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- The Ordinary General Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, 28th June 2020.
- COVID-19 evolution a key factor in the hosting of this event.
- Deadline for the submission of proposals is on the 28th May 2020.

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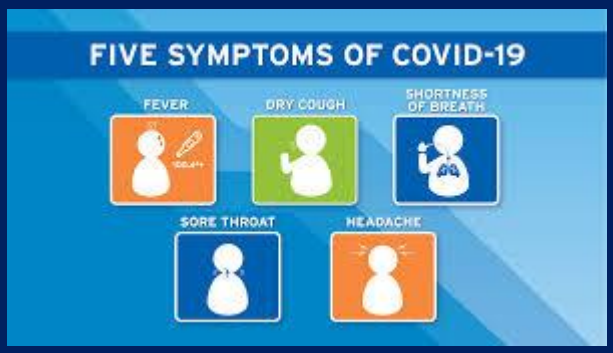
His Majesty The King Mswati III

"I must admit that we are not used to wearing these masks and it makes breathing quite difficult, but the position in which we find ourselves in as a country we must ensure that we constantly have them on wherever we are"- His Majesty The King Mswati III.



EFA'S EXCO MEMBERS URGES THE PUBLIC TO SOLDIER ON IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



The EFA's Executive Committee Members after the 2019 Ordinary General Assembly held at Sibane Hotel.

As the country and the globe continue to fight against the COVID-19 (corona virus), the highest authorities in local football has also joined the army. This invisible enemy has not only put the chief sport in the country at halt, but it has also compromised human life in the whole planet. The Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini has raised a lot of awareness about the dangers of this pandemic and how it can be prevented through the Ministry of Health and over above this, has also imposed a partial lockdown in the country. The future is not yet certain as the number of infections is also increasing of which flattening the COVID-19+ curve remains a challenge.

The Executive Committee of the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) has showed support to government's efforts in the fight against this pandemic by urging the football community and the public at large to adhere to the government's lockdown regulations, the prevention measures by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO). Quite interesting is that, they are also practising what they are preaching.

"It is important that we follow the regulations that the government has put forward to be followed by the Eswatini nation. As football people we feel that it is important to ensure that people stay at home as requested. This will avoid the transmission of the coronavirus. Another thing that is very important is that as sports people we have to keep fit and

EFA PRESIDENT PRAISES HIS MAJESTY THE KING MSWATI III



The EFA President, Mr Adam Mthethwa

The President of the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Mr. Adam Mthethwa has acknowledged His Majesty The King Mswati III's declaration in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. He also urged football people and the nation to adhere to the King's command as the country and the globe continues to fight against the coronavirus.

"As His Majesty The King Mswati III has commanded the nation regarding the fight against the COVID-19, we as football people urge the public to adhere to His Majesty The King Mswati III's words and also cooperate with government and his partners in the fight against this invisible enemy", Mthethwa said.

The President also acknowledged government and his partners for their effort in the fight. "We also acknowledge government and her partners for their efforts in the fight against COVID-19, and also urge the nation to be patient as this situation will pass", Mthethwa concluded.

when you get an opportunity at home, do some training", said the Vice President of the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Mr. Peter Simelane.



Mr. Peter 'Samora' Simelane in action for the FAXI Social Team against the Eswatini Bank before the COVID-19 period.

The Chairman of the Referees Committee and Member of the EFA'S Executive Committee Mr. Thulani Mavuso emphasised on the importance of adhering to the lockdown regulations. "It is very important for the nation to adhere to the lockdown regulations as the COVID-19 pandemic can't move but it is the very same public that transport it", Mavuso said. As a sports person himself, he urged the public to do some physical training at home in order to stay fit. "Do something while you are at home and stick to the health standard as we try to flatten the curve", he concluded.



The Chairman of the Manzini Regional Football Association and the Competitions Committee, Mr. Johannes Siboza urged the nation to implement the health precautions as per the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO). Siboza who is a former player, also emphasised the importance of individual training. "As the EFA, we urge the nation to implement the health precautions by the Ministry of Health and the WHO. While we are on partial lockdown, it is important for the nation to do individual training in order to stay physically fit and in doing so; we will be cooperating with the Government, Ministry of Health and the WHO", Siboza said.



Mr. Sonnyboy Mabuza doing individual training at home.

The Chairman of the Women Football Association and the Youth Committee urged all the women football players and the public at large to take the health precautions by the Ministry of Health and the WHO seriously and also to do induvial training in order to boost their immune systems. "As EFA and Women Football Association (WFA) we urge our players and the public at large to take the health instructions by the Ministry of Health and the WHO very seriously and also to do individual training as it enhances the immune system of the body", Mabuza said.

He also decried the effects of this pandemic as it will adversely affect the development of women's football in the country. "As Women football we are greatly affected by this pandemic as both the local and international competition are at halt", he said.

HOW TO WEAR YOUR MASK



1. When putting on the mask
    - Place the inside of a clean mask against your face.
    - Cover your nose and mouth.
    - Make sure it fits well, don't touch the cloth part.

2. WHILE WEARING THE MASK
    - Do not touch your face or fiddle with the mask.
    - Remove the mask if it is wet.

3. WHEN TAKING OFF THE MASK
    - Touch only the straps.
    - Keep it in a container until you wash it.
    - Wash your hands after taking it off.

4. CARING FOR YOUR MASK
    - Have two (2) masks so that you have a clean one ready.
    - Do not share masks with other people.
    - Wash the mask with soap and hot water.
    - Dry the mask in the sun and iron it to disinfect it.

THE EFA GIVES CLARITY ON THE FIFA'S COVID-19 RELIEF FUND



The General Secretary of the EFA, Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu during a press conference held at Sigwaca House on the 30 th April 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the football industry has been hit hard in numerous ways, some of which were outlined in the previous edition of the EFA E-Newsletter. This situation has made FIFA to establish a relief fund that will address some of the challenges that are faced by the stakeholders of the beautiful game. "The pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges for the entire football community and, as the world governing body, it is FIFA's duty to be there and support the ones that are facing acute needs", said FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

The General Secretary (GS) of the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) highlighted that as a first step towards the COVID-19 relief plan, FIFA was to bring forward the transmission of the regular or normal FIFA Forward Operational Fund. This fund is released twice a year (in January and in July every year), to finance the already planned activities of FIFA's Member Associations, as presented in the budgets of member associations for 2019 and 2020, budgets of which were consolidated and presented before FIFA in 2019. This is as per the FIFA Forward Regulations 2.0. "It must be noted that some Member Associations were already facing dire challenges in servicing their daily governance and administration operations responsibilities financially, hence the decision by FIFA to bring forward the transmission", said Mngomezulu.

He also stated that, the $500 000 is not the actual COVID-19 relief fund, specifically engineered for the pandemic but funds that were regularly due to be received in July which FIFA has decided to release early.

"Given the disparity of the economies and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the 211 member associations globally, it is, also anticipated that the specific COVID-19 relief fund, once determined by FIFA, will not be the same for all member countries, as it will depend on the gradation of the assessment report by FIFA across each and every member", Mngomezulu highlighted.

Finally, the GS alluded that in as far as the relief fund from FIFA is concerned; the EFA Executive Committee will assemble to discuss any possible assistance that may be granted to its member associations to mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

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EFA ISSUES THE 2020 ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTICE



EFA Delegates during the 2019 Ordinary General Assembly held at Sibane Hotel in Ezulwini.

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) has issued the 2020 Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) to her members. This year's OGA is scheduled for Sunday, 28th June at a venue and time that will be communicated. "Notice is hereby given to all Members of the EFA, in terms of Article 29(2) of the EFA Statutes, that the 2020 Ordinary General Assembly will be held on Sunday, 28th June 2020, at a venue and time to be communicated in due course, in conformity with the EFA Statutes", read the circular that was sent to the EFA Members.

It must be noted that the hosting of this event will be subject to the evolution and/or resolution of the COVID-19 pandemic. "EFA Members are further inform that the hosting of the EFA Ordinary General Assembly is subject to the evolution and/or resolution of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic currently debilitating global humankind. Consequential communication, if applicable, will be advanced to the Members of the evolution of this pandemic relating to the general assembly", read part of the circular.

The delegates were also reminded that each Member of the EFA must be represented by six (6) delegates. They were also informed that the proposals to the OGA must have been submitted to the EFA Secretariat by the 28th May 2020 at the latest.

EFA MORNS THE DEMISE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE REPS AND A DRIVER IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) expressed her condolences following a tragic accident that happened on Friday, 30th April 2020 at the Yith' Abantu Highway between Nhlangano and Mhlaleni. This catastrophic accident claimed eleven lives which included two football people who are Ncamiso "Sthuthu" Mavuso, a former Corporation All Stars FC, Umbelebele FC and Royal Leopards FC player and Bheki Makama who was the assistant team doctor for Royal Leopards FC. This accident claimed lives of the members of the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) and citizens of the Kingdom of Eswatini. Through a press statement that was issued on Saturday, 1st May 2020, the EFA extended her sincere and heartfelt condolences to the affected parties.



The late former Corporation All Stars FC, Umbelebele FC and Royal Leopards FC player, Ncamiso "Sthuthu" Mavuso.

"The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) and the entire football intimate in Eswatini, would like to extend their sincere and heartfelt condolences and symbol of solidarity to the National Commissioner and the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) as a whole and most extensively the affected families, relatives and friends, and associated establishments for the shocking and premature tragedy of the members of the REPS and citizen of Eswatini", read the press statement.



The late assistant team doctor for Royal Leopards FC, Bheki Makama.

The EFA also highlighted that its hardship in comprehending this dreadful tragedy. "It is still unintelligible that what was envisage to be a customary daily exertion, had to descend to such a traumatic experience. As for the REPS members, it is still unbelievable that whilst the country is still united in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, currently debilitating humankind globally, for which they were a significant part, lives could be lost in such a manner.

Like the rest of the sphere, the EFA whilst still cannot comprehend the dreadful tragedy it believe that God Almighty will afford solace and reassurance to all affected at such a depressing instant", the EFA said.

In conclusion, the EFA expressed its symbol of solidarity and best wishes to all the survivors of this tragedy.

EFA AND CAF SECURITY OFFICER EMPOWERS HERSELF DURING THE COVID-19 BREAK

These are the motivational words from the Eswatini Football Association's (EFA's) and the Confederation of African Football's (CAF's) Security Officer, Ms Xolile Vilakati who took Advantage of the football break due to the COVID-19 and enhance her knowledge in as far as her football duties are concerned.

She successfully completed two Courses which were facilitated by the world governing body FIFA. These courses were, safety; security and services at sports events, and what you need to know about COVID-19. With no football matches events currently taking place, she used this period to enhance her knowledge in order to be more efficient in her football related duties.



Ms Xolile Vilakati- EFA and CAF Security Officer.

"It is very much important to empower yourself inorder to be more efficient in your duties and this can be done through education", Vilakati said. Previously, she has officiated during the Total CAF Champions League matches between Atletico de Agosto FC (Angola) vs Wydad FC (Morocco) which was played in Angola and Mamelodi Sundowns FC (South Africa) vs Al Ahly SC (Egypt) which was played in South Africa.

THE MAIDEN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOMESTIC TRANSFER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS A SUCCESS



Former Pigg's Peak Black Swallows FC striker, Allen Mabuza who was transferred to Mbabane Swallows FC.

The Eswatini Football Association's (EFA's) Licensing and International Affairs Manager, Ms Ntombifuthi Dlamini has highlighted that the maiden implementation of the Domestic Transfer Matching System (DTMS) was a success. The 2019/20 football season marked the first time in which this transfer system was used in Eswatini football.

"The Domestic Transfer Management System was successfully implemented for the first time this current football season and there were over one hundred transfers that were made by football clubs", Dlamini said. She also stated that, there were no intermediaries involved in the transactions of the players. Currently the registration period is closed and the next one will be for the 2020/21 football season.