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THE SCHOOLS GIRLS' FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BRINGS MORE VIBE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

The EFA/PC Systems U19 School Girls Football Development Program is currently in full swing, with 17 high schools competing for the championship. It is the same case in the EFA U15 School Girls' Football development Programme as 10 Primary Schools are also giving each other tough times in the field of play. On a fortnight bases (Wednesdays and Fridays) are the match days for this entertaining football development programme. These matches are played at Eveni Sports Ground (Mbabane), EFA Technical Centre (Lobamba), and Mjingo High School (Manzini).



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 Ngwane Park H.S.	5	5	0	0	30	3	27	15
2 Lozitha H.S.	5	5	0	0	21	5	16	15
3 Mjingo H.S.	5	4	1	0	19	3	16	13
4 St Mary's H.S.	5	3	1	1	35	5	30	10
5 Woodlands H.S.	4	3	1	0	12	2	10	10
6 Somnjalose H.S.	5	3	1	1	12	3	9	10
7 St Pauls' H.S.	5	3	1	1	6	4	2	10
8 Elangeni H.S.	4	3	0	1	9	5	4	9
9 Swazi National H.S.	5	2	0	3	12	10	2	6
10 Moyeni H.S.	4	2	0	2	7	5	2	6
11 Mbabane Central H.S.	4	1	2	1	5	8	-3	5
12 John Wesley H.S.	5	1	0	4	2	15	-13	3
13 Lobamba Lomdzala H.S.	5	0	2	3	5	14	-9	2
14 Lobamba National H.S.	4	0	1	3	2	12	-10	1
15 St Francis H.S.	5	0	0	5	1	13	-12	0
16 St Christopher's H.S.	5	0	0	5	3	23	-20	0
17 Kobe H.S.	5	0	0	5	1	32	-31	0

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This incredible journey would not be possible without the generous support of our official sponsor, PC Systems who sponsors the U19 category. More partners are still welcomed in as far as this initiative is concerned in order to maximise the implementation this football development programme. With football being a school for life; this football development also enhances the holistic development of the girl child.

The EFA extend her deepest appreciation to all parents and guardians who are making sacrifices in supporting the participation of the girl child in this program in many ways as it also enhances their competitiveness; thus assisting the EFA coaches in identifying the talent that can be nurtured and in that manner complement other football development initiatives.



Another acknowledgement goes to the schools that have committed themselves in this initiative. Their belief in the development of women’s football by giving the girl child the opportunity to express herself through the beautiful game, and in the broader vision of EFA makes this programme to grow.

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U15 School Girls' Football Development Programme

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Ezuwini Catholic P.S.	5	4	1	0	16	3	13	13
2 John Wesley P.S.	5	4	1	0	12	4	8	13
3 Elangeni P.S.	5	4	0	1	17	3	14	12
4 Lobamba P.S.	5	3	1	1	7	7	0	10
5 Lobamba National P.S.	5	2	1	2	9	5	-4	7
6 Sydney Williams P.S.	5	1	2	2	10	9	1	5
7 Entuthukweni P.S.	5	1	1	3	4	9	-5	4
8 Kobe P.S.	5	1	1	3	4	13	-9	4
9 SOS P.S.	5	0	1	4	1	10	-9	1
10 Roman P.S.	5	0	1	4	4	21	-17	1

League Log 2025



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EFA TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IGNITES FUTURE STARS

The Eswatini Football Association successfully hosted another impactful round of Technical Development Scheme (TDS) games at the Lobamba Technical Centre on the 26th of April, bringing together Under 15 and Under 17 boys and girls from across the country for a showcase of football talent by the talented child as per the objective of this football development programme.



One of the major highlights of the recently executed TDS Games was the participation of the girl child which was one of the positives in as far as the development of women's football is concerned.

From sharp passes to fearless defending and well executed goals, the girl child showed unmatched determination and skill. Their presence and performance were met with encouraging applause from the fans, signaling that the public have some interest in women's football; thus, the essence of encouraging the girl child to maximize her participation in the sport.

The EFA remains committed to nurturing talent, especially by bridging the gender gap in football through sustained inclusion, investment, and visibility for girl the girl child at all development levels.

The Technical Development Scheme continues to play a vital role in laying the foundation for the next generation of national team players.

FIFA/EFA U15 FOOTBALL FOR SCHOOLS CHANGING & PRODUCING FUTURE STARS



The FIFA/EFA U15 Football For Schools Football Development Program is in full momentum, engaging both boys and girls from 18 schools (boys) and 15 schools (Girls) across the country in a ground breaking effort to develop young football talent.

This powerful initiative, a collaborative effort between FIFA and the Eswatini Football Association (EFA), is more than just football; it's about building character, discipline, and opportunity for Eswatini's youth.

Every pass, tackle, and goal made on these grounds represents something much bigger: the hope for a brighter future through football. This football development programme is part of FIFA's global football for schools movement, which aims to integrate football into the education system and promote physical activity, gender inclusion, and life skills. Here in Eswatini, the EFA has championed this vision with heart and commitment, reaching out to schools in order to ensure that the children are given the platform to play football.

Through structured matches, basic coaching, and life skill integration, this football development programme is providing the young learners the perfect platform for development beyond football. To the teachers, stakeholders, and communities: let's continue building a culture of football which has the potential of developing the future of the Eswatini Child.



EFA COACHING COURSES SET FOR JUNE 2025

The EFA is proud to announce the upcoming coaching courses set to take place in June 2025. These courses will present a perfect platform for coaches who are willing to develop their knowledge in as far as coaching is concerned. Whether you're looking to level up with an intermediate certificate or advance certificate; this is your moment.

EFA STATUTES REVIEW CONCLUDED AT EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

For a total of three weeks, EFA Delegates engaged in a comprehensive review of the Association's statutes, following guidance from FIFA.

This process, officially concluded during the Extraordinary General Assembly, allowed Delegates to submit proposed amendments to the EFA Executive Committee.

The review was a key step toward strengthening governance and aligning EFA's operations with global football standards.

A promotional poster for EFA Coaching Courses. The background is blue with red and white soccer ball patterns. On the left, there is a black pen, a gold trophy, and a soccer ball. The EFA logo is in the top left and bottom left. The main text is in large yellow letters: 'COACHING COURSES', 'ESWATINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION', and 'June 2025'. Below this is a green soccer field graphic. A white clipboard with a blue pen is in the center, containing text about the courses. To the left of the clipboard, the fee 'Fee E500.00' is written in white on a red background.

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COACHING COURSES
ESWATINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
June 2025

Fee E500.00

ATTENTION ALL COACHES

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) is pleased to announce the commencement of the following coaching courses in **June 2025**:

1. Advance Coaching Course
 - For coaches holding an Intermediate Certificate
2. Intermediate Coaching Course
 - For coaches holding a Basic Certificate

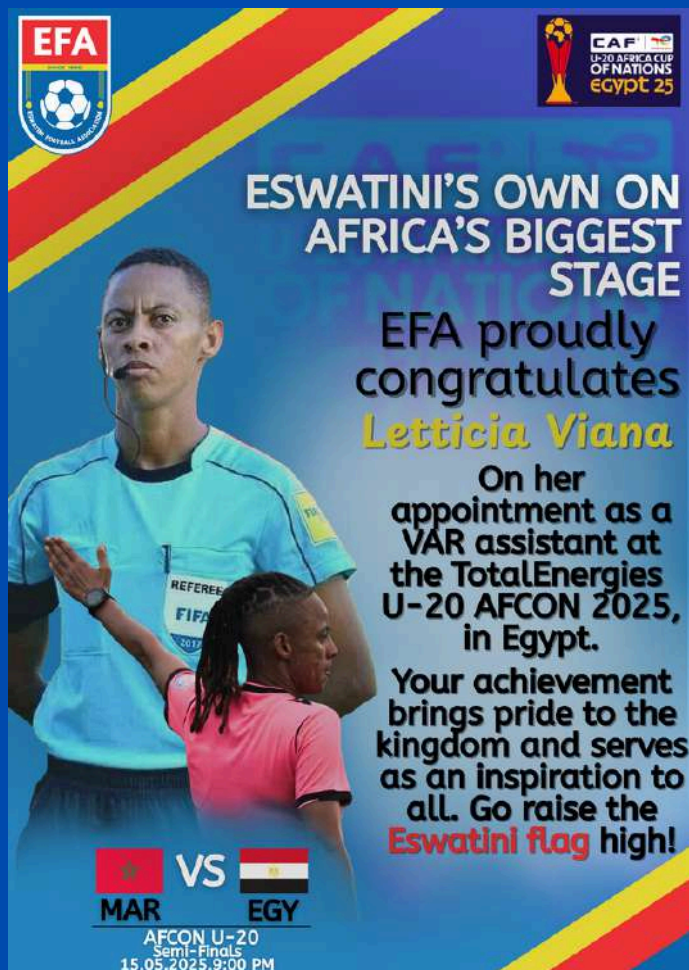
IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- Fee: **E500.00**
- Payment: To be made to the EFA Account
Nedbank Mbabane
Account number: 20000025896
(Use your name as reference)
- Format: Online sessions during the week & Physical classes on weekends

For more information contact;
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ESWATINI REFEREES SHINE ON THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

The Eswatini Football Association proudly celebrates two of the nation's top match officials, Letticia Viana and Celumusa Phiri, who recently represented the Kingdom of Eswatini at the TotalEnergies U-20 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) held in Egypt.



Letticia Viana served as a VAR Assistant, while Celumusa Phiri took on duties as a second assistant referee. Both were selected among Africa's elite referees to officiate in one of the most crucial fixtures – the Semi-Final clash between Morocco and Egypt.



Their selection and performance at such a high profile-profile level is a testament to their dedication, discipline, and the steady growth of Eswatini's refereeing standards on the continental stage. It also reflects the EFA's ongoing efforts in referee development and capacity building.

The EFA extends heartfelt congratulations to both officials and look forward to seeing more Eswatini referees shining on international platforms in the near future.

EFA DRESSES REFEREES WITH BRAND NEW KITS WORTH E72 000



As part of its continued commitment to the development of refereeing in the country, the Eswatini Football Association presented the Eswatini Referees Association with two full sets of brand new referees' kits valued at E72 000.

The kits, supplied by Umbro, include high quality tops, shorts, and socks designed to meet the international refereeing standards. The presentation marks another step by the EFA in ensuring that referees are well equipped to perform their duties professionally.

This gesture was warmly welcomed by the Eswatini Referees Association (ERA), which expressed gratitude for the timely support. The EFA remains committed in uplifting all aspects of football development from players, coaches, medical personnel; thus, ensuring the holistic growth of the beautiful game in the kingdom of Eswatini.



NSINGIZINI HOTSPURS F.C. AND MALANTI CHIEFS F.C. ARE MTN PREMIER LEAGUE AND FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS

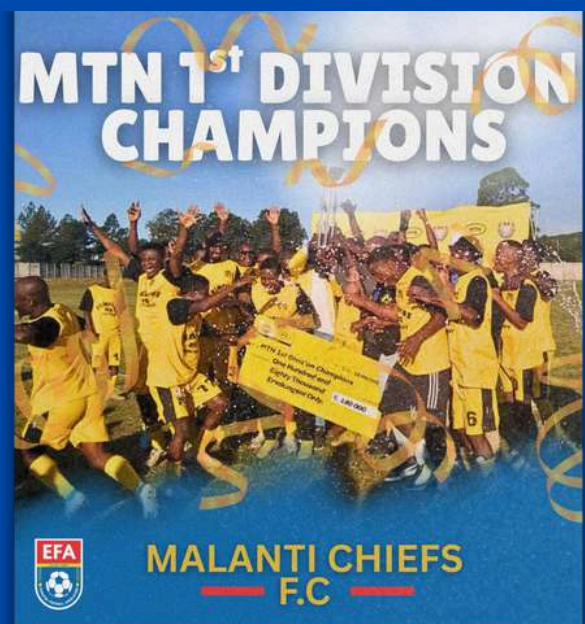
The curtains officially closed on the 2024/25 MTN Premier League season on Sunday, 26 May 2025; a season that will be remembered for its intensity, drama, and a spectacular title race that went down to the wire.

Nsingizini Hotspurs F.C. emerged as the new champions after a dominant 5-0 victory over Sdwashini United F.C. at Somhlolo National Stadium. The win saw them snatch the league title from Royal Leopard F.C., who had temporarily surged into first place after a commanding 3-0 win over against Green Mamba F.C. at Mavuso Sport Centre. These matches were played simultaneously.



Malanti Chiefs F.C. also ended their MTN 1st Division 2024/25 season campaign as champions and earning an automatic promotion to the premier division for the upcoming 2025/26 MTN Premier League.

The final day offered edge of your seat due to the excitement and pressure as the championship was decided on the very last day of the 2024/2025 MTN Premier League season. At half time with Royal Leopard F.C. leading at Mavuso Sports Centre and Nsingizini Hotspurs F.C. still held to a draw, the league title looked destined for the Royal Leopard F.C camp. Nsingizini Hotspurs F.C. came alive in the second half, scoring five unanswered goals to reclaim the top spot; thus, lifting the trophy in a dramatic fashion.



EFA CONGRATULATES MTN PREMIER LEAGUE & FIRST DIVISION STAKEHOLDERS AND SPONSORS

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) hereby congratulates the MTN Premier League Champions; Nsingizini Hotspurs F.C.; and the MTN National First Division Champions, Malanti Chiefs F.C. Also, a special compliment and momentous gratitude goes to the sponsors, MTN Eswatini for her investment towards the successful implementation of the MTN Premier League and the MTN National First Division for the recently concluded football season (2024/2025). The EFA will always remain indebted towards MTN Eswatini.



The competitiveness of the other football teams in both leagues is very much recognized as they would not be any champions if the other teams were not competitive. Further appreciation goes to the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini for her support and guidance towards the development of sports in the country:

Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) who executed a well-coordinated league from kick-off up to the last round of matches, match officials for managing the implementation of the matches, fans for supporting the football teams and enhancing the atmosphere at the stadiums and the media for promoting the league.

The collective effort by all the football stakeholders enormously contributed towards the efficacious implementation of the MTN Premier League and the MTN National First Division for the 2024/2025 football season; thus, making football to be the ultimate champion.

NATIONAL TEAM GEARS UP FOR THE COSAFA CUP

The Eswatini Senior Men's National Team has officially kicked off preparations for the highly anticipated 2025 Hollywoodbets COSAFA Cup, set to take place from the 4th -15th June 2025 in Bloemfontein. With regional pride and a shot at silverware on the line, the team has commenced its full-time camp under the guidance of the technical staff as they fine-tune tactics, build cohesion, and assesses the player's readiness.

Tentative Squad for the COSAFA 2025 Tournament	
GOALKEEPERS	
Xolani Gama (Green Mamba) Bongiswa Dlamini (Mbabane Swallows) Khanyakwezwe Shabalala (Nsin. Hotspurs)	
DEFENDERS	MIDFIELDERS
Mzwandile Mabelesa (Royal Leopard) Gift Gamedze (Royal Leopard) Fanelo Mamba (Young Buffaloes) Thabo Langa (Mbabane Highlanders) Newman Philiso (Mbabane Swallows) Kwakhe Tfwala (Nsin. Hotspurs) Xolani Ngwenya (Moneni Pirates)	Simanga Masangane (Royal Leopard) Junior Magagula (Royal Leopard) Ayanda Kunene (Royal Leopard) Innocent Dlamini (Young Buffaloes) Njabulo Ndlovu (Green Mamba) Nelliswa Dlamini (Nsin. Hotspurs) Mpendulo Thomo (Sea Birds) Mthobisi Zwane (Moneni Pirates) Mxolisi Mkhonto (J Galaxy) Banele Sikhondze (Tambora United)
HEAD COACH Zdravko Logarusic	STRIKERS
	Felix Badenhorst (Royal Leopard) Sabelo Ndzinisa (Green Mamba) Sambulo Simelane (Nsin. Hotspurs) Mayibongwe Mabuza (Sea Birds) Philani Mkhonto (Sea Birds) Mthokozisi Gwebu (Sea Birds) Justice Figueiredo (R. Bay FC)



“The draw looks difficult, but we can't cry or do anything about it. Our job is to prepare ourselves. We know what we have to do if we want to get good results”.

Headcoach Zdravko Logarusic on the COSAFA Draw.

As excitement builds among the COSAFA Region's football fans, the nation looks forward in seeing Sihlangu SeMnikati representing Eswatini with passion and determination even though getting grouped in a competitive group C, Tanzania and a fast-paced Madagascar; the national team Head Coach Zdravko Logarusic assure the nation that the team knows what to do, to get positive results in the tournament.



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CONGRATULATIONS

The Eswatini Football Association and the football family at large, Congratulates

Mr. Nichodemus "Ace" Mashwama

who is an EFA Executive Committee Member and Chairperson of the Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA), for his appointment by His Majesty King Mswati III as the Deputy Commissioner in the Human Rights and Public Administration Commission

Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!!



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