

BOTSWANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

ORANGE FA CUP RULES AND REGULATIONS 2018/2019 EDITION

PREAMBLE

- a) The **Orange FA Cup** is an official competition of the Botswana Football Association.
- b) It is a knockout competition with the finals thereof played on a date and at a venue determined by the BFA and the sponsor.
- c) The competition is sponsored by Orange Botswana (Pty) Ltd.
- d) 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 The **Orange FA Cup** Competition is an annual event and is played on dates and times agreed upon by the National Executive Committee of the Botswana Football Association and the sponsors, Orange Botswana (Pty) Ltd.
- 1.2 The **Orange FA Cup** trophy shall be presented to the Champions of the competition by the Competition Sponsors, **Orange Botswana** or a person designated by the sponsor or agreed upon between the Sponsor and the National Executive Committee of the Botswana Football Association, following conclusion of the competition during a function held for purposes of handing over of the trophy, medals and the prize money to participating clubs and winners of individual prizes.
- 1.3 Entry to the prize-giving function shall be by invitation only, from the sponsors, provided that the champions shall be given 35 invitations to enable their players and officials entry to the function and provided that any unbecoming behaviour on the part of club delegates shall be dealt with by the Organizing Committee and/or the Botswana Football Association Disciplinary Committee.

- 1.4 If, for any reason, the competition should cease to be held, the trophy shall be returned to the Botswana Football Association by the club holding it at the material time.

ARTICLE 2: ENTRY QUALIFICATION

- 2.1 The Competition Sponsors and the Botswana Football Association National Executive Committee shall determine qualification for participation in the **Orange FA Cup**.
- 2.2 For purpose only of the 2018 - 2019 edition of the Competition, the participating clubs shall be as follows:
- 2.2.1 The sixteen (16) clubs which participated in the Premier League for the 2017 – 2018 football season.
- 2.2.2 The top eight (8) teams from the 1st Division South for the 2017–2018 football season.
- 2.2.3 The top eight (8) clubs from the 1st Division North for the 2017 – 2018 football season.
- 2.2.4 The Division One (1) champions from Regional Football Associations for the 2017 -2018 season

ARTICLE 3: ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

- 3.1 There shall be a Local Organising Committee for the 2018 – 2019 **Orange FA Cup** consisting of the following:
- 3.1.1 Botswana Football Association National Executive Committee Member, Senki Sesinyi as Chairperson;
- 3.1.2 Victor Sebolao – Vice Chairperson
- 3.1.3 James Phuthego Setete – Secretary
- 3.1.4 Mothusi Simon - Member;
- 3.1.5 Kelebogile Mhaladi – Member;
- 3.1.6 Two Orange Botswana representatives representing the sponsor;
- 3.1.7 Gaontebale Malete – ex officio representing referees;
- 3.1.8 The Communications and Marketing Officer of BFA Tumo Mpatane as an ex officio member;

- 3.1.9 A representative of the Botswana Coaches Association and BFA Technical team
- 3.2 The Committee shall, inter alia, be expected to assume full responsibility of the management of the **2018-2019 Orange FA Cup** Competition, which will include drawing up of the fixtures, overseeing the competition and appointing officials to supervise the games. The Committee shall also be expected to ensure that there is sufficient liaison with the sponsors and the media for effective promotion of the Competition. The Committee shall be expected to keep a comprehensive file of the competition, which file will be handed over to the BFA CEO at the end of the competition. The Committee shall report to the BFA National Executive Committee.
- 3.3. A majority decision of the Organizing Committee on all matters relating to the 2018 - 2019 **Orange FA Cup** Competition shall be final. However, a decision by this Committee may be reviewed by the National Executive Committee at its discretion.
- 3.4 For purposes of the 2018 - 2019 edition of the **Orange FA Cup**, the competition shall be structured into two phases, the **qualification phase** and the **final phase**. However, there will be a **Pre - Qualification** phase for play offs between Division 1 Champions of the Southern Block to determine four (4) teams that will represent the Southern Block joining other Regional Champions from the Eastern, Northern and Western Blocks to make the sixteen (16) teams representing the Regions.
- 3.5 The final logs of the 2017-2018 Leagues and such other additional criteria that the BFA National Executive Committee in conjunction with the sponsors may stipulate shall be used to determine qualification. The qualification phase shall be structured into bands each comprising sixteen (16) teams. The final phase shall be played, from the last 16. The qualification phase shall be structured in accordance with Appendix A attached.
- 3.6 The competition shall be structured in such a manner that teams from Regional Football Associations (Band A) league divisions are protected from traveling across the Dibete cordon line to the south from the north and vice versa for fixtures during the first phase.
- 3.7 Teams in "Band A" shall play against teams in "Band B" and the winners thereafter shall play teams in "Band C", after which the winners will proceed to play in the last sixteen knockout stage.
- 3.8 The Orange FA Cup draw for the 2018 edition shall be on the of the 2018 – 2019 Orange FA Cup shall be on 23rd January 2019 and shall

determine the fixtures of the first round of games to be played between Band A (Division 1 Regional Champions) and Band B (top 8 teams from the National First Division). The draw shall be done a tossing system which toss shall involve teams from the Regional Leagues and National First Division. **For purposes of the 2019 Orange FA Cup edition, the LOC shall have the discretion to play games in a mini festival, double header or single match format depending on the prevailing circumstances.**

- 3.9 During the second round 32 teams shall participate in 16 Games where winners of band A/B (Regional Champions and First Division) will enter a draw with Teams from band C (16 teams from the Premier League). At this stage teams from Band C will play away to teams from Band AB.
- 3.10 During the third round, 16 teams shall participate in 8 games, followed by the last eight, followed by the semi finals and finals. Draws shall be conducted at every stage of the Competition up to the Finals. e.g, at First Round, (Band A and Band B for home and away status only), at Second Round (Winners Band A/B vs Band C), at Third Round (Winners Band A/B/C Vs Band D), at Fourth Round (Last 16), at Fifth Round (Quarter Finals) at Six Round (Semi Finals).
- 3.11 For matches before the quarter finals, the LOC shall have the prerogative to play some selected matches in cluster format, which might result in teams playing outside their traditional (home) grounds.
- 3.12 From the second round, a team from a higher division shall always play away to a team from a subordinate division, provided that the team from the subordinate division has got a suitable venue that can generate income through gate takings and provided that in all other instances, clubs appearing first on the fixture list enjoy home ground status. It is therefore entirely possible that teams from lower divisions may travel within their respective zones for purposes of utilizing more suitable venues.
- 3.13 The quarter -finals shall be played at a place(s) to be determined by the Organizing Committee. A fixtures chart shall determine the games of the competition at both the initial play-off stage and the last 32, provided that at regular intervals, proper fixtures showing venues and times of the games shall be prepared and distributed to participating clubs.
- 3.14 Day time games shall where possible start at 15:00 hrs, provided that, in the event that there is a double header, the first game shall start at 14:00 hrs and the second game at 15:00 hrs. In respect of evening games, single games shall be start at 19:00 hrs and double headers shall start at 18:00 hrs for the first game and 20:00 hrs for the second game.

- 3.15 in the event that a match is not played to finality not due to the fault of any of the participating teams, a replay shall be rescheduled at a date, venue and time determined by the LOC.
- 3.16 The fixtures of the 2018 – 2019 Orange FA Cup shall be subject to alteration or amendment only by the Organizing Committee and provided that there is merit for such alterations or amendments.
- 3.17 Public Relations Officers (PRO's) of participating clubs must be available to give media and other interviews every time there is a draw.

ARTICLE 4: WITHDRAWAL, PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PLAY AND REPLACEMENT

- 4.1 All participating teams are obliged to play all the competition matches that they are fixtured to play.
- 4.2 Teams that withdraw from the competition will forfeit all prize money to the Botswana Football Association.
- 4.3 A team that withdraws from the 2018- 2019 Orange FA Cup shall not be replaced once the competition has commenced, and the advantage of its withdrawal shall benefit the team against which it was supposed to play, provided that the withdrawing team shall be subject to disciplinary action by the BFA National Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.4 If a team does not report for a match, except in case of force majeure recognized by the Organizing 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. The guilty team shall also be expected to pay compensation for any damages or loses incurred by the other club. Furthermore, the guilty club shall be disqualified from taking part in the next edition of the Orange FA Cup in which it is eligible to play. Further disciplinary measures may be taken by the Organising Committee or the BFA National Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.5 For all matches, teams shall be expected to attend prematch meetings which shall be conducted by the match officials. The prematch meetings shall take place atleast two (2) hours before the match.
- 4.5 incorporate the sanctions for withdrawal in line with the PRR

- 4.6 A team which is fixtured to play away from its base shall be expected to make adequate transport arrangements to arrive at least two (2) hours before the game. No excuses whatsoever shall be entertained for late coming and the guilty team shall be fined for the offence. For a team which comes late within fifteen (15) minutes of scheduled kick-off time, the team shall be fined in accordance with Clause 14.7 of these Rules and Regulations. For a team which comes late beyond fifteen (15) minutes of scheduled kick-off time, the team shall be fined in accordance with Clause 4.4 of these Rules and Regulations.
- 4.7 Matters of violence and any other matter considered relevant by the Organizing Committee shall be referred to the BFA National Disciplinary Committee. Furthermore, Regulation 25.5 of the BFA Play Rules and Regulations shall apply.
- 4.8 The Organizing Committee shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of force majeure.

ARTICLE 5: PROTESTS

No protest whatsoever shall be allowed in the Orange FA Cup competition. However, the Organizing Committee shall have the power to review and deal administratively with any reported irregularities.

ARTICLE 6: LAWS OF THE GAME

- 6.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game promulgated by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- 6.2 In cases of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.
- 6.3 Where these Orange Rules and Regulations are inadequate, the BFA Play Rules and Regulations shall apply.

ARTICLE 7: DURATION OF MATCHES, AND DETERMINATION OF WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

- 7.1 Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes comprising a period of forty five minutes with an interval of not more than fifteen (15) minutes in between.

- 7.2 In the event the teams are still tied to a draw at full time, the game shall proceed to a penalty shoot out with each team taking five penalty kicks. If still tied to a draw at the end of the five kicks, then sudden death shall apply with the team that misses a penalty losing the game while the one that scores being declared winners.
- 7.3 In the **Semi Finals** and the **Final matches**, the game shall, if teams are tied at full time, play extra time of 30 minutes (divided into two periods of 15 minutes each) and only proceed to a penalty shootout if they are still tied at the end of extra time.

ARTICLE 8: FIELDS OF PLAY AND STADIA

- 8.1 It shall be the responsibility of the hosting Region to prepare the ground to required standards before every game.

ARTICLE 9: SAFETY AND SECURITY

- 9.1. The hosting Region in any given match shall ensure that adequate and visible security is provided at all matches for the safety of match officials and players in accordance with Article 26 of Botswana Football Association's Play Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 10: TEAM COLOURS

- 10.1. When, in the opinion of the referee, the official and duly registered colours of the two teams might lead to confusion,
- a) The host team (the team appearing first in the fixture) shall at all times use its registered home colours,
 - b) The team reflected in the fixture as the visiting team shall change to an alternative colour. The visiting team shall carry with it an alternative colour which must be available at the field of play for quick change, within 15 minutes from the time the referee orders such change.
- 10.2. In the event that there is a delay beyond fifteen (15) minutes, the responsible team shall be held responsible for the delay and shall accordingly be sanctioned by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the Match Commissioner. Such sanction may include a fine of not less than P500.00 or forfeiture.
- 10.3. The sponsor shall cater for playing kits for all participating teams.

10.4.1 All kits for teams participating in the Orange FA Cup shall bear the sponsor's logo on the chest and the FA Cup logo on the sleeve.

10.5. All the participating teams should notify the organizing committee of their kits brand to be submitted to the Sponsor for approval 14 days before the match.

ARTICLE 11: PLAYERS

11.1. Only duly registered players shall be eligible to participate in the competition.

11.1.1 Players should present their BFA registration books/cards during the pre-match meeting or team inspections to the match officials.

ARTICLE 12: OTHER REQUIREMENTS

12.1. All participating clubs must provide the Match Commissioner, Referees and the Media with Orange FA Cup branded line-ups one (1) hour before kick-off. Failure to conform to this shall attract an automatic fine of P500.00.

12.2. Participating clubs are expected to designate a requested official for pre-match and or post match interviews. Failure to conform to this shall constitute an offence punishable by a fine of not less than P500.00 but not exceeding P1500.00.

ARTICLE 13: REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

13.1. Referees and Assistant Referees shall be appointed by the National Referees Committee.

13.2 All games of the 2018–2019 **Orange FA** Cup from the semi finals to the finals shall, **as much as possible**, be conducted by FIFA listed Referees and FIFA listed Assistant Referees.

ARTICLE 14: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

14.1 GATE TAKINGS DISTRIBUTION

14.1.1 For all the games up to the quarter finals the participating teams shall share net gate takings after deductions of

ground tax and 10% BFA levy which shall be paid to the BFA (hosting Region).

14.1.2 For all games, save the final, participating teams shall share the net gate takings as follows:

14.1.2.1 Where both teams come from within a radius of 100 km, they shall share net gate takings on an equal basis.

14.1.2.2 Where a visiting team/s is coming from outside a radius of 100km, the ration shall be 60/40% in favour of the visiting team/s

14.1.3 For the quarter finals the participating teams shall share net gate takings after deductions of ground tax and 20% BFA levy which shall be paid to the BFA Secretariat within forty eight hours after the game.

14.2 TRAVEL SUBSIDY FOR AWAY GAMES

In order to assist teams with travelling expenses, all participating teams shall be given a travel subsidy as per appendix C attached.

14.3 REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES FEES

As agreed by the Referees commission for all the games Referees and Assistant Referees shall be paid equal amount as follows:

14.3.1 For all games prior to the last 16 stage, Referees and Assistant Referees shall be paid as follows:

- Pre-Qualification games Referees will be paid P125.00 Band
- Band A vs. B Referees will be paid P250.00
- Last 32, Referees will be paid P350.00
- Last 16, Referees will be paid P500.00
- Quarter finals, Referees will be paid 650.00
- Semi finals, Referees will be paid P800.00
- Finals, Referees will be paid P1000.00

14.3.2 Referee Assessors commencing at the quarter finals to the finals will be paid on par with the Referees.

- 14.4 For all games Referees and Assistant Referees shall be determined by the National Referees Committee.
- 14.5 Referees having to undertake any traveling to the match venues shall use shared transport and submit travel claims to the point of venue to the BFA Secretariat after the match so that these may be directly settled by the BFA. Such travel claims shall not be paid from gate-takings.

ARTICLE 15: ORANGE BOTSWANAM RODUCTS

- 15.1 Teams shall not wear playing kits bearing brand names of Orange FA Cup and/or Orange Botswana Ltd competitors or any of their products. Any team which contravenes this clause shall automatically be disqualified from the tournament and the Association, the Sponsors and the Organising Committee shall not be liable for any costs which the team may have incurred.
- 15.2 Contravention of clause 15.1 shall attract a fine of not less than P5000.00 but not exceeding P15000.00, as shall be determined by the Organising Committee.

ARTICLE 16: CEREMONIES

- 16.1 Participating teams shall be expected to conform to the dress code and etiquette of ceremonies which are organised at different stages of the tournament.
- 16.1.1 **Thirty five (35) members of Orange FA Cup Champions, comprising** players and officials, shall be invited to the Orange FA Cup Prize Giving Ceremony which shall be held at a place and time as shall be decided by the BFA National Executive Committee and the Sponsor. Dress code to the Prize-Giving ceremony shall be formal (That is, members of the team shall be expected to wear a jacket and tie and no jeans, sports or running shoes, T-shirts or golf shirts will be allowed).
- 16.1.2 Runners up shall where possible be 20 invitees.
- 16.1.3 All the 1st Edition participants shall each be given 1 invitee.

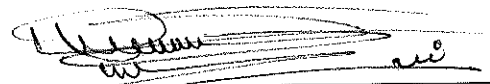
ARTICLE 17: BFA PLAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

17.1 In all matters that are not covered by these Play Rules and Regulations, the BFA Play Rules and Regulations shall apply accordingly.

ARTICLE 18: CHANGES, ALTERATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

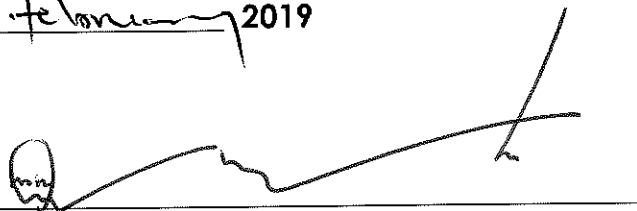
These Rules and Regulations shall not be changed, altered or modified except by the LOC and approved by the BFA National Executive Committee.

THIS DONE AND SIGNED AT GABORONE ON THIS 11th DAY OF February 2019



**SENKI SESINYI
CHAIRPERSON – COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

THIS DONE AND SIGNED AT GABORONE ON THIS 11th DAY OF February 2019



**MFOLO EDWIN MFOLO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

BAND B

NUMBER	NAME OF TEAM	LOCATION
1.	BR HIGHLANDERS FC	FIRST DIVISION NORTH, MAHALAPYE
2.	SUA FLAMENGO FC	FIRST DIVISION NORTH, SUA TOWNSHIP
3.	MOTLAKASE POWER DYNAMOS	FIRST DIVISION NORTH, MAHALAPYE
4.	MORUPULE WANDERERS FC	FIRST DIVISION NORTH, PALAPYE
5.	GREEN LOVERS FC	FIRST DIVISION NORTH, SEROWE
6.	NICO UNITED FC	FIRST DIVISION NORTH, SELEBI PHIKWE
7.	CALENDAR STARS FC	FIRST DIVISION NORTH, FRANCISTOWN
8.	GREAT NORTH TIGERR FC	FIRST DIVISION NORTH, FRANCISTOWN
9.	NOTWANE FC	FIRST DIVISION SOUTH, GABORONE
10.	PRISONS XI SC	FIRST DIVISION SOUTH, GABORONE
11.	MOGODITSHANE FIGHTERS	FIRST DIVISION SOUTH, MOGODITSHANE
12.	BROADHURST UNITED FC	FIRST DIVISION SOUTH, GABORONE
13.	BLACK PERIL FC	FIRST DIVISION SOUTH, TLOKWENG
14.	BLACK RANGERS FC	FIRST DIVISION SOUTH, TSABONG
15.	RED SPARKS FC	FIRST DIVISION SOUTH, TLOKWENG
16.	MOCHUDI ROVERS FC	FIRST DIVISION SOUTH, MOCHUDI

BAND C

NUMBER	NAME OF TEAM	LOCATION
1.	TOWNSHIP ROLLERS FC	GABORONE
2.	JWANENG GALAXY FC	JWANENG
3.	ORAPA UNITED FC	ORAPA
4.	MISCELLANEOUS SC	SEROWE
5.	GABORONE UNITED SC	GABORONE
6.	BDF XI	MOGODITSHANE
7.	SHARPS SHOOTING STARS	GABORONE
8.	BLACK FOREST FC	MANKGODI
9.	MOCHUDI CENTRE CHIEFS FC	MOCHUDI
10.	EXTENSION GUNNERS	LOBATSE
11.	SANKOYO BUSH BUCKS	MAUN
12.	SECURITY SYSTEMS	TLOKWENG
13.	POLICE XI	GABORONE
14.	TAFIC FC	FRANCISTOWN
15.	FLAMENGO SANTOS	GABANE
16.	GILPORT LIONS	GABORONE

**APPENDIX B: CRITERIA FOR TRAVEL SUBSIDY FOR AWAY GAMES: 2018 – 2019
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The following criterion has been endorsed by BFA National Executive Committee to be used for travel subsidies for away games:

A team travelling less than 100km to the venue of the game shall receive P1000.00 as travelling subsidy
A team travelling more than 100km but less than 200km to the venue of the game shall receive P2000.00 as travelling subsidy
A team travelling more than 200km but less than 300km to the venue of the game shall receive P3000.00 as travelling subsidy
A team travelling more than 300km but less than 400km to the venue of the game shall receive P4000.00 as travelling subsidy
A team travelling more than 400km but less than 500km to the venue of the game shall receive P5000.00 as travelling subsidy
A team travelling more than 500km to the venue of the game shall receive P7000.00 as travelling subsidy

Relevant travel subsidy expenses forms should be filled within a period of 7 calendar days after each game and submitted for approval by the Chairman of the Orange Organizing committee for authorization of payment by BFA CEO.

Note: The transport assistance is merely meant to argument and cushion teams against transport costs not to fully pay for the costs incurred.