



**LOCAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION
MITCHELL'S PLAIN
STATUTES**

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PREAMBLE

NOTING:

- that the first organized formation of football at National level was established in 1892;
- that the fragmentation in South African sport in general and football in particular, was caused by the policies of racial discrimination and apartheid;
- that the policies of racial discrimination and apartheid based on the ideology of white supremacy over people of colour created a

	situation of independent existence of the various football organizations against the wishes of the majority of the football family in the country.
ACKNOWLEDGING	- the meaningful role played by heroes and heroines of our struggle against racialism and ethnicity, and the role of non-racial organizations in particular in their attempts to unify football in South Africa.
REALISING	- the urgent need to fulfill the historic task of unifying the different football organizations in preparation for a united, democratic, indivisible and non- racial South Africa. - the need to defend the democratic gains and to transform South African football to be in line with democratic values underpinning the South African Constitution and to be world class.
RECOGNISING	a non-racial society in which: - - all people shall be equal before the law; - there is no oppressive interference with the rights of individuals; - athletes/players compete equally and fairly in football; all shall have access to relevant, compulsory and equal education, adequate residential and recreational facilities in general and adequate housing in particular and have a universal franchise system determined by the will of the people; people enjoy the principles of democracy, accountability and transparency; all people enjoy freedom of association, freedom of movement, freedom of domicile, freedom to ownership of land, freedom to participate fully in the economy of the country and share in its wealth and live in peace, harmony and comfort.
CONFIRMING	the philosophy of non-racialism to be the guiding principle in the organization and in our endeavour to enhance unity, peace and harmony in sport in our country; - that since unification of national football structures on 23 March 1991 and re- admission to CAF and FIFA one National Football governing body was constituted; - that the National Football Federation is part of South Africa having a new constitution which entrenches norms and values of the civilised world and a Bill of Rights; - Acknowledging that as the local structure which is part of a United, non- racial, non-sexist and democratic country; - that the aforementioned social conditions were and still are the fundamental requirements for the entry of South African sport into the international sporting community in general, and in respect of football in particular to the FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE de FOOTBALL

	ASSOCIATION (FIFA) and Confederation Africaine de Football (CAF), Confederation of Southern African Football Associations (COSAFA) and South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC)
RESOLVING	to constitute the members of the SOUTH AFRICAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION, SOUTH AFRICAN SOCCER FEDERATION, FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA and the SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION into an indissoluble single organization under the SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION and under the constitution hereby established to promote and control Association Football in SOUTH AFRICA and to give effect to the ideas set out in this preamble.

DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution, the Rules and Regulations, unless the context indicates otherwise,

Absolute majority: means more than half of the entire membership that is eligible and entitled to vote;

Annual Congress Meeting(AGM): means the Annual **Congress** Meeting contemplated in Articles 29;

Associate Member: means a member who does not have the same status and a full / normal as contemplated in Article 10.2;

Association Football: means the game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game;

CAF: means the Confederation Africaine de Football;

CAF Statutes or Statutes of CAF: includes the statutes, rules and regulations of CAF;

Club: means a football Club affiliated to the league administered by the association **shall have a minimum of two (2) youth and two (2) senior teams;**

Constitution: means these Articles of Association;

Congress: means the supreme governing and legislative body of LOCAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION MITCHELLS PLAIN

Constitution of the Republic: means the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996 as amended from time to time;

LFA: means a Local Football Association contemplated by the Constitution;

Electoral Code means the LFA MP Electoral Code referred to in Article. 24;

Electoral Committee: means the Committee referred to in Article. 24;
FIFA: means the Federation Internationale de Football Association;
FIFA Statutes” or “Statutes of FIFA”: means the statutes, rules and regulations of FIFA;
General Secretariat(GS): shall mean the administrative structure of LFA MP under the General Secretary as contemplated in Article 38;
IFAB: means the International Football Association Board;
Management Committee: means the Management Committee contemplated by Article 41 ;
Member: means a CLUB and includes the registered members of the club;
Member in good standing: means a member which has complied with all obligations imposed upon members by the Constitution;
Local Executive Committee(LEC)”: means the LOCAL Executive Committee contemplated by Article 32;
Office-bearer: means the President, a Vice-President or any other member of the LOCAL Executive Committee;
Official: means any elected or appointed individual who is affiliated to a member and includes all LOCAL Executive Committee members, committee members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as any other person responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at the League or Club, SAFA, CAF and FIFA ;
Ordinary Courts: means courts of law established in terms of the laws of the Republic of South Africa and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa;

Player: means any amateur or professional football player/s registered with SAFA through its members;

Regulations: means Regulations made in terms of the the Constitution;

Rules: means Rules made in terms of the Constitution;

SASCOC: means the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee;

SAFA: means the South African Football Association;

Simple Majority: means more than half of the eligible members who are present in a meeting, and who are entitled to vote;

The League”: means an association of football clubs participating in organised completion under the aegis of LFA - MP and subordinate to SAFA Cape Town;

1. NAME, HEADQUARTERS, LEGAL FORM

1.1	The Association hereby constituted shall be known as the LOCAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION MITCHELL'S PLAIN and hereinafter referred to as “LFA – MP”;
1.2	The flag of LFA - MP shall consist of black, red, yellow with no specific order or design;
1.3	The emblem of the LFA - MP shall be as depicted in Schedule 2.
1.4	The flag, logo and abbreviation are legally registered in accordance with the Copyright and Trademarks laws of the Republic of South Africa;
1.5	The area of jurisdiction of LFA - MP shall be throughout the Mitchell's Plain Metropolitan Municipality;
1.6	The headquarters of LFA - MP shall be at Weltevreden Recreation Centre, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain or any other address that may be chosen by the LFA - MP from time to time;
1.7	The date of incorporation of LFA - MP is 25 April 2006;
1.8	a. - LFA - MP shall be a <i>universitas(as a whole)</i> with full legal personality; b.- including the rights to sue and be sued in its own name; c. - to hold property in its own name; d. - It is formed for an unlimited period of time;
1.9	No member or office-bearer of LFA - MP shall have any right to its assets nor incur any liability for its obligations;

1.10	It is recorded that LFA - MP is a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) in accordance with the provisions of Section 30(3) of the Income Tax Act of 1962, as amended;
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2. AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

2.1	LFA - MP shall have no other objectives save for the objectives provided for below and the funds it raises be employed exclusively in the promotion of such objectives and provided further that LFA - MP's activities shall be limited to the District. LFA - MP shall have the following aims and objectives;
2.2	to carry on the public benefit activity of administering, developing, co-ordinating and promoting the game of football in which the participants take part in accordance with the principles as laid down in the statutes of LFA – MP;
2.3	to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of the Mitchell's Plain Metro in accordance with the principles of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
2.4	to organise competitions in Association Football in all its forms, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority delegated to the various Members and Leagues of which it is composed;
2.5	to draw up regulations and provisions and to ensure their enforcement;
2.6	to protect the interests of its Members;
2.7	to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of SAFA CT, SAFA, COSAFA, CAF and FIFA as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
2.8	to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of Local Football;
2.9	to control and supervise all football matches of all forms played throughout its territory;
2.10	to manage local sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
2.11	to host competitions at both Local and Regional levels;
2.12	to settle disputes arising between members or bodies or persons connected directly or indirectly with football within its area of jurisdiction;
2.13	to raise and administer the funds of LFA - MP in such a manner as LFA - MP may deem advisable and in particular by means of subscriptions, donations and sponsorships;
2.14	to acquire and develop playing facilities including the construction of stadia;
2.15	to distribute monies to its members for the protection, promotion and advancement of amateur football;
2.16	to affiliate to Safa CT, SAFA (Western Cape), SASCOC and the Cape Town Sports Council Western Provincial Council of Sport;
2.17	to do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objective or any one of them

2.18	LFA - MP shall have the full power and authority to do any act, matter or thing as may be required to give effect to the aims and objectives of LFA - MP as described herein, including, but not limited to the following powers:-
2.18.1	to engage staff on the basis of a policy of fair employment and equal opportunities;
2.18.2	to acquire assets and enter into commitments for the promotion of its aims and objectives;
2.18.3	to confer honours and awards on individuals, in recognition of their contribution to football in South Africa;
2.18.4	to grant practical and financial assistance to individuals and organisations in order to enable them to promote ideas and concepts consistent with the objects of LFA - MP;
2.18.5	to enter into donor funding arrangements with companies or individuals and to solicit and accept fees, donations, bequests, contributions, and subscriptions for the funds of LFA - MP, provided however that LFA - MP shall ensure that no donor will derive any monetary advantage from any monies paid to and on behalf of LFA - MP;
2.18.6	to take, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire premises, equipment, vehicles, furniture and other property or assets, whether movable or immovable which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of LFA - MP, and in order to provide suitable equipment, accommodation and football facilities;
2.18.7	to improve, manage, develop, exchange or lease, mortgage, sell, dispose of, turn to account and grant options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with, or any part of the property and rights of LFA - MP;
2.18.8	to borrow, or raise money in such a manner as LFA - MP shall deem fit, and in particular to secure payment of any money borrowed by means of mortgage, pledge, charge or lien to secure and guarantee the due performance by LFA - MP of any obligation or liability it may undertake;
2.18.9	to open and operate banking accounts and to draw, make, accept, endorse, sign, discount, execute, issue cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable instruments;
2.18.10	to make rules which shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this Constitution, the Rules of SAFA Cape Town shall have the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in the Articles of the Constitution;
2.18.11	to select teams for Regional and Representative matches at all levels and to arrange tours and to sanction matches in and regulate the transfer of players to and from the Clubs in terms of the SAFA CT Regulations;
2.18.11	a) to keep or cause to be kept, true accounts of all receipts, credits, payments, assets and liabilities of LFA - MP and all other matters necessary for showing the correct financial state of affairs of LFA - MP. b) The accounts shall be kept in such books and in such manner as the LEC deems fit and to the satisfaction of the Auditors of LFA - MP;
2.18.12	to appoint auditors to audit annual accounts of LFA - MP;
2.18.13	to inquire into the administrative and/or financial affairs of Members, and, where necessary, to recommend corrective measures in this regard, and if these measures are not implemented to take over the administrative and/or financial affairs of the Member until these are placed on a satisfactory footing;

2.18.14	to appoint such sub-committees or commissions upon such terms as it may consider necessary to give effect to its powers;
2.18.15	to suspend, fine, terminate the membership of or otherwise deal with any Member, Club or individual affiliated to LFA - MP or any of its Members for infringing the Constitution, regulations, policies, principles or resolutions of LFA - MP or for engaging in acts of misconduct, improper practices, misdemeanour, acts of defiance, or for bringing LFA - MP into disrepute.
3. NEUTRALITY AND NON - DISCRIMINATION	
3.1	LFA - MP is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
3.2	Discrimination of any kind against a Local, Regional or Provincial structure of SAFA, any country, private person or group of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.
4. PROMOTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS	
4.1	LFA - MP shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives;
4.2	Every person and organisation involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the Statutes, Regulations and the principles of fair play as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship;
4.3	LFA - MP shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between Members, Clubs, Officials and Players affiliated to members of LFA – MP;
5. PLAYERS	
5.1	The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the LEC of LFA - MP in accordance with the current SAFA CT Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players;
5.2	a) Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulations of LFA - MP. b) Nothing herein contained shall preclude any member from registering players of Clubs affiliated to it in accordance with its own Rules which must not be inconsistent with SAFA CT, SAFA and FIFA Regulations for Status and Transfer of Players;
5.3	a) The transfer of amateur players shall close annually on the 30 June. b) If the end date closes on a Sunday or Public Holiday the closing date will then automatically default to the following calendar day.
5.4	Transfer Certificate fees;
5.4.1	That a clearance fee will be capped at one hundred and fifty Rand for Seniors;
5.4.2	Juniors under the age of nineteen the transfer certificate will be charged the Association Youth Player Registration fee payable to the LFA – MP under the jurisdiction of SAFA Cape Town;

6. LAWS OF THE GAME

6.1	a) LFA - MP and its Members administer Local Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB; b) Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game;

7. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS

7.1	The Members and Officials of LFA - MP must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of SAFA in their activities;

8. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

8.1	The official languages of LFA - MP shall be all the official languages in the region;
8.1.1	Official documents and texts shall be written in one or more of these languages;
8.1.2	In the event of any divergence between the interpretations of texts in different languages, the text written in the language approved by Congress shall be regarded as authoritative;
8.2	The official language at the Congress shall be English;
8.3	Sign language shall be used as a medium of communication;

9. ADMISSION, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

9.1	The Council shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member;
9.2	Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfills the requirements of LFA – MP;
9.3	Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion;
9.3.1	Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards LFA - MP or other Members of LFA – MP
9.3.2	termination leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to LFA - MP or its member;

10. MEMBERSHIP

10.1	The Members of LFA - MP are:
	Ashley Rovers AFC; Beacon City; Beacon Spurs;

	Bayhill United; Bayview FC; Cedar Park; FC Cape Flats; FC Tafelzucht; Fulham FC Galaxy Spurs; Golden United; Hotspurs; Ikapa Sporting; Ithemba Labanthu; Juventus AFC; Leeds United; Lentegeur FC; Liverpool-Portland; MA Collville; Milano United; Morgenster United; MP Football Academy; Red Rovers FC; Riverton FC; Rock n Fellas; Saringa Spurs; Stanturf FC; Strandfontein FC; Westridge FC; Woodlands United; YMCA
10.2.1	It is recorded that the Founding Members are recorded in the November 2010 LFA - MP Constitution;
10.2.2	Associate Members: -
10.2.3	The following associations may be recognized as Associate Members: YMCA; Hotspurs FC; Ithemba Labanthu; MP Football Academy;
10.2.4	LFA - MP, by a majority vote taken at a Congress or an Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting convened, inter alia,(among other) for this purpose, grant associate membership status to any other association operating at a Local level provided that no associate membership shall be granted to an association with the same aims and objectives as LFA - MP;
10.2.5	LFA - MP may, by a two-thirds majority vote taken solely for this purpose, withdraw its recognition of any associate member contemplated in Article10.2.1 in which event the relevant Member will cease, forthwith, to be an associate member of LFA - MP;
10.2.6	In matters of mutual interest, LFA - MP and any members may enter into a written agreement covering issues such as a joint liaison committee, communication, leagues, compensation, levies, disputes, match officials, coaches and such other matters as deemed necessary from time to time;
11. REQUEST AND PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION	

11.1	The procedure for admission of members may be regulated by special regulations recommended by the LEC and approved by the Congress of LFA – MP;
11.2	The application must be in writing and accompanied by the following mandatory items;
11.2.1	a copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations;
11.2.2	a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of LFA – MP, SAFA Cape Town, SAFA, COSAFA, CAF and FIFA and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials and Players;
11.2.3	a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;
11.2.4	a declaration that it recognises the judicial bodies of LFA – MP, SAFA CT, and SAFA;
11.2.5	a declaration that it is located and registered in the Municipality of Mitchell's Plain Metro;
11.2.6	a list of Officials, specifying those who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
11.2.7	a declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior written consent of LFA - MP;
11.2.8	a copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting;
11.3	This article shall not affect the status of existing members
11.4	a) The LEC shall interview all applicants; b) The LEC shall recommend to Congress for acceptance or otherwise; c) After the application has been approved by Congress will intending member be invited to Congress;
11.5	a) The new Member shall be granted provisional membership for the two years; b) After the period of provisional membership is completed, full membership rights and duties shall be acquired; c) Should there be sufficient course, the LEC may recommend to Congress that full membership be granted sooner than two years, or that provisional membership be terminated; d) Upon full membership being granted the accredited representatives will be eligible be elected; e) Pending full membership being acquired/granted, the new Member can exercise a vote and the right to participate in meetings;
11.6	No person or group of people shall have a direct or indirect controlling interest in more than one club of the LFA – MP;
11.7	No club of the LFA – MP shall be the source of profit for its officials or individual member;
11.8	a) A member will have the right to enter into financial/sponsorship or marketing agreement with any third party b) Should any agreement be finalized and such a decision should change the status of the member, then such an member shall notify the LFA-MP; c) The member shall declare the status and intention of the third party to ensure the funds are obtained from a legal and legitimate source;
12. MEMBER'S RIGHTS	
12.1	The Members of LFA - MP have the following rights:
12.1.1	to take part in the Congress of LFA – MP;

12.1.2	to know its agenda in advance;
12.1.3	to be called to the Congress within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights;
12.1.4	to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
12.1.5	to nominate candidates for all bodies of LFA - MP to be elected;
12.1.6	to be informed of the affairs of LFA - MP through the official bodies of LFA – MP;
12.1.7	to take part in competitions and/or other sports activities organised by LFA – MP;
12.1.8	to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of LFA – MP;
12.2	The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations;
13. MEMBER'S OBLIGATIONS	
13.1	The Members of LFA - MP have the following obligations:
13.1.1	to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF, SAFA, SAFA Cape Town and LFA - MP at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
13.1.2	to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
13.1.3	to take part in competitions and other sports activities organised by LFA - MP;
13.1.4	to pay their membership subscriptions;
13.1.5	to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a provision in the Constitution of such a member;
13.1.6	to adopt a clause in its constitution specifying that any dispute requiring adjudication involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of the Member, LFA – MP, SAFA Cape Town, SAFA, CAF and FIFA shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate dispute resolution Tribunal of the Member, LFA – MP, SAFA Cape Town, SAFA, CAF or FIFA and that any recourse to ordinary Courts is prohibited subject to Article 61.3;
13.1.7	to communicate to LFA - MP any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
13.1.8	not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised by LFA – MP, SAFA Cape Town, SAFA, FIFA or CAF; or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;

13.1.9	to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
13.1.10	to observe the mandatory items specified under Article 11.2 for the duration of their affiliation;
13.1.11	to administer a register of members which shall be regularly updated and make such register available to LFA - MP at all times;
13.1.12	to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, CAF, SAFA, SAFA Cape Town and LFA - MP;
13.1.13	Members shall have all representatives of Members in good standing shall be entitled to speak at any Congress Meeting of LFA - MP, subject to the Rules of Order;
13.2	Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanction provided for in this Constitution;
14. SUSPENSION	
14.1	Only the Congress may suspend a Member after due process has been followed;
14.1.1	However, the LEC may suspend a Member that seriously violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect;
14.1.2	The suspension shall last until the next Congress Meeting, unless the LEC has lifted it in the meantime;
14.1.3	Provided that nothing herein contained shall preclude the LEC from suspending any member pending an investigation or Disciplinary Inquiry;
14.2	A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress Meeting by a simple majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted;
14.3	During the period of suspension;
14.3.1	a suspended Member shall lose its membership rights;
14.3.2	Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member;
14.3.3	The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions;
14.4	Members that do not participate in the activities of LFA - MP for three consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at the Council Meeting and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.
15. EXPULSION	

15.1	The Congress may expel a Member or an official, if:
15.1.1	for failing to fulfil the financial obligations towards LFA – MP;
15.1.2	a) for seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, CAF, SAFA or SAFA Cape Town and LFA – MP; b) provided further that due process has been followed; c) The presence of an absolute majority of eligible Members entitled to vote at the Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid; d) the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a two-third majority of the valid votes cast;

16. RESIGNATION

16.1	A Member may resign from LFA – MP which will have an immediate effect;
16.2	Said Member shall inform the GS of the LFA – MP in writing;
16.3	A Copy of the signed minutes, where the decision to resign was endorsed, must accompany the letter of resignation;
16.4	The resignation is not valid until the said Member has fulfilled all financial obligations towards LFA - MP and the other Members of LFA – MP;

17. HONORARY PRESIDENTS AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

17.1	The Congress may confer the titles of Honorary President or Honorary Life Member upon a person or persons who has/have rendered meritorious service to LFA – MP;
17.2	The LEC shall make these nominations after having requested nominations from Members or of its own accord;
17.3	a) The Honorary President or Honorary Life Member may attend and participate in Congress; b) They may participate in the debates but are not entitled to vote;
17.4	The Honorary Life Members shall not be obliged to attend meetings of the LEC or the Congress but may do so at their request or upon invitation from the LEC or Congress;

18. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

	The bodies of LFA - MP shall be the following;
18.1	The Congress which is the supreme and legislative body;
18.2	The LEC which is the executive body;
18.3	The Mancom contemplated in article 41 below;
18.4	a) Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the LEC in fulfilling its duties. b) Their duties, composition and function are defined in these Statutes and/or special regulations drawn up by the LEC;
18.5	The general secretariat which is the administrative body.
18.6	The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee, Review Committee and Dispute Resolution Committee;
18.7	The bodies of LFA - MP shall be either elected or appointed by LFA - MP without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in this Constitution

19. THE CONGRESS

	Definition and composition of the Congress:
19.1	a) The Congress represents the supreme and legislative authority of LFA – MP; b) It is the meeting at which all the Members formally convene; c) Only a Congress Meeting that is properly convened has the authority to make decisions;
19.2	A Congress Meeting may be an Ordinary or Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting;
19.3	The President shall conduct the Congress business in compliance with its standing orders;
19.4	The Congress may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote;
19.5	The Honorary Presidents or Honorary Life Members may take part in the Congress Meetings;

20. REPRESENTATIVES AND VOTES

20.1	The Congress is composed of a number of representatives allocated as follows:
20.1.1	Each Member shall be entitled to two accredited properly registered representatives with each having one vote;
20.1.2	a) Each Member may either mandate their two representatives to exercise its two votes collectively, alternatively, to abstain from voting; b) Should a Member send less than two representatives, it shall not be entitled to vote;
20.1.3	a) Each Associate Member shall be entitled one representative, with one vote each; b) Each Associate member may either mandate its one representative to exercise its one vote, alternatively, to abstain from voting
20.2	a) Representatives must be accredited by the Member that they represent having been either appointed or elected by that Member;

	b) Written proof of appointment or election must be provided to the GS at least once per season on no later than 1 April of each year, and thereafter, in writing should a representatives change;
20.3	Only accredited representatives present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted;
20.4	The members of the LEC may participate in the Congress Meetings and are not entitled to vote;
20.5	During their terms of office, members of the LEC may not be appointed as representatives for their club or any other Member of LFA – MP;

21. CONGRESS AREAS OF AUTHORITY

	The Congress has the following authority:
21.1	adopting or amending the Constitution, Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress;
21.2	approving the Minutes of the last meeting;
21.3	electing the President, the Vice-Presidents and members of the LEC;
21.4	appointing the scrutineers;
21.5	approving the financial statements;
21.6	approving the budget;
21.7	approving the LEC report;
21.8	appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the LEC ;
21.9	fixing the schedule of fees;
21.10	deciding, upon the nomination of the LEC , whether to confer the title of Honorary President or Honorary Life Member upon any person;
21.11	admitting, suspending or expelling a Member or Associated Member, or official;
21.12	revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of LFA - MP ;
21.13	dissolving LFA - MP;
21.14	passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with this Constitution;

22. QUORUM OF THE CONGRESS

22.1	a) A Quorum of the Congress shall be fifty percent plus one of the Members who are in good standing and who are entitled to vote; b) members must comply with Article 20 with specific reference to the number of LFA - MP registered representatives for ordinary Members and Associate Members;
22.2	In the event of a quorum not being present thirty minutes after a proposed time of commencement of the Congress;
22.2.1	the meeting will be postponed the same day until seven days later

22.2.2	at such postponed date whoever shall be present shall then constitute a quorum and the meeting will proceed;
22.3	A quorum is not required for the second (postponed) meeting unless;
22.3.1	any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the LFA - MP constitution
22.3.2	the election of the President, the vice-Presidents and any member of the LEC;
22.3.3	the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body LFA – MP;
22.3.4	the expulsion of a Member, Associate Member or official of LFA – MP;
22.3.5	the dissolution of LFA – MP;
23. DECISIONS OF THE CONGRESS	
23.1	Unless otherwise stipulated in these Statutes;
23.1.1	a simple majority of the accredited Members in good standing who are entitled to vote is sufficient for a vote to be valid;
23.1.2	The number of valid votes counted shall decide the majority;
23.1.3	Spoilt or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority;
23.2	A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by;
23.2.1	a show of hands or by means of an electronic count;
23.2.2	In the event that voting by a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favour of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order;
24. ELECTIONS	
	ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS
24.1	Subject to the provisions of this Article, the election of office-bearers shall be by vote of accredited representatives and office-bearers present at a Quadrennial Congress Meeting of LFA – MP;
24.2	Any person shall be eligible for election as President, Vice Presidents (of which one will be a women), Secretary, Treasurer or member of the LEC provided that;
24.2.1	such person is nominated by a member in good standing;
24.2.2	such a person complies with the eligibility provisions of the SAFA Standard Electoral Code;
23.3	Each Member present at the elective Congress Meeting shall have a vote which shall ;
24.3.1	be exercised in accordance with the provisions of Article 21 in any election of office bearers;
24.3.2	a) all must be in good standing to entitle representatives to vote;

	b) all members must ensure representatives have a clear mandate;
24.4	Any Member in good standing shall be entitled to submit nominations for the position of President, Vice-Presidents (of which one will be a women), Secretary, Treasurer and the list of candidates for election to the LEC;
24.5	Sixty days prior to the date of the elective Congress, the GS shall distribute nomination forms to Members;
24.5.1	Members shall submit the original nomination forms to appointed Auditor, at least thirty days prior to closing date by;
24.5.2	email from recognized address only;
24.5.3	by hand, which must be duly acknowledged to LFA - MP's auditor;
24.5.4	The closing date and time shall be specified in a circular distributed by the GS with the nomination forms;
24.6	nomination form will be accepted by LFA - MP unless:-
24.6.1	The nomination form is signed by the President/Chairperson and the Secretary of the Member submitting the nomination;
25.6.2	The nominee has submitted to the auditors his/her signed acceptance of the nomination on the form provided for this purpose, and this signed acceptance has been received by the auditor at least thirty days prior to the closing date;
24.7	The onus shall be on the Member concerned to ensure that nominations and acceptances are received by the auditors on or before the closing date;
24.8	Within seven days after the closing date for nominations;
24.8.1	the auditor shall submit a list of those persons duly nominated to the GS;
24.8.2	the GS shall forward the list to the LFA - MP Electoral Committee for approval;
24.8.3	The original nomination forms shall be retained by the auditors;
24.9	Within fourteen days of receipt of nominations from the auditors, the General Secretary shall send the list of nominations as received from the auditors and approved by the Electoral Committee to all Members along with the agenda for the elective Congress.
24.10	The Chairperson of Electoral Committee and members of the Committee will conduct the elections in accordance with the provisions of SAFA Electoral Code.
24.11	a) Should there be fewer nominations for a post than there are vacancies to be filled nominations may be made from the floor; b) In such a nomination will only be entertained if the nominee is present; c) the nominee must indicate his/her willingness to accept nomination;
24.12	The first person to be elected shall be the President;
24.12.1	Should only one nomination be received the candidate shall be declared duly elected;
24.12.2	Where more than one nomination is received, the election shall take place by simple majority vote;
24.12.3	In the event of a tie, the outgoing President (or if he/she is a candidate, an outgoing Office Bearer nominated for this purpose by the outgoing LEC shall have a casting vote;

24.13	Following the election of the President, the Vice-Presidents shall then be elected;
24.13.1	Should only three nominations be received, the candidates shall be declared duly elected;
24.13.2	Should more than three nominations for this position be received, then such elections will be determined by means of a ballot with the candidates polling the most number of votes elected to the position of Vice-Presidents;
24.14	Following the election of the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and then the Treasurer shall be elected.
24.14.1	Should only one nomination be received, the candidate shall be declared duly elected.
24.14.2	Should more than one nomination for the position be received, then such elections will be determined by means of a ballot with the candidate polling the most number of votes elected to the position of Secretary, and Treasurer respectively;
24.15	Following the election of both the Secretary, and the Treasurer, the members for the LEC will be elected;
24.15.1	Should only one nomination be received, the candidate shall be declared duly elected;
24.15.2	Should more than one nomination for the position be received, then such elections will be determined by means of a ballot with the candidate polling the most number of votes elected to the position;
24.16	Should any dispute relating to an election arise during the meeting, the electoral Committee shall rule thereon, and its ruling shall be final and may not be challenged;
24.17	Subject to the provisions of this Article, Office Bearers hold office until their successors have been elected at an elective Congress;
24.18	A vacancy in any office of the LEC shall occur:-
24.18.1	upon the death or resignation of a member;
24.18.2	if a member is absent from three consecutive meetings of the LEC without prior notification unless the LEC upon good cause being shown, otherwise decides;
24.18.3	if a member is found guilty of having conducted himself in any manner likely to prejudice the objects or activities of LFA - MP and/or whose conduct has the effect of bringing LFA - MP into disrepute;
24.18.	Should the office of any member of the LEC become vacant;
24.18.1	the remaining members of the LEC shall have the power to co-opt members in his/her place until the next elective Congress;
24.18.2	provided that should the office of the President become vacant, the LEC shall, at its next meeting, elect the Vice President to act as President until the next Congress Meeting;
24.19	At any Congress Meeting which is not an elective Congress, elections will be held to fill offices that are vacant;
24.19.1	Candidates for such elections may be nominated only in accordance with the nomination procedures of this Article;
24.19.2	In each category of Office Bearer in respect of which there are vacancies, representatives may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies with the required number of candidates who obtain the highest number of votes in the first round of voting being elected;
24.19.3	In the event of a tie, the tie-break mechanisms set out in this Article for the relevant category of Office Bearer will apply;
24.20	An office bearer elected in accordance with Article 24.18 to fill a vacancy on the LEC holds office until the next elective Congress;
24.21	The President, Vice Presidents, General Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Executive body of any Member or Associated Member;

26. CONGRESS AND POLICY CONGRESS MEETINGS

26.1	Ordinary Congress Meetings shall be held monthly;
26.2	The LEC shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least fourteen calendar days in advance;
26.3	Subject to Article 27, the formal convocation shall be made in writing at least calendar seven days before the date of the Congress;
26.3.1	This convocation shall contain the agenda, the LEC activity report, the financial statements, the minutes of the last Congress and any other relevant documents;
26.4	All representatives of Members in good standing shall be entitled to speak at any Congress Meeting;
26.5	The following, if present, shall be entitled to vote;
26.5.1	representatives appointed by each Member in good standing;
26.5.2	Policy Congress Meetings shall be held once a year and the provisions set out above for Ordinary Congress Meetings shall mutatis mutandis(with changes made which are necessary) apply;

27. CONGRESS AGENDA AND POLICY CONGRESS

	ANNUAL CONGRESS MEETING
27.1	The GS shall, by registered by hand or by email;
27.1.1	give all Members at least fourteen days advance notice of the date of the AGM;
27.1.2	the date shall be determined by the LEC and shall ordinarily be a date before end of November;
27.2	Should, by the end of December in any year, no date for an AGM has been fixed by the LEC;
27.2.1	any Member may by written notice to the GS nominate a date for the AGM;
27.2.2	the period between such notice and nominated date shall be sixty days.
27.2.3	upon receipt of such notice, the LEC shall convene AGM;
27.3	The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the LEC and the Members;
27.4	Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the GS in writing, with a brief explanation, at least thirty days before the date of AGM;
27.5	Motions to an AGM shall be submitted to the GS of LFA – MP, as follows;
27.5.1	in writing per hand or email not less than t h i r t y days prior to the date of such AGM;

27.5.2	The GS of LFA - MP shall circulate said motions submitted together with the agenda for the Meeting, the audited financial statements, minutes and all annual LEC reports to all Members by hand or email not less than fourteen days prior to the AGM;
27.6	a) Members must forward in writing to the GS the names of the representatives for the AGM twenty one days before; b) The GS will compile a list of representatives received and forward to LEC and Members fourteen days prior to meeting; c) Members and officials will have seven days to alter and confirm the information of the list; d) failing to comply, the representatives in question will not be accredited and will not be entitled to participate in the meeting;
27.7	The AGM may on good cause shown condone any non- compliance with the time limits set out in this Article;
27.8	The following business will be considered at each AGM;
27.8.1	To confirm and approve the credentials of representatives;
27.8.2	To confirm and adopt the Minutes of the previous AGM, and any intervening Congress Meeting;
27.8.3	To receive the Presidential Address;
27.8.4	To consider and adopt the report of the LEC;
27.8.5	To consider and adopt the Audit Accounts, Balance Sheet and reports of the Auditors;
27.8.6	To confirm and accept amendments to the Constitution, rules and regulations, Policy Documents;
27.8.7	To consider regulations made by the Local Executive Committee;
27.8.8	To consider any applications for Associate Membership;
27.8.9	To accept new Members;
27.8.10	To determine the schedule of fees for the ensuing year;
27.8.11	To consider general matters for which fourteen days' notice had been given in writing;
27.9	The agenda of an AGM may be altered, provided two- thirds of the Members present at the AGM and eligible to vote, agree to such a motion;
27.10	The AGM shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda;
27.11	The Agenda for Policy Congress Meetings shall be determined by the LEC and the provisions regarding notices, motions etc shall be mutatis mutandis(with changes made which are necessary) be those set out for AGM;
28. EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRES MEETINGS	
28.1	The LEC may convene an Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting at any time; a) ordinary notice period will seven days, notice by email; b) emergency notice period will three days or as deemed necessary, notice by email, in extreme circumstances WhatsApp; c) notice must contain date, time, venue and agenda;
28.2	The LEC shall convene an Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting if one third of the members of LFA - MP make such a request in writing;

28.2.1	The request shall specify the items for the agenda;
28.2.2	An Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting shall be held within seven days of receipt of the request;
28.2.3	If a Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting is not convened, the Members who requested it may convene the Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting themselves;
28.2.4	As a last resort, the Members may request assistance from Safa CT;
28.3	The agenda of the Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting may not be altered, unless two-thirds of compliant members agree;
29. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE STATUTES AND THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE ANNUAL CONGRESS MEETINGS	
29.1	The AGM is responsible for amending the Statutes, the Regulations Governing the application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the AGM;
29.2	Any proposals for an amendment to the Constitution must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the GS by a Member or by the LEC;
29.3	A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if two-thirds of the Members present and compliant agree to it;
29.3	When considering an amendment to the Constitution, regulations and standing order of the AGM, it shall be competent to adopt an amendment;
29.5	The text of all amendments to the Constitution shall be forwarded to all members within thirty days of it having been approved by AGM;
29.6	Any proposal to amend the Regulations Governing the Application of the Constitution and the Standing Orders of the AGM must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the GS by a Member or by the LEC;
29.7	A proposal for an amendment to the Regulations Governing the Application of the Constitution and the Standing Orders of the AGM shall be adopted only if a simple majority of the Members present and compliant to vote, agree to it;
30. MINUTES	
30.1	a) The GS shall be responsible to oversee the recording and the preparation of the minutes at the Congress; b) The minutes shall be checked by those Members designated and shall be approved at the next

	Congress;
30.2	The GS shall distribute the minutes of the Congress within seven days prior the date of the Congress Meeting;
31. EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECISIONS	
31.1	Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for the Members immediately after the close of the Congress Meeting, unless the Congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect;
32. LOCAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE(LEC)	
	Composition
32.1	The LEC shall consist of the following;
32.1.1	The President, three Vice-Presidents of which one must be a woman, GS, Treasurer, HOD's as defined in the constitution;
32.1.2	The members of the LEC shall have been registered in football for four years, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence and sentenced to a period of imprisonment without the option of a fine and have residency within the territory of the Mitchell's Plain;
32.2	A member of the LEC may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of LFA - MP.
33. MEETINGS OF THE LOCAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE(LEC)	
33.1	a) The LEC shall meet every Tuesday between the months of February and November or otherwise decided by the LEC; b) Attendance and performance by LEC members are crucial and will monitored and reported to Congress for assessment;
33.2	a) The GS shall convene the LEC meetings in consultation with the President; b) Should fifty percent of the LEC members request a meeting, the GS shall convene subject to the urgency, but will not exceed fourteen days;
33.3	a) The GS shall compile the agenda in consultation with the President. b) Notice for such meeting shall be sent by the GS seven days before the meeting; c) changes to the Agenda for the meeting must be communicated to the GS three days prior to the meeting; d) GS to sent amended agenda to all LEC members;
33.4	a)The meetings of the LEC shall not be held in public; b) The LEC may, however, invite third parties to attend certain meetings;

	c) Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the LEC;
33.4	The LEC shall approve a meetings calendar of the various standing and other committees appointed by the LEC;
33.5	The GS shall distribute the Record of Decisions of the LEC within seven days after the date of the LEC Meeting;

34. THE POWERS OF THE LOCAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE(LEC)

34.1	The LEC shall;
34.1.1	pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not exclusively reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;
34.1.2	shall prepare and convene the Annual, Policy and Extra Ordinary Congress Meetings of LFA - MP;
34.1.3	shall recommend to the Congress, the chairpersons and members of the judicial bodies;
34.1.4	may decide to set up ad-hoc committees, if necessary at any time;
34.1.5	shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
34.1.6	shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress;
34.1.7	shall decide the place and dates of and the number of teams participating in the competitions of LFA - MP;
34.1.8	shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff including Heads of Delegation;
34.1.9	shall approve regulations stipulating how LFA – MP shall be organised internally;
34.1.10	shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for there application;
34.1.11	may dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of L F A – M P provisionally until the next Congress Meeting;
34.1.12	may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of LFA - MP or third parties;

35. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE(LEC)

35.1	a) LEC shall not engage in valid debate unless the absolute majority fifty percent plus one of its members are present; b) Once the LEC meets the quorum at the commencement of the meeting, all decisions taken by the meeting shall be valid and binding;
35.2	a) The LEC shall reach decisions by a simple majority of the members present; b) In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote; c) Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted;

35.3	Any member of the LEC must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk of a conflict of interests;
35.4	The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes;
35.5	The decisions taken by the LEC shall come into effect immediately unless the LEC decides otherwise;

36. THE PRESIDENT

36.1	The President represents LFA – MP legally;
36.2	He/She is primarily responsible for;
36.2.1	monitoring the implementation of the decisions passed by the Congress and the LEC through the GS;
36.2.2	ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of LFA - MP in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
36.2.3	overseeing the work of the GS;
36.2.4	promoting good relations between LFA - MP and its Members, political bodies and other organisations within its area of jurisdiction;
36.2.5	The President shall preside over the Congress, the LEC, Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he/she has been appointed chairperson;
36.3	The President shall have an ordinary vote on the LEC and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote;
36.4	If the President is absent or unavailable, the responsibility to chair meeting with the same powers ascribed to the President, as be below;
36.4.1	the first VP, then second VP, then third VP;
36.4.2	should the VP's not be available any member of the Congress or LEC, as agreed;
36.5	Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organisation regulations of LFA – MP;
36.6	Performs other responsibilities assigned by the LEC;
36.7	The President shall not be an owner or have any interest financial or otherwise in any Football Club under the jurisdiction of LFA – MP;

37. REPRESENTATION AND SIGNATURE

37.1	a) The President and the GS represent LFA – MP legally and are duly authorised to represent LFA MP in any legal proceedings and are entitled to sign for and on behalf of LFA – MP; b) The LEC may set up internal organisation regulations regarding the joint signature of officers, in particular in case of the Presidents absence concerning all important business of LFA – MP;

38. GENERAL SECRETARY(GS)

38.1	The GS and the President represent LFA - MP legally and are entitled to sign for LFA - -MP;
38.2	He/She shall be responsible for;
38.2.1	implementing decisions passed by the Congress and LEC;
38.2.2	attending the Congress and meetings of the LEC and Mancom Meetings;
38.2.3	compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, LEC and standing and ad - hoc committees;
38.2.4	in conjunction with the Treasurer inform all members of changes and updates of the accounts of the LFA – MP;
38.2.5	managing the correspondence of LFA – MP;
38.2.6	relations with the Members, committees, LEC;
38.2.7	organising the general secretariat/administration;
38.2.8	a) The GS or his or her nominee shall attend the meetings of all the committees ex officio(position of as senior exco, allowed to attend) ; b) when attending meetings ex officio the GS or nominee will be prohibited from representing his / her club.
38.2.9	The GS shall not be a Congress representative or a member of any body of LFA – MP;

39. VICE- PRESIDENTS

39.1	Shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President;
39.2	Shall act as the Convener of the managers and selectors of the LFA - MP representative teams, and shall serve on the Junior Committee, with responsibilities limited to the junior representative teams whilst engaged in activities relating to the Junior Committee;

40. TREASURER

40.1	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;
40.2	Shall submit the financial books of the LFA - MP for auditing to auditors of the LFA - MP twenty-one days after the end of the LFA - MP's financial year;
40.3	Shall send each affiliate an Income and Expenditure Statement and the balance sheet and the findings of the Auditors no later than fourteen 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;
40.4	Shall submit monthly Income and Expenditure statements to all clubs and LEC members seven days prior to the Congress of the LFA – MP;
40.5	Shall ensure that all cheques and/or withdrawals are at all times signed by the President, Treasurer and GS;
41. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE(MANCOM)	
41.1	The Mancom shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between the meetings of the LEC;
41.2	The Mancom shall consist of the President, the VPs, GS and Treasurer and one chosen from amongst the LEC members
41.3	The Mancom shall serve for a period of four years;
41.4	a) The President shall convene the Mancom meetings; b) If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication; c) Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect;
41.5	The President shall notify the LFA - MP immediately of the decisions passed by the Mancom;
41.6	All decisions taken by the Mancom shall be ratified by the LEC at its next meeting;
41.7	If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the deputy shall as described in this constitution;
42. STANDING COMMITTEES	
42.1	The standing committees of LA - MP are;
	1.a) Finance and Procurement Committee; 1.b) competitions committee; 1.c) Technical, Coaching and Development Committee; 1.d) Referees Committee; 1.e) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; 1.f) Women's Football Committee; 1.g) Youth Football Committee; 1.h) Membership Affairs Committee; 1.i) Schools football Committee; 1.j) Communications, Marketing and Public Relations Committee; 1.k) Registrations Committee; 1.l) Trustees Committee; 1.m) Convening Committee;
42.2	The chairperson of the standing committees shall be members of the LEC;
42.3	The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the LEC on the proposal of members

	or the President;
42.4	The chairperson and the members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of no more than four years or until the next AGM;
42.5	Each chairperson shall represent his/her committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant organisation with this constitution;
42.6	Each chairperson shall fix the dates of meetings;
42.7	Each committee may propose amendments to this Constitution;

43. FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

	The Finance and Procurement Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and no more than five members and shall:
43.1	Monitor the financial management and advise the LEC on financial matters and asset management;
43.2	analyse the budget of LFA - MP and the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer;
43.3	advise the L E C on the management of the A s s o c i a t i o n 's property and finances;
43.4	advise on matters relating to human resources and administration in general;
43.5	submit regular reports to the LEC.

44. COMPETITION'S COMMITTEE

	The COMPETITIONS Committee shall consist of a chair person and no more than five members and shall:-
44.1	organise and monitor the competitions of LFA - MP in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution and the regulations applicable to LFA - MP competitions;
44.2	provide and monitor the implementation of guidelines for the efficient management of all LFA - MP competitions;
44.3	advise the LEC on the competitions calendar;
44.4	shall examine and recommend to LEC applications for all proposed new competitions by members to be played within LFA - MP's jurisdiction;
44.5	submit regular reports to the LEC.

45. TECHNICAL, COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

	The Technical and Development Committee shall consist of a chairperson and no more than five members who shall:
45.1	primarily analyse the basic aspects of football training and technical development;

45.2	seek the improvement of training methods;
45.3	take all possible measures to improve the qualifications of coaches;
45.4	resolve questions on the theory of and practice of football;
45.6	take all possible measures to promote familiarisation with and experience in teaching football;
45.7	Organise courses and conferences for instructors, trainers, coaches and administrators;
45.8	compile material on teaching and coaching techniques for players, trainers, coaches and referees;
45.9	provide the assistance necessary for the production of didactic(factual educational) films;
45.10	issue memoranda(agreements from relevant organisations) from time to time regarding technical assistance and grants which have been given or are to be given towards any development project;
45.11	be responsible for editing the technical section of official LFA - MP publications;
45.12	recommend coaches, instructors or trainers for all LFA - MP teams and Members at the Members' request;
45.12	consider and submit proposals on promotion and development of football;
45.12.1	develop and maintain regulations on football pitches;
45.12.2	advise the LEC on Reports submitted by coaches of LFA - MP Teams;
45.13	submit regular reports to the LEC.

46. MATCH OFFICIALS(REFEREE) COMMITTEE

	The Referees Committee shall consist of a chairperson and no more than five members and shall:-
46.1	supervise and monitor the implementation/ of the Laws of the Game;
46.2	make decisions and interpretations regarding the Application of the Laws of the Game;
46.3	propose to the LEC any amendments to the Laws of the Game for submission to the FIFA Executive Committee;
46.4	compile a list of referees qualified to supervise LFA – MP, Regional and national matches for submission to LFA – MP ;
46.5	appoint the referees for all matches under the jurisdiction of LFA – MP;
46.6	establish uniformity in methods of refereeing and implementation of the Laws;
46.7	establish uniform criteria for the inspection of referees for use by all LFA - MP members;
46.8	organise courses for referees and referee instructors;
46.9	draw up a list of instructors and lecturers capable of conducting courses for referees;
46.10	prepare and produce useful didactic(factual educational) material on refereeing;
46.11	submit regular reports to the LEC.

47. LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

	The Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee shall consist of a chairperson and no more than five members and shall be responsible for the following:
47.1	analyse basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of LFA - MP and its Members;
47.2	take counsel, give advice on cases, disputes, or enquiries submitted to the Committee;
47.3	follow the development of the Safa CT Statutes and Regulations which govern LFA - MP and advise LEC of any changes;
47.4	issue memoranda (agreements from relevant organizations) from time to time on the meaning of, and lessons to be learnt from DC, Review Committee and Arbitration decisions and to advise the LFA - MP and/or its Members on relevant matters in this regard;
47.5	assist in the review of sponsorship, player/official and other contracts/legal agreements entered into from time to time by the LFA - MP;
47.6	conduct regular reviews of the LFA - MP to ensure compliance with Safa CT and SAFA statutes and to advise and propose changes/updates to the LFA - MP's Articles, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines;
47.7	review LFA - MP Members, Rules and Regulations to ensure compliance with the provisions of the LFA - MP statutes;
47.8	provide guidelines for the maintenance of the LFA - MP's Legal archives;
47.9	review LFA - MP's competition rules from time to time;
47.10	submit regular reports to the LEC.

48. WOMENS FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

	The Committee for Women's Football shall consist of a chairperson and no more than 5 (five) members and shall be responsible for the following:
48.1	drafting and submitting proposals on policies on women football development;
48.2	dealing with all matters relating to women football;
48.3	monitoring women's football competitions;
48.4	submitting regular reports to the REC.

49. YOUTH FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

	The Youth Football Committee shall consist of a chairperson five members and be responsible for the following:
49.1	monitoring youth football competitions;

49.2	advising the regional LEC on all matters related to youth development;
49.3	conceptualising, guiding and coordinating the development of a comprehensive youth development policy framework for the LFA - MP;
49.4	ensuring the implementation of the LFA - MP Youth Development Framework;
49.5	advising the LFA - MP on all matters related to development of youth at all school levels;
49.6	ensuring the establishment of viable Youth football structures in the LFA - MP school system;
49.7	submitting regular reports to the LEC.

50. MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

	The Membership Affairs Committee shall consist of the chairperson and not more than five members and shall be responsible for the following:
50.1	advising the lec on all matters related to status of Members;
50.2	establishing guidelines to ensure that all LFA-MP Members operate viable structures to develop the game of football in their areas of jurisdiction;
50.3	assisting the clubs in the execution of their duties;
50.4	assisting in the establishment of efficient communication systems between LFA-MP's Members and structures;
50.5	ensuring that all LFA-MP Members participate fully in the establishment and maintenance of the Regional players, coaches, referees, administrators and competitions registration database;
50.6	ensuring that all LFA - MP property allocated to the members is utilised in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of the LFA - MP;
50.7	submitting regular reports to the Executive Committee.

51. SCHOOLS FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

	The Schools Committee shall consist of a chairperson and no more than five members and shall:-
51.1	Drafting and submitting proposals on policies on school football development;
51.2	Dealing with all matters relating to schools football;
51.3	Monitoring school football competitions;
51.4	Submit regular reports to the LEC;

52. COMMUNICATION, MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

	The Committee shall consist of a chairperson and no more than five members and shall:-
52.1	Must develop and maintain a communications, marketing and public relations strategy for the LFA – MP;
52.2	Assist in the establishment of efficient communication system between LFA-MP its

	members and other stakeholders;
52.3	Draft media statements and responses in conjunction with the President for publication;
52.4	Promote the LFA - MP with an aim to highlight the LFA - MP and to invite potential sponsors to the LFA - MP;
52.5	Draft annual public relations programmes and promote and engage in social responsibility activities in and around the community of Mitchell's Plain;
52.6	Submit regular reports to the LEC;

53. REGISTRATION'S COMMITTEE

	The Registration Committee shall consist of a chairperson and no more than five members and shall:-
53.1	Monitor the registration of players and members with SAFA-CT;
53.2	To liaise with SAFA-CT on behalf of the LFA-MP on all matters relating to registration of players and members;
53.3	Report to the Treasurer on all matters relating to registration on a monthly basis;
53.4	Draft and maintain the LFA-MP registration procedure and give input on registration as far as the constitution, Rules and Regulations are concern;
53.5	to submit regular reports to the LEC;

54. CONVENOR'S COMMITTEE

	The Convenors Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and not more than 8 Members;
54.1	The Chairperson shall compile & distribute the convening sheets from the weekly fixtures for each venue allocating two convenors per venue;
54.2	Duties:
54.2.1	Convenors shall report ninety minutes before the start of the first match to
54.2.2	check that fields are properly dressed and the lay-out of fields:
54.2.3	facilitate reporting process of match officials;
54.2.4	Complete register thirty minutes before each game;
54.4.5	dispatch to the respective fields fifteen minutes prior to the start of the match;
54.3	will receive match fees from club representative thirty minutes prior to start of the match;
54.4	will receive match fees from club representative thirty minutes prior to start of the match;
54.5	shall remunerate to the match officials after each appointed match accordingly;
54.6	shall ensure all information recorded by match official on match return sheet are correct;
54.7	shall collate all information, cautions, send-offs, scores, team defaults and match official defaults in a report;
54.8	shall facilitate the process of send – off reports.

55. FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

	Consist of the President (Chairing) and three Club Chairpersons and the Treasurer (reporting);
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55.1	Duties shall be to ensure the Annual Financial Reports are submitted as prescribed including the Annual Financial Audit Report which should also include the Monthly Financial Reports are submitted to the LEC then to the Congress

56. AD-HOC AND SUB-COMMITTEES

56.1	The LEC may, if necessary, create Ad-Hoc committees for special duties and a limited period of time;
56.2	The convenor and the members and the terms of reference shall be set out in the resolution adopted by the LEC;
56..3	Ad-Hoc committees shall report directly to the LEC;
56.4	Standing Committees may establish sub-committees to facilitate their work and shall submit reports to their respective Standing Committees.

57. JUDICIAL COMMITTEES

57.1	The judicial bodies of LFA - MP are: a) the Disciplinary Committee; b) the Review Committee; c) the Dispute Resolutions Committee d) the Arbitration Committee
57.2	The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of LFA - MP, which shall comply with the Safa CT Disciplinary Code;
57.3	The decision-making powers of other Committees remain unaffected;
57.4	The members of the judicial bodies may not belong to any other body of LFA - MP at the same time.

58. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

	Composition of the DC
58.1	The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a maximum of ten members.
58.1.1	Two of the ten members shall be chairpersons appointed by LEC.
58.1.2	The referees committee shall nominate a person to the DC to assist with interpretation and clarity of Laws of the Game, the member shall form part of the ten;
58.1.3	the committee may be divided into two, to accommodate larger than usual case load.
58.2	The functions of the DC shall be governed by this Constitution, the Disciplinary Code of Safa CT and Safa.
58.3	The committee shall require a minimum of three members to pass decisions.
58.4	The committee may pronounce the sanctions prescribed in these Statues and the Disciplinary Code of SAFA on members, officials, players, clubs and officials.
58.5	These provisons are subject to the Disciplinary powers of the Congress and the LEC to suspend and

	expulsion of members.
58.6	a The decisions of the DC shall be subject to appeal to Safa CT DC. b The decisions of the DC can be reviewed should it not be consistent with this constitution.

59. REVIEW COMMITTEE

59.1	The decisions of the committee shall be subject to review, should it fail to adhere to the Statutes of LFA MP.
59.2	Only members directly affected by the decision may request a review.
59.2.1	the club of the defendant.
59.2.2	the club of the plaintiff.
59.2.3	the club of the match official, in cases where the match official is neither the Defendant nor plaintiff.
59.2.4	The executive committee of the LFA MP.
59.3	The party requesting a review, shall forward the request to the GS the LFA - MP, within twenty hours after the decision was communicated.
59.4	the review request must contain. a) the reference details of the case. b) the specific statutes which are in question.
59.5	The relevant HOD, legal affairs, will assess the merits of the review and will report to the Mancom for discussion and decision.
59.6	The decision of the Mancom must be communicated, immediately, to the relevant party.
59.7	The relevant party, if not satisfied, may lodge an appeal of the original DC decision, to Safa CT
59.8	The review process fee, of Five hundred Rand, must accompany the request, failing which the request will not be entertained.
59.10	The review process fee is not refundable.

60. DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

	The Committee shall consist of at least three members, provided that the Chairperson shall be responsible for the following;
60.1	dealing with the following disputes and other disputes not provided for in the Disciplinary Code:
60.2	disputes between LFA - MP and its members;
60.3	disputes between clubs and its members;
60.4	disputes involving players, and officials that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies;
60.5	Submitting regular reports to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.
60.6	Noting that this process shall not be used by parties, as a second attempt, who failed to adhere to this

	constitution at the first time of asking;
61. DISPUTE RESSOLUTION PROCEDURE	
61.1	Everybody or individual falling under the jurisdiction of LFA - MP shall ensure that any dispute that it has with a body or individual falling under the jurisdiction of LFA - MP is resolved in accordance with the dispute prevention and resolution procedures set out in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations;
61.2.1	Where no specific dispute prevention or resolution procedures are set in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, disputes may be referred directly to arbitration for resolution.
61.2.2	It is specifically provided that where LFA - MP members or members of clubs or individual opts for arbitration, the judicating party shall as follows;
61.2.3	a) A committee of no more than three members, one shall a chairperson, shall be appointed by the Congress; b) The congress maybe a normal or Extra-Ordinary one called especially for this purpose; c) Any professional legal person as accepted by the parties involed;
61.3	Subject to the Constitution of the Republic, and save in circumstances where there is a need for urgent relief of a sort which cannot be obtained through the dispute resolution procedure contemplated by this Article, no body or individual falling under the jurisdiction of LFA - MP shall approach a Court of Law to decide on a dispute it has with a body or individual affiliated to LFA - MP;
61.4	In accordance with Article 59 and 60 of the FIFA Statutes, any final appeal against an arbitration award shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.
62. JURISDICTION	
62.1	LFA - MP, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players agents will not take any dispute to Ordinary Courts unless specifically provided for in this Constitution or that of Safa CT and SAFA;
62.2	LFA - MP shall have jurisdiction on internal disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to LFA - MP.
63. FINANCIAL MATTERS	
63.1	LFA - MP finances shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of Generally accepted accounting principles and on a non-profit basis, with the intent and purpose that its capital and income, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, (whether by salary, dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever) by way of profit or distribution to any of the Members of LFA - MP or their office bearers or members, provided that nothing herein contained shall preclude the payment in good faith to a Member or any other person of:
63.2	Reasonable remuneration for the services actually rendered for or on behalf of LFA - MP;
63.2.1	reimbursement of actual costs, expenses and other commitments incurred on behalf of LFA - MP;
63.2.2	other expenses approved by the Congress and expenses that the L E C is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
63.2.3	all other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by LFA - MP.

63.3	The financial period of LFA – MP shall begin 01 November and end 30 October;
63.4	The signatories shall be two duly authorised by LFA - MP, one of whom shall be the President.
63.5	The financial resources of LFA - MP shall include, but not be limited to:
63.5.1	annual subscription fees of Members;
63.5.2	competition entry fees;
63.5.3	player Registration fees;
63.5.4	donations, subject to section 30(3)(b)(v) of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962;
63.5.5	State grants;
63.5.6	proceeds of sales of assets;
62.5.7	radio and electronic broadcasting rights.

64. INDEPENDANT AUDITORS

63.1	The independent auditors appointed by the AGM shall audit the accounts approved by the Finance Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Congress.
63.2	a) The auditors shall be appointed for a period one year; b) This mandate may be renewed;

65. MEMBERSHIP FINACNES, FEES AND ACCOUNTS

65.1	A new club accepted by the LFA-MP shall pay an affiliation fee which become payable 24 hours after the Annual Congress where it was accepted as a member;
65.2	a) A club of the LFA-MP shall pay an annual subscription fee of three thousand and two hundred rand; b) fifty percent shall become payable at the end of April, the remaining fifty percent shall become payable at the end of July;
65.3	Member of the LFA-MP shall register annually and pay an annual registration fee, as prescribed at the AGM;
65.4	Meeting fines payable twenty-one days after report has been accepted by the Congress;
65.5	DC fines payable, forty-five days after receiving the DC case outcomes.
65.6	The Treasurer to provide all clubs with an invoice fourteen days prior to the due date, which must reflect due date;
65.7	a) members who fail to make payment by date indicated on invoice will be declared “out of compliance” b) the Treasurer will inform the GS of all defaulting members;

	c) the GS will inform defaulting members of the change of the status twenty-four hours after receiving notice from the Treasurer; d) should the due date be on the day prior to scheduled matches, the notice from the GS to defaulting member can be via any means necessary; e) the time for payments on due dates only will be 18h00;
65.8	a) member whose status is “out of compliance” will be allowed to partake in matches scheduled; b) all matches played by defaulting members shall be awarded to the opposition of the day; c) defaulting members must honour all match official appointments; d) all member in good standing shall honour all match official appointments which involve defaulting members; e) the status of “out of compliance” shall not continue for more than two weeks; f) member who fail to make payment of overdue amounts by Thursday after the second weekend will be stopped from partaking in all activities of the LFA – MP;
65.9	Members defaulting on payment will be summoned to appear at the LEC within seven days;
65.10	All office-bearers are exempted from being suspended from duty(LFA-MP duties) in the event of the club he or she is a registered member is not in good standing;
65.11	a) The LFA-MP shall reserve the right to operate an injury fund, funded by its clubs on a monthly basis, which purpose can assist the those players and/or match officials who sustain serious injuries while participating in leagues and competitions arranged by the LFA-MP; b) The LFA-MP shall limit all claims from the injury fund to a maximum of Five hundred rand per incident; c) A claim/s must be forwarded in writing, together with all relevant documentation prescribed from time to time, to the General Secretary of the LFA-MP, and shall be thoroughly scrutinized by both LFA-MP Competition and Treasurer before any payment/s is made, and the claim/s should be processed within twenty-one days after the claim has been lodged with the LFA-MP; d) A player/s and or match official/s that is a member/s of a medical aid fund/society shall not be eligible to claim from the injury fund;
65.12	a) An annual honorarium shall be paid to all qualifying member; b) One thousand five hundred to LEC members and eight hundred rand for sub-committee Members; c) These honoraria shall be awarded at the AGM of the LFA-MP; d) Members who attended seventy percent or more of the LEC and Congress meetings will awarded full honorarium; e) 70% HOD reports less than 50% up to 69% shall receive 50% payments, the period of attendance is & reports is February to November of each year
65.13	Member co-opted to serve on any body of the LFA-MP shall be eligible to be awarded an honorarium on recommendation from the LEC and endorsement by the Congress;
65.14	Should an Executive and/ or Sub-Committee member of the LFA-MP be removed from his/her post, or such a member dies and or is replaced by another person/s after an election is held during the course of the qualifying period to be awarded an honorarium, then the LFA-MP Congress shall consider and

	decide whether such a person/s shall be awarded a full honorarium or part of it;

66. COMPETITIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

66.1	LFA - MP organizes, coordinates and/or regulates the following official competitions held within its territory:
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66.1.1	The senior and junior League(men and women);
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66.1.2	The senior and junior knock – out(men and women);
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66.1.3	The senior Bucco knock Cup(men and women);
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66.1.4	The Cups Tournament
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66.2	a) The LEC may delegate to Members the authority to organise competitions. b) The competitions organised by the members shall not interfere with those competitions organised by LFA – MP. c) Competitions organised by LFA - MP shall take priority;
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66.1.6	The LEC may issue special regulations to this end.
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67. RIGHTS

67.1	a) LFA - MP and its Members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. b) These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audio-visual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as logos, emblems, trademarks and other rights arising under copyright law;
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66.2	a) The LEC shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilised and draw up special regulations to this end; b) The LEC shall approve whether these rights shall be utilised exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party;
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68. AUTHORISATION

67.1	LFA - MP and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorising the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.
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69. DISSOLUTION OF THE LFA - MP

68.1	a) LFA - MP, by resolution at an Extra Ordinary Congress Meeting called solely for this purpose, dissolve the Association; b) The notice period for the meeting shall be twenty-one days;
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68.2	A resolution to dissolve the Association will be of no force and effect unless:
68.2.1	it is carried with the support of seventy five percent of the total number of votes which would have been capable of being cast if every member in good standing at the date of the extra ordinary congress concerned had been fully represented at that meeting;
68.2.2	It specifies a public benefit organization or organisations approved in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act 50 of 1962 as amended and sharing some of the aims and objectives of LFA - MP to whom whatever property, capital and accrued income of LFA - MP remains upon the winding up or dissolution of LFA - MP, shall be distributed after satisfaction of all debts and commitments of LFA - MP and the proportions in which any such property, capital or accrued income shall be distributed to such organizations.
68.3	a) If LFA - MP is disbanded its assets shall be transferred to an organisation with similar status and objectives as LFA - MP. b) It shall hold these assets in trust as bonus pater familias(take care of it with similar care as owner) until LFA - MP is re-established. c) The final Congress Meeting may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two- thirds majority.
70. INDEMNITY	
69.1	The officials of LFA - MP are indemnified against all losses, charges, costs, damages and all other expense and liability they may incur or be put to concerning the bona-fide(with the best of intentions) execution of their duties as officials of LFA - MP.
72. REVIEW AND RESCISSION	
70.1	a) Members shall have the right to move a motion to review and rescind any resolution of LFA – MP. b) Notice of such motion may be given at the meeting at which the resolution is adopted and must be moved at the following meeting of LFA - MP on pain of lapsing;
70.2	a) If such notice is not given at the meeting at which the resolution is adopted it must reach the GS of LFA - MP fourteen days prior to the Meeting at which it is to be moved; b) The GS shall inform all members and officials thereof at least fourteen seven days prior to the meeting;
70.3	No resolution may be rescinded unless two-thirds majority of the members present and empowered to vote are in favour of the rescission;
70.4	Upon the rescission of a resolution LFA - MP shall have the power to pass a fresh resolution as it deems fit;
70.5	No resolution may be reviewed more than once in any calendar year.

72. NOTICE	
	For the purposes of these statutes and the Rules and Regulations:
72.1	Any document sent by registered mail shall be deemed to have been received within seven working days of same having been posted;
72.2	any document proven to have been sent successfully by e-mail to an e-mail address shall be deemed to have been received by the owner of that e-mail address within one working day of same having been successfully sent;

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