



1. TITLE NAME:

- 1.1. The competition is sponsored by **THE MOTSEPE FOUNDATION** and **SANLAM** and shall be called **THE KAY MOTSEPE SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP**.
- 1.2. The championship will be delivered by the **SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**, **DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION** and **THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE**

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1. PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

- 2.1.1 The competition is open to all schools in the Republic South Africa. All participating schools must be officially registered with the Department of Basic Education.
- 2.1.2. All school shall formally register to participate in the competition as shall be prescribed at the time and have proof thereof .
- 2.1.3. Each school shall be allowed to register a maximum of 25 players for the Under 19 Age group category and 18 players for the under 13 Age group categories. For National Championship, each Provincial school will register seventeen players for Under 19 (Boys) and fifteen players for Under 13 (Boys & Girls).

2.2 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS:

- 2.2.1 All players shall be learners duly registered with the participating school for that specific year.
- 2.2.2 All players must be 19 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the final competition is played (i.e. all players born on or after 1 January 2005). Further, all players in this age group category must be over 16 years of age in the year of participation.
- 2.2.3 The Under 19 players must produce a South African ID document (Green ID book or Smart Card) as proof of identity and age for participation in the competition at all levels.

- 2.2.4 All players must be a maximum of 13 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the final of the Championship is played (i.e. all players of the teams were born on or after 1 January 2011).
- 2.2.5 The lower age of the Under 13 players must be at least 11 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the National of the Championship is played. (i.e. all players of the teams were born on or after 31 December 2013).
- 2.2.6 All under 13 players must produce certified copy of un- abridged birth certificates as proof of identity and age for participation in this competition. The un-abridged birth certificate must be accompanied by a copy of the same with a recent color photo of the player attached to the copy. The copy must be signed by the school principal of the participating school and the school stamp must be affixed across the attached photo. This document with the affixed picture of the learner must be laminated.
- 2.2.7 Schools participating in the Competitions shall produce the record of player's proof of schools' registration within the school system (SA – SAMS).
- 2.2.8 Any player who fails to produce any form of identification as prescribed above, as and when asked to do so by the competitions' officials, shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition and shall be disqualified.
- 2.2.10. Players and Coaches are strictly forbidden to represent more than one school in the same year of the competition.

3 FORMAT AND STRUCTURE.

- 3.1 The competition shall be played according to the official demarcations of the Department of Basic Education.
- 3.2 Schools will be divided into groups of not less than four and not more than 8 schools in a group.
- 3.3 Matches will be played on a Round -Robin bases from Cluster to National levels.
- 3.4 All schools must have played a maximum of eight matches and minimum of three matches to qualify to play at the National Finals.
- 3.5 The participating schools must be able to provide proof of fixtures when asked by the competitions' officials or relevant authorities.
- 3.6 For Under 13, the number of players shall consist of eight (8) and one of who shall be a goalkeeper. No limit on the number of substitutions per match and all substitutes to be used. Under 13 Boys Championship, match shall not start if either team has less than five players.
- 3.7 The pitch size for under 13 shall be 70m x 42 (approximately half of the regular size pitch) and the goal post size with net shall be 2m (height) x 5m (Width).
- 3.8 The maximum number of substitutions for Under 19 shall be five substitutions in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the game, and match shall not start if either team has less than seven players.

- 3.9 A walk over (3 -0) shall be awarded in case the match did not materialize because of insufficient number of players to start the match or non-arrival of teams.
- 3.10 The matches shall be for a duration of two (2) equal periods of thirty (35) minutes with an interval of ten (10) minutes for Under 19.
- 3.11 The matches shall be for a duration of two (2) equal periods of twenty (20) minutes with an interval of ten (10) minutes for Under 13.
- 3.12 During the knock-out stages when the score is tied (draw) at the end of the match, kicks from the penalty mark shall be used to determine the winner. (There shall be no Extra Time Played)
- 3.13 The SAFA shall appoint the referees as well as the match commissioners for the Championships.
- 3.14 The SAFA Referees' Committee shall nominate the referees as well as the referees' convenor for the National Championships.

4 JUDICIAL MATTERS

- 4.1 All protest/ complains at the play-offs shall be dealt with by the duly constituted Disciplinary Committee of the relevant host Province.
- 4.2 Protests and complaints must be lodged with the relevant Organising Committee or the person duly appointed to deal with such matters, within two (2) hours of the completion of the match with the necessary relevant protest fee of R2000. Protests received after the two (2) hour deadline will not be entertained. The Disciplinary Committee shall convene a hearing before the end of the day to adjudicate on any protest/ complaint lodged.

Any complaints lodged must be lodged timeously, and before the next round of matches. Should a protest/ complaint be lodged AFTER THE PRESCRIBED TWO HOUR HAVE LAPSED, such protest/ complaint shall be dismissed.

- 4.3 IF A SCHOOL OPTS TO APPEAL the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, such AN APPEAL shall be lodged within 48 hours with Organising Committee upon the receipt of the verdict as per procedures of SAFA Statutes, Rules and Regulations.
- 4.4 The National Committee may appoint a Disciplinary Committee or arbitrator to act on its behalf in any area.

4.5 The arbitration shall be lodged in accordance with the SAFA Rules and Regulations.

4.6 The Disciplinary Committee shall impose any of the following appropriate sanction:

4.6.1 Disqualify a school(s), player(s) or official(s) from the competition.

4.6.2 Suspend a school(s), player(s) or official(s) for a specified period or number of official games played under the auspices of the Kay Motsepe Schools Championship.

4.7 Recommend to the parent organisation or region to which the school is affiliated to suspend such a school, player or official.

5. COMPETITIONS GUIDELINES

5.1 The Match Commissioner, Referees and Assistant Referees for the competition shall be appointed by the relevant SAFA structures. The decision of the referees connected to the match shall be binding. No protest or complaint shall be entertained relating to the decision of the referees in the match.

5.2 In the absence of the appointed match officials for the league, the two schools shall appoint referees for the match.

5.3 The pre-match countdown that is provided to the teams must be scrupulously respected by the teams.

5.4 All coaches must have a minimum of D License Coaching Qualifications.

5.5 A safeguarding officer/ team manager must be a teacher/ educator. A safeguarding officer must attend a compulsory FIFA safeguarding officer online training (<https://safeguardinginsport.fifa.com/>). He/she shall submit a certificate of completion to the National KMS Steering Committee.

5.6 A safeguarding officer for under 13 girls' team should be a female and a safeguarding officer for Under 13 boys' team should be a male.

6. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

6.1 Should there be any dispute on any matter not provided for in these rules and regulations and SAFA Uniform Rules and Regulations then the National KMSC Steering Committee shall have the power to rule on such matters in dispute. Such a decision shall be final and binding on all parties, provided that such a ruling/decision is not in contravention with the **Rules and Regulations of SAFA**.

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