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LEAGUE**

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## **PREAMBLE**

In conformity with the requirements of the management of competitions within its realms as per the statutes and its regulatory frameworks, the Executive Committee has drawn these exceptional rules and regulations for the administration and management of the Women Football National League competition for the 2021/2022 football season.

The Women Football National League competition shall be managed and administered by the Women Football Association through its Competitions Committee. The Competitions Committee being a standing committee of the Women Football Association Executive Committee is entrusted with the implementation of the rules and regulations governing the competition and the organization of the competition.

This document lays out the Rules and Regulations for the administration and management of the Women Football National League (hereafter referred to as the Rules).

All Women Football Clubs/Teams participating in the Women Football National League (WFNL) competition shall undertake to observe and be bound by these Rules. The WFNL competition shall be competed for by the teams in the Women Football National League division, being the supreme league of the Women Football Association.

## **ARTICLE 1: Definitions**

The following terms denote the following as may be consistently used in this document:

1. **FIFA:** Federation Internationale de Football Association
2. **EFA:** Eswatini Football Association
3. **IFAB:** International Football Association Board
4. **DC:** The Protest and Disciplinary Committee.
5. **WFA:** Women Football Association
6. **WFEC:** Women Football Executive Committee
7. **WFNL:** Women Football National League
8. **WFCC:** Women Football Competition Committee
9. **Official:**
  - a. Any member of the Match Supervisors of the Women Football League OR
  - b. Any person designated by the Women Football Executive Committee (WFEC) to act in its capacity for match supervision e.g. a match commissioner, match supervisor, stadium representative, etc. OR
  - c. Any member of the WFEC, the Women Football Association (WFA) Office and its Standing and/or Adhoc committees.
10. **A Match Commissioner / Match Official:** The person appointed to have sole authority for ensuring that a match is officiated according to the rules laid down in this document and is responsible for preparing a report of the match and to forward same to the relevant authorities in terms of these rules.
11. **Defaulter:** A player who is not eligible to play in a particular game for any reason such as;
  - a. suspension, expulsion, improper registration, double registration, or
  - b. registered with more than one football club,
  - c. unregistered,
  - d. Declared ineligible in accordance with the regulations in force, etc.
  - e. Any player as defined, shall be considered a defaulter if her name appears on the team list presented to the match officials at checking point for that particular game OR shall be considered a defaulter if she has played in the game in question.
12. **Free agent:** A player who is registering for the first time; or who has not been registered in the past 30 months; or who is deregistered, or whose football club/team has been expelled or is defunct.
13. **Player:** any football player licensed by an association.
14. **International player:** A player who is transferring from another association in the membership of FIFA into the territory of the EFA. International players shall be allowed to register with a WFNL club upon production of a valid Clearance, a valid International Transfer Certificate (ITC), a valid contract (where applicable) with the football club he intends to join, duly signed Registration Form, Medical Certificate (where applicable) and A passport sized photo. However

the player can only play on production of a valid work permit. In the case of students, a study or student permit shall be required instead of a work permit.

**15. Unsporting Behaviour and Misconduct:**

- a. An improper registration of a player(s), double registration, and fielding of a defaulter;  
OR
- b. Invading the field of play, throwing of any object(s) into the field of play or its surrounding or onto persons thus assaulting or attempting to assault, use of threatening words, and physical manhandling with intent to assault or to cause bodily harm; OR
- c. Uttering abusive or obscene or derogatory words, spitting or emission of saliva onto a person or directed towards a person, use of provocative or insulting hand gestures/signals, and includes any incitement, conspiracy or attempt to engage in an act to bring football into disrepute; OR
- d. Failure by the football club(s) to control their official(s) or player(s) or supporter(s) or fan(s); OR
- e. Disregard of the Statutes of the WFA and rules governing this competition. It also includes disobedience of instruction by; the WFA Official; Match Commissioner or Referee or the Stadium Representative.

16. **“Head-to-head Rule”:** It is a rule of breaking ties in association football, when at least two (2) teams in a league competition or qualifying group or championship are level on points, where in order to separate them, the match or matches in which they played are considered. The team that has won the head-to-head encounter (match between the two tying teams) is placed higher than the other team. Where the competition is played on a home-and-away basis such as the league, the head-to-head rule, has an inherent rule the away-goal rule.

17. **“Away-Goal-Rule”:** It is a rule for breaking ties in association football, where the team that has scored more goals “away from home” wins, if the total number of goals scored by each team are otherwise equal. This away-goal-rule is also utilized in the determination of the log standings under the head-to-head rule at any point of the procession of the league matches, irrespective of whether the league has finished or not or the teams tying on points have played a single match or more.

## **ARTICLE 2: Affiliation, Registration And Transfer Of Players**

- 2.1(a) All registration of players shall be done electronically and exclusively by the EFA. The WFA shall be entitled to keep copies and or access all registration documents for monitoring and record purposes.
- 2.1(b) All WFA clubs shall be affiliated to the WFA by paying an annual affiliation fee amounting to Five Hundred Emalangeneni (E500.00) per club. Such affiliation fee shall be paid on or before the first registration of players from that club for the season.
- 2.1(c) Before the beginning of the competition, each club shall furnish the WFA office with a list of their officials for the Football season, with addresses, E-mail, telephone and fax numbers, of one (1) person who shall receive the club's correspondence.
- 2.1(d) The registration fee shall be One Hundred Emalangeneni (E100.00) per player, which shall be paid to the EFA. This also includes coaches of the Women League teams who shall also have coaching Licenses/ cards for the 2021/2022 season.
- 2.1(e) All participating players shall be registered with a WFA club for the current season.
- 2.1(f) A club shall submit a list of their officials for the current season 2021/2022 to the office of the WFA.
- 2.2 Any player who changes or intends transferring from his previous club to another club, shall submit the following documents for the purposes of registration:
- (a) A new Player's registration Form
  - (b) Certificate of Transfer from his previous club or an International Transfer Certificate in the case of a non-Eswatini citizen player where applicable.
  - (c) Player's registration Form from the previous club,
  - (d) Player's registration License or Card from the previous club,
  - (e) A work permit or temporary work permit or study permits (in the case of a student) for non – Eswatini citizen player.
  - (f) A medical report issued as per EFA Medical Committee guidelines.
  - (g) If any of the above-mentioned documents is missing (except for e & f), an affidavit accompanied by a covering letter shall be produced by the club in question.
- 2.3 Each club shall submit to the WFA/EFA a recognized list of thirty (30) players inclusive of a maximum of Five (5) Non-Eswatini Citizen players for registration.
- 2.4 The deadline for the final registration of players shall be in accordance with the instructions or circulars issued by the EFA from time to time, and comply with the regulations governing Free Agents.
- 2.5 Transfers and registration of players shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the EFA Constitution and any other regulations as may be directed by the EFA, CAF or FIFA from time to time.
- 2.6. Transfers of non-Eswatini citizen players from associations in membership with FIFA shall comply with the FIFA Regulations for Status and Transfer of players, and shall be done through the EFA.
- 2.7 A player not registered with any club in the membership of EFA or Associations in FIFA membership, at any level in the past 30 months shall be permitted to register for a new club without a Clearance Certificate. Such a player shall be required to complete the Free Agency Form, in addition to the Registration Form. In addition, attach an affidavit indicating that she has never played and/or registered with any club in the past 30 months.
- 2.8 Any player not fulfilling the requirements of registration outlined in these Rules and Regulations of the EFA Constitution shall not be considered as a properly registered player and therefore a defaulter.
- 2.9 (a) Any club fielding a defaulter shall be hauled before the EFA DC for misconduct, if found guilty shall lose the game; forfeit three points and three goals, to the opposing club. However, if the goal difference in the field of play is greater than three (3), the result in the field shall be maintained. The offending player may be suspended for a period of not more than three (3) months or not more than twelve official games whichever comes later.

- (b) Any club wishing to secure registration with the League using fraudulent documents shall be guilty of misconduct. The League having information available to it may institute investigations and if the club is found guilty it shall be liable to a fine of not more than E5, 000-00.

**ARTICLE 3: Participation in the Competition**

1. The competition shall be played on a two-legged league with clubs playing each other home and away basis on all rounds.
2. The club shown first on each fixture on the left shall be home or host club.
3. Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, as stated down in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
4. Points for the competition shall be awarded as follows:-
  - a) Three (3) points for a win
  - b) One(1) point for a draw
  - c) Zero (0) points for a loss
5. It shall be the sole prerogative of the office to prepare, approve and amend fixtures of matches.
6. The office shall prepare a schedule of fixtures, which shall contain: the dates of matches, venues where matches are to be played and starting times of such matches.
7. The office shall prepare and make available the schedule of fixtures to club officials not later than 48 hours before the date of such scheduled matches.
8. It shall be the duty and sole responsibility of all teams to collect their schedule of fixtures. Failure to collect a fixture shall not exonerate a club or team from sanction in the case it arrives late or fails to honour a match.
9. The office may in certain circumstances change or reschedule the fixture. Clubs affected by these changes shall be informed of a revised or amended fixture in writing, electronically or telephonically through the General Secretary or any designated official.
10. Clubs affected by any amended fixtures shall be informed not later than 24 hours before the date at which the matches are to be played.
11. The referee/match commissioner/official(s) shall conduct a pre-match inspection of facilities including the pitch, dressing rooms if any, (where applicable) at least sixty (60) minutes before the schedule commencement of a match with the hosting club.
12. It shall be the duty of the hosting club to make sure that its Home ground is lined or marked properly, has football nets and in good playable condition.
13. The host club shall ensure that its home/host ground is Marked/lined properly, in good playable condition with football nets at least 60 (sixty) minutes before the schedule kick off time of the match.
14. Failure to comply with the provisions above:

- a) If the match, on the discretion of the match official can be playable with the failure, the hosting team or club shall be subjected to summary fine of Three Thousand Emalangi (E 3, 000.00)
- b) If the match, on the discretion of the match official cannot be playable with the failure, the hosting team or club shall be subjected to a disciplinary hearing and if found guilty it shall forfeit the match with three (3) points and three (3) goals awarded to the visiting team and further fined a sum of not less than Three Thousand Emalangi (E 3,000.00) by the EFA DC.

**ARTICLE 5: Starting Times of Matches**

1. Each club shall report to the designated official at the venue of the match at least sixty (60) minutes before the scheduled start of the match.
2. Each club shall be at the playing license checking point twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled start of the match. The official shall inform the clubs of any delay and inform them of the new playing license checking time.
3. Failure of a club to respond as in 1 and 2 above shall result in a fine of not less than E 200.00
4. The playing license checking point shall normally be the dressing rooms of the stadiums in the absence of dressing rooms the match official shall determine the checking point. It shall be deemed an offence for the club to ignore or not follow the instructions of the match official on this matter. Any club found guilty of contravening this rule shall be summarily fined not less than E 200.00.
5. Each registered club shall have two sets of contrasting uniforms registered, detailing their home and away colours
6. There shall be a telephonic pre-match meeting where teams will declare the colours they will use or preferably a WhatsApp pre-match
7. Each club shall bring a size five (5) FIFA approved football ball at the commencement of the game, unless it has been specifically stated that the football balls shall be brought by the CC official or representative of the WFNL. The referee will choose one of the two balls for use in the match. The other ball will be kept in custody of the ground official until the match is over.
  - a) Failure to provide the football ball by a club shall render the club to a summary fine of E 500.00 (one hundred emalangi only).
  - b) If a match is abandoned due to a team's failure to provide a football ball which is fit to play; the offending team will be charged for causing the abandonment of the match and if found guilty will be fined not less than E500.00 and will further forfeit the game to the opposing team with 3 points and 3 goals awarded to the opposing team.
8. Any club reporting between one (1) minute and fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time of the match shall be summarily fined a sum of two hundred (E 200.00).
9. Any club reporting more than fifteen minutes (15) after the scheduled starting time or not at all, shall result in the match being called off and the offending club be liable to

disciplinary action and if found guilty shall forfeit the match to the opposing club, as well as three (3) points and three (3) goals. The club shall be fined an amount of not less than five hundred (E500.00) emalangeneni.

10. Any club entering the field of play other than through the official entrance shall be liable to a fine of two hundred emalangeneni (E200.00).
11. Any club “walking out” or refusing to play a match, or causing abandonment of a match shall if found guilty lose the match, with three (3) points and three (3) goals awarded to their opponents if the score was not more than 3 and if it was more the score shall be upheld, and a fine of not less than E1,000.00 (one thousand emalangeneni) imposed on them.
12. The referee’s report shall provide conclusive proof on which team caused the abandonment of the match if a game had started and that of the match official shall be conclusive proof as to which club abandoned or caused the abandonment of the match if the match had not started.,
13. A club which fails to honour three (3) matches shall be summoned to appear before the executive committee and if it fails will be automatically suspended from participating in all activities until it appears before the executive.

**ARTICLE 6: Match Officials and Play**

1. The referees committee shall appoint referees for all matches.
2. The Referees shall report at the venue of the match at which they are officiating at least ninety minutes (90) before the scheduled start of the match. In the event that one or two of the referees failing to show up, the present match official shall appoint substitute referees. The report of the match official shall be conclusive prove to the time of referees arrival. The referees scheduled for this match shall be subject to disciplinary conduct in terms of the referee’s code of conduct.
3. If 30 (thirty) minutes after the schedule start of the match, all referees fail to arrive, and the match commissioner or supervisor cannot provide substitute referees, he/she shall call off the match. The referees scheduled for this match shall be subject to disciplinary conduct in terms of the referee’s code of conduct.
4. No club shall refuse a referee that has been assigned to officiate a match. A club that refuses shall be subjected to disciplinary action and if found guilty shall forfeit the match, and be liable to a fine of not less than one thousand (E1000.00) emalangeneni.
5. The match officials and the club captains, shall before the match inspect the teams and check playing licenses of participating players. The match commissioner and the referees shall lead the clubs into the field of play.
6. Under no circumstances shall the match officials allow a player or any other person from the participating clubs who according to the laws of the game and these rules, are not allowed into the field of play. The offending parties shall be charged and hauled before the DC.
7. The referee may allow the team a period of warm up, if time and circumstances permit.

8. The referee and match commissioner/match supervisor shall at the end of the match each compile a match report for the office.
9. The following details should be included in the report:
  - a) Name of the Competition.
  - b) Date, and venue of matches.
  - c) Name of the referee and assistants.
  - d) Names of the clubs
  - e) Names of the captains
  - f) Times of the start, half time and full time.
  - g) Half time and full time scores.
  - h) Substitutes used.
  - i) Any event, which the referee and/or the match commissioner considers to be disciplinable conduct in terms of these rules and / or the constitution of WFA, other than one warranting only a yellow card and a reprimand / caution.
  - j) Name and signature of the referee
  - k) Misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion of such players.
  - l) Unsporting behaviour of officials, supporters and/or fans and actual utterances used in case of insults.
  - m) Number of goals scored by each club as well as the names of players and/or their jersey numbers.
  - n) Cards, both yellow and red issued to any player.
  - o) Any protest, objections and complaints lodged by the clubs
  - p) Number of substitutes introduced by each club.
10. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing paragraph, the event noted shall include the following particulars:
  - a) the name (s) / officials (s) / fan (s) member (s)
  - b) the jersey and playing license numbers
  - c) actual utterances constituting the offence
  - d) Any object used during the commission of such disciplinable conduct.
  - e) Any act constituting the reprehensible conduct.

- f) The time in which the conduct occurred.
11. The referee's report and /or that of the match commissioner shall reach the office within twenty four hours and it shall provide conclusive proof pertaining to any circumstance (s) regarding the match.
  12. Any referee that fails to submit his/her report within the period as stated in article 5.10 above shall have his/her allowance reduced by half.
  13. The laws of the game shall be those currently in force and as published by IFAB
  14. The referee's fee shall be adjusted as per EFA circular.

**ARTICLE 7: Serious Player's / Club's Misconduct**

1. Any player who is sent off from the field of play after being issued with a red card before the start of the match, during the course of the match and after the match shall automatically be suspended from participating in the next succeeding official match, and may further be subjected to disciplinary action.
2. A player who received a red card will automatically have her playing license withdrawn and forwarded to the office. The officiating referee shall be responsible to collect the player's playing license and submit it to the office with his/her match report. The playing license will only be returned after completion of the period of suspension to her club upon payment of the retrieval fee of E50.00 to the bank account and an authentic bank deposit slip is produced to the office.
3. Once a player has accumulated three (3) red cards in the same Season, she shall be suspended for the rest of the season.
4. It is the responsibility of each club, and not the office, to ensure that all players are legible to play in this competition and in any tournament (s) organized by the Women Football Association. Any club contravening this rule shall be prosecuted and if the team is found guilty, it shall be fined a minimum of five hundred (E500.00) emalangenji.
5. Notwithstanding any provision in these rules, the office reserves the right to charge any player and / or team that contravenes the rule regarding the playing of defaulting players, with the appropriate penalties/fines being invoked if the player and / or team is found guilty of the offence.
6. Any club fielding a suspended player shall automatically lose the match in which the suspended player featured provided that such actions have been brought to the attention of the office. Furthermore, the office may take disciplinary action against the club and the player concerned.

**ARTICLE 8: Other Unsporting Behaviour**

1. Any club whose member(s), player(s), or fan(s) or officials engage in unsporting or violent behaviour either before, during or after a match shall be guilty of misconduct and be liable to punishment.
2. Members, players, officials or fans include the following:

- a) Any person (s) wearing articles of a colour of the offending club, e.g. scarf, badge, etc.
- b) Any person who is seated at a stand or section of a stadium or ground, which is occupied by the followers of the offending club when the offence is committed.
- c) Any person known by the match officials to be a supporter, official or fan of one of the clubs.
- d) Any person who commits the offence in furtherance or support of the offending club's interest or favour.
- e) Clubs are expected to post marshals to control their crowds. These marshals should police the proceedings and submit any offender to be the police for criminal prosecutions if they misbehave. Such incidents must be brought to the attention of the match official to serve as a mitigating factor in the event the said team is charged for misbehaviour of its supporters. No club is however, allowed to post guards /marshals at the dressing rooms and such conduct is liable for disciplinary action.
- f) It shall be the duty of all officials, clubs and match officials to report to the office cases of misconduct likely to bring the game or administration thereof into disrepute.

3. The following shall be the punishment for those found to be guilty:

TYPES OF MISCONDUCT		FIRST OFFENDER	SECOND OFFENDER	THIRD OFFENDER
a)	Invading the field of play	Summary fine E200.00 or a suspended sentence	Summary fine E300.00	Summary fine E600.00
b)	Throwing missiles of any kind onto the field of play	Minimum fine of E 500.00	E1000 and 3points, 3goals shall be deducted from the total points	E2000 fine and suspension for three games.
c)	Insulting the referee, WFA official, opposing player(s), fan(s)/team- mates/supporters	Minimum fine of E 300.00	E500 and 3 points, 3 goals shall be deducted from the total points	E1000 fine and suspension for three games
d)	Threatening to assault the referee, the WFA official, opposing player(s), fans/team-mates/ supporters.	Minimum fine of E 500.00	E1000.00 and 3points, 3goals shall be deducted from the total points	E2000 fine and suspension for three games
e)	Attempting to assault the referee, WFA official, opposing player(s),fan(s)/ team- mates/supporters	E 1,000.00 fine	E1500.00 and forfeit three (3) points and three (3) goals from the offending club's total points	Maximum fine of E 2,500.00 and further forfeit three (3) points and three (3) goals from the offending club's total points

f)	Assaulting the match official, opposing team's player(s), teammates/officials, fan(s)/supporter(s)/member(s)/referee/match commissioner	Minimum of E1,500.00 and in addition the club may be ordered to compensate the victim for any loss incurred as a result of the assault and  ii)forfeit three (3) points and three (3) goals from the offending club's total points  iii)The offending player(s), official(s) or fan(s) shall be suspended for a period of not less than six (6) months	iv) E2500 fine. Suspension of not less than 6 months  v)The offending player(s), official(s) or fan(s) shall be suspended for a period of not less than twelve (12) months	vi) E5,000, Suspension of not less than 12 months  vii) The offending player(s), official(s) or fan(s) shall be banned from all football activities in the country through approval of the EFA.
g)	Sprinkling of any substance that is believed to command supernatural power in around the field of play	Summary fine of E200-00	Summary fine of E500-00	Summary fine of E1000-00
h)	Unbecoming behaviour, attempting to act or acting to bring football into disrepute	Minimum of E1,000	Minimum of E2,000	Minimum of E3,000 plus suspension

#### **ARTICLE 9: Protest, Disciplinary Cases, Appeals and Fees**

1. Any protest regarding defaulters must be lodged with the referee before the start of the match or at the time the player is introduced into the field of play. The protest must be countersigned by both captains, and acknowledged by the referee. Refusal to sign by any party does not render the protest null and void. The referee shall take the player's playing license protested about and submit it to the office. The office shall photocopy playing license and return it to the club for the next game.
2. Any other protest shall be lodged with the referee at the time of occurrence otherwise it shall be null and void.
3. Confirmation of a protest plus supporting evidence must reach the office of the secretary not later than 48 hours, excluding Saturday, Sunday and public holidays after the match. A non-refundable protest fee amounting to Five Hundred (E500.00) Emalangeni shall accompany the confirmation.
4. Failure to confirm the protest within the stipulated time, the club shall be summarily fined a sum of Five Hundred (E500.00) Emalangeni. Payable within twenty one (21) days.
5. The DC shall have power to consider and deal with the protest lodged by an individual club or league and make necessary decisions.
6. Parties at a protest shall be afforded an opportunity to present their case when the protest is being heard, and shall receive at least two working days' notice before the hearing.
7. A party summoned to attend a hearing before the DC shall receive a notice at least two working days before the hearing and shall have a representation of its choice.

8. The Association may subpoena any party under its jurisdiction and/or request the office to subpoena such a person to give evidence at the hearing.
9. A party not satisfied with the verdict of the DC may appeal to the National Football Association of Swaziland's Appeals Committee. Such an Appeal shall be lodged within five (5) working days on receipt of a written verdict. A non-refundable fee amounting to E 2,000.00 (paid exclusively with the NFAS) must accompany the appeal.
10. The DC shall have power to sit over a case even if the other party is not represented, if the DC is satisfied that such party was informed of the date, time and venue of hearing. The decision of the DC shall be binding to all parties.
11. If a party requests for a postponement at the hearing, the DC is empowered to order the said party to pay the costs related to the postponement of the case, that includes the sitting and travelling allowances of all concerned or in the event a club requests for postponement. The costs are calculated by the office and are payable to the office before the next sitting.
12. A club which shall need to produce evidence from the office or any other EFA Member shall do so through the office and shall request such in writing.
13. Any club that has been found guilty shall pay all costs of the hearing (e.g. DC sitting, prosecutors and travelling expenses).
14. All clubs shall be expected to collect their written verdicts from the office.
15. Any team that fails to attend any meeting shall be liable to the following fines:
 

a) Women Football Association meeting	-	E 100.00
b) Quarterly meeting and annual general meeting	-	E 200.00
c) Sponsorship Launching and Presentation	-	E 200-00

**ARTICLE 10: League Positions and classification**

1. The number of points accumulated at the end of the second round shall determine positions in this competition. The final and officially completed log shall be binding on all clubs and officials, and will be used for the purpose of resolving disputes that should arise due to any unforeseen circumstances.
2. The football club accumulating the most points on completion of the league shall be declared the winner.
3. In the case of equality of points between clubs, positions in the log will be determined by the head to head encounters on the tying teams.
4. In the case of failure of 3 above, the positions on the log will be determined by the best goal difference.
5. If 3 and 4 are not decisive, the club having scored the most goals shall be declared the winner.

6. If 2, 3, 4 and 5 fail to produce a clear position, and then a play-off match which shall proceed straight to penalties, if the game ends in a draw in regulation time (90 minutes) shall be played by the contesting clubs to determine the winner at a neutral venue.

**ARTICLE 11: Promotion and Relegation**

For the current 2021/2022 football season; there shall be no relegation, subject to the formation of the main league's second tier (i.e. Women National First Division League), in which case the bottom three (3) teams shall be relegated and all teams wishing to join the WFA shall use the second tier as an entry point.

**ARTICLE 12: Prizes and Awards**

Prizes and Awards, in the WFNL, shall be implemented in terms of the agreements and/or directives of the EFA as they are currently funding the WFNL. Once sponsorships are secured, they shall be implemented in terms of the agreements entered into between the WFA and the relevant sponsors and/or partners. In a case where the agreements do not provide for such, the WFEC will determine the implementation of the prizes and awards. Such will be done taking into account the development and business objectives of the game of football within the constraints or magnitude or sponsorship.

**ARTICLE 13: Press Statement and Reports**

1. Each club shall be responsible for advertising its matches through the media. Clubs shall furnish the office with names, addresses, email addresses and contact telephone and fax numbers of two (2) persons who shall act in this capacity. Clubs that do not adequately advertise their matches shall face disciplinary action from the office.
2. The WFA office and the EFA CEO shall be entitled to publish in the press, or in any other media, reports of activities related to the Women Football Association.
3. Clubs and/or clubs officials shall not publish or make statements that may bring the Women Football Association or WFEC, and its subcommittees into disrepute. Anyone or any club that commits this offence shall be brought before the DC for disciplinary action. If found guilty the person(s) or club shall be fined an amount not less than E 1,000.00 but not exceeding E2,000.

**ARTICLE 14: General**

1. Entrance fees at all matches shall be free.
2. All participating teams shall attend the launching and prize presentation ceremonies of any sponsor of the league.
  - a) If a team fails to attend any one of the occasion, shall forfeit E200.00 of its prize money to WFL in each occasion.
  - b) In the event a team failing to attend both occasions, shall forfeit all its prize money to the WFL.

3. In the event of any dispute or conflict arising between any rules of this competition, the Women Football Association's Statutes and/or the EFA Statutes and regulations in as far as that particular matter of conflict is concerned, shall take precedence.

**ARTICLE 15: Miscellaneous**

1. Any team that fails to pay certain fees/fines within the stipulated time shall be suspended and any suspended team shall not participate in all activities organized by the WFA.

1(a) The WFA will impose the sanctions

(b) Games which will be fixtured during the course of the team's suspension will be awarded to their opponents i.e. suspended team will lose the game to the opposing team.

(c) If after three (3) games the team still fails to pay it will be summoned to appear before the WFEC and if it still fails, it will be expelled from being an affiliate of the WFA after the final decision has been taken by the WFA.

2. If two teams are fixtured against each other while they are both suspended; they will both lose the game i.e. three (3) points and three (3) goals thrown away.

3. Any club that fails to pay their fines within the stipulated time of 21 days after pronouncement of the verdict shall be officially suspended from all activities of the WFA. It remains the sole responsibility of any team to collect their correspondence from the office.

4. All correspondence to the office must be written on the team's letterhead, otherwise it is not official and cannot be accepted.

5. Any team writing their team list on any paper other than the team's letterheads shall be summarily fined E 150.00 by the office.

6. Any changes to be made on the office bearers should be accompanied by minutes of a meeting that was held where the said officials were elected.

7. Any changes can be made within 72 hours before the team can appear before the Women Football Executive Committee.

8. It shall be the responsibility of every club to collect correspondence from the office.

9. Any club shall be expected to sign summons in the office in case they have committed an offence sanctioning that club to appear before the Executive Committee or subcommittees.

10. All payments due to the office shall be deposited to the Women Football League Bank Account.

a) All teams are directed to utilize the WFL account held at the Eswatini Bank Acc No: 77040578200 when making payments in respect of all dues to WFL for the season 2021/2022, such fees include an affiliation and player's registration fees, protest fees, fines, red card fees etc.

- b) After making a deposit, the team should proceed to the WFL office with the stamped bank deposit slip where they will be furnished with a receipt by the secretary as acknowledgement of payment/deposit.
11. The fixtures of the competition as well as the matches organized by the Competitions Committee and all data related to them are subject to a “copyright” reserved to the WFA.
12. If for any reason whatsoever, a team withdraws from the competition or does not report for a match except in cases of force majeure accepted by the Competitions Committee, or if it refuses to play or leaves the ground before the regular end of the match without the authorization of the referee, it shall be considered a loser and shall be eliminated for good from the competition. Further measures may be adopted by the WFEC.

**ARTICLE 16: Matters not provided for**

Matters not provided for in the present rules and regulations and in terms of Article 14 (3) shall be decided by the Competitions Committee. The Competitions Committee’s decision shall be final and binding to all parties.

**ARTICLE 17: Adoption**

The present rules and regulations have been adopted and approved by the EFA on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 and come into force on the same date.

**President**  
Peter Simelane

**General Secretary**  
Frederick Mngomezulu

## APPENDIX

### Applicable Breakdown of Prizes for the 2021/2022 Football Season

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	-	-	-	E20,000.00 + Trophy + 25 gold medals
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	-	-	-	E15,000.00 + 25 silver medals
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	-	-	-	E12, 000.00 + 25 bronze medals
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	-	-	-	E10,000.00
5 <sup>th</sup> prize	-	-	-	E8, 000.00
6 <sup>th</sup> prize	-	-	-	E7,000.00
7 <sup>th</sup> prize	-	-	-	E6,000.00
8 <sup>th</sup> prize	-	-	-	E5,000.00
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	-	E4.000.00
10 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	-	E3,500.00
11 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	-	E3,000.00
12 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	-	E2,500.00
13 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	-	E2,000.00
Participation	-	-	-	E3, 000.00 (E1, 500.00 to be given before each WFNL Round)
Top Goal Scorer-	-	-	-	E600 + Trophy.