



RULE 1: GENERAL

These FAP Statute Part B Rules & Bye-Laws, hereafter referred to as “FAP Rules”, of the FAP shall be read in conjunction with and as if they were embodied in the FAP Local Statutes.

The Football Association of Pretoria hereafter referred to as FAP is the LFA associated with SAFA Tshwane.

NB: These FAP Rules apply to seniors and juniors unless specifically stated to the contrary.

RULE 2: LAWS OF THE GAME

All games of association football played under the control and jurisdiction of the FAP shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game as defined in Article 3 of the FAP Local Statutes unless specifically stated to the contrary in this document in which case the rule will apply as stated in this document.

RULE 3: COMPETITION - ENTRY INTO

Clubs affiliated to the FAP and new clubs desirous of entering teams to compete in any competition organised and controlled by the FAP shall;

- a. Forward an application with supporting documentation, to play in such competition(s), in writing or on the FAP Club/Team entry form, to reach the Administration Officer of the FAP one week prior to the Annual Congress preceding the season in which the competition will take place
 - a. Club Constitution, Confirmation letter of home ground, Mission statement which should include intended team entry details, as well as area from which the majority of players will be retrieved.
- b. Accept liability for the competition entry fee at the prescribed rates.
- c. Accept without exception to abide by the Rules as set out in the FAP Local Statutes which as stated in Rule one above includes this document in its entirety.

RULE 4: COMPETITION - AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE

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

- a. Accept or reject the application of any club to enter any competition played under the control of the FAP, 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.
- d. Introduce any mechanism to assist in the structure of any league(s) to enhance the football experience provided by the FAP – Any such mechanism must be approved by a majority vote of the executive committee.
- e. Only clubs in good standing with the FAP may participate in any competition controlled by the FAP
- f. Only Full Clubs may participate in the Super league
 1. Full Clubs may participate in all other leagues
- g. Entry Level for new clubs is at the discretion of the FAP Competition’s committee, however may not be higher than 1st division
- h. Waiver the Automatic Disciplinary / Fines. See Rule 67
- i. Clash of colors – Away team must change – Bibs may be used.

FULL CLUB COMPOSITE

To qualify for Full Club Status, the following criteria must be met;

j. Senior Teams;

1. Minimum Two (2) of which one participates in the Super League, the other must be either Reserve league, 1st Division or 2nd Division (A Veterans team may not be used as qualification)
The only restriction on the number of senior teams, is a club may only have one team in the reserve and Super leagues.

k. Junior Teams;

1. Representation in u/13, u/15 and u/17 leagues.
There is no restriction to the number of entries in these or other junior leagues.

OTHER CLUB;

A club that does not qualify as a 'Full Club' is deemed to be an 'Other Club' regardless of the number of team entries (junior or senior)

Other clubs may participate in all leagues except the senior Super and Reserve leagues.

All clubs to have designated sport and liaison officer at the field on home match days.

Problems of any nature must be reported to the sport and liaison officer on the day of the game, so that appropriate action may be taken where possible and the said matter resolved on site.

Facilities at All Clubs should include;

- a. Change rooms for home and visiting teams (UNLOCKED)
- b. Ablution facilities for ladies.
- c. Tuck shop or refreshment outlet.
- d. Easy access to field and facilities.
- e. First aid requirements (Club's responsibility) stretchers etc.

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.

- a. Withdrawal of a team within the first half of the season; all records of the club will be expunged from the league table
- b. Withdrawal of a team in the second half of the season; all outstanding games will be taken as a 2-0 walkover.
- c. Should a Full Club withdraw a team from a league which renders the club foul of the qualification requirements for Full club status;
 1. The Club will continue as a Full club for the remainder of that season, however, at the discretion of the executive committee, the club may be disqualified for Full Club status for the following season regardless of whether full qualification is achieved.
- d. Should a club withdraw a team from a junior cup competition;
 1. Prior to any cup games being played;
 - i. the team will be removed from the lowest league in which that club participates in that age group.
 1. EG: If the club has 1 team in each of division 1,2 & 3 and withdraws a team, the team in the lowest division will be withdrawn (in this example division 3 and the club will participate in the higher division's cup competition (in this example divisions 1 and 2
 2. After a cup game has been played;
 - i. the team will be removed from the lowest division in which that club participates in that age group – see example in 5.d.1.i.1
 - ii. In addition, those players who participated in the team that has been withdrawn will remain cup tied to that team and no longer participate in any cup competition for that season.

RULE 6: COMPETITION - ENTRY FORM and FEES

No application for entry into any competition will be considered unless;

- a. Taking into consideration any "Payment Plan" with deadlines for fees, as well as deadlines for entry forms approved by the Finance Committee – see Rule 65 Club Fees
 1. The agreed fees or portion thereof, along with the entry forms not submitted to the office by the said date will result in the Club not being scheduled to play in the upcoming League and Cup program.
 - i. This includes those clubs who are required to organize payment via their accounts department.

RULE 7: COMPETITION - OTHER LEAGUE / OTHER LFA

OTHER LEAGUE – EG: Gauteng Development League (GDL) / Safa Tshwane Regional Development League (STRDL)

Application for written permission / endorsement to enter any development league under the control of SAFA or a subsidiary of SAFA shall be made to the association as annually in terms of Rule 3 above, and shall be subject to the following;

- a. The FAP shall not be bound to approve such application or to endorse any particular club team, but shall, in its discretion be entitled to endorse only such club teams as it may approve and may decide appropriate to the status of the club and
- b. The Executive committee may in its 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 FAP Rules except that in so far as there is a difference of meaning, interpretation, or fact between the competition rules of the committee and the FAP Rules the competing club shall be bound by such rules as has specific application to the competition in which it shall be competing.
- e. Any endorsement will require;
 - The club to be in good standing financially with the FAP
 - The club must participate in the FAP league (age group) for each league (age group) that the club enters in the "other" league for the same season.
 - i. The club will be "Not in good standing" should the club fail to fulfil the FAP fixture at any time during the season.

OTHER LFA

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

- f. The Executive committee shall not be bound to approve such application or to nominate any particular club team, but shall, in its 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
- g. The Executive committee may in its 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
- h. 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
- i. 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 FAP Rules except that in so far as there is a difference of meaning, interpretation, or fact between the competition rules of the committee and the FAP Rules the competing club shall be bound by such rules as has specific application to the competition in which

it shall be competing.

NOTIFICATION TO CONTROLLING BODY;

- a. Should the club be suspended for any reason found in these rules the FAP will forward a letter detailing the reason(s) for such suspension to the controlling body / LFA.

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 FAP. The amount payable and the due dates for the payment of such amount is made known each year after the Annual Congress of (SAFA) The Treasurer or the President in the absence of the Treasurer of the FAP will submit the necessary accounts to Clubs for payment. All capitation fees received will be paid to SAFA by the FAP

RULE 9: REGISTRATION - GENERAL

No club affiliated to the FAP shall, under any circumstances whatever, permit or encourage the playing of any unregistered or improperly registered player, or a player that does not have a registration card legally produced and distributed through the MySafa system by the FAP Administration Officer (NO CARD NO PLAY) in any of its teams in any competition controlled by the FAP, subject to the provisos that;

- a. Where such unregistered and / or improperly registered player shall be proved to have played in such competition, the result / outcome for such fixture shall be awarded automatically to the opposing club, and the defaulting club and / or player shall be subject to the automatic disciplinary / fine (Rule 67) however additional disciplinary action may be sanctioned 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 the FAP rules, 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 Emergency committee shall be empowered to make such special finding as it may deem fit and just in all the circumstances of the case.
- c. SAFA & FAP registration requirements are available at the FAP office.

RULE 10: REGISTRATION - PERIOD OF EFFECT

Any player registered as a member of a club affiliated to this or any other association must apply annually for re-registration.

A player's registration shall expire at the end of the season for which the player is registered, or within four (4) days of the team's last match of the season, whichever is the later

- a. Senior Super league – season end is 30th June
- b. All other leagues – season end is 31st December

After the expiry date the player shall be free to sign for another club for the following season after having obtained a clearance from the player's former existing club.

See Rule 17 below - REGISTRATION – PLAYER-PARENT / CLUB OBLIGATION

RULE 11 - REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

All players will be registered on the MySafa system.

The MySafa system provides a player "Self-Registration" function as well as a "Club-Registration" function.

Documentation required for both registration functions;

- a. A correctly and fully completed SAFA application registration form (includes the photo)- (PDF)
- b. An ID size colour photo (head & Shoulders) with a clear blank background. (Jpeg or Ping) SAME PHOTO as on the form
- c. Confirmation of date of birth / age; (PDF)
 - A South African Birth Certificate (U17, U15, U13, U11, U9 and below)
 - A South African ID Document (U19 and Seniors)

- A Valid South African Passport (Any age group)
 - i. Passport must be valid until the end of the season.
- a. Foreigners
 - i. Passport and Visa Page (Passport and Visa must be valid until the end of the season)

Self-Registration

- Access must be provided by MySafa support
 - The player registers and uploads his/her own application
 - The application is forwarded to the Climb for approval
 - The Application is then sent to the FAP Administration Officer who will approve or reject as explained in the Club Registration process below.

Club Registration Process

- The Player / Parent will provide the club with the documentation in the correct format
- The Club will capture the registrations of the players into a Batch on the MySafa system and then submit the batch
 - All batches submitted prior to 12h00 on Wednesday will be processed by the FAP Administration Officer.
 - Any batches submitted after 12h00 on Wednesday will only be processed the following week.
- The FAP Administration Officer will approve or Reject each application within each batch.
 - Rejected Applications will be flagged as rejected and remain in the batch
 - It is the club's responsibility to check the batches for rejected applications, correct and re-submit the application – Neither the system nor the FAP Administration Officer will notify the club of a rejected application.
 - Cards for Approved Applications will be printed and available for collection on Friday at the office between 09h00 and 12h00.

RULE 12: REGISTRATION - PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED PLAYERS (NEW)

Previously registered players are required to re-register for every new season.

Documentation required;

- d. A correctly and fully completed SAFA application registration form (includes the photo)- (PDF)
- e. An ID size colour photo (head & Shoulders) with a clear blank background. (Jpeg or Ping) SAME PHOTO as on the registration application form
- f. Confirmation of date of birth / age; (PDF)
 - A South African Birth Certificate If changed or moving up in age groups
 - A South African ID Document if changed
 - A Valid South African Passport (Any age group)
 - i. Passport must be valid until the end of the season.
- a. Foreigners
 - i. Passport and Visa Page (Passport and Visa must be valid until the end of the season)

Registering with former club

- The process is the same as the process in point 12 above.

Registering with a different club

- Additional document required is the Clearance form (PDF) from the former club
- There is an extra step added to the process described in point 12 above
 - The MySafa system requests a clearance certificate to be uploaded.
 - Once uploaded the system submits a batch to the FAP Administration Officer to approve the clearance

- The Administration Officer checks the validity of the uploaded document and approves or rejects the clearance application
 - Approving the clearance allows the user to re-submit the application
 - Rejecting the application
 - The user will be required to obtain a valid clearance and re-submit the clearance.

RULE 13: REGISTRATION – CUT OFF (NEW)

Player “Registration Windows” are provided by SAFA Tshwane for the Senior Super league.

The deadline for player registrations for all other leagues is the 15th August of the current year. The Administration Officer will not accept any registration documentation for other leagues after this date.

RULE 14: REGISTRATION - RE-REGISTRATION SAME CLUB

Players previously registered for a club affiliated to the FAP 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/PLAYER RELEASE

Once registered with a club the player remains on the club list.

Transfer of players from one club to another is explained above through the registration process.

The MySafa system provides a “Player Release” function where a club may simply release a player currently on the club’s player’s list which will give the player a free agent status.

Free agent status on the system allows the player to register with another club without the system requesting a clearance certificate.

RULE 16: REGISTRATION - CLUB DISBANDING

All registrations in the name of any club that becomes defunct or that disbands voluntarily will be “Released” by the FAP Administration Officer

RULE 17: REGISTRATION – PLAYER-PARENT / CLUB OBLIGATION

- a. On signing a club registration document, the player/parent is obligated to honour the contents of such document in full.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure the player/parent is aware and understand such obligation(s)
- b. Any request from a player/parent must be in writing, (letter, Email, screen print of message is acceptable)
 - a. A club may not request a clearance on behalf of a player, however a club may assist the player with the process.
 - i. See Rule 20 for information on poaching players.
 - b. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure the player/parent is aware of this requirement.
- c. Financial Obligation
 - a. Any dispute in respect of a financial nature must be handled through the legal process, debt collector etc.
 - b. A clearance for the player may not be withheld due to any financial obligation.
- d. No club may charge a player/parent a fee for providing a clearance.
- e. A Club has the right to simply refuse to supply a player with a clearance certificate
 - a. In this case the club must within 5 days of receiving the request for the certificate, inform the player (in writing) that the club refuses to provide the player the said certificate.
 - b. In the case of a club refusing to provide the player with a clearance certificate the FAP Executive may after discussion provide the clearance.

RULE 18: REGISTRATION - PLAYER DOUBLE REGISTRATION FAP / OTHER LEAGUE / ANOTHER LFA

FAP;

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 new resignation has been approved by the FAP Administration Officer and a registration card has been produced via the MySafa system and distributed by the FAP Administration Officer.

OTHER LEAGUE;

A player may not be registered with the FAP as well as any other league example Gauteng Development League (GDL) and/or Safa Tshwane Regional Development League (STRDL) etc.

If the club the player is registering for is affiliated to the FAP - It is the responsibility of that club to "release" the player from the FAP MySafa system and physically submit the FAP registration card to the FAP administration officer (see automatic fines list)

If the club the player is registering for is not affiliated to the FAP – It is the responsibility of the club that is providing the player with a clearance to "release" the player from their club on the FAP MySafa system and physically submit the FAP registration card to the FAP administration officer (see automatic fines list)

ANOTHER LFA;

No player may participate in leagues across LFAs.

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 the FAP in any fixture whatever played under the control of the FAP unless such player is in possession of his/her registration card legally produced and distributed through the MySafa system by the FAP Administration Officer (NO CARD NO PLAY)

The card must be checked for confirmation of the photograph and date of birth.

In special circumstances the FAP Administration Officer may provide a player with a letter confirming a player's registration;

The letter will provide the Date of Birth, ID number as well as the MySafa number of the player.

Players playing with the letter must provide the opposition with proof of Identity.

RULE 20: CLOSED SEASON - DEFINITION

Due to the Super League and Other leagues not playing the same seasons there will be two periods defined as "Closed Season"

Closed Season for Super League will be the 30th of June, or 4 days after the last match played in the league (Whichever is the later) through to the 15th of October or 2 weeks prior to the first game of the following season (whichever is the earlier)

Closed Season for Other Leagues the 15th October, or 4 days after the last match played in the league (Whichever is the later) through to the 15th February or 2 weeks prior to the first game of the following season (whichever is the earlier)

Clubs (Any member – Player, Parent, coach etc.) may not approach players registered with other clubs to ask them to join their club without first obtaining permission in writing from the player's current club.

Members of clubs ignoring this rule will be deemed as breaching the FAP Rules in terms of poaching players, and will be dealt with through the Emergency committee.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring their members are aware of this rule.

Elected District Officials (Coaches/managers etc.) may under no circumstances approach players or parents from any club to ask them to join any other club.

Officials ignoring this rule will be deemed as breaching the FAP Rules in terms of poaching players and will be dealt

with through the Emergency committee.

RULE 21: COMPETITION - CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

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

RULE 22. CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

The FAP will not get involved with any internal affair of any club, with the new rule that clubs are no longer allowed to hold back a clearance due to outstanding fees, clubs may require to modify their Club Registration Form if they have such a form to assist in holding the parent/player responsible for any outstanding fee.

The FAP will not provide any advice or assistance in compiling such a form and any advice received from any affiliated member must not be seen as advice from the FAP.

RULE 23. RELEASE OF PLAYERS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER LFA

The FAP does not have any access rights to any other LFA and thus we will not be able to release the said player. SAFA Tshwane has advised that the club should contact the LFA in question directly.

The FAP will support any request by the club and suggests that all correspondence to and from the LFA should include the FAP Administration Officer as well as SAFA Tshwane.

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 FAP, and entries for each separate competition shall be subject each season to the scrutiny and approval of the Executive's Competitions committee.

RULE 25: FRIENDLY MATCHES - GENERAL

Clubs may arrange friendly matches at any time, and the agreement must be handled between the two clubs.

Once the agreement has been made the FAP must be notified by the club hosting the friendly.

No FAP officials are compelled to officiate any friendly.

No friendly matches are to be arranged with a club under suspension.

RULE 26: FRIENDLY MATCHES AS A RESULT OF GAME CALLED OFF.

Where a league or Cup fixture has been 'called off' for whatever reason(s) and the teams agree to play a friendly.

In this case;

Prior to kick-off of the friendly, the team returns completed for the league or cup game must state clearly the reasons for the league or cup game not been played. Clubs should not submit any score for the league or cup game not played.

Match officials are not compelled to officiate any friendly.

RULE 27: CHARITY MATCHES

No club affiliated to the FAP 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 FAP applied for in writing to the Administration Officer of the FAP and granted in writing by the President 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 the FAP shall arrange, conduct or take part in any fixture against any club not falling under the

jurisdiction of and / or not affiliated to the FAP without the prior consent of the FAP. Application must be in writing to the FAP.

RULE 29: TOURS OUTSIDE OF THE FAP'S JURISDICTION

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

Any approach to any club affiliated to the FAP by any other FAP club or other body, or such approach to any individual registered with the FAP shall first be referred to the FAP before any negotiations concerning any tour or fixture may be commenced or entered into.

Diction of the FAP 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 FAP to take place on a Sunday, during such season, wherever such fixture shall take place, and shall be subject to these Local Statutes of the FAP as if such fixture were organised and controlled by the FAP.

RULE 30: ACTION BY PROTEST AND MISCONDUCT COMMITTEE

Any Club affiliated to the FAP 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 Emergency Committee or the Protest and Misconduct Committee, in its discretion. Any registered player of the FAP 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 THE FAP

No Club affiliated to the FAP shall arrange, conduct or take part in any fixture against any Club not falling under the jurisdiction of and/or not affiliated to the FAP without the prior consent of the FAP, applied for in writing to the Secretary of the FAP, except in the event of such fixture having been arranged by the FAP.

RULE 32: PERMISSION TO TOUR OUTSIDE PRETORIA

No Club affiliated to the FAP or team of players registered with the FAP may Arrange, conduct or take part in any tour outside the Pretoria area without the prior consent of the FAP, applied for in writing to the Secretary of the FAP. Any approach to any Club affiliated to the FAP by any other Association Club or other body, or any such approach to any individual registered with the FAP shall first be referred to the FAP before any negotiations concerning any tour or fixture may be commenced.

RULE 33: SPECIAL CHALLENGE / KNOCK OUT (KO) CUP RULES

The Competitions Committee of the FAP is empowered to make such special competition rules for the control of Challenge / Knock Out Cup Competitions as it may from time to time deem necessary or advisable, provided that no such competition rule 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 the Local Statutes, or that is contrary in meaning or interpretation from the spirit, meaning and interpretation of the Local Statutes, and provided further that no club affiliated to the FAP shall be bound by such special competition rules have been properly formulated, approved and circulated by the FAP to such Club

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

Immediately on receipt of written notice from the appointed FAP coach that a registered player of such club has been officially selected to represent the FAP 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 what so ever 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 appointed FAP coach telephonically stating the reason why such player will not be able to play, such telephonic communication to be confirmed in writing within 24 (twenty-four) hours. Any player who refuses to turn out in such fixture without good and sufficient reason, acceptable to the FAP, may be deemed to be guilty of misconduct, through the medium of either the Emergency 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 the FAP in any fixture whatever in terms of Rule 32 above and who has notified the FAP, 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 FAP for him to do so.

Any club being found in breach of this rule will forfeit the said match and will be found guilty of misconduct through the medium of the Emergency Committee and/or the Protest and Misconduct Committee

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

Note; 'Participation' indicates – Players name been noted on the team return regardless as to whether the player takes the field or not.

The final structure of all leagues will ultimately be the responsibility of the Fixture Committee.

Seniors;

The league structure is as follows;

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| a. Super League | 5 substitutes allowed |
| b. Reserve League. | 5 substitutes allowed |
| c. 1st Division | 5 substitutes allowed |
| d. 2nd Division | 5 substitutes allowed |
| e. Veteran league | 5 Rolling substitutes allowed |

The Super league is accepted as being the higher in status leagues over the Reserve league, the Reserve league is accepted as being higher in status over the 1st Division, the 1st Division is accepted as being the higher in status over the 2nd Division.

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

- a. He shall be in good standing with both his Club and the FAP,
 1. League Matches;
 - i. No player, senior or junior 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.
The exception to this rule is any five players (correctly registered) that participate in the Reserve league or lower may participate in the Super league on the same weekend.
 - ii. There is no limit to the number of super league players allowed on the field at any one time

in any lower senior league.

iii. There is no 'sit out' period for a player to move to a team higher in status.

2. Cup Matches;

i. No player junior or senior may participate in more than one senior team in the KO cup competition. The player is cup tied to the first team the player participates (name on team return) for.

1. Should the team for which a player first plays be expelled from the league, or withdrawn from the league the player remains cup-tied and may NOT participate for another team.
2. Should a player transfer from one club to another and the player has participated in a cup game for the original club, he is not allowed to play in any cup game for his new club.
3. A junior Player may participate in ONE senior cup teams as well as ONE junior team.

b. The Emergency Committee shall be the sole judge and authority for authorizing the appearance of any player, not in good standing, 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 Emergency Committee shall not be bound to offer any reason for a refusal to authorize an appearance or to grant any reversion or exemption.

c. No club may enter more than one team in the Super league or the Reserve League.

League	Duration	Half time	CUP	Duration	Half time	Extra Time	
Super League	2 x 45 min	5 min	KO Cup	2 x 45 min	5 min	2 x 15 minutes	Penalties
Other leagues	2 x 40 min	5 min	KO Cup	2 x 40 min	5 min	2 x 10 minutes	Penalties
Vets	2 x 35 min	5 min	KO Cup	2 x 35 min	5 min	1 x 15 minutes	Penalties

All senior matches use a size 5 ball.

Veterans League;

The veterans league is restricted to;

- a. Only clubs with a home ground with floodlights will be accepted in the veteran's league.
 - a. The exception to this rule is the club may receive special permission by the President to participate and subject to;
 - i. The club must be in good standing with the FAP
 - ii. The Club agrees to arrange its home games and subject to;
 1. Agreement between both clubs
 2. Details submitted to the FAP Technical Officer by 18h00 on the Monday prior to the match
 3. Failure to arrange the fixture and/or provide details as per above will mean that the Home team will forfeit said match.
- b. All players must be registered as per all other leagues.
- c. All other rules apply to the veteran's league (especially the No Card No Play rule)
- d. The Veterans league has an age restriction based on the player's actual birth date – Not Birth year as in juniors as follows;
 - a. Any player that has reached the age of 35 may participate

Restrictions for the 2024 season

- b. Players between the age of 33 and 35
 - i. Players here must have turned 33.
 - ii. Maximum of 4 players between the age of 33 and 35 allowed on the team sheet.

Restrictions for the 2025 season

- a. Players between the age of 34 and 35
 - iii. Players here must have turned 34.
 - iv. Maximum of 4 players between the age of 34 and 35 allowed on the team sheet.

From 2026 onwards no player that has not turned 35 may participate.

Juniors;

Due to their limited numbers the FAP junior leagues allows a player depending on his age (see criteria below) to participate in an age group for two seasons.

The age groups for the FAP are the odd ages – u/9, u/11, u/13, u/15, u/17, u/19

The age criteria for a junior playing in a league is as follows;

The age the player turns during that year (1st January to 31st December) will determine the lowest age group in which the player may participate.

EG; turning an odd number 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 – the lowest age group a player may participate in is Under that age (EG turning 15 may play u/15 or higher)

EG; turning an even number 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 - the lowest league that the player may participate in is “turning age plus 1 (EG turning 12 plus 1=13)” – EG; a player turning 12 may play in u/13 or higher.

The Junior league structure;

For clubs that have qualified for Full club status and are participating in the current senior Super league program the club’s u/13, U/15, and U/17 will participate in the Junior “Super League”

These Junior fixtures as well as the Reserve League fixtures will coincide with the Senior Super League and Reserve league program.

For clubs that do not qualify for Full club status (Other Clubs) the structure will be classified as Division 1, Division 2 of that age group.

Note the first priority is to have all the leagues with the same number of teams

This allows the teams to be placed so that they all play at home together and if the same opposition is in that division the away games will be together as well.

As requested by clubs to reduce the transport costs.

Team placement in divisions – dependent on submissions, as well as a seeding mechanism if available.

- Division one
 - Log positions of the Other clubs from the previous season
 - Stronger Full Clubs 2nd team (after Super league team) in this age group may fill in this division.
- Division two
 - Log positions of the Other clubs from Previous season
 - Mediocre Full Clubs 2nd team (after Super league team) in this age group may fill in this division.
- Division three
 - Log positions of the Other clubs from Previous season
 - Other teams of Full clubs (after Super league team)
- Normal Rule is that new clubs will be placed in the lowest league.

Substitutions;

Under 19 league	5 substitutes allowed
Under 17 league	5 substitutes allowed
Under 15 league	5 substitutes allowed

Under 13 league	5 substitutes allowed
Under 11 league	5 Rolling substitutes allowed
Under 9 league	5 Rolling substitutes allowed

The age groups are seen as follows,

The U/19 is accepted as being the higher in status over the u/17

The U/17 is accepted as being the higher in status over the u/15

The U/15 is accepted as being the higher in status over the u/13

The U/13 is accepted as being the higher in status over the u/11

The U/11 is accepted as being the higher in status over the u/09

Within the age groups

The Super league is accepted as being the higher in status over the Division 1

Division 1 is accepted as being the higher in status over the Division 2

Division 2 is accepted as being the higher in status over the Division 3

Division 3 is accepted as being the higher in status over the Division 4

Division 4 is accepted as being the higher in status over the Division 5

Multiple teams within a Division.

Teams will be identified as I, II, III, IV

Team with no identification is accepted as being the higher in status over Team identified with I

Team with identification of I is accepted as being the higher in status over Team identified with II

Team with identification of II is accepted as being the higher in status over Team identified with III

Team with identification of III is accepted as being the higher in status over Team identified with IV

NB; Clubs who have junior teams that participate in the Gauteng Development League and/or Safa Tshwane Regional Development League are required to have specific cards for that league.

Any player registered for one or both of these leagues are not permitted to participate in ANY FAP match.

Any club found in breach of this rule will be suspended and reported to SAFA Tshwane.

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

- a. He shall be in good standing with both his Club and the FAP
- b. League Matches
 - a. Same age group participation
 - i. No player may participate in more than one match in the same age group on any one weekend. This rule applies to all divisions within the same age group (Super league, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 etc.) as well as where a club has more than one team in a league identified as I, II, III, IV etc.
 1. The exception to this rule is where the competitions committee has scheduled more than one game due to special circumstances.
 - ii. All teams in which an offending player participates will be judged as guilty, club will be fined and loss of points in both game that the player participates.
 - b. Other age group participation
 - i. A Junior player may participate in a second match on the same weekend provided the second match is NOT in the same age group as his first match.
 - c. Maximum participation
 - i. No Junior player may participate in more than two junior league games in any one weekend.
 - d. Sit Out Period
 - i. There is no 'sit out' period for a player to move to a team higher in status.
- c. Cup Matches;
 - e. No junior player may participate in more than one junior team in the KO cup competition. The player

is cup tied to the first JUNIOR team that the player participates (name on team return) for. This includes teams in a different age group.

- i. If a u/15 player participates in a u/17 Cup match the U/15 is cup tied to that u/17 team and may not participate in any other team U/15, U/17 or U/19.
 - ii. A Junior Player may participate in ONE senior cup teams as well as ONE junior team.
- d. Junior players in Senior Matches
- a. League Games
 - i. A Junior player may not participate in the senior leagues and the rules governing senior players will apply.
 - b. Cup Games
 - i. A Junior Player may participate in ONE senior cup teams as well as ONE junior cup team.
- e. The Emergency 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.

Junior Leagues Games;

League	Duration Minutes	Half time	Ball	CUP	Duration Minutes	Half time	Extra Time	Penalties	Field
u/9	2 x 20	5 min	Sze 4	KO	2 x 20	5 min	1 x 5 min	Penalties (1 step)	¼ normal field
u/11	2 x 20	5 min	Sze 4	KO	2 x 20	5 min	1 x 5 min	Penalties (1 step)	½ normal field
u/13	2 x 25	5 min	Sze 4	KO	2 x 25	5 min	1 x 10 min	Penalties (1 step)	Normal size.
u/15	2 x 30	5 min	Sze 5	KO	2 x 30	5 min	1 x 10 min	Penalties (1 step)	Normal size.
u/17	2 x 35	5 min	Sze 5	KO	2 x 35	5 min	1 x 15 min	Penalties (1 step)	Normal size.
u/19	2 x 40	5 min	Sze 5	KO	2 x 40	5 min	1 x 15min	Penalties (1 step)	Normal size.

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.

- a. Both clubs wearing their registered colour.
 - a. In the event of the Goal keepers kit clashing – The Goal Keeper must change (A bid is allowed)
 - b. In the event of the outfield players kit clashing – The away team must change (Bibs are allowed)
- b. Away team wearing non-registered colour.
 - a. In the event of the Goal keepers kit clashing – The Goal Keeper must change (A bid is allowed)
 - b. In the event of the outfield players kit clashing – The away team must change (Bibs are allowed)
- c. Home team wearing non-registered colour.
 - a. In the event of the Goal keepers kit clashing – The Goal Keeper must change (A bid is allowed)
 - b. In the event of the outfield players kit clashing – The home team must change (Bibs are allowed)

RULE 39: FAILURE OF A CLUB TO FULFIL ITS COMMITMENTS GAMES / FINANCIAL

GAMES

In the event of any Club or any team of any Club, failing to fulfil its obligations to field proper teams in the competition(s) the Club will be automatically fined per failure.

In the Case of any Club failing to fulfil 3 fixtures collectively junior and senior teams, the club (All teams) may be suspended with immediate effect and requested to make representation to the Emergency Committee. Walk-overs to the opposing teams will be considered to all matches missed whilst this suspension is in force.

FINANCIAL

In the Case of any Club failing to fulfil its financial commitment to the FAP, the club (All teams) may be suspended with immediate effect and requested to make representation to the Emergency Committee. Walk-overs to the opposing teams will be considered to all matches missed whilst this suspension is in force.

Lifting of any suspension will at the discretion of the committee initiating the suspension. (Finance Committee/ Emergency Committee/ Protest and Misconduct Committee)

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

All matches played under the control of the FAP shall begin promptly at the time and venue shown in the official fixture list and according to the FAP Local Statutes, provided that:

- a. The FAP 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) or nominated person of each of the clubs concerned not later than 72 (seventy-two) hours before the time and date of the original 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 official, at his/her 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.
 - a. '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.
- d. In the case of Seniors there is no grace period – the game must start at the stipulated time.
- e. In the case of Juniors there is a 5-minute grace period.
- f. Should a match be delayed the match must be shortened with 2 equal halves being played and the match concluding in time so as not to interfere with the following fixture's start time.
- g. The official, whether, the fixture starts late or not at all shall report the full circumstances in his report.
 - a. The final decision as to what action should be taken, if any, shall rest with the Emergency Committee.
- h. No officer or official of the FAP, 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 FAP 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.

RULE 41: POSTPONEMENT OF SCHEDULED FIXTURES

The final authority for the postponement of scheduled fixtures shall be;

For senior matches; The Senior Vice President.

For junior matches; The Junior Vice President.

In an emergency the President of the FAP 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.

Non Vets games;

A Club affiliated to the FAP may apply for a postponement, in writing, of any scheduled fixture subject to;

- a. The requesting club has contacted the opposition with the request
- b. The Opposition has agreed to the request
 - a. A Club has the right to refuse a request to change.
- c. Both clubs have agreed on a Date, Time and Venue of when the game will be played.
- d. The agreement with the above details is submitted, in writing, to the FAP Administration Officer and/or the

Technical Officer by 18h00 on the Wednesday prior to the original fixture.

Vets Games

A Club participating in the Vets league may apply, in writing, for a postponement of any scheduled fixture subject to;

- a. The requesting club has contacted the opposition with the request.
- b. The Opposition has agreed to the request
 - a. A Club has the right to refuse a request to change and the game must take place.
- c. Both clubs have agreed on a Date, Time and Venue of when the game will be played.
- d. The agreement with the above details is submitted, in writing, to the FAP Administration Officer and/or the Technical Officer by 18h00 on the Monday prior to the original fixture.

A Club participating in the Vets league that does not have a home ground, it clearly states on the fixtures "To be arranged by "club name") – this club will be known as the requesting club.

- a. The requesting club must contact the opposition with
 - a. An arrangement of a venue.
 - i. The arrangement must be forwarded, in writing, to the FAP administration Officer and/or the Technical Officer by 18h00 on the Monday prior to the original fixture.
 - b. A Request to use the oppositions venue.
 - i. The Opposition must agree to the request.
 1. A Club has the right to refuse a request to use their venue
 2. A Club has the right to request compensation for lights and use of their venue.
 - ii. Both clubs must agree to the request
 - iii. The agreement with the details must be forwarded, in writing, to the FAP administration Officer and/or the Technical Officer by 18h00 on the Monday prior to the original fixture.
- b. Failure to secure a venue by the Monday deadline will require the Club to forfeit the match.

Allocation of Referees

Referees will be allocated to Vets matches on the Tuesday prior to the Vets match

Referees will be allocated to Saturday and Friday (Weekend) matches on the Thursday prior to the weekends matches.

Where No referee is allocated OR the referee does not arrive – please see Rule 45.

The Technical Officer or the President or any Vice President in the absences of the technical Officer will decide each case on its merit, having regard to the policy of the FAP as regards postponements and outstanding fixtures at the time of the application, but neither the Technical Officer or the President or any Vice President in the absences of the technical Officer shall be bound to accede to any such request or to offer any reason for refusal or rejection of the request.

No postponement will be considered without a re-arranged date, venue, and time to be played.

Special consideration will be made where a team in the u/13 and higher age group has three or more players and/or coach representing the FAP on the same weekend that a cup or league match has been scheduled (This is not an automatic postponement and the above process must be followed where possible)

The Request to Re-Schedule Fixture form on the FAP Website may be used to assist a club and record the details.

This is not mandatory.

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 FAP in writing.

No match, once abandoned or stopped (other than for a temporary stoppage caused by injury to the official) may be

resumed with a second official; or if such match is resumed the result shall nevertheless be null and void. The Emergency committee will investigate the cause of the abandonment and determine any action required. Should the outcome of this action warrant a replay, the date, time and venue of the replay shall be decided by the Competitions Committee.

The Technical Officer 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

It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure the ground is ready and fit for play, which includes line markings, corner flags, as well as ensuring safety of all players based on the surface of the ground.

The officially appointed referee shall be the sole judge as to whether or not the 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 cases the provisions of Rule 42 shall apply.

RULE 44: TEAM LISTS AND CARDS TO OFFICIAL REFEREE

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

The referee will check the cards of the starting line-up of the opposing team, (card numbers vs shirt numbers).

It is not the official's responsibility to physically check the photos on the card against the player.

The opposing coaches or captains will check the cards for validity (Age, Photo etc.) and report to the referee any cards/players found not to be eligible to play.

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

The Referee keeps both sets of starting player's cards as well as any players that enter the field of play during the match.

New team return books are obtainable on request and proof of payment from the Administration Officer.

Responsibility for the correctness of such Team Return shall rest and remain with the Club concerned and whoever signed the Return on behalf of the Club. The Club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct in the event of incorrect, fraudulent or otherwise erroneous information on the Team Return. The Team captain and coach shall likewise be guilty of misconduct if he/they knowingly hand to either the referee and/or opposing team captain a Team Return which he/they know to be incorrect. Each instance will be subject to the automatic disciplinary / Fines Rule (67) as well any other disciplinary punishment as the Emergency Committee in its discretion shall see fit to award.

RULE 45 REFEREE / OFFICIALS.

A referee and assistants is regarded as officials and need to be "appointed" prior to the commencement of any match. No match may commence without an at least appointed referee.

Once appointed the referee, regardless who the individual might be, is to be treated as per the rules and regulations of FIFA.

It is the home team's responsibility to ensure the safety of such appointed official(s) until the official has left the premises/ground

Abuse of any kind, verbal and/or physical towards an appointed official will not be tolerated and must be reported to the FAP Emergency committee in writing.

a. APPOINTMENT

All FAP officials will be appointed by the FAP Referee's Association, and will cover all leagues; Juniors and Seniors.

Officials appointed for games must be paid the official's fee as per the fee structure compiled by the FAP.

a. Fees are payable regardless of abandonment / walk-over (for any reason) and must be paid at the

conclusion of the game – whether played or not.

- b. Failing to pay the official's fees is a breach of these rules and will be subject to disciplinary action see Automatic Fines and Disciplinary (Rule 67)

b. NO OFFICIAL FAP REFEREE;

10 minutes prior to kick off the coaches / captains must discuss the options and availability of an appointment. The game must commence at the starting time (5minutes grace is allowed for Junior games – there is NO grace period for senior games.

a. Junior League Matches;

In the case of All Junior League games (u/9 – u/19) the games must be played.

It is the responsibility of the HOME team to supply a referee.

If the Home team does not a referee available, the away team may supply a referee

If neither team has a referee the home team coach must referee.

This referee must have successfully completed the referee's course and / or be over the age of 19 with some footballing background.

b. Senior Leagues other than Super league

In the case of the other senior league's (Reserve, 1st Division, 2nd Division and Vets) league fixtures – The Game must be played.

Should a stale mate be reached on the appointment the "AWAY" team will have the final say.

If neither team has a referee the away team coach must referee.

c. ALL CUP and Super league matches;

- i. No FAP official no play.

- 1. However, should the teams come to a mutual agreement on a referee appointment, the game may be played.

c. NOTES for Clubs;

- a. The home team is responsible for the payment of the Official's fees as set out by the FAP.

- i. Fees are payable regardless of abandonment / walk-over and must be paid at the conclusion of the match whether played or not.
 - ii. Failing to pay the official's fees is a breach of these rules and will be subject to disciplinary action see Automatic Fines and Disciplinary (Rule 67)

- b. Once a 'Non-FAP official' referee has been appointed, he / she is deemed a FAP Official and must be awarded the respect and courtesy stipulated in these rules.

- i. It is both team's responsibility to ensure this appointed Official is aware of the administrative tasks pertaining to checking cards, team returns, timing, reports etc. see point D NOTES for appointed officials below.

- ii. Once this appointed official has started the game the appointed official must officiate the game to its end unless in the case of the official FAP referee arriving late.

- 1. The appointed official may not be changed (unless injured)

- a. Should there be any disagreement and either club or this official refuses to continue then the game will be regarded as abandoned.

- b. No other official may resume this game.

- c. Official FAP Referee arriving after the game has commenced;

- i. The payment of the FAP referee must be agreed PRIOR to such referee taking over the game.

- ii. If the game is still in the first half;

- 1. The FAP official may take over immediately

- 2. The FAP official MUST take over at half time.

- iii. If the game is in the second half;

- 1. The FAP official may take over immediately (coaches to decide) if a stalemate is reached the originally appointed referee completes the game

- d. Immediately after the match, the Captain / Manager / Coach of the team is responsible to retrieve his player's cards from the referee.

d. Notes for appointed officials.

- a. The official must keep the cards of all the players entering the field of play
- b. Should the game start late, the time must be reduced however the rule is that 2 equal halves must be played.
- c. The referee shall be responsible to forward the Blue copies obtained from the two captains, together with his/her report on any incidents occurring during the match to the Administration Officer of the FAP: such report in all cases to be submitted by midday of the Wednesday immediately following the match
 - i. Clubs are responsible to ensure timeous submission of this report.
- d. **Red Carded** players, the official is to keep the cards of any red carded player and include the details of the red card in his/her report as mentioned in point c above.
 - 1. This report along with any reports submitted will be scrutinized by the FAP Emergency committee as per the FAP Local Statutes.

RULE 46: RESTRICTION OF PLAYERS IN THE CASE OF MATCHES ORDERED TO BE REPLAYED

In the case of matches that have been ordered to be replayed only those players eligible to have played for such teams on the date of the original fixture shall be eligible and allowed to play in the replayed match.

The executive may impose further restrictions on such games in order to avoid any team being advantaged or disadvantaged by the replay;

- a) Time of the replay may be reduced to the remaining period of the abandoned game.
- b) Score may be kept as was at the time of the abandonment
- c) Cautions (red cards) may be kept as was at the time of abandonment.
 - a. The status of the teams must be the same as at the time the original game was stopped.

RULE 47: RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUB AFTER COMPLETION OF ANY FIXTURE

Club Secretary;

- a) It shall be the responsibility of every Club participating in any match under the control of the FAP, whether their Club team shall have won, lost or drawn the fixture, to notify the Administration Officer of all the results of their club's teams that have played matches by 12h00 on the Monday following the match.
 - a. The WHITE copies of all team returns must be available for perusal by the FAP on request.
 - i. Copies to be signed by the official.
- b) On submitting the result, the clubs must provide the Date, age group, the division, the home team the home team score, the away team, the away team score.

Example;

Date	age/div	Home team name	score	Away team name
21-Sep	U15 D1	Standard Bank	2 vs 2	Sun City Utd

FAP Administration Officer;

- a) Where possible the Administration Officer will capture the 'received' results on Tuesday.
 - a. If there are conflicting scores, the Administration Officer will contact the clubs and if necessary the referee.
 - b. If only one score is submitted that score will be captured.
 - c. The program will automatically update the logs based on the captured results.
 - d. The Administration Officer will then post the new results and logs on the website.
- b) Any result not received will be entered as a No Contest (NC)
 - a. NC = No Contest - 1 game will be added to the games played for each team, no points or goals will be allocated.
 - b. Any Club having won or drawn such match may, at the discretion of the Emergency Committee, be

ordered to forfeit the points gained in the event of non-compliance. 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 Emergency Committee in its discretion.

- c. Any club contesting a result must notify the FAP Administration Officer in writing accompanied with the relevant documentation (Team returns) within two (2) weeks of the result being published on the FAP website.
 - i. No correspondence concerning ANY result will be entertained if this 2-week period has lapsed.

RULE 48: PROTESTS AND/OR APPEALS (Relating to Breaches of the FAP Rules)

It is the responsibility of the teams' / club's representative at the game to ensure all the admin is done prior to the commencement of the game.

Should any rule be by-passed and/or accepted as "done" by both teams there can be NO protest after the match has started.

Once the game has started it is deemed all pre-match documentation is correct and all card checks etc. has been done and is correct.

Any protest(s) alleging a breach of any rule stipulated in these Statutes/Competition rules governing the; participation of players, participation / appointment of officials, responsibilities/actions of players, managers, coaches, club officials, or any rule regarding starting times of matches, MUST be noted verbally to all concerned as well as in writing on all the available team returns, prior to the commencement of said match.

The protest must be noted on both team's white copies of the team return (Where available) by the referee and initialled by each team's representative (Captain, Coach, club official)

Checking of cards;

Starting line-up;

- a) The opposing team/club must check the cards, not the referee, where there is a dispute on a player vs the card which cannot be resolved;
 - a. A photo of the card must be taken (cell phone)
 - b. A photo of the player should be taken
 - i. If the player refuses the photo, the opposing team should get 3 witnesses to identify the player.
 - 1. This identification (3 witnesses) will be permitted at a hearing if required.
 - c. The protest must be noted on the white copies of the team returns and the game is played 'Under Protest'

Substitutes;

- a) The opposing team/club must check the card of any substitute prior to the player entering the field of play.
 - a. Check card vs player
 - i. where there is a dispute on a player vs the card which cannot be resolved;
 - 1. A photo of the card must be taken (cell phone)
 - 2. A photo of the player should be taken
 - a. If the player refuses the photo, the opposing team should get 3 witnesses to identify the player.
 - b. This identification (3 witnesses) will be permitted at a hearing if required.
 - 3. The protest must be noted on the white copies of the team returns and the game continues and is played 'Under Protest'
 - b. Check card vs Team return
 - i. Any discrepancy – the player is not allowed to enter the field of play.

Any other protest and/or appeal alleging violation of the FAP Rules or any additional Competition Rules governing any competition organised and played under the direct control of the FAP shall be lodged in writing with the Administration Officer of the FAP 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, 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/contacted to support such protest and/or appeal.

RULE 49: PROTEST / APPEAL DOCUMENTATION DISTRIBUTION.

The Administration Officer will forward such appeal documentation to the Chairperson of the Emergency committee as per these FAP Statutes.

It shall be the responsibility of the Administration Officer of the FAP under the direction of the emergency committee 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 request such club for a report / response to such protest /appeal. Any such response when submitted shall contain a resume of the evidence to be submitted and shall name not more than three witnesses to be called/contacted to support such response.

RULE 50: 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 and 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 FAP and no such protest objection and/or appeal shall be withdrawn except by the written leave of the FAP. 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 the FAP Rules 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 these Rules.

RULE 51: RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CLUBS IN RESPECT OF PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SPECTATORS

Every Club affiliated to the FAP 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, assistants, 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 FAP shall think fit

RULE 52: REPORTING OF MISCONDUCT

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

NB: All correspondence must be directed to the FAP through the Administration Officer, and must be on a club's letter head and signed by a nominated club official. Clubs 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 Emergency Committee.

This applies to ALL correspondence.

NB: The FAP is only obliged to respond to correspondence from clubs not individual players, parents etc.

RULE 53: 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.

Any person entering the field of play without the direct permission of the referee in charge of the match, shall be deemed as "invading the field of play" and may cause the abandonment of the game.

The Club to which this person belongs will be held responsible for the ensuing actions.

RULE 54: 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: 55 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 Emergency Committee in terms of, and under the conditions outlined in Rules 56 - 59 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 50.

RULE 56: POWER TO SUSPEND

In the event of any Club affiliated to the FAP, any player registered with the FAP, any member of the FAP, Officer of the FAP, or member or official of any Club, District- and/or Sub-FAP affiliated to the FAP, or any spectator on any ground under the control of the FAP or of any Club affiliated to the FAP being proved guilty of any breach or violation of the Laws of the Game, the FAP Statutes, or of any act of misconduct, to the satisfaction of the FAP, the FAP 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 FAP, Officer of the FAP, 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 FAP 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 FAP, and to require all clubs to debar such spectator or persons from any or all grounds under their control and/or jurisdiction

RULE 57: 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 58: 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 Emergency 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 59: ACTION ON PROOF OF COLLUSION TO VIOLATE ANY RULE OR LAW

If the Emergency Committee, or the Executive Committee of the FAP 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 FAP guilty of the act or intention to violate by mutual agreement any of the FAP Rules, or 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 60: PAYMENT OF EXPENSES IN EVENT OF A PROTEST AND/OR APPEAL

The Emergency 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 61: ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH TROPHIES

At the conclusion of any competition for which a trophy shall have been offered by the FAP the FAP shall present such trophy to the winning Club, either privately or by public presentation as the FAP shall decide appropriate at the time, the Club receiving such trophy shall be entitled to have photographs etc. taken with the trophy at such presentation returning the trophy to the FAP's representative immediately thereafter.

RULE 62: LEAGUE WINNERS

- a. The league shall be run on a home and away basis, or as stipulated by the competitions committee at the time of compiling the leagues, with three points being allocated for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- b. In the case of a walk-over (Only the President / Any Vice President the Emergency Committee and/or the Emergency Committee may award a walk-over) being awarded, the Administration Officer will record a 2 goals to nil result in favour of the team being awarded the walk-over.
- c. 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.
- d. Where teams have equal goal difference, the number of goals scored FOR, shall be used to determine the relevant position.
- e. Where teams have equal number of goals scored FOR, the aggregate of the direct results between the tied teams shall be used to determine relative positions.
- f. 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.
- g. The final log standings, as having been declared by the President shall not in any way whatsoever be changed.

RULE 63: ENGRAVING OF TROPHIES

Any trophy awarded by the FAP to such Club as shall have won it in any competition organised by the FAP at the discretion of the executive committee 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 FAP. No inscription other than that authorised by the FAP shall be placed on the trophy under any circumstances whatever.

RULE 64: PROVISION FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN THESE FAP RULES

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

The Executive Committee may at its discretion refer to the SAFA Tshwane Statutes, SAFA Constitution, and/or FIFA Constitution as reference

RULE 65: CLUB FEES

Fee's structure, and Payment of club fees per season will be approved at the Annual Congress Meeting of the previous season. Fees will be recorded on the new season's "Entry / Affiliation form" and will include the registration fee for 20 players on the MySafa system.

Method of payments is by EFT or Cash deposit by the Club, it is not acceptable that players pay their club fees directly into the FAP account.

At the discretion of the Finance Committee;

- Clubs will receive an Invoice for the calculated amount on request.
- Full fee amount must be settled by end of March each year.
- Clubs who have not settled the fee by end of March may be suspended until the full amount has been settled.
- Clubs that register more than 20 players per team will be billed for the excess players based on the MySafa player's registration fee.

RULE 66: ALTERATION HAVE AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE FAP RULES

The Executive Committee of the FAP shall have the power to alter, add to or amend the FAP Rules
Alterations to the FAP Rules may stem from proposals made and approved by the majority of clubs attending the Annual Congress, Special Congress, FAP Executive meeting or a club's meeting.
Changes must be noted and ratified by the Executive committee prior to being implemented.

RULE 67: GUIDE TO AUTOMATIC FINES LIST / AND SANCTIONS

NB: These fines are over and above the normal affiliation fees paid to the FAP, and may be adjusted through appealing to the Protest and Misconduct Committee.

ABBREV.	FINE	OFFENCE, ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINARY AND LIMIT ON FINE
NACM	R500.00	Not attending General CLUB Meeting
NACM	R500.00	Not attending any Congress called (Annual or Special)
NIN	R500.00	Not informing the FAP of change of Club data
NAF	R1000.00	Not arriving for fixture- plus points given to opposition
WFL	R2000.00	Withdrawing a team from League after acceptance
LEL	R100.00	Late entry to League (if accepted)
FNP	R1000.00	Fielding non registered players - plus points to opposition
RSF	R1000.00	Rescheduling fixture without approval + disciplinary (Both Clubs)
NPR	R250.00	Not phoning/faxing a result by 10h00 on Monday following match
NADC	R1000.00	Not attending a Disciplinary Hearing
RLC	R50.00	Replacement of lost card.
WRN	R100.00	Wrong player registration number stated on card. Per error
Y5	R1000.00	5th Yellow card offence – 2 Match Suspension (Unless DC required)
R1	R1000.00	1st Red card offence – 2 Match Suspension (Unless DC required)
R2	R1500.00	2nd Red card offence – 3 Match Suspension (Unless DC required)
RNP	R1000.00	Not Paying Match Referee – plus Referee's match fee.
GNP	R250.00	Game Not Played; Team not ready at scheduled start, fined and points to opposition.
NSC	R200.00	Not Submitting Card; when a player moves to another team / league / LFA

NOTE:

1. The FAP will inform clubs when player has 5th yellow card.
2. The FAP will advise clubs of fines imposed.
3. Any offences not listed above will be dealt with via the Emergency Committee.

AMENDMENT HISTORY

Version 1

- As part of the 2006 Amendments to The Pretoria Football Association Articles of Constitution
 - a. “Part C – Rules / Bye laws of the Junior Section” of the constitution were incorporated in the “Constitution Part B-Rules & Bye-Laws” and “General Requirements & Reminders”

Version 2

- As part of the 2017/18 Amendments to The Football Association of Pretoria Articles of Constitution;
 - a. Recommended by SAFA Tshwane;
 - a. The name will change to FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF PRETORIA LOCAL STATUTES,
 - b. The “Constitution Part B – Rules & Bye-Laws” document has been renamed to “FAP Statute Part B – Rules & Bye-Laws”
 - c. The “General Requirements & Reminders” document has been incorporated into the “FAP Statute Part B – Rules & Bye-Laws” document.
 - d. Naming Conventions changed – General Meeting – Congress.
 - e. Changes as recorded in the minutes of the 2019 AGM.

Version 3 - 2024

- As part of the modifications since 2019 includes all AGMs
 1. Administrator changed to Administration Officer
 2. Conference league changed to Reserve League
 3. Removed all reference to Gold Club
 4. GDL / STRDL participation
 5. More than one senior team allowed 1st and/or 2nd Div.
 6. Leagues A, B etc. changed to Div. 1, Div. 2 etc.
 7. Treasurer or President in his absence.
 8. Registration process written to include the processes around the MySafa system
 - Periods of registration
 - Self-Registration
 - Club Registration
 - Time deadlines – batch submission / card collection.
 - MySafa process for clearances
 - Player Release function
 - Club Disbanding
 - Player –Parent/Club Obligation
 - Holding back of clearance
 - Closed season(s)
 - Approaching players (Poaching)
 - MySafa player registration fee/cost - recovery
 9. Defaulters List – Removed
 10. Club Registration form (Assistance) added
 11. Release of player from another LFA (added)
 12. Veterans age restriction
 13. Participation and League structures
 14. Kit Clashing
 15. Changing Fixtures / Vets & Other leagues
 16. Officials
 - No FAP official
 - Late arrival FAP official
 - Club appointed officials
 - Club’s responsibilities.

17. Submission of Results
 - NC = No Contest
18. Ready for the game
 - Cards / team returns
 - Protest process
19. Misconduct – Players, Supporters, coaches
 - Club’s responsibility
20. Club fees
21. Guide to Automatic Fines for misconduct
22. Emergency Committee separated from Protest and Misconduct Committee.