



SAFA REGULATIONS

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AFFILIATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

RULE 1

- 1.1 Any league or association applying to become a Member or an Associate Member of SAFA shall fill in the prescribed application form and submit a copy of its constitution to the Chief Executive Officer.
- 1.2 Every Member shall
- 1.2.1 submit copies of its Annual Report and audited Financial Statements to the Chief Executive Officer on or before 28 February in each year.
- 1.2.2 complete such forms and submit such returns as may be decided by the National Executive Committee from time to time.
- 1.2.3 pay the prescribed affiliation fee, annual subscription fee and any other such fee as may be contained in the Schedule of Fees.

COLOURS, NAMES AND EMBLEMS OF MEMBERS

RULE 2

- 2.1 Each member shall register its colours and design, along with alternate colours and design, with SAFA. The National Executive Committee shall have the power to refuse to register any colours which are already registered. Should the colours of two Members cause confusion when their teams meet each other, the team designated the "away" team shall change to its alternate colours.
- 2.2 Upon acceptance of an application for Regional Membership the name of the Regional Member concerned shall be changed to consist of the acronym SAFA followed by the area of the Member as defined in Article 11.1 of the Constitution.

- 2.3 The emblem of each Regional Member shall be the emblem of SAFA with the area of the Member inscribed below the emblem.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

RULE 3

- 3.1 Subject to the provisions of this Rule, Members shall pay all subscriptions, fees and deposits according to a schedule of fees which shall be determined annually by the National Executive Committee.
- 3.2 All Members shall be informed of the schedule of fees for a particular season on or before 30 November of the previous year.
- 3.3 Should a new fee be introduced, or should there be an increase in one or more subscriptions, fees or deposits amounting to more than thirty per centum (30%) of the corresponding fee charged in the previous year, the proposed new fee or increase shall be valid only if approved by resolution of the General Council.
- 3.4 No new fees or increases in existing subscriptions, fees or deposits shall be introduced after Members have been notified of the schedule of fees for a particular season, unless such action is approved by a resolution of the General Council.
- 3.5 All annual subscriptions, as well as all other fees which are charged annually, must be paid in full before a Member may participate in any of the activities of SAFA, unless an extension to this deadline, either generally or specifically, is approved by the National Executive Committee.
- 3.6 Members whose liability to SAFA, whether by way of fees, fines or any other outstanding amount, is unpaid after the due date, shall be informed thereof in writing. If payment is not received within a specified period, the National Executive Committee may, suspend the Member in question from all activities of SAFA, which suspension shall remain in force until such time as the Member's liability to SAFA has been discharged in full.
- 3.7 The Schedule of Fees for the time being, shall be as follows:

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| Affiliation fee for new Associate Members | R1 000.00 |
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Annual subscription fee:

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| - Regional Members | R1 000.00 |
| - Associate Members | R1 000.00 |
| - The League | R5 000.00 |

Appeal Fee:

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| - for matters arising out of the competitions or other activities of The League | R 2 000.00 |
| - all other matters | R 500.00 |

Protest Fee

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| - for matters arising out of the competitions or other activities of The League | R 1 000.00 |
| - all other matters | R 250.00 |

Arbitration deposit:

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| - for matters arising out of the competitions or other activities of The League | R 10 000.00 |
| - all other matters | R 2 000.00 |

CLUBS

RULE 4

- 4.1 No club may be affiliated to any Member unless the member in question has certified that the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the club comply with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of SAFA and the Laws of the Republic of South Africa.
- 4.2 No club shall be permitted to affiliate to a Regional Member or District Association outside the area in which the home ground of the Club is situated.

- 4.3 All clubs shall cause to be kept proper Minutes and Books of Account, including annual financial statements which properly reflect their financial position and which shall be produced to SAFA within five (5) working days of the same having been called for.
- 4.4 All accounts of professional clubs shall be audited annually by registered auditors.

UNRECOGNISED STRUCTURES

RULE 5

- 5.1 No Association, League, Competition or any other structure having any connection or relation to football shall be formed without the consent of SAFA, or the Regional Member having jurisdiction over the area concerned.
- 5.2 Any person, team, club or association having any connection whatsoever with any such unrecognised structure may be suspended from participation in any or all football under the jurisdiction of this Association and/or any or all of its Members and their affiliates for any period of time, at the discretion of the National Executive Committee.

COMPETITIONS

RULE 6

- 6.1 SAFA shall have the power to organise International or National Competitions in which Member Associations, District Associations or Clubs may participate. Such competitions may be controlled either by SAFA directly, or by Member and/or District Associations, under the jurisdiction of SAFA.
- 6.2 With the exception of competitions as contemplated in Rule 6.1, clubs and/or District Associations may only participate in competitions and/or official matches with other clubs and/or District Associations affiliated to the same Regional Member as themselves
- 6.3 Where a competition provides for players of a certain age-group, the qualification will be based on the player's age on the first (1st) day of January of each year.

SANCTIONING OF MATCHES

RULE 7

- 7.1 No match involving clubs affiliated to a Member, or their players, and not forming part of a Competition recognized by SAFA or the Member or District Association concerned, may be played unless it has been sanctioned by SAFA, or the Member or District Association concerned.
- 7.2 No such match involving a team affiliated to one Regional Member and played within the area of jurisdiction of another Regional Member may be sanctioned without the prior written consent of both Regional Members and this Association.
- 7.3 The playing of matches arranged by private individuals for speculative purposes shall not be sanctioned.
- 7.4 No match shall be played by any Member or club of such member against a team from another country, whether official or unofficial, unless prior written permission has been obtained from SAFA.
- 7.4.1 All applications to play such a match shall be submitted to the Member to which the club is affiliated in terms of the Rules of the Member concerned.
- 7.4.2 The application shall in turn be submitted to this Association at least thirty (30) days before the date of the contemplated match.
- 7.4.3 SAFA shall, in its discretion, decide the application and convey its decision to the Member concerned at least fourteen (14) days prior to the match.
- 7.4.4 SAFA may, in its discretion, condone any failure to comply with the time limits set out in this Rule.

NON-PLAYERS

RULE 8

8.1 REFEREES

8.1.1 Every Referee and Assistant Referee officiating in a match played under the jurisdiction of SAFA or one of its Members, must be registered with SAFA via its Members and must abide by these Articles and Rules and any other Regulations drawn up by this Association or its Members.

8.1.2 Every Referee and Assistant Referee, in addition to falling under the control of the Referees Committee, shall be under the jurisdiction of this Association and Member concerned, and shall be subject to the Disciplinary Rules of SAFA and the Member concerned.

8.2 OFFICIALS

8.2.1 All officials of Members, their Affiliates and Clubs shall be registered with the Member in question, and shall fall under the jurisdiction of SAFA and the Member concerned.

8.3 TEAM MANAGERS, COACHES AND TRAINERS

8.3.1 All support personnel shall be registered with the Member to which their club is affiliated, and shall fall under the jurisdiction of SAFA and the Member concerned.

INTERNATIONAL/REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

RULE 9

9.1 Every player who is a citizen of the Republic of South Africa by virtue of the laws of the Country is qualified to play in International matches for the Country, provided that such player has not previously played in an International match for another country in circumstances not covered by the exceptions allowed by FIFA.

- 9.2 Each Member and Club shall, if and when required for purposes of International or other Representative matches, place its players, grounds and other facilities at the disposal of SAFA to which it is affiliated, and/or this Association.
- 9.3 International or other Representative matches arranged by Members and/or this Association shall take precedence over any other fixtures.
- 9.4 Any Club which has concluded a contract with a player shall release him to this Association or to any other National Association of which he is a national in the event that he is selected for a representative team. This provision is binding for the following matches:
- 9.4.1 A total of seven (7) internationals per annum;
- 9.4.2 Additionally, all the matches of the World Cup Final Competitions, the CAF Competitions and the Olympic Football Tournament. It is specifically recorded that the Association may participate in COSAFA and Development Competitions, and in this regard it is recorded that a Memorandum of Agreement shall be entered into between the Association and the League relating to Player representation in these competitions.
- 9.4.3 The period of release shall allow for training time. The extent of this time shall be laid down as follows:
- (i) for a friendly international match - 48 hours;
 - (ii) for a qualifying match for an international competition - 5 days;
 - (iii) for the finals of an international competition - 14 days.

LAWS OF THE GAME

RULE 10

- 10.1 The Laws of the Game shall be as promulgated and altered by the International Football Association Board.

10.2 The changes to the Laws of the Game shall be put into force by all Members during the month following receipt of the notification of the same.

SPONSORSHIPS

RULE 11

11.1 No Member shall accept any offer of sponsorship without first having informed the National Executive Committee of the name of such sponsor, and having received the consent of the National Executive Committee, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

11.2 The Member shall inform the National Executive Committee of the terms and conditions of such sponsorship, if the National Executive Committee deems it necessary to request such information.

11.3 The National Executive Committee shall allow the sponsorship to be accepted unless:-

11.3.1 it is of the opinion that the nature or terms and conditions of such sponsorship are such that it will jeopardise an existing sponsorship of SAFA or any of its members.

11.3.2 the product or service advertised or the nature of such advertising is regarded as distasteful or ethically or morally undesirable, or in the case of youth players in particular, is considered to be detrimental to players of that age.

11.4 The advertising worn on the players clothing shall be the same in respect of all of the outfield players in that team.

11.5 The National Executive Committee may limit the size of advertising worn on players clothing.