matter shall only be heard once the club he is registered with make a written application to the LFA-MP for such a case to be re-schedule and heard.

14.10. The validity of the evidence given at the 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 a club for twelve (12) months.

14.13. Witnesses shall be allowed at DC Hearings.

14.14. Should a referee/s fail to submit his report as outlined in the 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 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 LFAMP misconducting himself, making use of abusive and or foul language, refusing to leave the field of play when ordered to do by the referee, assaulting an official and or referee and or assistant referee and or player/s and or member/s and or spectator before and or during and or after the match and or meeting shall)

14.19. A player/s and or team/s of a club refusing to play a schedule LFA-MP fixture/s 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 the hearing for which they shall be summoned to appear.

14.20. Any senior/s team/s of a club failing to fulfil its fixture/s for two (2) consecutive matches shall be deemed under suspension pending the outcome of a hearing for which the Executive Committee of such club shall be summoned to appear for, before the Executive Committee of the LFA-MP.

14.21. A club or any of its teams suspected of willfully refusing to fulfil a fixture/s of the LFA-MP 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 club Executive Committee will be summoned to appear before the DC.

14.22. A player/s selected to play in the match arranged by the LFA-MP without good cause or sufficient cause fails to play in such a match and or has failed to report for training when requested to do so (without good cause or sufficient cause) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be deemed under immediate suspension, pending the outcome of a hearing for which the Executive Committee of such club shall be summoned to appear at the DC.

14.23. A member/s and or official/s of the LFA-MP who encourages or instigate a player/s and or member/s and or spectator/s to commit a breach of the LFA-MP rules, regulations and or by-laws 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 on 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 certificate/s etc. in its investigations or hearings.

14.26. In the event that a protest is upheld, the protesting club shall be entitled to a refund not greater than seventy five percent (75%) of the protest fee that they paid and such a refund/s shall be payable to the club at the next Congress of the LFA-MP.

14.27. The club that requesting the DC to investigate an alleged contravention of the LFA-MP rules and regulations can do so in writing accompanied by the appropriate fee and the request must be lodged within seventy two (72) hours after the alleged contravention has taken place.

14.28. The provisions above are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Executive Committee of the LFA-MP with regards to the suspension and expulsion of clubs/members.

14.29. The charge/s shall be read by the DC Chairperson to the accused/so.

14.30. The date, place and time of the hearing shall be fixed by the DC Committee/constitution with reasonable notice given to all parties.

14.31. The following procedures shall be used at the hearings unless otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Committee.

14.32. The accused will indicate whether and to what extent he admit or denies the charges against him.

14.33. The accused shall then call evidence on any matter contained within the statements of facts set out in the charge/s.

14.34. Each party in turn may question witnesses as they give evidence and DC may question parties and the witnesses at any time.

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

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

14.37. Upon reaching its decision/s the DC shall inform all parties via the General Secretary.

14.38. Save as is otherwise provided in these rules, a decision of the DC shall be subject to an appeal in terms of the LFA-MP constitution.

Schedule of Fees – Rules & Regulations

1. Absent from Standing Committee meetings – R100
2. Ineligible Player fine – R250
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 fulfil fixtures most senior team – R500
7. Junior team defaults – R100 per default
8. Senior team defaults – R250 per default
9. Referee failure to submit report – R100
10. Complaint for red card – R250
11. Protest fee – R500
12. Default of referee & assistant referee – R200 per default
13. Club requesting investigation – R150
14. Match Complaint fee – R500