



BOTSWANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

REGULATIONS FOR THE 2020 REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS DIVISION 1 PLAYOFFS

PREAMBLE

- 1.0** The promotional Games for the Regional Football Associations Division 1 are official competitions of the Botswana Football Association.
- 1.1** These Play-off Games shall be played on a Round Robin basis at a place and dates as determined by the National Executive Committee.
- 1.2** Any rights which are not ceded by these Regulations to any club taking part in the competition shall belong to the Botswana Football Association.

ARTICLE 1 - TITLE

- 1.1** These Promotional Games shall be played to determine two teams that will join First Division North and South Leagues.

ARTICLE 2 - ENTRY QUALIFICATION

- 2.1** Qualification for participation in the promotional Games for promotion to First Division Leagues shall be for **2019/2020**) Division One Regional Champions.
- 2.2** For the 2020 promotional playoffs, the participating teams shall be as follows:

Southern Block

Southern RFA
Kweneng RFA
Kgatleng RFA
Gaborone City RFA
South East RFA

Western Block

Hukuntsi RFA
Tsabong RFA
Gantsi RFA
Kang RFA



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Eastern Block

Central South RFA
Central North RFA
Selebi Phikwe RFA
Tswapong RFA

North Block

Nhabe RFA
Chobe RFA
Boteti RFA
Francistown RFA

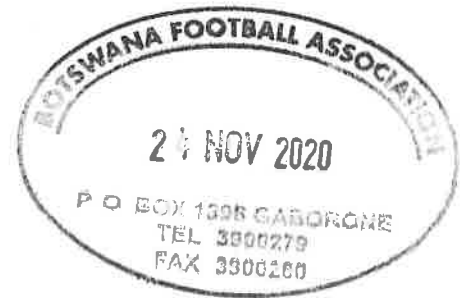
ARTICLE 3 - ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

- 3.1** The Organizing Committee for the **2020** Promotional Games shall be the following:
- 3.1.1** BFA Regional Chairpersons within the respective block.
 - 3.1.2** A member of the BFA National Competitions Committee as ex officio.
 - 3.1.3** A member of the BFA secretariat as an ex officio.
- 3.2** A majority decision of the Organising Committee on all matters relating to the Play-off games shall be final, provided that a decision by the committee may be reviewed by the National Executive Committee.
- 3.3** The Play-off games shall be played on point system. Three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- 3.4** At the end of the of the Play-off games, one (1) team from each block shall qualify for promotion to the respective First Division League (North and South).
- 3.5** The decision of the Organising Committee with respect to the final log standing of the playoff games at all stages of the competition shall be final.
- 3.5.1** Each game of these Competitions shall last **90 minutes**. In the event that two teams have equal number of points, goal difference and goals forward, the two teams will play each other to determine the winner and if after 90 minutes the two teams



have equal number of goals, a penalty shootout shall be conducted in order to determine the winning team.

- 3.5.2** For purposes of the **2020** promotional Games, the following shall be enforced.
- 3.5.3** Only properly registered players shall be permitted to participate in these games. Teams must only use prescribed Match sheets during these games. Team A (home team) on the Match Sheet shall be the team that appears first on the fixture and Team B (away team) the other.
- 3.5.4** Players who are not registered with the participating clubs during the **2019/2020 and 2020/2021** football seasons shall not be allowed to play in the **2020** Promotional Play-offs.
- 3.5.5** Player's registration books, including International Transfer Certificates (ITCs) Work Permits (WPs) and Residence Permits RPs) for all Foreign Players shall be inspected before the beginning of each game.
- 3.5.6** All participating teams shall be allowed a maximum of 5 substitutes per game instead of 3 from the 12 allowed to sit on the bench.
- 3.5.7** A team that uses a defaulter shall automatically forfeit points to its opponent and face a fine of up to **P500.00** which the Organising Committee is empowered to administer. The Organising Committee shall scrutinise all relevant documents to ensure that no defaulters are used and shall investigate all matters referred to it and take appropriate measures.
- 3.5.8** Teams shall be held responsible for the misconduct of their members/supporters during these competitions and a fine of not **P500.00** shall be imposed upon any team guilty of misconduct by the Organising Committee.



ARTICLE 4 – WITHDRAWAL AND PENALTY

- 4.1 All teams that have qualified to play in the Play-off games are obliged to play all their competition matches.
- 4.2 If a team does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure recognized by the Organising Committee, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the ground before the end of the match, the team shall be considered as having lost. The other team shall be declared winners of the game. The guilty team shall also be expected to pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred by the other club. Further disciplinary measures may be taken by the Organising Committee and /or the Botswana Football Association.
- 4.3 Matters of violence and any other matter considered relevant by the Organising Committee shall be referred to the BFA Disciplinary Commission by the Organising Committee.
- 4.4 The Organising Committee shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of force majeure.

ARTICLE 5 – PROTESTS

- 5.1 No protests whatsoever shall be allowed in the competition, provided the Organising Committee of the Promotional Games shall have the power to review and deal administratively with any reported irregularities.

ARTICLE 6 – MATCHES PLAYED WITH ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME.

- 6.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game promulgated by the Botswana Football Association and where these regulations are silent, FIFA play rules shall be authoritative.

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- 6.2 In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the laws of the game, the English text shall be authoritative.

ARTICLE 7- TEAMS COLOURS

- 7.1 In the event of a clash of colours at any game, the **Away** (TEAM B) team shall change to an alternative colour. The away (TEAM B) team shall be expected to have brought with it to the ground an alternative playing outfit, provided that the change of kit shall not take more than **fifteen (15) minutes** from the time the Referee orders such. The host/home team shall be the team that appears on the left in the fixture.

- 7.2 In the event that there is a delay beyond **fifteen (15) minutes**, the away (TEAM B) team shall be held responsible for the delay and shall accordingly be sanctioned by the Organising Committee, such sanction may include a fine of not less than **P500.00**.

ARTICLE 8 - REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

- 8.1 for the 2019 promotional playoffs, Referees and Assistant Referees shall be appointed by the Referees Committee.
- 8.2 Only Referees and Assistant Referees duly appointed by the Referees Committee shall be permitted to officiate.

ARTICLE 9 - GATE TAKINGS

- 9.1 there shall be no collection of gate revenue for purposes of the 2019/2020 promotional playoffs.
- 9.2 A total of **30 persons** per team including **players, Officials** and **security** shall be allowed free access into the match venue.

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ARTICLE 10 - OTHER MATTERS

- 10.1 All teams participating in these games are requested to observe and abide strictly by these regulations.
- 10.2 In all matters that are not covered by these Rules and Regulations the BFA Constitution and Play Rules and Regulations shall apply.
- 10.3 The Competition Committee shall have the determining decision in issues related to the accreditation of venues during the games.



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