



RULES AND REGULATIONS 2014/2015

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Article 1: The Standard Bank Super Cup

- 1.1 The Namibia Football Association shall organise every year a competition called The Standard Bank Super Cup which, will be sponsored by Standard Bank Namibia.
- 1.2 The Standard Bank Super Cup is the property of the NFA. It shall be held by the team winning the competition and shall be returned to the NFA six (6) months before the launch of the following Standard Bank Super Cup.
- 1.3 The winning team is committed to take in charge all the appropriate measures to ensure the security of the Cup during all the time it is in his possession and will be responsible for the loss of or damage to the Cup.
- 1.4 If for any reason, the competition ceases to be held the Cup shall be returned to NFA immediately upon demand.
- 1.5 The winner of the various categories will receive their Prize monies as per the contract with the sponsors.
- 1.6 In addition the winner of the match shall receive the Standard Bank Super Cup and twenty five (25) gold medals and the runner up shall receive twenty five (25) silver medals.

Article 2: FORM OF THE COMPETITION

- 2.1 The Competition shall be contested between the team which has won the MTC Premier League and the team that has won the Bidvest Namibia Cup Editions of the previous season.
- 2.2 If for any reason any or none of the two teams which have qualified according to the method explained above cannot honour the match, the NFA Executive Committee will take the decision regarding the participants for that particular season.

Article 3: ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE

- 3.1 The Standard Bank Super Cup Organising Committee (hereinafter referred to as the OC) shall over see the match, and determine the venue and fixture. The Competition Department of the NFA shall be responsible for implementing the directives of the Organizing Committee.
- 3.2 The OC in consultation with the NFA Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt any additional members should the need arise.
- 3.3 The OC is empowered to take all disciplinary measures, inflicting times and imposing penalties on all incidents registered on the official match reports, before, during and after the match.
- 3.4 The OC is empowered to suspend or disqualify players, caution, censure, fine players, Referees, Assistant Referee and other officials of the team participating in the Competition.

- 3.5 The OC is empowered to take decisions on Protests raised as per the provision of these Rules including cases of *'force majeure'*.
- 3.6 Three members of the OC including the Chairman or his alternate shall form a quorum.
- 3.7 A team which allows a non – qualified or a suspended player to take part in a match shall lose the match and shall be eliminated from the Competition, even in the absence of a timely protest being launched.
- 3.8 The OC may decide to call the parties involved for a hearing and the decision shall be based on the Central Referee's and/ or the Match Commissioners report.
- 3.9 The procedure shall be guided by the OC.

Article 4: ARBITRATION

- 4.1 Pursuant to the NFA and FIFA Statutes, teams are forbidden from taking Disputes to a Civil Court but may only submit them to the appropriate body at FIFA in accordance with the applicable procedures.

Article 5: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 5.1 Only PLAYERS who are properly registered with the NFA shall be eligible to participate and that shall be testified by the official player's card endorsed by NFA. No document other than the player card endorsed by NFA shall be accepted for verification of a player's status. Players without a valid player's card will be disqualified from participating in the competition.
- 5.2 The Match Commissioner and the Referees reserve the right to prevent from taking part in the matches any players whose names is on the Team List but does not meet the qualification norms stipulated in these Rules without prejudice to other subsequent sanctions the OC might impose upon them and their teams.

Article 6: PROTEST, APPEALS AND FINES

- 6.1 For a protest to be considered it must be in writing and forwarded to the fourth official immediately after the match and confirmed in writing to the Chairman of the OC within two (2) hours after the match. A protest submitted later than the stipulated period shall not be admitted nor entertained.
- 6.2 A protest must be accompanied by a non-refundable protest fee of Twenty Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 20.000.00). A protest submitted without the protest fee shall not be admitted nor entertained.
- 6.3 No protest may be made against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decision being final.

- 6.4 If an unfounded or irresponsible Protest is lodged, the OC may impose a fine not exceeding Twenty Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 20 000.00).
- 6.5 No protest shall be considered after the winners of the Standard bank Super Cup have been proclaimed.

Article 7: OTHER MATTERS

- 7.1 Teams shall be expected to complete the official match form before the final inspection at the stadium. When completed the team list, it should be handed to the Fourth Official of the match who will keep proper record of all the incidents happening during the match. When completed the 3 (three) team lists will bear identical information and be signed by the Fourth Official and the Referee of the match, including the two (2) team captains.
- 7.2 After the match the Fourth Official shall hand the relevant copy of the opposing team's team list to the other while he will retain his copies for submission to the OC.
- 7.3 A team delegation will consist of maximum eitheeen (18) players and eight (8) officials. The eight (8) officials shall include the Head of Delegation and all other officials the team might deem necessary.
- 7.4 A team that does not present itself, irrespective of reasons, or refuse to play or stage a walk out from the field of play before the regular end of the match without the authorization of the referee, shall be declared loser and shall be eliminated from the competition, be liable to a fine not exceeding Twenty Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 20 000.00). The same shall apply for a team which were declared disqualified by decision of the OC. In both instances the OC reserves the right to lay a charge of misconduct against the club.
- 7.5 The team travelling in the framework of this competition must be in the city/town hosting their matches at least five (5) hours before the time scheduled for the kick – off of their match. Failing to do so will be visited by a minimum fine of N\$ 10 000.00.
- 7.6 A team must be present in the dressing room at least one (1) hour before the kick – off of its match for inspection. A team that is not present in the dressing room at least one (1) hour before kick – off shall be visited with a minimum fine of N\$ 5 000.00
- 7.7 A team may not have more than seven (7) substitutes including the reserve goalkeeper on the official team return.
- 7.8 Only the seven (7) substitutes and five (7) officials are allowed to be on the substitute bench or in the technical area. A team that violets this rule shall be visited with a minimum fine of N\$ 2 000.00.
- 7.9 Every team is responsible for the conduct of its officials, players and supporters.

- 7.10 All teams shall take reasonable precautions to prevent supporters from encroaching onto the field and/ or threatening or assaulting match officials and other officials or players before, during or after the match.
- 7.11 Failure to fulfil adequately to the above – mentioned requirements could lead to a misconduct charge against the team.
- 7.12 A team whose players receive five (5) cautions (yellow cards) in a match will pay an automatic fine in the amount of Three Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$ 5 000.00).
- 7.13 A team whose three players during one match of the competition are expelled from the field of play shall pay an automatic fine in the amount of Seven Thousand Namibian Dollars (N\$ 7 000.00).
- 7.14 The duration of a match of this competition will be two halves of 45 minutes each with a 15 minutes break in between the two halves. The Referee may add time lost due to injury, substitutions and other incidents during the match.
- 7.15 Where a match ends in a draw extra time of 15 minutes on each side shall be awarded before resorting to penalty kicks.
- 7.16 Further measures, such as rescheduling the match may be adopted by the OC.

Article 8: IMPORTANT ASPECTS:

- 8.1 The match may be played in daylight or under floodlight and the latter will be expected to be of an acceptable standard.
- 8.2 The Laws of the Games as promulgated by the International Football Board and the Rules and Regulations of the Association shall be applicable at all times, save for where it has to do with the fees payable for protest and appeals which are determined in these Rules.
- 8.3 Matters not provided for in these Rules and Regulations and in cases of *force majeure* shall be decided by the OC or NFA Appeals Committee.
- 8.4 In the case of serious offenses, the OC may recommend to the Namibia Football Association's Executive Committee to take further steps against the guilty party.
- 8.5 Where these Rules do not provide for the Executive Committee of the Association shall take a decision which decision shall be final.

Article 9: TEAM COLOURS

- 9.1 The teams will be provided with playing gear in their team colours by the sponsors. They are obligated to play in the provided playing attire and colours. Failing to do so, after the gear was provided, is punishable with a fine of N\$ 10 000.00.

- 9.2 The attire so provided by the Sponsors shall be branded with the logos of Standard Bank Namibia Competition on the chest, NFA and NPL on the arms, front and back.

Article 10: EXPLOITATION OF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- 10.1 NFA owns all of the rights to the NFA marks and the marks of the Standard Bank Super Cup emblems and posters on a national basis. These marks can only be used with the express permission of the NFA and Standard Bank Namibia.
- 10.2 NFA reserves the right to use the names, marks and emblems of the clubs participating in the competition in the promotion of the competition in whatever way it deems fit. NFA may grant such rights to its partners as long as such rights will only be used in relations to the Standard bank Super Cup and the promotion of football generally.
- 10.3 The teams participating in the Standard Bank Super Cup has a obligation to promote their participation in the Competition and the NFA and Standard Bank Namibia may at any time call upon the teams to appear at a promotional event of the Competition. A team that does not honour such invitation will be liable for an automatic fine of (20.000.000) Twenty Thousand Namibian Dollars.

Article 11: PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- 11.1 A team taking part in the Standard Bank Super Cup undertake to fully observe the regulations and the decisions of the OC, Referees, and the NFA Executive Committee and to comply with them unreservedly;
- 11.2 A team taking part in the Standard Bank Super Cup, shall guarantee the best behaviour of its delegation (Officials and Players), and of persons carrying out duties on behalf of the team throughout the entire competition;
- 11.3 A team taking part in the Standard Bank Super Cup shall guarantee that only a maximum of 26 persons shall be part of its official delegation and no other persons shall accompany the team to the stadium. Failing to ensure this is punishable with an automatic fine of N\$ 3 000.00;
- 11.4 All participating teams warrants and undertakes that it procure that their members, officials, management, staff, volunteers and players shall at all times, unless authorised by Namibia Football Association in writing to do otherwise:
- 11.4.1 Conduct themselves in a professional manner in all appearances and/or engagements;
- 11.4.2 Not engage in any activity in any capacity whatsoever, which is not consistent with portraying a “wholesome image”. In this regard a “wholesome image” shall mean, inter alia.

- 11.4.2.1 An image typifying Standard Bank Super Cup brand values, being integrity, can-do, team work, innovation, simplicity and friendliness;
 - 11.4.2.2 No imbibing or use of any illegal substances;
 - 11.4.2.3 No participation or association with any illegal, unlawful or immoral activities;
 - 11.4.2.4 No utilisation of any inappropriate or offensive language; and
 - 11.4.2.5 The promotion of a clean, healthy and law-abiding lifestyle;
- 11.5 Not engage in any comment about controversial political issues, or any comment about, criticism of or any slander whatsoever of Standard Bank Namibia and Namibia Football Association.
- 11.6 Any breach of the above-mentioned provision amounts to an act of misconduct and the perpetrators shall be prosecuted.

Article 12: ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES

- 12.1 This regulations has been adopted by the NFA Executive Committee on 16 August 2014 and come into force immediately.

For and on behalf of the NFA Executive Committee:

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