



To Members of the EFA

Circular No. 196

Mbabane, 18th July 2023

Rationalization of the calendar of football season – return to normal football season period of August to May

Following a directive by EFA, through Circular No. 192 of 13th January 2023, to have all leagues in the country return to the normal period of August to May, the synchronization of the implementation of football competitions to be reorganized back to the above prescribed normal period of a season, is therefore directed as follows:

1. All outstanding league's competitions are expected to conclude their 2022/2023 football season competitions by end of July 2023, at the latest. *Where (a) league(s) competition(s) match(es), including the implementation of play-offs matches to qualify football teams for the next upper tier, an application for an exclusive extension must be made with EFA by a regional football association and on consideration of the reasons for the requirement of such an extension, an exception may be given up to the 15th August 2023 all outstanding matches.*
2. The new 2023/2024 season competitions are therefore expected to commence in August 2023 for the national leagues, whilst the regional leagues are expected to commence in September 2023. *Reference must also be made to the directives of Circular No. 195 on the registration of players and football clubs for the forthcoming 2023/2024 football season.*
3. Member associations and leagues are therefore expected to observe these dates and strategize towards ensuring that all their current 2022/2023 season business is concluded in time to commence the 2023/2024 season as directed.

EFA, as always, remains fully open and available, whilst counting on your usual good cooperation which has always been held in the highest esteem.

Yours in Football,

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