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Attention: All Junior Clubs

2024 SEASON

Welcome back for the 2024 Season! This letter serves to share all relevant information so that we can start the Season off on a good note.

1. The Youth Football portfolio is headed up by Mark Williams with Charné Benecke assisting him in this regard. Jason de Reuck is in charge of the Seniors.

2. The Competitions Portfolio is headed up by Jason de Reuck.

3. All clubs to send the name of the person responsible for juniors in their club. ONLY those nominated will be added to a WhatsApp group. This WhatsApp group will be used to share information pertaining to the juniors. Any issues or problems MUST be sent via email on a Club letterhead to the relevant person and you will receive a response from the office. Jason will have a WhatsApp group for game results which will be opened on the day for everyone to post results and then closed after 24 hours.

4. There will only be postponements this year if the correct process has been followed to request said postponement. If there are issues, they are please to be addressed to Charné, who will then follow the process from there. Only once a postponement has been granted will it be handed over to Jason to then adjust on the fixtures. The postponement request must be on a Club letterhead. Jason will not be entertaining any requests for changes. It must be done through the proper channels.

5. IMPORTANT DATES:

Junior season starts: 7 April and 14 April

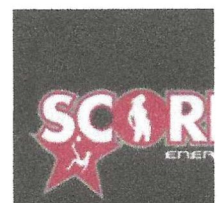
PEFA TOURNAMENT: 1 May (Public Holiday) Wednesday

PEFA TOURNAMENT: 14 – 17 June Friday – Monday

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6. Age Groups:

We have moved over to the odd age groups to be more in line with the other LFA's. According to the SAFA Constitution, it works according to the players age on 1 January.

COMPETITIONS	RULE
6.1	SAFA shall have the power to organise International or National Competitions. Member Associations, District Associations or Clubs may participate in competitions which may be controlled either by SAFA directly, or by Member Associations, under the jurisdiction of SAFA.
6.2	With the exception of competitions as contemplated in Rule 6.1, clubs and/or District Associations may only participate in competitions and/or official matches if they are clubs and/or District Associations affiliated to the same Region as themselves.
6.3	Where a competition provides for players of a certain age-group, the age shall be based on the player's age on the first (1st) day of January of each year.

Our Age Groups are thus as follows:

U7 – 2018 -2017

U9 – 2016 -2015

U11 – 2014 – 2013

U13 – 2012 – 2011

U15 – 2010 – 2009

U17 – 2008 – 2007

U19 – 2006 – 2005

Keeping in line with SAFA and the requirements for Women's Football, we will be piloting U15 and U17 Girls' Leagues this season. All girls from 2012 to 2009 will be registered under their own U15 league and 2008 to 2007 will be registered under their own U17 league on MYSFA. The requirements from SAFA are that each club must have a girls' team. Their league will run congruently alongside the boys' league. Girls U9 and U11: if you have a full team of girls, you can enter them into a league 2 years younger. In other words, an U11 girls' team will play in the U9 league. We encourage the clubs to approach the schools in their area for girls

as there are a lot of girls that wish to play but up until now there has been no league for them. Mrs. Jennings and Charné will be visiting the schools as well to help the clubs in this regard. If clubs can get older ladies and form a senior team that would also be welcome. We would really encourage the Clubs to try and get a Senior Ladies together as we intend to start a League for Senior Ladies as well!

7. Please read through the attached Document with directives set out by SAFA with regards to having junior teams. Please try to adhere to these directives if it is applicable to you as a Club.

We will be holding a Junior Club meeting on 18 March 2024, whereby we will be covering all issues and rules and regulations with regards to the juniors.

Thank you and I am sure we will have a great 2024 season!

Thanks

pp. Williams

Mark Williams

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