

CONSTITUTION PART B - RULES.

RULE 1: GENERAL

These competition rules and bylaws of the association shall be read in conjunction with and as if they were embodied in the Articles of the Constitution of the Football Association of Pretoria (FAP), Herein throughout these competition rules and bylaws referred to as the association.

NB: The rules of the "Junior Section" (part C of the constitution) have been incorporated herein and therefore these rules apply to both Junior and Senior teams / players and competitions any reference to Part C of the Constitution must be seen as part B.

RULE 2: LAWS OF THE GAME

All games of association football played under the control and jurisdiction of the association shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game as defined in Articles 3 of the Constitution.

RULE 3: COMPETITION - ENTRY INTO

Clubs affiliated to the association desirous of entering teams to compete in any competition organises and controlled by the association shall;

- a) Forward an application to play in such competition and / or competitions, in writing, to reach the Administrator of the association on or before the first day in *April* in the year in which the competition is to be played, and shall,
- b) Accept liability for the competition entry fee at the prescribed rates,

RULE 4: COMPETITION - AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE

The Executive Committee of the association may, after due consideration;

- a) Accept or reject the application of any club to enter any competition played under the control of the association, provided that in the event of rejection the Executive committee may offer an explanation at the discretion of the *President* but shall not in any way be compelled to do so, or may
- b) Notify the affiliated club concerned that the entry can only be accepted into some league other than that for which application has been made, or may
- c) Impose any condition upon acceptance that the committee, at its discretion, may consider devisable or necessary.

RULE 5: COMPETITION - WITHDRAWAL FROM

In the event of any club, or any team of any club withdrawing from any competition or league, the club will automatically be fined in accordance with the automatic disciplinary system for the current season.

RULE 6: COMPETITION - ENTRY FEES

No application for entry into any competition will be considered unless the association holds

those fees described in the associations application for entry form, that have been previously agreed to at the associations Annual General meeting.

RULE 7: COMPETITION - OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Application for permission to enter any competition played under the control of other associations shall be made, in the first instance, to the association annually in terms of Rule 3 above, and shall be subject to the following;

- a) The Executive committee shall not be bound to approve such application or to nominate any particular club team, but shall, in it's discretion be entitled to nominate only such club teams as it may approve, and to such competitions as it may decide appropriate to the status of the club and / or team, and
- b) The Executive committee may in it's discretion decide in what manner it shall reach a decision and may, if it considers it necessary or expedient, arrange an elimination competition or fixture to assist it to reach a decision, and
- c) The decisions of the Executive committee shall be final in regard to all such entries and shall be binding on the clubs applying for entry to such competitions, and
- d) Teams competing and the clubs to which such teams belong, shall be bound by the rules governing the competition in which they shall be competing as well as the rules and bye-laws of the association except that in so far as there is a difference of meaning, interpretation, or fact between the competition rules of the committee and these rules and bye-laws the competing club shall be bound by such rules as has specific application to the competition in which it shall be competing.

RULE 8: CAPITATION FEE

The South African Football Association (SAFA) determines an annual capitation fee to be paid by each registered Club player in the association. The amount payable and the due dates for the payment of such amount is made known each year after the A.G.M. of (SAFA) The Honorary Treasurer of the Association will submit the necessary accounts to Clubs for payment. All capitation fees received are paid to SAFA. .

RULE 9: REGISTRATION - GENERAL

No club affiliated to this association shall, under any circumstances whatever, permit or encourage the playing of any unregistered or improperly registered player in any of it's teams in any competition controlled by this association, subject to the provisos that;

a) Where such unregistered and / or improperly registered player shall be proved to have played in such competition and the match shall have been won or drawn by the defaulting club, the points for such fixture shall be awarded automatically to the opposing club, and the defaulting club and / or player shall be subject to additional disciplinary action as the Protest and Misconduct committee shall see fit to rule, but

b) Where the defaulting club can produce reasonable evidence to prove that application for registration was made in terms of these rules and bye-laws, and that there was no justification for refusal to accept such registration and the club, acting in good faith, had in possession evidence leading it to believe that such player had been duly and properly registered, then the Protest and Misconduct committee shall be empowered to make such special finding as it may deem fit and

just in all the circumstances of the case.

RULE 10: REGISTRATION - PERIOD OF EFFECT

Any player once a registered player of a club shall remain a registered player of such club until he requests in writing and is granted his resignation in writing. It shall not be necessary for such player to renew such application annually, registration being continuous until cancelled in writing by action of the player with the consent of the club, or by the club itself, or by the association.

RULE 11: REGISTRATION - PREVIOUSLY UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

Application for registration of players previously not registered with any association whatever shall be made to the association in the person of the Executive Administrator and shall be accepted by him/her at any time during any season, provided that;

- a) The player is acceptable to the association for registration and the application is made on the associations application for registration form *accompanied by all relevant documentation, photographs etc.* properly signed by both the player applicant *or parent / guardian where applicable*, and the Club Secretary (or his duly appointed deputy) on behalf of the club in whose name the registration is requested, and provided that
- b) The registration shall be effective only from the day on which the Executive Administrator actually received the application in writing, and provided also that
- c) The only proof of registration recognized by and acceptable to the association shall be the ticket of registration (players card) issued by the Executive Administrator bearing his signature (or that of duly appointed deputy)

RULE 12: REGISTRATION - PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED PLAYERS

Any player registered as a member of a club affiliated to this or any other association may apply for re-registration as a member of any other club affiliated to the association provided that the application for registration is accompanied by a written clearance granted by his former club and / or association by the *cut off date (determined at the AGM)* of the current playing season.

RULE 13: REGISTRATION - LOCAL TRANSFERS

Any player registered as a member of a club affiliated to this association may not re-register as a member of any other club affiliated to the association after the *cut off date (determined at the AGM)* of the current playing season.

RULE 14: REGISTRATION - RE-REGISTRATION SAME CLUB

Players previously registered for a club affiliated to this association who resigned from such club, or whose registration has been cancelled by the club concerned for any reason whatever, and who now, not having registered for any other club anywhere in the interim wish to renew their

registration as members of the same club for which they were previously registered shall be treated in every way as if they were players not previously registered for any club.

RULE 15: REGISTRATION - CLUB CANCELLATION

Any affiliated club may prior to the *cut off date (determined at the AGM)* of the current year request the Executive Administrator of the association to cancel the registration of any player registered in the name of the club, for any reason whatever, and the association shall be bound to accept such request to remove the name of the player from the list from such club from the date of request from the club.

NB: No player will be removed / transferred from any club unless the request / Clearance is received in writing, on a club's letterhead, duly signed by a club official and submitted along with the player's registration card / ticket.

RULE 16: REGISTRATION - CLUB DISBANDING

All registrations in the name of any club that becomes defunct or that disbands voluntarily shall be cancelled automatically immediately such club ceases to field teams in competitions administered by the association.

- a) When a club disbands or withdraws from the Association those players registered in the clubs name will automatically be **Free Agents**.

RULE 17: REGISTRATION - PLAYER OBLIGATION

No player shall be permitted to resign from any club until such time as he has met all his obligations to such club, including the payment of outstanding subscriptions and repayment for any kit purchased and issued to him against repayment and / or the return of any kit issued to him for use during his membership of the club. "Outstanding subscriptions" shall mean subscriptions for the current and the immediate previous playing season only.

RULE 18: REGISTRATION - PLAYER DOUBLE REGISTRATION

No player shall be entitled to sign a registration form requesting registration as a player for more than one club without first having complied with the condition requiring him to resign from the club from whom he first requested registration. Any player committing a breach of this rule shall be deemed to be a registered member of the club for whom he first signed a registration form until such time as his resignation from such club has been accepted by the club and approved by the association, and he shall at the same time be liable to such disciplinary punishment as may be awarded at the discretion of the Protest and Misconduct committee and shall also be liable to pay the normal subscription fee of the first club for which he signed a registration form, before he shall be granted clearance. The only exception to this being when a club has previously cancelled a player registration (see rule 15).

RULE 19: REGISTRATION - ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

No player, whether a registered member of a club or not, shall be eligible to represent any club affiliated to this association in any fixture whatever played under the control of the association unless such player has been registered as a player with the association, proof of registration being the players card issued on registration.

RULE 20: CLOSED SEASON - DEFINITION

The Association accepts the closed season as being coincidental with the dates published by the Education authority for the end of the last school term in December and the start of the first school term in January of each year, during this period

a) The office will be closed

b) No club may arrange, engage in or promote any game of football, except in exceptional circumstances and then only with prior consent and approval of the association

c) No clubs may accept any signature from any new player binding such player to registration for the club for the ensuing season.

RULE 21: COMPETITION - CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

The sole control and management of any competition conducted by this association shall be vested in the Executive committee of the association. This committee shall have jurisdiction over all friendly or other fixtures in which clubs affiliated to the association take part and shall have the power to deal summarily with affiliated clubs or registered players of the association in respect of any breach of the Articles of the Constitution, competition rules and bye-laws, or guilty of misconduct during or after matches on or of the field of play. This committee shall be empowered to delegate all or such portion of this authority to the Protest and Misconduct committee or to any other sub-committee it may form and / or appoint for the purpose, if it wishes

RULE 22. SUBMISSION OF CLUB DEFAULTERS LIST.

On or before the third Saturday in October in each year each club affiliated to the association shall furnish the association with Defaulters list on which shall be reflected the names and indebtedness of all members of the club who, at that date, shall be in debt to the club in any respect whatever, and of member who is in possession of kit which he has received on loan or against repayment, and any member whose name appears on such list shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and shall be debarred automatically from any further participation in any competition under the control of the association until such outstanding liabilities have been cleared to the satisfaction of the club. On settlement of the liability the club concerned shall be responsible to notify the association in writing immediately, and the members name shall be removed from the list.

RULE 23. NO DEFAULTERS LIST

In the event of no Defaulters List being received from a club on the date specified the club shall

be deemed to have been paid all its dues and other amounts due by members and have no claim on kit in possession of members, and to have no further financial claim on its members. No subsequent claim lodged with the Association in respect of any debt due by any member incurred before the date of the last Defaulters List, and which was not included in such return, shall be valid and no refusal by any club to accept the resignation on any member on the grounds of such an outstanding debt shall be acceptable to or permissible by the association.

RULE 24. COMPETITION PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

There shall be no automatic relegation and / or promotion of teams playing in any competition under the direct control of the association, and entries for each separate competition shall be subject each season to the scrutiny and approval of the executive committee.

RULE 25: FRIENDLY MATCHES - GENERAL

No club affiliated to this association may engage in any friendly match without the prior consent and approval of this association.

RULE 26: FRIENDLY MATCHES - IN LIEU OF LEAGUE MATCHES

No club affiliated to this association shall arrange or take part in a friendly fixture in lieu of a League or Cup match under any circumstances whatever. If a match played on a day and at a venue and between teams set down in any fixture list for any league or cup competition then such match shall be considered and accepted as a match in such competition for which it was set down.

RULE 27: CHARITY MATCHES

No club affiliated to this association shall arrange, conduct or take part in any match the whole proceeds or part proceeds of which are paid to or devoted to or for benefit of any charitable purpose, or for any player or person, without the prior consent of the association applied for in writing to the Secretary or the association and granted in writing by the Secretary on the authorisation of the executive committee and / or the president in his discretion.

RULE 28: MATCHES AGAINST NON-AFFILIATED CLUBS

No club affiliated to this association shall arrange, conduct or take part in any fixture against any club not falling under the jurisdiction of and / or not affiliated to this association without the prior consent of this association, applied for in writing to the executive Administrator of the association.

RULE 29: TOURS OUTSIDE OF THE ASSOCIATIONS JURISDICTION

No club affiliated to this association and no players registered with this association may arrange, conduct or take part in any tour outside the jurisdiction of the association without prior consent of the association, applied for in writing to the Executive Administrator of the association.

Any approach to any club affiliated to this association by any other association club or other body, or such approach to any individual registered with this association shall first be referred to

this association before any negotiations concerning any tour or fixture may be commenced or entered into.

Diction of this Association in respect of all football played or conducted. -On any day of the week, except Sundays unless under exceptional circumstances when a fixture shall have been arranged or authorised by the Association to take place on a Sunday, during such season, wherever such fixture shall take place, and shall be subject to these Competition Rules and Bye-laws and the Articles of Constitution of the Association as if such fixture were organised and controlled by such Association.

RULE 30: ACTION BY PROTEST AND MISCONDUCT COMMITTEE

Any Club affiliated to this Association breaking or failing to comply with the provisions of these rules shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and subject to such disciplinary action as may be decided suitable by the Protest and Misconduct Committee, or the Executive Committee, in its discretion. Any registered player of this Association who knowingly takes part in any breach or failure to comply with the provisions of these rules shall also be deemed guilty of Misconduct and subject to disciplinary action.

RULE 31: ARRANGEMENT OR PLAYING OF FIXTURES AGAINST ANY CLUB NOT FALLING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS ASSOCIATION

No Club affiliated to this Association shall arrange, conduct or take part in any fixture against any Club not falling under the jurisdiction of and/or not affiliated to this Association without the prior consent of this Association, applied for in writing to the Secretary of the Association, except:

a) In the event of such fixture having been arranged by this Association.

RULE 32: PERMISSION TO TOUR OUTSIDE PRETORIA

No Club affiliated to this Association and no team of players registered with this Association may

Arrange, conduct or take part in any tour outside the Pretoria area without the prior consent of this Association, applied for in writing to the Secretary of the Association. Any approach to any Club affiliated to this Association by any other Association Club or other body, or any such approach to any individual registered with this Association shall first be referred to this Association before any negotiations concerning any tour or fixture may be commenced or entered into.

RULE 33: SPECIAL CHALLENGE CUP RULES

The Executive Committee of the Association is empowered to make such special competition rules and bye-laws for the control of Challenge Cup Competitions as it may from time to time deem necessary or advisable, provided that no such competition rule or bye-law shall be of any force or effect whatever in respect of the whole or any part of it that runs contrary to anything already contained in these Competition Rules and Bye-laws, or that is contrary in meaning or interpretation from the spirit, meaning and interpretation of these Competition Rules and Bye-

laws, and provided further that no club affiliated to this Association shall be bound by such special competition rules and bye-laws have been properly formulated, approved and circulated by the Association to such Club

RULE 34: CLUB AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF A PLAYER BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATION

Immediately on receipt of written notice from the Secretary of this Association that a registered player of such club has been officially selected to represent this Association in any fixture whatever, the Club receiving such written notification shall advise the player and/or players named in the notice, and shall proceed to arrange for his appearance in terms of the instructions contained in the notification, provided that no notification shall be considered official under any circumstances Whatever until and unless it is received and/or confirmed in writing and no club shall take, or shall be bound to take any action until the written notice or confirmation is received.

RULE 35: UNAVAILABILITY OF SELECTED PLAYER

In the event of such player or players being unable to play for any reason whatever the club to which the player belongs shall, immediately it becomes aware of this fact, advise the Secretary of the Association telephonically stating the reason why such player will not be able to play, such telephonic communication to be confirmed in writing within 48 (forty-eight) hours. Any player who refuses to turn out in such fixture without good and sufficient reason, acceptable to the Association, may be deemed to be guilty of misconduct, through the medium of either the Executive Committee or the Protest and Misconduct Committee may deem fit and proper.

RULE 36: AVAILABILITY TO PLAY IN COMPETITIONS INSTEAD OF IN REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

No player who has been notified of his selection to represent this Association in any fixture whatever in terms of Rule 32 above and who has notified the Association, either directly or through his Club, of his non-availability for such fixture, shall be entitled or permitted to take part in any Club fixture arranged to take place on the same day as the representative fixture for which he was selected and not available except where permission has been obtained in writing, prior to the Club fixture taking place, from the Association for him to do so.

RULE 37: APPEARANCES OF REGISTERED PLAYERS FOR CLUB TEAMS IN VARIOUS SENIOR LEAGUE AND CUP MATCHES

Seniors;

The league structure is as follows;

Gold and Red leagues

Reserve league.

1st Division

2nd Division

The Gold and Red leagues are accepted as being the higher in status leagues over the Reserve league, the Reserve is accepted as being higher in status over the 1st Division, and the 1st Division the higher over the 2nd Division

NB: 'Participation' indicates – 'Legally entering the field of play'.

Any registered player shall be eligible to represent the Club for which he is registered in the books of the Association in any fixture whatever, provided that:

- a) He shall be in good standing with both his Club and the Association, and
 - b) *No player may participate in more than one senior league in any one weekend.
Both teams in which an offending player participates will be judged as guilty, fined and loss of points.
NB; The exception to this rule is any two players that participate in the Reserve league may participate in the Gold league on the same weekend.*
 - c) The conditions of **Rules 25, 32 to 37 inclusive, 42, 56 and 70 of these Rules and Bye-laws shall** be complied with, and provided that
- i. *If, after having played three matches or more for a team, a player must not play at all for a period of one week (sit out period) for the player to be entitled to play for any team lower in status to that team.*
 - ii. *There is no 'sit out' period for a player to move to a team higher in status.*
 - iii. The Protest and Misconduct Committee shall be the sole judge and authority for authorizing the appearance of any player or for the granting of any reversion exemption in terms of this Rule, subject only to the inherent right of appeal of the player or Club concerned to the Executive Committee, and provided that the Protest and Misconduct Committee shall not be bound to offer any reason for a refusal to authorize an appearance or to grant any reversion or exemption.
 - iv. In the case of any competition in which any Club shall have entered two or more teams each of such teams shall be regarded as belonging to separate Clubs and the Honorary Registrar shall keep a separate record of the players appearing in such teams and no player having played in one of such teams shall be entitled under any circumstances whatever to play during the same season for any other team entered by the same Club in the same competition.

Juniors;

The league structure is as follows;

- Under 18 Gold league – Under 18 Red league*
- Under 16 Gold league – Under 16 Red league*
- Under 14 Gold league – Under 14 Red league*
- Under 12 Gold league – Under 12 Red league*

Within the age groups the Gold league is accepted as being the higher in status.

Should a club have more than one team in a league the teams will be differentiated by the name of the club followed by an 'I', 'II' or 'III' ('I' being accepted as the higher in status over 'II' and 'II' over 'III' etc.)

NB; Clubs who have junior teams that participate in other SAFA leagues must note that these leagues are accepted as being higher in status over the FAP leagues regardless of their age groupings.

These clubs are to submit copies of the team return of the ALL games played in these leagues to the FAP office by mid day of the Monday following the day of such match.

Any registered player shall be eligible to represent the Club for which he is registered in the books of the Association in any FAP fixture whatever, provided that:

- a) He shall be in good standing with both his Club and the Association, and
- b) *No Junior player may participate in more than one junior league in any one weekend.*
- c) The conditions of **Rules 25, 32 to 37 inclusive, 42, 56 and 70 of these Rules and Bye-**

laws shall be complied with, and provided that

- v. *If, after having played a match for a junior team, a player must not play at all for a period of one week (sit out period) for the player to be entitled to play for any team lower in status to that team.*
- vi. *There is no 'sit out' period for a player to move to a team higher in status.*
- vii. The Protest and Misconduct Committee shall be the sole judge and authority for authorizing the appearance of any player or for the granting of any reversion exemption in terms of this Rule, subject only to the inherent right of appeal of the player or Club concerned to the Executive Committee, and provided that the Protest and Misconduct Committee shall not be bound to offer any reason for a refusal to authorize an appearance or to grant any reversion or exemption.

RULE 38: WEARING OF CLUB COLOURS

With the exception of the goalkeeper, who shall be dressed differently from the rest of his team, all players in every team shall appear on the field of play in any fixture properly dressed in the registered colours of the Club they represent, except where special permission has been granted by the Association for a departure from this Rule, and provided that in the event of two teams having similar colours or colours that are likely to cause confusion on the field of play, the AWAY team shall change to some set of colours other than those registered as their official colours.

RULE 39: FAILURE OF A CLUB TO FULFIL ITS COMMITMENTS

In the event of any Club or any team of any Club, failing to fulfil

Its obligations to field proper teams in the competition or competitions, for which entry was applied for and accepted, the Club will be automatically fined per failure.

In the Case of a Gold league Club failing to fulfil 3 fixtures collectively Junior and Senior team, the full club may be suspended with immediate effect and requested to make representation to the Protest and Misconduct Committee which shall rule as it thinks fit having full regard to all the circumstances. Walk-overs to the opposing teams will be considered to all matches missed whilst this suspension is in force.

RULE 40: PLAYING OF FIXTURES AS NOTIFIED IN OFFICIAL FIXTURE LISTS

All matches played under the control of this Association shall begin promptly at the time and venue shown in the official fixture list and according to these Rules and Bye-laws, provided that:

a) The Association reserves the right to alter the time of starting and/or venue of any fixture prior to the start of the match, and if due and reasonable warning shall have been given to the competing clubs of the changed time and venue, subject to the fact that due and reasonable warning shall mean that the warning was actually received by the club Secretary (or his deputy) of each of the clubs concerned not later than 72 (seventy-two) hours before the time and date of the changed fixture, then the clubs concerned shall be bound to fulfil such fixture as if it had been included in the original fixture list at the changed starting time and venue: and

b) *The officially appointed referee shall, at his own discretion, is entitled to delay the start of the match for any good and sufficient reason, provided that he shall report having done so, together with his reasons for such action, in his sub-sequent report on the match: and*

c) *Any team not 'being ready' for kick-off at the scheduled starting time of the match may be refused permission by the referee or the opposing team to play the match.*

'Being ready' includes; having the team return completed in full, having at least 7 players legally

kitted and on the field of play with their registration cards available for checking by the opposition and/or the referee.

The referee, whether, the fixture starts late or not at all shall report the full circumstances in his report. The final decision as to what action should be taken, if any, shall rest with the Protest and Misconduct Committee which shall rule as it thinks fit having full regard to all the circumstances, and

d) No officer or official of the Association, with the single exception of the President who shall be entitled to act at his discretion, shall be authorized to give any instructions to the officiating referee or the team captains regarding any change of starting time or of venue, nor shall such officer or official of the Association have the right to give any instructions regarding the curtailment of playing time in any match unless he shall be acting on the direct instructions of the President or of a majority of the Executive Committee.

RULE 41: POSTPONEMENT OF SCHEDULED FIXTURES

The sole and final authority for the postponement of scheduled fixtures shall be;
For junior matches; The Senior Vice President and Chairperson of the FAP junior section.
For senior matches; The Vice President and Chairperson of the FAP senior section.

In an emergency the President of the Association shall be empowered to order or consent to the postponement of any fixture without the prior consent of, knowledge of, or any reference to the Executive Committee. It shall be optional for any Club affiliated to the Association to apply for a postponement of any scheduled fixture, such application to reach the Executive Administrator of the Association at least 10 (Ten) working days before the scheduled fixture and to quote in detail in writing the reasons for the application accompanied with the fee as stipulated in the Automatic Disciplinary Fees list, or to bring the game forward. The Executive committee and/or the President of the Association may decide each case on its merits having regard to the policy of the Association as regards postponements and outstanding fixtures at the time of the application, but neither the Executive Committee nor the President of the Association shall be bound to accede to any such request or to offer any reason for refusal or rejection of the request.

RULE 42: ABANDONMENT OF ANY MATCH FOR ANY REASON

No match shall be abandoned or shall be stopped after play has begun except on the direct instructions of the officiating referee, such instructions to be given on the ground at the venue of the match. The referee giving such decision shall convey his reasons to the captains of the two teams concerned personally, both together at the same time and shall later report his decision and his reasons to the Association in writing. No match, once abandoned or stopped (other than for a temporary stoppage caused by injury) may be resumed; or if such match is resumed the result shall nevertheless be null and void. The date, time and venue of the replay shall be decided by the Fixtures Committee which shall be responsible to advise both Clubs and the referees Association of the decision in writing at least 72 (seventy-two) hours before the scheduled time and date of such replay

RULE 43: DECISION AS TO THE FITNESS OF THE PLAYING SURFACE OF ANY GROUND

The officially appointed referee shall be the sole judge as to whether or not weather conditions have rendered the playing surface of any ground unfit for play to proceed. If he shall consider the

surface unfit for play he may order that the fixture shall not take place, or if play has already started he may order the abandonment of the fixture, in both of which cases the provisions of Rule 38 above shall apply.

RULE 44: TEAM LISTS TO REFEREE AND OPPOSING TEAM

The captain of every team taking part in any fixture under the direct control of this Association shall hand to the team return book with the fully and correctly completed team sheets to the referee. (White, Blue, Pink and Yellow Copies)

The referee checks the cards of the starting line up per team (card numbers vs. shirt numbers) the referee may request the captains to check the player's cards physically against the player or he may do this himself.

The referee then signs the book (through all 4 copies), tears out the blue and pink copies, hands the opposing captains the pink copies and keeps the blue copies. The referee leaves the white and yellow copies in the book.

The Referee must keep the cards of all players that enter the field of play during the match.

The team return books are obtainable on request from the Executive Administrator of the Association.

Responsibility for the correctness of such Team Return shall rest and remain with the Club concerned whoever shall have actually signed the Return on behalf of the Club, and such Club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct in the event of incorrect, fraudulent or otherwise erroneous information appearing on such Team Return, while the Team captain shall likewise be guilty of misconduct if he knowingly hands to either the referee and/or opposing team captain a Team Return which he knows to be incorrect in any respects. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be interpreted as an act of misconduct and a fine may be levied against the Club concerned in respect of each single instance of failure to comply together with such other disciplinary punishment as the Protest and Misconduct Committee in its discretion shall see fit to award.

NO OFFICIAL REFEREE;

*In the case of the Gold and the Red league's **Cup and League** fixtures- No FAP official no play.*

*ALL other league's **Cup** matches No official FAP appointed referee no play, however should the teams come to a mutual agreement on a referee, the game may be played.*

NB; includes juniors

(See note 'A' below)

*All other senior **League** matches The Game must be played, the teams must discuss the options, and should a stale mate be reached the 'away' team will have the deciding say.*

(See note A below)

*All Junior **League** games the games must be played and the 'home' team must supply a referee. – This referee must have successfully completed the referee's course and / or be over the age of 18.*

NOTE A – *Once a referee has been appointed, he / she is deemed a FAP Official and must be awarded respect and courtesy stipulated in these rules. It is the teams responsibility to ensure the Official is aware of the administrative tasks pertain got cards, teams returns, reports etc.*

Should the game start late, the time must be reduced however 2 equal halves must be played.

RULE 45 REFEREE'S ACTIONS AFTER THE MATCH.

*Immediately after the match, the Captain / Manager / Coach of the team is responsible to retrieve his players cards from the referee, all except any red carded players (see below)
The referee shall be responsible to forward the Blue copies obtained from the two captains, together with his report on the match, to the Executive Administrator of the Association: such report in all cases to be in the hands of the FAP by mid day of the Wednesday immediately following the match or no later than two days (Sundays and official holidays excluded) after conclusion of the match*

***Red Carded** players, the referee is to keep the cards of any red carded player and submit the card with his report to the FAP office by mid day on the Wednesday following the match, or within 48 hours of the completion of the match.*

This report along with any reports submitted will be scrutinized by not less than two (2) members of the Protest and Misconduct Committee. The member's decision and sanction imposed will be distributed to all concerned. (Appeals may be forwarded as explained in rule 48)

The admin officer will inform all parties as to the sanction imposed.

This applies to juniors and seniors.

RULE 46: RESTRICTION OF PLAYERS IN THE CASE OF DRAWN MATCHES AND/OR OTHER MATCHES ORDERED TO BE REPLAYED

In the case of drawn matches that have been ordered to be replayed and/or in the case of any other match to be replayed only those players eligible to have played for such teams as are concerned on the date of the original fixture shall be eligible and allowed to play in the replayed match. Postponed matches shall not be regarded as matches having been ordered to be replayed and shall not fall within the scope of this Rule.

RULE 47: RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUB SECRETARIES AFTER COMPETITION OF ANY FIXTURE

It shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Secretary of every Club participating in any match under the control of this Association, whether his Club team shall have won, lost or drawn the fixture, to notify the Executive Administrator by means of faxing the white copy of the team return by 10h00 of the following working day after the fixture. Any Club having won or drawn such match may, at the discretion of the Protest and Misconduct Committee, on the application of the Honorary Registrar, be ordered to forfeit the points gained in the event of non-compliance or, alternatively, not to be credited with the points gained until such time as the notification has been received by the FAP. Any Club, having lost the match, may if guilty of failure to comply with this requirement be fined in respect of each such failure and shall be further liable to such other disciplinary action as may be awarded by the Protest and Misconduct Committee in its discretion

RULE 48: PROTESTS AND/OR APPEALS

Protests and/or Appeals relating to Breaches of these Competition Rules and Byelaws or any other Special Competition Rules

Any protest and/or appeal alleging violation of these Competition Rules and Bye- laws or any one of any Special Competition Rules governing any competition organised and played under the direct control of this Association shall be lodged in writing in duplicate with the Administrator of this Association within three days (Sundays and official holidays excepted) of the date of the fixture or of the occurrence giving rise to the protest and/or appeal, and shall be accompanied by a fee, the whole part of which whereof may be forfeited to the funds of the Association in the event of the Protest and/or appeal being disallowed. Any such protest and/or appeal when submitted shall contain a resume of the evidence to be submitted and shall name not more than three witnesses to be called to support such protest and/or appeal.

RULE 49: PROTEST / APPEAL DOCUMENTATION DISTRIBUTION.

It shall be the responsibility of the Administrator of the Association to furnish the Club, or individual, against which or whom the protest and/or appeal is being lodged, with the duplicate **copy** of the protest and/or appeal, and such Club and/or individual shall be entitled to be represented at the hearing of the protest and/or appeal and shall be entitled to call not more than three witnesses.

RULE 50: PROTEST / APPEAL HEARING - WITNESSES

On application and at its discretion the Association may permit either or both Clubs to call more than three witnesses but this shall not be done without the consent of the Association in the person of the Chairman of the Protest and Misconduct Committee at the time of the hearing of the protest and/or appeal. The Protest and Misconduct Committee shall also be entitled to subpoena such other witnesses as it r-nay wish.

RULE 51: PROTEST / APPEAL HEARING

The Administrator of the Association shall advise both Clubs and/or any individual person concerned (other than witnesses) of the date, time and venue of the hearing, such notification to be in writing to reach addressees at least 5 (five) working days before the hearing is to take place. The Clubs and/or individuals concerned shall then each is responsible to arrange the appearance of their own witnesses and representatives.

RULE 52: PROTESTS AND/OR APPEALS RELATING TO THE STATE OF THE GROUND ON WHICH THE FIXTURE TOOK PLACE

Any protest and/or appeal relating to the ground, goalposts or bars and/or other appurtenances of the ground on which the fixture is played or was played shall not be considered unless such protest and/or appeal was lodged verbally or in writing with the referee on the ground prior to the start of the match. When such protest/ appeal and/or objection has been lodged with the referee, the Club concerned shall be compelled to protest to the Association and no such protest objection and/or appeal shall be withdrawn except by the written leave of the Association. The referee receiving the protest objection and/or appeal shall include reference to it in his report after the

match. Failure on the part of the Club concerned to follow up such protest objection and/or appeal shall be deemed a breach of these Rules and Byelaws and shall render the Club liable to disciplinary action. All other conditions appertaining to the lodging of such protest objection and/or appeal shall be as set out in Rules 48 to 51, both inclusive, above

RULE 53: RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CLUBS IN RESPECT OF PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SPECTATORS

Every Club affiliated to this Association shall be responsible at all times for the actions of its registered players, officials and of spectators at its home ground or having travelled to an away ground and is required to take all reasonable precautions to prevent such persons threatening or abusing or assaulting officials, referees, lines- men, players or supporters of the opposing team during or at the conclusion of any match, and to take appropriate action against any officials or spectators using objectionable language. Failure to take reasonable action in terms of this paragraph shall render a Club liable to such disciplinary action, as the Association shall think fit

RULE 54: REPORTING OF MISCONDUCT

It shall be the duty of Officers of the Association, delegates to the Executive Committee of the Association, members of the Referees Association, Club Officials and all registered players of this Association to report to the Association immediately any act of misconduct, bad sportsmanship; breach of these Rules and/or any other act likely to bring the association and the game of Association Football into disrepute that comes to their notice. Such persons as are indicated above who witnesses such act and who fail to report the matter to the Association may themselves, in the discretion of the Protest and Misconduct Committee, be deemed guilty of misconduct.

NB: All correspondence must be directed to the FAP through the Executive Administrator. Clubs are who correspond directly with other clubs be it as a copy or direct communication will be deemed guilty of misconduct and dealt with through the Protest and Misconduct Committee. This applies to ALL correspondence.

RULE 55: PERSONS TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD OF PLAY

No person, whatever his or her status or official position, shall be allowed on the field of play during any match except by the direct request of or with the direct permission of the referee in charge of the match, unless he be one of the players participating in such match.

RULE 56: MISCONDUCT TOWARDS A REFEREE, OFFICIAL, OR PLAYER AWAY FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY

Any act of misconduct or discourtesy towards any referee, official or player of the opposing team, committed off the field of play shall be deemed as much as an act of misconduct as if it had been committed on the field of play, and shall be treated as such.

RULE: 57 APPEALS AGAINST A REFEREE'S DECISION

No appeal against a referee's decision may be made except in respect of a question of interpretation of the rules, or, laws governing the game, provided further that even in the event of such protest the referee's decision shall be final and binding on the field of play and must be accepted and acted upon even though under protest. In the event of a protest having been lodged, with the referee, at the time of the queried interpretation of the rules or laws of the game, the Club concerned shall have the right of appeal to the Protest and Misconduct Committee in terms

of, and under the conditions outlined in Rules 58 - 61 both inclusive provided that the referee shall have the same rights as any Club protested against, and provided further that the fact that no protest was lodged with the referee at the time shall not invalidate the right of the Club concerned to appeal, except in the circumstances set out in Rule 52.

RULE 58: POWER TO SUSPEND AND LIMITATION HAVE ACTION WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION

In the event of any Club affiliated to this Association, any player registered with this Association, any member of the Association, Officer of the Association, or member or official of any Club, District- and/or Sub-Association affiliated to this Association, or any spectator on any ground under the control of this Association or of any Club affiliated to this Association being proved guilty of any breach or violation of the Laws of the Game, the Articles of Constitution of this Association, these Competition Rules and Bye-laws, or of any act of misconduct, to the satisfaction of the Association, the Association through the medium of the Protest and Misconduct Committee or the Executive Committee shall have the power to order the offending club, player, spectator, member of the Association, Officer of the Association, member or official of such affiliated Club to be suspended for a stated or indefinite period or else to be dealt with in such manner as the Association may consider fit, and shall further have the power to debar such person from admission to any ground under the control and jurisdiction of the Association, and to require all clubs to debar such spectator or persons from any or all grounds under their control and/or jurisdiction

RULE 59: RESTRICTION OF ACTION WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION

No individual, while under suspension, shall be allowed to take part in any way in the conduct and/or administration of the game, and shall automatically be required to relinquish any or all appointments held by him in connection with the game.

RULE 60: PLAYING WITH OR AGAINST ANY CLUB AND/OR ACTION AGAINST ANY CLUB AND/OR PLAYER UNDER SUSPENSION

Any Club and/or player playing with or against any Club and/or player while under suspension, knowing such Club and/or player to be under suspension, shall be dealt with as the Protest and Misconduct Committee or the Executive Committee shall think fit and appropriate. Such offending Club may at the discretion of the Committee concerned be ordered to pay all or any part of the costs and expenses of investigation of such matter and of dealing with the question.

RULE 61: ACTION ON PROOF OF COLLUSION TO VIOLATE ANY RULE OR LAW

If the Protest and Misconduct Committee, or the Executive Committee of the Association should, as the result of any report, protest and/or investigation, find any two or more Clubs and/or players affiliated to or registered with the Association guilty of the act or intention to violate by mutual agreement any of these Rules and Bye- laws of the Game, such Committee shall have the power to disqualify such Clubs as may be concerned from further participation in the competition in respect of which the offence has been proved, or shall have the power to order the match to be replayed and to deal with the offending Clubs and/or players as it may consider fit and

appropriate.

RULE 62: PAYMENT OF EXPENSES IN EVENT OF A PROTEST AND/OR APPEAL

The Protest and Misconduct Committee and/or the Executive Committee shall have the authority to order the protesting or appealing Club and/or player and/or individual to pay all or any part of the expenses of the Club and/or individual person against whom a protest and/or appeal has been lodged if in the opinion of such Committee such action shall be just and reasonable and provided that such protest and/or appeal has not been upheld or sustained.

RULE 63 A: ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH TROPHIES

At the conclusion of any competition for which a trophy shall have been offered by the Association the Association shall deliver such trophy to the winning Club, either privately or by public presentation as the Association shall decide appropriate at the time, and the Club receiving such trophy shall be responsible to deliver within seven days to the Association, duly signed by at least two officers of the Club, such official receipt as shall have been handed to or forwarded to the Club by the Association for completion. In the event of failure of such Club to comply with this requirement, it shall be responsible to return the trophy to the Association on demand and shall only be entitled to regain possession of such trophy after due completion of the required receipt. If the Association fails to forward or to hand such receipt to the Club, the Club, although released from the need to give such receipt, shall nevertheless remain responsible for the safe custody of such trophy and for the return of such trophy in the same order and condition as that in which it was handed over. Such trophy shall be returned to the Association at least one week prior to the last match in the same competition in the season following the one for which the award was made, or, alternatively, the Club concerned shall be responsible to make good to the Association the full value of the trophy as shall be proved by the Association in the event of the trophy having been damaged, lost, destroyed or stolen while in the safe keeping of the Club. In the event of the Club being suspended by the Association, debarred from participation in competitions organised by the Association or having disbanded or gone defunct or otherwise ceasing to take an active part in the competitions of the Association for any reason whatever, such Club or the officials and members thereof collectively and/or individually shall be responsible that the said trophy shall be returned to the Association in good order and condition, or that its full replacement value shall be made good to the Association within seven days of such event.

RULE 63 B: LEAGUE WINNERS

- a. The league shall be run on a home and away basis, with three points being allocated for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss
- b. Should two (2) or more teams heading the log be equal on points, goal difference (i.e. goals scored FOR minus goals scored AGAINST) shall be used to determine relative position.
- c. Where teams have equal goal difference, the number of goals scored FOR, shall be used to determine the relevant position.
- d. Where teams have equal number of goals scored FOR, the aggregate off the direct results between the tied shall be used to determine relative positions.
- e. Where the aggregate of direct results between the tied teams is a draw, the results of the two teams concerned shall be considered before a play-off at a neutral venue is determined.

- f. The final log standings, as having been declared by the League Co-coordinator shall not in any way whatsoever be changed.

RULE 64: ENGRAVING OF TROPHIES

Any trophy awarded by the Association to such Club as shall have won it in any competition organised by the Association shall be engraved with the name of the Club and the year of the competition, such engraving to be done at the expense of the Association. No inscription other than that authorised by the Association shall be placed on the trophy under any circumstances whatever.

RULE 65: PROVISION FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN THESE RULES AND BYE-LAWS

Any matter concerning the conduct of competitions held under the direct control of the Association not provided for in these Rules / Bye-laws and General Requirements documentation shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee of the Association in such manner as it shall consider fit until a suitable addition and/or amendment to these Rules / Bye-laws and General Requirements shall have been drafted and approved.

RULE 66: FINES

RULE 67: FEES

RULE 68: ALTERATION HAVE AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THESE COMPETITION RULES AND BYELAWS

The Executive Committee of the Association shall have the power to alter, add to or amend these Competition Rules and Bylaws provided that all such alterations, additions and/or amendments are forthwith advised in writing to all members. If five or more members object in writing within 14 (fourteen) days of receipt of such advice a Special General Meeting shall be called in terms of Article 65 of the Articles of Constitution and the two-thirds majority decision of such meeting shall be required to approve the proposed addition, alteration and/or amendment.

Alterations to these rules mat stem from proposals made and approved by the majority of clubs attending the AGM, SGM, or the club's meetings held monthly. Changes must be noted and ratified by the Executive committee prior to being implemented.