

TSHWANE NORTHERN REGION MASTERS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ARTICLE I: Name and Objective

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the **Tshwane Northern Region Masters Football League**, hereinafter referred to as the League, with the motto "*Fit communities Socializing*".

The League is comprised of independent, Masters Football Teams that represent communities or grouping of communities that hereinafter are referred to as Affiliates. When Teams enter into the League their community affiliation is established and remains in effect as long as they are active members.

Section 2: The objective of the League shall be to implant firmly in the participants the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence, so that they are well adjusted, strong, fit and happy masters; thereby aiding them to be good, clean, healthy and trustworthy elders.

Section 3: The objective will be accomplished by providing formalized competitive football games. ***The supervisors shall bear in mind that the attainment of mastered skills and the winning of games will be secondary to the psychological well being of all players, on both sidelines.***

The games will be played according to SAFA rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in the By-laws. *See attached copies.*

Section 4: The League neither supports nor endorses any individuals or company's products or services, nor obligates any member team to purchase equipment or services from specific individuals or companies. It is strictly a non-profit organization. Member teams make their individual purchasing and fund raising decisions on their own. League purchases will be reviewed with the membership and reflected in the Treasurer's records. All member communities should be aware of people wishing to use logos, selling video recorded tapes, photos, endorsing products, etc. and not enter into any agreement that suggests such activities are League supported. A team may wish to engage in fund raising that involves businesses but it should never be associated with the League's objectives. [96]

ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 1 a: Any team in the specified region may become a new League member by agreeing to uphold the constitution, the By-laws, and standing rules of the League, and by having its membership approved by two-thirds of the member teams at a regular or special League meeting. However, teams applying for membership, after schedule approval, must wait until a vacancy occurs. Affiliation to any other Organization with the same objective as those of the League should be declared by all teams on registration. An application form can be obtained from the League Secretary.

b: Any new member team shall be required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of Three Thousand and Five Hundred Rand (R3500.00) plus the affiliation fee and be on probation for three months with no voting rights. The probation period may be extended or the team may be expelled, as recommended by the Executive Committee. A 2/3rd vote of all member teams will be necessary to accept, extend or expel.

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c: All member communities can have more than 1 team.

Section 2: Each team in the League shall have two representatives; this representatives (or alternates) shall be the only ones to speak or vote at League Meetings.

Section 3: If the representative is unable to attend a League meeting, he/she may designate an alternate from the same team who will identify him/herself as the alternate during the roll call.

ARTICLE III: League Finances

Section 1 a: A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the League (the "League Account"). Designated account signatories shall be the League Chairperson, the League Deputy Chairperson, the League Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the League Account except by at least two of the designated signatories. All monies payable to the League shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the League Account.

b: The League Property shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the League. The distribution of profits or proceeds arising from the sale of League Property to members is prohibited.

c: The League Committee shall have the power to authorize the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the League (although the League shall not remunerate any member for playing) and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the League.

d: The League may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits as provided for in the Finance Act.

e: The League may also in connection with the sports purposes of the League:

Sub – Section (i) Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;

(ii) employ members (although not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the League Committee without the person concerned being present;

(iii) Pay for reasonable hospitality for special occasions and guests; and

(iv) Indemnify the League Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the League against any liability incurred in the proper running of the League (but only to the extent of its assets).

f: The League shall keep accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all payments and receipts so as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position, including the assets and liabilities of the League. The League must retain its accounting records for a minimum of two years.

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g: The League shall prepare an annual "Financial Statement", in such format as shall be available from time to time. The Financial Statement shall be verified by an independent, appropriately qualified accountant and shall be approved by members at the general meeting.

ARTICLE IV: Officers; Their Elections and Duties

Section 1 a: The officers of the League shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson Secretary, Treasurer, League Coordinator, Commissioner.

b: The abovementioned and additional members if need be shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2 a: Nominations and elections for officers and additional members shall be held at a meeting chosen by the League at which time nominations shall be taken from the floor. Qualifications for officers and additional members are set forth in the By-laws. Normally nominations will take place every two seasons.

b: Each of the officers shall serve until the next two seasons.

c: The results of all elections held by secret ballot are to be viewed by outgoing members. This membership is to consist of two members who are not up for re-election and one member who is running unopposed. [01]

d: If a committee member does not complete the term to which they are elected, nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the next regular or special League meeting. Said officials, so elected, shall serve only until the next election.

e: The Chairperson may hold the same office for at least two consecutive terms.

f: Any elected official, for due cause, can be removed from office with a 3/4 vote of member teams. Notification of intent must be submitted, in writing, 7 days prior to either a regular or special League meeting.

Officer's Responsibilities

Section 3 a: The Chairperson will preside at all League meetings and be responsible for the proper conduct. It shall be his/her responsibility to inform the League members on all aspects of League rules, regulations and policies.

b: The Secretary shall preside in the absence of both the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. He/she shall also perform duties assigned by the Chairperson.

c: The Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all meetings and notify each team representative, officers and additional members of meetings as specified in the By-laws. Meeting minutes will be sent to League Representatives within 2 weeks of the said meeting, for them to review with their respective, local communities, prior to the next league meeting. The secretary will receive, route and maintain all League correspondence and files.

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d: The Treasurer shall receive assessments from the member teams and be responsible for maintaining an accurate account of the League's receipts and disbursements.

Commissioner's Responsibilities

Section 4 a: The commissioner shall be responsible for discipline of Affiliates, as set forth in the By-laws and the Rules under which the game will be played.

b: League Commissioners may hold any team's, coaching or authoritative position, during the term that they are serving as a TNRMFL Commissioner.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

Section 1 a: All committee meetings of the League will be held every first Tuesday of the month continuously. If a holiday falls on the the day of the meeting, the League has the option to schedule the meeting to the next corresponding date. This option must be voted at the previous meeting, passed by the majority. All meetings will begin at 18:30 PM, unless otherwise notified.

b: Any team may request a special meeting by calling a member of the executive committee.

c: The League has the right to cancel meetings based upon a recommendation from the executive committee and approved by a majority vote of member teams.

d: The Executive Committee will conduct a mandatory meeting for team's weigh-in officials each year, before the season begins. Missing this meeting will result in a R50 fine.

e: An annual meeting of coaches, referee's and the committee members shall be held during the month of January for the purpose of reviewing League rules and regulations. There should be one (1) coach per per team). The League Representative is also encouraged to attend.

ARTICLE VI: Constitutional Amendments

Section 1: The constitution may be amended by a vote of 3/4 of those teams present at a Annual General Meeting of the League. All teams must receive the amendment changes in writing at least 30 days before the meeting. Voting on amendments to the constitution shall be conducted by polling each member team at the meeting.