



Rules for Outdoor Hockey Season

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1 RESPONSIBILITY

- 1.1 As prescribed in the Bye-Laws of the Association, the Council has appointed the Executive Committee to, amongst others, manage the Outdoor Leagues on its behalf and to report to it in that regard.
- 1.2 As prescribed in the Bye-Laws of the Association, the Executive Committee may appoint a person or sub-committee to perform any of its responsibilities and to report to it in that regard. In particular, with regard to league matters, the Administrator shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the scheduling of matches and the recording and processing of match results. Hereinafter, reference is made to “Executive Committee” or to “Administrator” respectively to differentiate between general powers exercised by the Executive Committee, whether delegated to any individual or not, and those specifically delegated to the Administrator in terms of these Rules.

2 INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In the event of it being found that any of the Rules described herein are in conflict with the Association’s Constitution or Bye-Laws, the latter shall prevail and it shall be incumbent on the Executive Committee to correct the conflict without delay.
- 2.2 In the event of circumstances arising that are not covered by any provisions of these Rules, Bye-Laws or Constitution, or where there is ambiguity or lack of clarity, the Administrator shall decide on the matter.
- 2.3 For purposes of these Rules, any actions that are required to be taken “in writing” or “written” may be effected via e-mail. Messages sent via instant messaging applications will not be considered “written” or “in writing”.

3 METHOD OF COMPETITION

- 3.1 The season shall consist of one single competition, composed of a number of leagues, with a mid-season break to coincide with the government schools holiday in June / July.
- 3.2 Separate but concurrent competitions will be held for teams of each sex.
- 3.3 All teams entered will be allocated to specific leagues for the competition based on their ranking at the end of the previous competition, after automatic promotion and relegation had taken place, in order to ensure, as far as is possible, matches between teams of similar strengths.
- 3.4 Unless explicitly specified otherwise in these Rules, all matches will be played according to the official rules of outdoor hockey as published in the official FIH rule book under the auspices of SAHA. Should any official rule changes be published after commencement of the league the Executive Committee shall determine the implementation date thereof.
- 3.5 All rules and regulations pertaining to club hockey matches, as may be determined by the FIH, SAHA and/or the government, will be strictly adhered to at all matches, notwithstanding any stipulations of these Rules.

4 COMPOSITION OF LEAGUES

- 4.1 At the commencement of the season the composition of the respective leagues for each sex will be done as follows:
 - 4.1.1 All teams entered are ranked according to their final positions at the end of the previous season, after automatic promotion and relegation had taken place, with all teams from higher leagues ranked above all teams from lower leagues.
 - 4.1.2 Teams that did not take part in the previous season are ranked below all teams referred to in paragraph 4.1.1 in the order that their entries are received by the Administrator.
 - 4.1.3 The eight highest ranked teams will be allocated to the premier league. The next eight teams will be allocated to the second league, the next eight to the third league, and this process will continue until all teams have been allocated. Depending on the total number of teams entered the Administrator may allocate a number of teams greater or smaller than eight to the lowest one or two leagues.
- 4.2 The competition will consist of a double round-robin in each league. In the event of a league being contested by fewer than eight teams the Administrator may elect to implement a third double round-robin in that league.

5 POINTS AND RANKING

- 5.1 For all matches played match points will be awarded to the participating teams as follows:
 - 5.1.1 Three points for the winning team.
 - 5.1.2 One point for each team in the event of a draw.
 - 5.1.3 Zero points for the losing team.
- 5.2 The following criteria will be used to determine the ranking positions of teams with the process ceasing as soon as inequality is achieved:
 - 5.2.1 Highest number of points awarded in accordance with paragraph 5.1, after deduction of penalty points as may have been awarded in terms of these Rules.
 - 5.2.2 Highest number of matches won.
 - 5.2.3 Highest goal difference (which means goals scored less goals conceded, with a positive difference being considered higher than any negative difference).
 - 5.2.4 Highest number of goals scored.
 - 5.2.5 The result of the most recent match between the teams in question.
 - 5.2.6 The ranking of the respective teams at the commencement of the competition.

6 LEAGUE WINNERS AND PROMOTION / RELEGATION

- 6.1 The highest ranked team in each league at the end of the competition will be considered "League Winners".

- 6.2 League winners in all leagues other than the premier league will automatically be promoted one league higher for the following season. The teams that ended last in all leagues other than the lowest league will automatically be relegated one league lower, provided that not teams withdrew from that league during the season.
- 6.3 In the event that a season is curtailed for any reason, and all matches of the first round-robin had been completed, standings as at the end of that round-robin shall be considered final and, failing this, rankings as at the commencement of the season shall be considered final.

7 TEAM ENTRIES

- 7.1 The competition is open to teams from all member clubs, in good standing, of the Association.
- 7.2 The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, permit the entry of teams that do not comply with paragraph 7.1, provided it considers such entry to be in the best interest of the sport and the other participants.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee shall annually determine the final date for entries to be submitted to the Administrator. Clubs wishing to enter teams must do so on or before such date, simultaneously submitting to the Administrator any additional information as requested in advance by the Executive Committee.
- 7.4 It is the responsibility of each club's management to ensure that they have a sufficient number of players to enable participation in all league fixtures prior to entering.
- 7.5 After entering, each club will, in addition to affiliation and match fees, be invoiced an amount of R2,000 per team entered. The total amount is due before the commencement of league matches. Provided that the club adheres to all payment deadlines with regard to affiliation and match fees, the amount will be refunded, less any financial penalties imposed.

8 COLOURS AND CLOTHING

- 8.1 All players must appear on the field in the official attire of their club. Furthermore:
- 8.1.1 All players are to wear short-sleeved or sleeveless shirts.
- 8.1.2 Long-sleeved undershirts may be worn but they must be the same colour as the main colour of the match shirt.
- 8.1.3 Women must wear skirts and men must wear shorts.
- 8.1.4 Cycle shorts may be worn under skirts/shorts but must be the same colour as the shorts/skirts if they are visible below the skirts/shorts in normal stance.
- 8.1.5 Appropriate underwear must be worn.
- 8.1.6 No players may wear long tights unless for medical or religious reasons, in which event written permission must be obtained from the Administrator in advance.
- 8.2 In the event of a clash of colours at a match, the away side is required to wear different colours for the match in question.

- 8.3 All players in premier league teams must wear shirts numbered in the range from 1 to 99. Where numbered shirts are worn, irrespective of the league in question, no number may be duplicated in any one team.
- 8.4 Any team breaching the above rules may be disciplined at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

9 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 9.1 As required by the Bye-Laws of the Association, all clubs are required to maintain a register of their players, which they must submit to the Executive Committee when requested to do so, and only players so registered shall be eligible to take part in matches for the club.
- 9.2 Players under the age of eighteen and/or school-going players are permitted to play in league matches, provided that:
- 9.2.1 They attend a high school and they will become at least thirteen years old or older during the calendar year in question.
- 9.2.2 Clubs obtain hard-copy, signed letters of permission from the parents or legal guardians of all school-going players, as well as players under the age of eighteen, before they may represent the club. These letters of permission must be held by the club and be available for presentation to the Administrator on demand. Failure to do so may imply that such players were ineligible to play and rules with regard to using ineligible players may then apply.
- 9.2.3 Where school-going players also represent their schools or official schools' representative teams, these teams will at all times have first call on such players.

10 TEAM MEMBERSHIP

- 10.1 No player will be permitted to play for any team of the opposite sex.
- 10.2 For purposes of rules governing player movement between two teams from one club, the team ranked highest at the commencement of the competition shall be deemed the "higher" team and the other the "lower" team.
- 10.3 Any player having played in two successive matches for a team shall be deemed a member of that team and may not move to a lower team unless the Administrator is advised in advance, in writing, and is satisfied that the proposed change is in good faith, for valid team selection reasons and is not being made for any ulterior motive of loading the lower team for any specific match.
- 10.4 Any player moved to a lower team in accordance with the aforementioned will be required to play a minimum of two matches in the lower team before being eligible for promotion back to the higher team. Deviation from this ruling will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances, upon written request, and with the prior permission of the Administrator.

- 10.5 Any player absent from two successive matches from the team of which he/she was a member as per paragraph 10.3 will cease to be a member of that team and the club shall be free to demote such player to the team immediately lower than the player's original team.
- 10.6 No player shall be eligible to play for more than one team in any one week of league fixtures, unless that player plays only as "goalkeeper" for one team and only as "field player" for one other team, as defined in the official rule book. For purposes of this rule a week is deemed to start on a Monday, before any matches are played on that day, and end on a Sunday, after all matches scheduled for that day have been played. Teams forced to field players for more than one team in one week due to unavailability of players in one of the teams may apply for permission to do so in writing to the Administrator.
- 10.7 In the event that a team is found to have fielded an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player for a match as determined by these Rules, the match will be deemed to have been forfeited by the offending team and rules with regard to forfeiting matches will apply.

11 FIXTURES

- 11.1 The Executive Committee shall, at its discretion, determine due dates for the following in respect of the competition:
- 11.1.1 Publication of draft fixtures.
 - 11.1.2 Comments from clubs with regard to draft fixtures.
 - 11.1.3 Publication of final fixtures.
- 11.2 All matches will be played on artificial surfaces in the Greater Tshwane area. However, notwithstanding this rule, teams may agree to play at venues outside of the aforementioned area, provided that the Administrator is notified at least fourteen days before such matches take place.
- 11.3 Matches will, throughout the season, and inasmuch as clubs' home venue availability allows for it, be scheduled on a home and away basis, as follows:
- 11.3.1 All teams will be required to specify the venues to be used as their home venues when they enter.
 - 11.3.2 For the first round of competition fixtures shall be drawn up in such a manner that the difference between the number of home matches and away matches for all teams shall be no more than one.
 - 11.3.3 When two teams are scheduled to play against each other for the second time in the season, it shall be played at the home venue of the away team at the first match.
 - 11.3.4 If, in leagues consisting of three round-robins, two teams are scheduled to play against each other for the third time in the season, the Administrator shall decide upon the venue in such a manner that the number of home and away matches allocated to all teams are as balanced as logistically possible.
 - 11.3.5 In the event that a match is to be played between two teams from the same club, or between two teams from different clubs that share a home venue, or between two teams playing at neither one's home venue, the team listed first on the fixtures shall be the home team.

12 MATCH PARTICIPATION

- 12.1 At each match each team is required to submit to the technical official on duty a list, preferably printed, of its players' names and surnames, as well as the names and surnames of the coach, manager and medical officer, where applicable. The match will not commence until such lists have been submitted in full.
- 12.2 During play only the listed manager, coach, assistant coach, medical officer and substitutes are permitted in the designated team area.
- 12.3 Before, during and after a match, only the listed manager, coach, assistant coach, medical officer and suspended players may enter the designated technical area.
- 12.4 Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the technical official on duty may, at own discretion, permit persons otherwise not permitted to enter the team and/or technical area for specific purposes.
- 12.5 In the event of a team commencing a match short of a player or players, such player or players shall be allowed to join their team provided that their names had been included on the team list submitted in accordance with paragraph 12.1.
- 12.6 The total number of players that may be utilised by a team during a match may not be fewer than eight and may not be more than eighteen, subject to the following:
 - 12.6.1 No team may at any time take part in a match with fewer than eight players on the field of play. If, for any reason and at any time during the match, the number of players on the playing field, excluding suspended players, should decrease to fewer than eight, the match will immediately be abandoned, will be deemed to have been forfeited by the offending team and rules with regard to forfeiting matches will apply.
 - 12.6.2 A team playing with no more than sixteen players may utilise one or two goalkeepers, or none, and may allow any goalkeeper to take part in any portion of the match as a field player, provided that paragraph 10.6 is adhered to.
 - 12.6.3 A team playing with seventeen or eighteen players is required to have two fully kitted goalkeepers in the team at all times and may not utilise either of these as field players.
- 12.7 If, before a match, a team objects to the composition of their opposing team, they must inform the technical official on duty, as well as the opposing team's management, of their intention to object prior to the commencement of the match and must lodge their objection, in writing, to the Administrator within 72 hours. The opposition may nonetheless elect to play the match with an unchanged team, but will be considered to have played with ineligible players, should the objection be upheld.
- 12.8 If, after a match had been played, any party wishes to object to the composition of one of the teams in the match, they may lodge an official objection, in writing, to the Administrator no more than fourteen days after the match had been played.
- 12.9 Notwithstanding the above, any party may object in writing to the Administrator with regard to the composition of any team after the deadlines specified in paragraphs 12.7 and 12.8. In this instance the Administrator shall review the matter and, at own discretion, decide on appropriate sanction to apply.

13 MATCH RULES

- 13.1 The result of a match shall only be recorded and match points be allocated upon receipt, by the Administrator, of a properly completed match report which has been signed by both teams, as well as other parties required to sign it. Requirements for the completion of match reports will be communicated to technical officials during their training.
- 13.2 In the event of any team not being able to commence a match within fifteen minutes of the time set down, the opposing team may refuse to play the match for points, in which case:
 - 13.2.1 The match will be deemed to have been forfeited by the offending team and rules with regard to forfeiting matches will apply, provided that the opposing team submits their team list, the technical official is satisfied that all listed players are present and the team signs the match report.
 - 13.2.2 Except where the teams proceed with the match as a “friendly”, the offending team will be liable for the match fees of both teams.
- 13.3 In the event that umpires were allocated to a match but only one or no umpires are present at the fixture:
 - 13.3.1 The captains may decide to either postpone the match or to make use of any other person present and agreed to by both captains.
 - 13.3.2 If the match is to be postponed the captains shall notify the Administrator without delay.
 - 13.3.3 If the match is played with a replacement umpire no complaints with regard to the suitability and/or performance of a person substituting for an allocated umpire may be lodged by either team.
 - 13.3.4 Irrespective of whether a replacement umpire is used, the fact that an allocated umpire was absent must be recorded on the match result sheet by the technical official.
- 13.4 In the event that no trained technical official is present at the fixture:
 - 13.4.1 The captains may appoint a person to act as judge for the match.
 - 13.4.2 No complaints with regard to the suitability and/or performance of a person acting as the judge may be lodged by either team.
 - 13.4.3 The fact that there was no approved technical official at the match must be recorded on the match report.
 - 13.4.4 It is incumbent on teams to ensure that they have copies of these Rules, the Association’s guidelines for completing match reports and match report forms on hand to use when no technical official is present.
- 13.5 The home team shall supply the match ball which must be approved by the opposing captain before commencement of the match. The following are all considered suitable for league matches, provided they are in suitable condition: Kookaburra Elite, Kookaburra Dimple, Kookaburra Saturn, Ozzo and Grays Astrotec.
- 13.6 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for appointing contractors to supply suitably qualified medical personnel to all matches at all venues.
 - 13.6.1 No match may take place if the contracted medical officer is not at the venue, irrespective of whether suitably qualified persons are in attendance as part of teams or as spectators.

- 13.6.2 The medical officer will be responsible for on-site medical assistance only. Should a player require further treatment off-site, such treatment and transport thereto will be for the player's own expense.

14 CURTAILMENT OF MATCHES

- 14.1 If, prior to a match or at any stage during a match, and after consulting team captains, the umpires or technical official are of the opinion that the field is unplayable or that any other adverse conditions exist that may in any way negatively impact on or endanger players, officials or spectators, the umpires or technical official may, at their sole discretion, curtail the match.
- 14.2 Should any match be one of several being played at one venue, an earlier match may, at the sole discretion of the technical official, be curtailed in order to finish at the time at which the later game is due to start or as soon as possible thereafter, provided that at least five minutes of playing time in the fourth period had been completed. The decision to curtail the match must be made known to both captains during half-time at the latest.
- 14.3 In the event of a match having to be curtailed by the umpires or technical official, for any reason:
- 14.3.1 If five minutes or more of playing time in the fourth period had been completed the match shall be deemed to have been completed and the score at that time will be recorded as the final score;
- 14.3.2 If less than five minutes of playing time in the fourth period had been played the entire match will be rescheduled by the Administrator.
- 14.4 In the event of a team leaving the field of play and refusing to continue with the match before the end of the match has been indicated by the umpires, it must be recorded on the match report by the technical official and the technical official must report it, in writing, to the Administrator within 72 hours.

15 POSTPONEMENTS AND PRE-PLAYED MATCHES

- 15.1 No postponements will be permitted. If a club is unable to field the minimum number of players for a scheduled match, that team will forfeit the match.
- 15.2 Should a team know in advance that they will not be able to field the minimum number of players for a specific match, they may agree with the opposing team to play the match at an earlier date. In this event the teams are to notify the Administrator of the date agreed to no less than seven days in advance.

16 FORFEITS

- 16.1 A team forced to forfeit a match for any reason must notify the Administrator without delay.
- 16.2 In the event of a match being forfeited before it has commenced, whether the forfeiting team chose to do so or it is the result of the application of these Rules, the following will apply:
- 16.2.1 The opposition will be awarded points for a win.

- 16.2.2 The forfeiting team will not be awarded any points.
 - 16.2.3 A fine of R500 will be imposed upon the forfeiting team.
 - 16.2.4 In the event that the match was forfeited with less than 72 hours notice the forfeiting team will have three league points deducted.
 - 16.2.5 In the event that the forfeit was the result of a team not being ready to take the field at the scheduled time, the forfeiting team will have three league points deducted.
 - 16.2.6 A score of 5-0 in favour of the opponents will be recorded.
- 16.3 In the event of a match being forfeited in terms of these Rules after it has commenced or has been completed, the following will apply:
- 16.3.1 The opposition will be awarded points for a win.
 - 16.3.2 The forfeiting team will not be awarded any points.
 - 16.3.3 A score of 5-0 in favour of the opponents will be recorded except where the opponents won or were in the lead by a margin greater than 5 goals in which case the actual score will be recorded. If the opponents won or were in the lead by a margin fewer than 5 goals, but they had scored more than 5 goals, the offending team will have a sufficient number of goals deducted in order to ensure a lead of 5 goals by the opponents.
- 16.4 In addition to the aforementioned measures, the Executive Committee may impose further penalties at its discretion.
- 16.5 A team refusing to take part in a match, for any reason, must report this to the Administrator as soon as possible and must submit a written report to the Administrator, providing reasons for their refusal to play. The Executive Committee will then investigate the matter and decide upon actions to be taken and penalties to be imposed, if it considers it appropriate.
- 16.6 Notwithstanding the stipulations of any other rules, where a team forfeits a match against a team from the same club, the score will be recorded as 0-0 and neither team will be awarded any league points. Further penalties may be imposed upon either team where deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

17 WITHDRAWAL FROM LEAGUE

- 17.1 Any team forced to withdraw from the remainder of the season after the final fixtures had been published must notify the Executive Committee without delay. In this event:
- 17.1.1 The results of all matches already played by the withdrawn team will be removed from the log and points awarded to that team or their opponents will be cancelled.
 - 17.1.2 The club in question may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be held liable for the match fees with regard to themselves and their opponents for the remainder of the season.
- 17.2 A withdrawing team failing to adhere to these provisions will be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee which may include, but is not limited to, being disqualified or relegated for future competitions.

18 MATCH OFFICIALS

- 18.1 The Executive Committee will, at its discretion and manpower-permitting, allocate umpires to all league matches.
- 18.2 Allocation of umpires will be done with due consideration of the level of play to be expected, as well as the abilities of the umpires in question. However, in order to ensure the development of umpires, the Executive Committee reserves the right to occasionally allocate umpires to matches with the purpose of ascertaining their ability to officiate at the level of play in question. Where at all possible, such umpires will either be allocated together with a more experienced umpire, or will have a more experienced umpire in attendance.
- 18.3 In order to become eligible, and to remain eligible, to officiate at league matches, umpires:
 - 18.3.1 Must annually apply in advance to umpire in the league and must be approved by the Executive Committee, represented therein by its member for Rules & Technical.
 - 18.3.2 Adhere to the rules and procedures for umpiring in the league, as may be determined by the Executive Committee at its discretion and communicated to all registered league umpires, failing which such umpire will be subject to a disciplinary process at the discretion of the Executive Committee which may include suspension or a monetary fine or both.
- 18.4 The Executive Committee will provide training for judges and technical officers, collectively referred to as technical officials, for purposes of officiating at league matches. The Administrator will, after such training, designate candidates as judges or technical officers and will have the power to change this designation at any time if deemed appropriate.
- 18.5 Judges will have the responsibilities and powers as may be prescribed elsewhere in these Rules, but will in particular be responsible for:
 - 18.5.1 Accurate recording of information on match result sheets.
 - 18.5.2 All timekeeping as required by the rules of hockey.
- 18.6 Technical officers will have the responsibilities and powers as may be prescribed elsewhere in these Rules, but will in particular:
 - 18.6.1 Be responsible for assisting judges where they deem it necessary.
 - 18.6.2 Be responsible for ensuring adherence to league rules by all involved.
 - 18.6.3 Be responsible for ensuring satisfactory conduct of team coaches, managers and spectators.
 - 18.6.4 Have the power to order any member of team management who had previously been warned about acts of misconduct but who persists with such acts, to leave the team area and not return to the team area or technical area for the remainder of the match. The details of such incidents and actions must be recorded on the match report by a technical official. The Administrator may at own discretion institute further disciplinary action in this regard.
 - 18.6.5 Have the power to request that an umpire issue a card for misconduct to a player in the team area or technical area.

- 18.6.6 Assume all the powers and responsibilities of a judge, in addition to the powers and responsibilities of a technical officer, where only a technical officer is present at a match.
- 18.7 Clubs are required to provide at least one technical official, who has undergone the training specified in clause 18.4, for each home match they take part in. Clubs may optionally provide a technical official for their away matches to assist the on-duty technical official, but are not compelled to do so.

19 MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- 19.1 In addition to the provisions of the Association's Bye-Laws regarding misconduct and discipline, the Executive Committee shall have the power to disqualify, penalise or take disciplinary action against any competing club or team, or player or players of any competing club or team who may be proven guilty of any breach of these Rules.
- 19.2 Where a yellow card is awarded the umpire that awarded it must provide a brief reason for the card to the technical official in order that the latter may record it on the match report prior to obtaining signatures from any parties at the end of the match.
- 19.3 Any player receiving a third yellow card in one season shall immediately and automatically be suspended for the next league match of the team he/she represented when the card was awarded. It is the responsibility of each club to record the number of cards awarded to its players in order to ensure adherence to this rule.
- 19.4 In the event of a player receiving a fourth or any subsequent yellow card in one season, the club shall report the player, in writing, to the Administrator who shall in turn report the player to the Executive Committee for a ruling. The player in question may take part in matches until such ruling is issued.
- 19.5 For any red cards awarded, reports describing the circumstances must be submitted to the Administrator by both umpires, the club that the offending player represented, the opposing club and the technical official, in writing, within forty-eight hours of the completion of the match. Other parties involved or present may also submit reports in writing. The Administrator shall then report the matter to the Executive Committee for a ruling to be made within ten days of the match at which the card was issued. The player in question may not take part in any matches until such ruling is issued.
- 19.6 In all cases where an individual player is to be suspended from taking part in a match as a result of the application of these Rules:
- 19.6.1 It is incumbent on the player's club to ensure that the suspension is served and that the Administrator is notified in writing of the match(es) for which the player is being suspended.
- 19.6.2 The player may not represent any other team of the club while suspended.
- 19.6.3 Failure to suspend a player where required to do so will imply that the team in question fielded an ineligible player in which case the penalties specified in these Rules will apply.

- 19.7 In addition to the rules regarding the responsibilities of team captains contained in the official rules of hockey, team captains are held responsible for the behaviour of their team coaches, officials and supporters. Umpires are permitted to award green, yellow or red cards to captains failing to exercise such responsibilities.
- 19.8 Umpires are permitted to award yellow or red cards to players guilty of misconduct, for as long as those players are on the field, in the team area or in the technical area, regardless of whether the match is in progress or not. In the event of a player being awarded a yellow card after the completion of a match, the technical official must indicate clearly on the match result sheet that it was awarded after completion of the match and report it to the Administrator. The Administrator will then report the matter to the Executive Committee for a ruling.
- 19.9 The use of foul language which is loud enough for spectators to hear will be considered grounds for an immediate yellow card at the umpire's discretion.
- 19.10 The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, refer any acts of misconduct or breach of these rules, or any other matter reported to it, to the Disciplinary Committee to be dealt with as provided for in the Association's Bye-Laws.

20 OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

- 20.1 In the event of a club objecting to or disputing any league-related matter, the following procedure is to be followed:
- 20.1.1 An appeal must be lodged, in writing, with the Administrator who will make a decision and inform the club accordingly.
- 20.1.2 The Administrator's decision may be appealed by submitting written representation to the Executive Committee, via the President, for a decision. Such submission must be accompanied by payment of R1,000 which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 20.1.3 The Executive Committee's decision may be appealed by submitting written representation to the Council, via the Administrator, for a final and binding decision. Such submission must be accompanied by payment of R2,000 which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 20.2 Objections in respect of green, yellow or red cards may only be lodged in the event of mistaken identity of the suspended player and must include the name of the player from the same team who should have been suspended instead.
- 20.3 No objections or appeals pertaining to on-field decisions made by umpires shall be entertained.
- 20.4 No objection or appeal which is not put in writing shall be entertained.