



**RULES  
AND  
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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 2017 Swazi Bank Cup Competition. This document henceforth lays out the Rules and Regulations for the administration and management of the 2017 Swazi Bank Cup Competition (hereafter referred to as the Rules).

The tournament shall be managed and administered by the Swazi Bank Cup Management Committee, herein referred to as the MC, which shall be a composition of two representatives from each of the NFAS, PLS and the Swazi Bank. Any four members shall form a quorum in a meeting organised for the Management Committee.

For the communication of all the activities of the Swazi Bank Cup, including, the fixtures, issues arising from the competition and decisions of the MC, once having all the necessary administrative protocols and for good image of the competition; the BOG's will appoint an individual who shall be the face of the competition. He/she shall sit in all the business meeting and activities of the MC and generally be a part of the MC throughout the subsistence of this edition, unless directed otherwise, by the BOG's of the competition.

The Secretariat of the MC shall be at the PLS Offices at Sigwaca House, PLS Offices Ground Floor, Mbabane, all notices/correspondence must be served to the MC on this location.

Football Clubs that are eligible to participate in this tournament are those listed in the attached Annexure.

- (a) All existing PLS clubs for the 2016/17 league season unless or otherwise a club is suspended
- (b) All existing NFD Clubs for the 2016/17 league season or expelled.
- (c) The participants from each Regional Super League teams from each who shall have qualified in terms of the NFAS Policies and Rules and Regulations.

In the instances where a club is unable participate in the competition, the NFAS shall decide on the formula and/or regulation for the replacement.

All clubs participating in the tournament shall be deemed to have given their assent to these rules and to have undertaken to abide and be bound by the rules and decisions of the MC.

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## 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. **NFAS:** National Football Association of Swaziland
3. **IFAB:** International Football Association Board
4. **DC:** The Protest and Disciplinary Committee.
5. **RFA:** Regional Football Association
6. **REC:** Regional Executive Committee
7. **RSL:** Regional Super League
8. **Official:**
  - a. Any member of the Match Supervisors of the Regional League OR
  - b. Any person designated by the Regional Executive Committee (REC) to act in its capacity for match supervision e.g. a match commissioner, match supervisor, stadium representative, etc. OR
  - c. Any member of the REC, the Regional Football Association (RFA) Office and its Standing and/or Adhoc committees.
9. **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 who is responsible for preparing a report of the match and to forward same to the relevant authorities in terms of these rules.
10. **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 his 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 he has played in the game in question.
11. **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.

12. **Player:** any football player licensed by an association.

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**13. International player:** A player who is transferring from another association in the membership of FIFA into the territory of the NFAS. International players shall be allowed to register with a RSL 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 two passport sized photos. 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.

**14. 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 unto 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 RFA and rules governing this competition. It also includes disobedience of instruction by; the RFA Official; Match Commissioner or Referee or the Stadium Representative.



## Article 2: Participation

1. The tournament shall be played as a knockout system.
2. A draw shall be conducted at all stages of the competition according to Article 15 of these Rules.
3. Before commencement of each stage of this tournament, after a draw having been made in accordance to article 15, the MC shall prepare a schedule of fixtures for the matches to be played, giving the date and starting time of each match at least three (3) days before the date of the fixture. If there is a change in the original schedule it shall be communicated to participating clubs at least two (2) days before the date of the match.
4. The MC and participating clubs shall strictly adhere to the schedule of the fixtures of the matches. No variations from the fixtures shall be allowed except in unforeseen extra-ordinary circumstances as may be determined by the MC.  
(i) Unforeseen and/or extra-ordinary circumstance shall be determined by majority vote in case of any dispute.
5. The Referees shall conduct a pre-match inspection of the facilities including the pitch, dressing rooms, lights (where applicable) at least one hour before the scheduled commencement of a match.
6. The MC's stadium representative shall be responsible for ensuring that the field of play is ready for play, i.e. the grass is properly cut, lines are properly marked, goal nets are secure, flag poles are in place, floodlights (where applicable) are functioning properly, etc at least two and a half hours before the scheduled commencement of the match.
7. The MC's stadium representative shall ensure that the stadium owner delivers the keys and access to the facilities for use by the Match officials and clubs at least one and a half (1.5) hours before the scheduled commencement of the match.
8. The MC's stadium representative shall ensure that all points of entry or as may be designated by the Match official are operational at least two (2) hours before the scheduled commencement of the match.
9. The MC stadium representative and officials of the clubs shall ensure that the sitting arrangement for fans, supporters, spectators of both clubs is properly demarcated and known.



### **Article 3: Registration of Players and Eligibility**

1. All clubs shall use their currently registered players, registered in terms of the prevailing regulation for the status and transfer of players.
2. A player shall not be eligible to play for more than one club in this tournament.

### **Article 4: Starting Times of matches**

1. Each club shall arrive at the venue of the match and report to the match officials Ninety (90) minutes at the least before the scheduled start of the match.
  - (a) Each club shall report at the card checking point (ready to kick-off) thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of the match.
  - (b) The card checking point shall be the dressing rooms of the stadium where the match is played otherwise the referee shall determine the checking point.
  - (c) Failure to report as per Article 4 (1) (a) above, a club shall be summarily fined an amount of E3, 000 by the MC, which will be deducted from its share of gate takings and/or prize money.
  - (d) Each default by any club of either of the listed conditions shall be determined separately from each other.
2. Between the scheduled kick-off time and fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of the match, a club fails to report for card checking, the offending club shall be summarily fined by the MC an amount equivalent to 25% of its share of gate collections or E10,000 whichever is greater.
3. Any club reporting after fifteen (15) minutes, for checking after the scheduled start of the match will result in the match being called off. The offending club shall be liable to disciplinary action and if found guilty to have caused the abandonment of the match, lose the match, to their opponents and further be fined an amount not less than E25,000.
4. When entering and/or exiting the field of play, a club shall use the official entrance as guided by the match officials. A club that contravenes this rule shall be subject to a summary fine of E25,000-00 by the MC, which shall be deducted from its share of gate collections and/or prize money.

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5. The match commissioner's report and/or referee's report shall provide conclusive proof as to when a club arrived at the stadium, and reported at the card checking point and whether or not article 4.4 was contravened.

#### **Article 5: The Referee And Play**

1. The Referees Committee shall appoint the referees and match commissioners to officiate in all matches of the tournament.
2. In the event that one or two referees fail to show up, the Match Commissioner shall appoint substitute referees.
3. The Match Commissioner and referees of each match shall arrive at the field of play one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the match to conduct an inspection of the facilities and a pre-match meeting.
4. Failure to conform with 5.3 as stated above; shall result in a referee allowance deduction; 25% of his allowance if he arrives from 16-30 minutes before the start of the match and shall lose 50% of his allowance if he arrive within 15 minutes before the starting time of the match and shall further be liable further result in the disciplinary action in terms of the Referees Code of Conduct and the MC duly advised in writing by the Referees Committee before he/she officiates on any proceeding match after such default;  
Provided that such notification shall not apply where a referee is due to officiate in any match within the same weekend or any match falling within three (3) days from such day of default.
5. Any referee who takes the field of play, one to fifteen minutes after the scheduled start of the match shall be subject to disciplinary action in terms of the Referees Code of Conduct and a notification made to the MC with the application of the provision in Article 5.4.
6. If after fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of the match any one or all four Referees are not present, the Match Commissioner or MC Official shall appoint substitutes. The defaulting referees shall be subject to disciplinary action in terms of the Referees Code of Conduct and the MC duly notified with an application of the provision in Article 5.4.
7. The report of the Match Commissioner and/or MC Official officiating at the game shall be conclusive proof as to when a Referee took the field of play.





8. Before the commencement of each match, the Referee, Match Commissioner and the captains of both clubs shall check the players against their identity cards and team lists.
9. After the completion of the card checking formalities, the Match Commissioner and the Referees shall formally lead the two clubs into the field of play at the start of the game and restart of the second half of the game (see attached annexure).
10. It shall be an offence for a club to refuse to follow match officials' instruction. Any club that refuses to follow a match officials' instruction shall be summarily fined an amount of E10, 000 by the MC.
11. At the end of each match the referee shall write a report of the match, which shall be conclusive to decide any matter(s) arising from the match, giving as much details as possible of all occurrences before, during and immediately after the match, such as -
  - (a) When the club took the field of play.
  - (b) Misconduct of players leading to the caution or expulsion of such players.
  - (c) Unsporting behaviour of the officials, member, (s) supporter (s) and/or fans.
  - (d) Goals scored in the match and the names of players who scored.
  - (e) Cards (both yellow and red) issued to any player or official.
  - (f) The number of substitutes introduced by each club and their names.
  - (g) Any other incident, which in his opinion is worth reporting.
  - (h) Any protest or objections by a club.
12. The Referee shall compile his report and hand it over to the MC at the PLS Office within two working days after the match at which he was officiating, producing such report in duplicate and cause the duplicate to be stamped with the seal of PLS and duly received thereto.
  - (i) The duplicate report shall remain with such referee who produced it and may be used if all such available and material pages bear the seal of PLS and signature of the official PLS Officer proving to have been received in terms of article 5.12.
13. The Referee shall conduct the match according to the recognised Laws of the Game and his accession on points of facts connected with play shall be final.
14. No club shall refuse the Referee that has been appointed by the Referees Committee or nominated to substitute an unavailable referee to officiate at any match of this competition. A club that refuses a referee shall be deemed to have abandoned the match and in the event that the match is called-off the matter shall be dealt with as provided for in Article 7.5.



15. The fourth official shall check the details of a substitute player, if such a player is introduced during the match.
16. The identity Cards of (a) player sent off the field and anyone alleged by the opposing club to be (a) defaulter(s) (accompanied by protest) shall be retained by the Referee and handed over together with the match report to the MC.
17. The Laws of the Game shall be those currently in force and as published by the International Football Association Board.
18. Each match shall last ninety minutes i.e. two periods of forty-five minutes with an interval as laid down in the Laws of the Games.
19. In cases of a draw during the ninety minutes in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds, the game shall proceed straight to penalty shoot-outs. If after five penalties taken by each club it still remains a draw, the sudden death penalty rules shall apply.
20. In the case of a draw during the ninety minutes in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals, the game shall continue to extra time of thirty (30) minutes, i.e. fifteen (15) minutes each half. If it is a draw after the extra time the game shall proceed to penalty shoot – out, and if after five penalties taken by each club it still remains a draw, the sudden death penalty rule s shall apply.

## **Article 6 Colours of Shirt and Numbering**

1. Each club shall have two contrasting sets of jerseys in its registered colours at its disposal to facilitate change in the case of colour clashes.
2. In the event that both clubs have the same colour jerseys, the referee shall conduct a toss of coin, and the losing club shall be required to change. The home team shall be the team that appears first in the fixture list between the two clubs. The referee and/or the match commissioner may also intervene in the colour clash and they must take a decision which decision shall be final and binding. The home club shall ensure that the seating arrangement for fans and/or supporters of both clubs is properly demarcated and marked. Failure by the hosting club to comply with and/or requirements outlined above, shall result in the club being summarily fined by the MC for each violation a fine of E3,000.00
3. A club failing to abide by the decision of the referee shall be considered to have caused the abandonment of the game and be dealt with in terms of Article 7 (5) of this rules.
4. All players shall wear numbers on their jerseys from 1 to 99.

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## **Article 7: Serious Player's / Club's Misconduct**

1. Any player(s) dismissed from the field of play by the referee (i.e. "Red-Carded" or sent off, including dismissal as a result of two (2) yellow cards awarded in the same match) shall be suspended from participation in the next one (1) match to be played by his team in any official competition under the auspices of the NFAS and this Rule shall duly be affected by any subsequent amendment by FIFA as the case may be.
2. The yellow card rule that applies to the respective leagues shall also apply in this tournament and as such a player who is not eligible to play to due to the yellow-card rule shall not participate in the subsequent official match.
3. For each subsequent occasion that a player is dismissed in the duration of the tournament, the period of suspension shall be increased by one (1) match from the suspension previously served.
4. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all fielded players are eligible to play in this tournament.
5. Any club walking out; refusing to play a match; whose fan(s), supporter(s), official(s) invade the field of play; and/or throw missiles/objects into the field of play which would result in the match officials stopping the game and the club in question shall be deemed to have caused the abandonment and shall, if found, guilty of such offence, by the NFAS Disciplinary Committee, lose the match to the opposing club, as well as forfeit all its share of the prize money to the MC, and be liable to a fine of E25,000-00.
6. The referee's report shall provide conclusive proof as to which club abandoned or caused the abandonment of the match.

## **Article 8: Other Unsporting Behaviour and Misconduct**

1. Any club whose member(s), player(s), official(s) or supporter(s)/fan(s) engage in unsporting or violent misconduct before, during or after a match; shall be liable to punishment.
2. Any player(s), official(s), supporter(s) /fan(s) who engage in unsporting or violent misconduct before, during or after a match; shall be liable to a punishment.
3. The following offences shall be punishable in the following ways -
  - a) Throwing objects of any kind onto the field of play - a summary fine E3, 000 by the MC.

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- b) Invading the pitch during a game by a supporter(s) or fan(s) or spectator(s), unless authorized by the referee, including the celebration of a goal(s) or any other cause – a summary fine E3, 000 by the MC.
  - c) Threatening by conduct or words to assault or attempt to assault a referee(s) or match official(s) or club official(s) or player(s) or fan(s) or supporter(s) or spectator(s) – a minimum fine of E5, 500-00 and a maximum fine of E10, 000-00 by the DC.
  - d) Assaulting a referee(s) or match official(s) or club official(s) or player(s) or fan(s) or supporter(s) or spectator(s) – a minimum fine of E10, 000-00 and a maximum fine of E100,000-00. In addition, the offending club shall be ordered to compensate the victim for any financial loss incurred due to the assault.
  - e) Uttering abusive or obscene or derogatory words and/or spitting or emission of saliva onto any person or directed towards a person - a minimum fine of E3, 500 and a maximum fine of E10, 000-00 by the DC
  - f) Failure by a club(s) to control their officials or players or supporters or fans - a minimum fine of E3, 000-00 and a maximum fine of E10, 000-00 by the DC.
  - g) Use of provocative or insulting gestures/signals or unbecoming behaviour or conspiracy or attempt to act to bring football into disrepute – a minimum fine of E3,000-00 and a maximum fine of E10,000-00 by the DC.
  - h) A derogation of the above offences may also result to the suspension of an individual offender either official, supporter, player and or fan for a period not less than 3 months and not more than 6 months on all football activities in the country.
4. Any referee(s) or match official(s) or club official(s) or player(s) or fan(s) or supporter(s) or spectator(s) positively identified by the Referee or Match Commissioner or Match Official to have contravened any section of Article 8,1, if found guilty shall be liable to suspension as provided in the NFAS constitution.
5. Members, players, officials, supporters, spectators, fans shall include the following:
- a) Any person wearing articles of a colour commonly associated with the colour of the offending club, e.g. scarf, badge, etc, and/or,
  - b) Any official, player, supporter, fan and or such other person who may be found defaced or cause to be altered any record or document duly produced for the purposes of these Rules and for the Competition the club whose advantage the offence was intended to benefit shall be fined an amount not less than E10,000.00 and lose such game which the report or document was about and



such person be suspended from all football activities for a period of not less than 6 months.

- c) Any person who is seated at a stand or section of a stadium that is occupied by the followers of the offending club when the offence is committed, and/or,
  - d) Any person known by the NFAS or PLS or NFD or Regional Association to be a supporter, official or fan of one of the clubs, and/or,
  - e) Any person who commits the offence in furtherance or support of the offending and/or particular club's interest or favour.
  - f) Clubs are expected to post marshals in the stands to control their crowds and the marshals should police the proceedings and submit any offender to the police for criminal prosecution if they misbehave. Such incidents must be brought to the attention of the MC official to serve as a mitigating factor in the case that the club is charged for misbehaviour of its supporters, fans or members. However it shall be an offence for any member of a club who does not appear on the team list to be seen in the technical area (tunnels, dressing rooms, technical bench, field of play or any other such area as designated by the match commissioner). Any club whose supporters (s), fan (s), marshal (s), club official (s), spectator (s) or any unauthorized person seen in the technical area – a summary fine of E2,000-00 by the MC.
6. It shall be an offence for a club, as represented by its supporters or fans, or officials or players, to be seen using any substance that is supposed or known to command super natural powers. Any club that contravenes this offence shall be summarily fined an amount not less than E2, 500 and not exceeding E10,000-00 by the MC.

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

1. A protest regarding a defaulter must be lodged with the referee before the start of the game or at the time of substitution/introduction of the alleged defaulter otherwise it shall be rendered null and void.
2. Any other protest shall be lodged with the referee when the incident of protest occurs, otherwise it shall be null and void. The referee shall be obliged to record a protest (s) as requested. A decision taken by the referee during the course of the match shall not be subject to protest.

The referee and both captains shall sign the protest for acknowledgement. Club captains shall not refuse to sign a protest lodged by another club. Offending clubs shall be summarily fined an amount of E3,000-00 by the MC.



4. Confirmation of protest in writing plus supporting evidence in duplicate must reach the NFAS before 12.00 noon the following working day, after the otherwise it shall be null and void. A bank stamped deposit slip for a non-refundable protest fee amounting to E2,000-00. An offending party shall be summarily fined E3,000-00 by the MC.
5. The Secretary of the MC shall make arrangements for the convening and sitting of the Protest and Disciplinary Committee (DC). In his absence the Secretary or any other member of the MC duly authorised will act on his behalf.
6. In the hearing, each club shall be represented by a maximum of two of its officials, and any person who is the subject of a complaint shall appear personally.
7. The DC shall have the power to consider and deal with a matter brought for its consideration and make the necessary decision.
8. The DC shall have the 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 the hearing. The decision of the DC shall be binding to all parties concerned.
9. In the event that a party was properly served with the notice to sit for a hearing, and the matter has to be postponed due to the party's unavailability, the DC may order the said party to bear the costs related to the postponement of the case. Such costs shall include sitting allowances, travelling allowances, etc of all parties concerned including the DC.
10. If a club is convicted and found to have used a defaulter by the DC, they shall forfeit the game to the opposing club and be further subjected to a fine not exceeding E10,000-00.
11. The NFAS Protest and Disciplinary Committee shall preside over any matters of dispute arising from this competition and any person there appearing to perform any duty on behalf of the League and or MC, such person must have been duly appointed by the Management Committee in terms of these regulations and/or in terms of the NFAS Constitution.

#### **Article 10: Appeals**

1. Any party that is not satisfied with the decision of the DC shall have the right to appeal to the NFAS Appeals Board provided that notice of such appeal was given to the DC immediately after delivering its verdict on the matter, or notify the MC



and parties concerned by letter by 10:00hrs of the following day otherwise the appeal shall be rendered null and void.

2. Subject to the provisions of article 10.1 an appeal shall be made to the NFAS Appeals Board within TWO WORKING DAYS after the written verdict of the DC otherwise it shall be null and void. A non-refundable cash fee amounting to E3, 000 must accompany the appeal.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the constitution of NFAS, the decision of the NFAS Appeals board being the last and final body shall be final and binding on all parties and no further appeal shall be made to the Arbitration and Tribunal Board.

#### **Article 11 Matters Not Provided For**

1. The MC shall decide on any matters not provided for under these Rules, and its decision shall be final and binding to all clubs taking part in this tournament.
2. The MC shall be allowed by these rules to refer any matter for advice or for purposes of ascertaining certain facts or on mere referral to the Executive Committee of the NFAS if the MC deems it fit and necessary in the circumstances regarding the said matter for referral.

#### **Article 12 Publishing In The Press**

1. The Public Relations Officer (PRO) or the MC Secretary shall be entitled to publish in the press (or any other media) reports or activities of the tournament or such other authorised individual in the absence of the Secretary or by some other reason which the MC may deem fit.
2. Each club shall be responsible for advertising its matches through the media. Clubs shall furnish the MC with the names, addresses, E-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers of two (2) club officials that will be entitled to receive mail for this tournament five days before the start of the tournament, and other information as the tournament may be progressing until the final day of presentation of prizes.
3. Clubs or officials or supporters or fans shall not publish or make statements that may bring the tournament, sponsors, the NFAS, PLS, Regional Associations, other clubs and the MC, including all the aforementioned organisations' sub-committees, into disrepute. Any club that commits such offence shall be summarily fined E10,000-00 by the MC.



## Article 13 Sponsorship Terms

1. At the appropriate stages of this tournament, i.e. quarter finals, semi-finals and finals, all participating clubs shall wear outfits or soccer jerseys with the appropriate branding of the Swazi Bank Cup logo as may be supplied by the Management Committee.
2. Any club that contravenes Article 13.1 above shall not be allowed to go into the field of play. The referee shall call off the match in question and the offending club(s) shall be deemed to have caused the abandonment of the match and dealt with according to Article 7 (5). Further, the offending club(s) shall be summarily fined an amount not less than E10,000-00 by the MC, provided that such offending club is given an amount of not more than 45 minutes to rectify the stated offence.
3. All participating clubs shall be precluded from wearing outfits with the branding of Swazi Bank's competitors and further precluded from negotiating and concluding branding agreements with any competitors of Swazi Bank for the duration of this competition.
4. A club(s) that contravenes Article 13 (3) above shall be summarily fined an amount not less than E10, 000-00 by the MC.





## Article 14 Break Down Of Prizes

### Club Prizes

1 <sup>st</sup> Position	E1, 000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Position	E400,000
2 x Semi-finalists losers @ E100, 000 each	E200,000
4 x Quarter-finalists losers @ E 20, 000 each	E80,000
8 x 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round losers @ E10, 000 each	E80,000
16 x 1 <sup>st</sup> Round losers @ E5, 000 each	E80,000

### Individual Prizes (E)

Player of the Series (plus trophy)	E 13, 000
Top Goal Scorer (plus trophy)	E 10, 000
Players of the match @ E x 7 matches (from ¼ finals)	E 14, 000
Coach of the Tournament (plus trophy)	E 8, 500
Referee of the tournament	E 7, 500
Media Award	E 30, 000
Best Finisher - First Division	E 10, 000
Best Finisher - Super League	E 10, 000
Best PRO	E 7,000

### Administration Fees and Others (E)

Administration fees (referees, stadium hire, insurances, etc)	E 100, 000
Purchase and branding of jerseys (from quarter finals)	E 70, 000
U20 Knockout Tournament	E 200,000
CAF Confederation Cup	E 50,000

### NOTE

1. The Best Finishers in this tournament in respect of both NFDL and Regional Super Leagues shall be based on the current league status of the clubs and NOT the status of the 2016/17 season.
2. Clubs that will be eliminated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the competition shall not be considered for the Best Finisher Award.
3. In the event that more than one club satisfy the criteria for the Best Finisher Award, the prize money shall be shared amongst the clubs.

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4. In the event that no club or individual qualifies for a stated prize, the prize money shall be forfeited to the MC to Charity as may be determined by the Swazi Bank Cup Board of Governors.
5. One set of playing kit shall be made available to each club that will reach the quarter-finals stage to use in both the quarter-finals and semi-finals, and one set of playing kit shall be purchased for each of the two finalists to use during the finals.

#### **Article 15 Fixture Programme**

1. Seeding of the clubs shall be according to the attached Annexure 1.
2. A draw shall be conducted to determine the fixtures as set out below –
3. The top 16 clubs shall be seeded only for purposes of the first round draw.
4. The clubs seeded positions 17 to 32 shall draw their opponents from the 16 seeded clubs. The clubs seeded positions 17 to 32 shall enjoy home ground advantage only in the first round except or unless your fixture against any of the 16 seeded clubs is in the grand opening.
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round, Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals
  - a. No seeding will be done for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round, Quarter Finals and Semi Finals, and a draw involving all clubs shall be conducted to determine fixtures.

#### **Article 16 General**

1. Entrance fees at all matches shall be as follows:
  - (a) The minimum entrance fee for games under this tournament shall be E10.00 whilst the maximum shall be E50.00. The exact entrance fees to be charged at the various games of this tournament shall be determined by the Management Committee.
  - (b) Children below the age of twelve (12) years will be charged half the applicable entrance fee.
2. The MC shall collect 20% on behalf of the NFAS of the Gross Gate Collections from all matches played in this tournament, which shall be deposited with the NFAS Finance Department or into the **NFAS account held at Swazi Bank Mbabane Account No. 770 189 631 61.**
3. The MC shall further collect from the gross gate takings match officials fees which shall be deposited into the **Swazi Bank Cup Joint Account** held with



the Swazi Bank, Mbabane. This exercise shall commence from the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of matches.

4. The clubs shall provide adequate change at all matches and shall further provide enough personnel to collect gate takings in their fixtures at least two and a half hours before the scheduled start of the match. Any club that fails to bring adequate change and/or sufficient gatemen/women on time shall be summarily fined by the MC, an amount of E1000-00 from the club's day's share of gate takings and the amounts to be provided shall be determined by the MC from time depending on the particular match (s) which shall be communicated in writing two days before the said matches is or are played.
5. All fines imposed and payable by clubs in respect of this tournament will be settled as much as possible with funds due to the respective clubs from the tournament in either the form of gate takings and prize money. Such funds will be deposited in the joint account held at Swazi Bank.
6. In the event of any dispute or conflict arising between any rule of this competition and those laid down in the Constitution of the PLS or NFAS, the rules of this tournament shall take precedence.
7. A maximum compliment of twenty-five (25) club members (players and officials) from each of the playing clubs will be allowed free entrance into their fixtured matches.

#### ARTICLE 17: Adoption

The present rules and regulations have been adopted and approved the NFAS Executive Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and come into force on the same 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

President  
Adam Mthethwa

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Frederick Mngomezulu



**ANNEXURE 1: List and Seeding of Participating Clubs**

1. Mbabane Swallows FC
2. Manzini Wanderers FC
3. Young Buffaloes FC
4. Royal Leopards FC
5. Green Mamba FC
6. Manzini Sundowns FC
7. Moneni Pirates FC
8. Tambuti FC
9. Red Lions FC
10. Midas City FC
11. Mbabane Highlanders FC
12. Manzini Sea Birds FC
13. Matsapha United FC
14. Malanti Chiefs FC
15. Vovovo FC
16. Madlenya FC
17. Bad Boys FC
18. Amalanda FC
19. Sikhalo SeAfrica FC
20. Mbabane Citizens FC
21. Hlatikulu Tycoons FC
22. Hub Sundowns FC
23. City Warriors FC
24. Ludzeludze Brothers FC
25. Stumbo XI FC
26. Sisonkhe FC
27. All Nations FC
28. Kontshingila FC
29. Tambankulu Callies FC
30. Ubombo Flyers FC
31. 19 Celtics FC
32. Tinyosi FC

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16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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