



LIBERIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LEAGUES RULES AND REGULATIONS **2024**





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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, it is promulgated by Law and Statutes thereof, the Liberia Football Association is empowered to organize, control, direct, and regulate all football activities within the REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA;

WHEREAS, the LFA, realizing its statutory responsibility to organize a football league amongst its members;

NOW, IT IS RESOLVED that these Rules and Regulations shall be used as the Working Tool for the smooth running of all LFA National Leagues/Competitions. It shall have binding effect on all clubs, players, officials and members of the Liberia Football Association.

All clubs and affiliates are obliged to adhere to the letter and spirit of these Rules and Regulations for the betterment of football related matters. Football related matters "FOOTBALL MATTERS" shall include: Decisions/Actions of the Referee on the Pitch, Decisions/Actions of the LFA or any of its Committees, and Decisions of the Ordinary or Extra ordinary Congress of the LFA.

It is the responsibility of the club management to ensure that all players, coaches and staff are conversant with these regulations and the rules of the game as detailed in these regulations.

Where a particular matter is not adequately covered in these Rules and Regulations, provisions in the relevant CAF and FIFA Statutes shall apply. Otherwise, these Rules and Regulations shall be applied as part of and/or in conjunction with other relevant LFA and FIFA Statutes and Principles.

FORCE MAJEURE" shall include but not limited to act of God, act of War, revolution, fire, flood, earthquake or other physical disaster, blockade, pandemic, embargo, major strike or any cause which by exercise of reasonable care and diligence, the clubs' teams, match officials or the LFA are unable to prevent. In such case, the LFA reserves the exclusive right to make decision and shall have binding effect on all parties including the suspension of the leagues, nullification of the leagues, determination of promotion or relegation of clubs and or representation for Inter clubs' competitions.

These Rules shall remain in force until another set of rules are put in place by the LFA Executive Committee.

The LFA Executive Committee may from time to time amend and/or clarify these regulations even during the course of the league through communication by circulars signed by the General Secretary or any written delegated authority from the secretariat.

The spirit behind these rules and regulations are aimed at the rules of FIFA Fair Play. The Statutory

Committees shall apply and enforce these rules and regulations upon a report by any party offended and may apply and enforce these rules and regulations upon their own findings of any infringements.



DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

All words and abbreviations used in these Regulations shall be deemed to have the same meaning and interpretation as assigned by the LFA Statutes unless, otherwise as explicitly defined below;

Registration: a term describing the entry process of every activity covering the leagues and the federation at large. It covers; club details, player details, Staff details, agreements etc.

Club: an admitted football group that have met basic licensing requirements

Board: a superior administrative structure responsible to oversee the activities of an institution

LFA Connect: an electronic league management platform that is utilized throughout every LFA sanctioned match.

Committee: a group of people entrusted with a specific responsibility surrounding the leadership's philosophy

League: a football event carried out over a period of time by using match arrangements (fixture) and policy (rules) to implement and statistics to determine honor(s).



CHAPTER 1

TITLE AND CONTROL



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Title and Control

Section 1.0

These regulations shall be known and referred to as the Liberia Football Association (LFA) National Leagues Rules and Regulations and shall be applicable to LFA National Leagues. All other domestic tournaments and competitions rules shall be formulated by the organizers. Its provisions shall be referred to as Chapters, Articles, Sections and Sub-sections.

Art. 2: Control & Sponsorship

Sec 1.0 The control and management of the National Leagues in the country is vested in the LFA and said authority is sub-headed by the Competitions Department, LFA

Sec 2.0 Sponsorship

The LFA through the Executive Committee shall lobby/negotiate sponsorship deals in order to smoothly implement policies and programs for the various LFA approved leagues. Said sponsorship shall be handled as per the agreement or terms.

Art. 3: Laws of the Game

The LFA fully adheres to the laws of the game as per FIFA's mandate "Each Member of FIFA shall play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game as issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB)". Only the IFAB may amend the laws of the Game. The 2024-2025 seasons shall witness the implementation of all of the modified laws of the game as of July 1, 2024



CHAPTER 2

REGISTRATION

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Art. 1.0 Club Registration

A club's registration shall be acknowledged following her full compliance of the below counts;

1. Must have met the LFA Club Licensing requirements and certificated by the First Instant Board (FIB)
2. Must submit through the system a scanned (PDF) Article of Incorporation
3. Must submit through the system an up-to-date Business Registration Certificate (valid for at least six months prior to registration)
4. Must submit through the system Banking details (USD/LRD; Account Title & Number)
5. Must submit through the system, the club's emblem (logo)
6. Must present to both Competitions and Club Licensing Departments, the Change of nomenclature or merger agreement (if the situation exists). Attached to said document should be a copy of the LFA's official receipt for payment in this direction.

Art. 1.1: Club officials' Registration:

Art. 1.1a: Technical Directors and Coaches

Coaches Diploma MUST be validated by the LFA before the issuance of a license to coach in any of the LFA sanctioned competitions.

- a. All non-Liberian coaches must obtain a valid work and resident permits to participate in any LFA organized competition and activities.
- b. Club(s) in violation of the provision in "a" above shall forfeit its match(es) that said coach participated in.
- c. Technical Directors of clubs MUST hold a minimum of CAF A" Diploma or its equivalent.
- d. Technical Director of clubs is not eligible to sit on the bench or get involved with active coaching during a club's match.

Art. 1.1a: Club officials' Registration:

Clubs (1st, 2nd & Upper Women) shall register the following Team Officials amongst several other positions through the FIFA Connect

System.

The positions are; Head Coach, Deputy Coach, Goalkeeper Coach, Fitness Coach, Team Manager, Medic, Statistician and Kit-Man.

- Requirements per team official registration are:

Team Manager

National ID or Passport copy (PDF)

- Passport sized photo (Red background) in the club's kit
- Scanned copy of signed Code of Conduct
- Must display physical card from the Connect at every Coordination Meeting and on every match day as part of the pre-match formalities

Head Coach

- CAF License "B" minimum (First/Second Divisions) or its equivalent from other Confederations approved by LFA.
- CAF License "C" minimum (Women's Upper Division) or its equivalent from other Confederation approved by LFA.
- National ID or Passport copy (PDF)
- Passport sized photo (Red background) in the club's kit
- Signed Code of Conduct (PDF)
- All Coaches must display physical card from the Connect on every match day as part of the pre-match formalities

Deputy Coach

- CAF License "B" minimum (First Division) or its equivalent from other Confederation approved by LFA.
- CAF License "C" minimum (Second Division) or its equivalent from other Confederation approved by LFA.
- CAF License "D" minimum (Women's Upper Division) or its equivalent from other Confederation approved by LFA.
- National ID or Passport copy (PDF)
- Passport sized photo (Red background) in the club's kit
- Scanned copy of signed Code of Conduct

- All Coaches must display physical card from the Connect on every match day as part of the pre-match formalities

Goalkeeper Coach

- License D Certificate minimum (all levels) or its equivalent from other Confederation approved by LFA.
- National ID or Passport copy (PDF)
- Passport sized photo (Red background) in the club's kit
- Scanned copy of signed Code of Conduct
- All Coaches must display physical card from the Connect on every match day as part of the pre-match formalities

Fitness Coach

- Fitness Coaching Course Certificate minimum (all levels) or its equivalent from other Confederation approved by the LFA.
- National ID or Passport copy (PDF)
- Passport sized photo (Red background) in the club's kit
- Scanned copy of signed Code of Conduct
- All Coaches must display physical card from the Connect on every match day as part of the pre-match formalities

Medic

- All Club Medics MUST be licensed through the LFA Medical Committee.
- Scanned copy of the Medic Certificate from the Medical Committee Must be inserted through the system.
- National ID or Passport copy (PDF)
- Passport sized photo (Red background) in the club's kit
- All Medics must display physical card from the Connect on every match day as part of the pre-match formalities

Statistician

- National ID or Passport copy (PDF)
- Passport sized photo (Red background) in the club's kit
- Scanned copy of signed Code of Conduct

Art. 1.2: Absence of Registered Club Medic:

- Clubs failing to appear with a registered medic on a match day shall be fined LRD 2,500 for every match day absence and said fine will be paid before the club's next game; be it league or Cup.

Art. 2.0: Player Registration**1. Data entry (By means of the Connect)**

Upload the player's;

- Passport sized photo with a red background (in the team's kit)
- Current medical certificate in PDF format
- National ID or Passport copy in PDF format (for Liberians only)
- Work permit (for non-Liberians)
- Resident permit (for non-Liberians)
- ITC (from the last country that the player played in)
- His/her contract copy in PDF format
- Insert his/her contract verification form primarily reflecting these major components:
 - Nationality
 - Registration category
 - Salary and benefits
 - Agreed duration
 - Buy out of contract clause
 - Reason(s) for termination
 - Signatures; the player/representative and the club

2. For the purpose of development and to encourage the establishment of feeder teams, each club participating in the LFA organized league (first, second and upper women) is eligible to register a maximum of forty-two (42) players. Twelve (12) players out of the forty-two must be under the age of seventeen (17).

The under aged player(s) must submit medical report (preferably an x-ray from JFK, proving his/her age range).

Any club who submits wrong detail of a player classified to be under age shall be fined a minimum of US\$ 5,000.00, the player banned for two years and the club is denied of ingoing transfer for the immediate next window.

3.All new registration for players between the ages 15 - 17 years MUST be accompanied by medical report from John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital authenticating the player's age range.

4. Refer to the LFA Regulations on the Status and transfer of players (RSTP) for players' full registration and transfer requirements.

Art. 3.0: Player's Eligibility

a. For a player to be classified as eligible to partake in any competition under the auspices of the LFA, he or she must be duly registered through the FIFA Connect System by said club as provided in these regulations.

b. In order to be regarded as a participant in a match, said player must have featured in the match either as a starter or as a used substitute.

Art. 4.0: The number of registered Players and their respective distributions

a. The competition shall be opened to the registration of not more than ten (10) foreign players during the course of a season.

b. The registration of non-Liberians on a match day is summarized as follows:

- The use of ECOWAS nationals only: At most five (5) players
- The use of non-ECOWAS nationals only: At most three (3) players
- The combination of ECOWAS & non-ECOWAS nationals: at most five (5)

c. Violation of any component of this article (a – b) shall lead to automatic deductions of 3 points and 2 goals from every game said violation occurred. Outside of a protest/complaint the Competitions Department shall implement and notify the violating club.

Art. 4.0: Playing Cards

1. This is the physical (hard) version of a player/Staff approved registration. It contains full name as logged, birth record, club's name, license number, season registered, expiry date and individual's photograph.

2. It shall be the responsibility of all clubs to print (plastic cards) for all of her approved registrations (players and officials). If member(s) of a club does not appear with the printed physical card, the club shall be fined LRD 500.00 per player (without card) on a match day. The Match Commissioner or reserved referee shall conduct inspection via the CMS and take photo of all players/staffs without cards at the moment and said situation shall be reported by the Match Officials.

3. The unavailable cards during the match shall be made available to the Competitions Department electronically by the defaulting club in no more than 24 hours after the match. Failure to submit said card(s) shall constitute forfeiture.

Art. 5.0 Uniforms

1 (a) Each club shall register with the LFA; home, away and alternative jersey in distinct colors through the CMS before the commencement of each season. In addition, the club shall submit to the LFA a pictorial of the registered jersey, showing the front and back of the jersey. Clubs shall appear in their official jersey in all official matches. Failure to insert these uniforms in the system shall lead to a fine of LRD 5,000.00.

(b) In the event of a clash between the visiting team's official jersey and the home team's official jersey, the visiting team shall change to its reserve jersey or combination of the official and reserve jersey as determined by the LFA during the match coordination meeting.

(c) Where there is a clash of colors in respect of the goalkeeper's jersey and the outfield players' jersey, the goalkeeper shall change to a reserve jersey. Any clash occurring between the colors of the two goalkeepers' jersey, the goalkeeper of the visiting team shall change his jersey. In the event that an outfield player is replacing the goalkeeper, the outfield player shall appear in his team's registered goalkeeper's shirt without a number or with his/her registered number clearly printed.

(d) A club shall not be permitted to change its registered color during the season unauthorized. If such act occurs, the club shall pay a fine of L\$ 30,000.00 before the club's next match.

(e) A team using home kit for an away game or vice versa without the consent of the Competitions Department is punishable by a fine of LRD 30,000.00 to be paid before the club's next match (Cup/ League).

(f) Match officials must be branded in distinct colors from the both clubs.



(g) Clubs failing to insert their uniform/s through the CMS prior to her first league match shall be fined LRD 10,000.00 to be paid before the club's next match (Cup/League).



CHAPTER 3

COMPETITIONS

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Art. 1.0: Approved Competitions

During the course of a league season and after the league season, there shall be different competitions at all levels sanctioned by the LFA. These competitions are classified as either off-season or regular season competitions.

Art. 2.0: Competitions Composition, Format & Awards

i. The LFA Super Cup (Men & Women)

- Composition:
 - Four clubs in total (2 per category)
 - The league Champion and Orange Cup Champion of the most recent season shall compete herein
 - One-off match per category

Note: If both the league and Orange Cup are won by a single club, the Orange Cup runner-up shall compete in the Super Cup as the Cup representatives and the Super Cup shall be considered a formality match. This means, no trophy can be presented to the winner.

- Format: One leg knock-out in both categories
 - In the event of a draw after regular time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be used to determine the match winner.

ii. National First Division

- Composition:
 - One category (Male)
 - Fourteen (14) clubs
 - Format:
 - One table of fourteen (14) clubs
 - Two phases (Home and Away matches)
 - Club with the highest points per the league's table shall be crowned as Champion.
- Awards: US \$ 20,000.00 + Cup + Gold plated Medal

iii. National Second Division

- Composition
- One category (Male)
- Sixteen (16) clubs
 - Format
- One table of sixteen (16) clubs
- Two phases (Home and Away matches)
- Club with the highest points per the league's table shall be crowned as Champion.
 - Awards: US \$ 10,000.00 + Gold plated Medal

iv. National Upper Women's Division

- Composition
- Twelve (12) clubs
 - Format
- One table of twelve (12) clubs
- Two phases (Home and Away matches)
- Club with the highest points per the league's table shall be crowned as Champion.

Awards: Champion: USD 20,000.00 + Cup + Gold plated Medals

v. The Orange Cup

- Composition
- Two categories (Male and Female)
- Forty-six (46) clubs in total shall participate
- Thirty (30) Male clubs and Sixteen (16) Female clubs
- Fourteen (14) first division clubs
- Sixteen (16) second division clubs
- The sixteen (16) female participants shall be distributed as follows:
Upper Women: 12 clubs Lower Women: Top 4 clubs at the time of the draw

- Format
- Teams shall be paired through a draw
- One leg knockout per category
- During the draw, teams picked first shall be considered the home team.
- The Semi Finals in both categories shall be played on two leg bases. Away goal rule is not applicable in this competition.
- In the event a player who plays in the Orange Cup during the first phase of the National league and he/she is transferred during the mid-season, he/she is not eligible to participate in the Orange Cup for his/her new club after the transfer has taken place.
- With the exception of the Semi and Grand Finals, the winner of every match that ends in a draw after full time shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark.
- Match venue assignment is the sole responsibility of the Competitions Department. Therefore, they shall arrange matches through the fixtures and release via the system. This does not factor if a club has a home venue or not. Rather it captures more visibility for the title sponsor.

During round one of the Men's categories, there will be two seeded teams (last season finalists). Twenty-eight (28) teams shall compete during round one. In round two, the seeded clubs shall join; totaling the number of clubs to sixteen (16).

- Match venue assignment is the sole responsibility of the Competitions Department. Therefore, they shall arrange matches through the fixtures and released through the system. This does not factor if a club has a home venue or not.

Awards

Men's Champion: LRD 1,500,000 + Trophy + Gold Medals + Orange goodies

Runner-up: LRD 500,000 + Silver Medals + Orange goodies

Women's Champion: LRD 1,000,000 + Trophy + Gold Medals + Orange goodies

Runner-up: LRD 500,000.00 + Silver Medals + Orange goodies

vi. Who Owns the Land

- Composition
- Sixteen (16) clubs
 - Format
- Two categories (Male & Female)
- One leg knockout
- Top eight Male (four each; Division 1 & Division 2) from the previous season
- Top eight Female (four each; Division 1 & Division 2) from the previous season
 - Awards

Male Champion: LRD 300,000.00 + Trophy + Gold plated Medals

Female Champion: LRD 150,000.00 + Trophy + Gold plated Medals

Art. 3.0 Clubs Eligibility

Institutions wishing to participate in the LFA organized competitions must meet these basic requirements and procedures;

- a. Must have met the LFA Club Licensing requirements
- b. Must submit through the system a scanned (PDF) Article of Incorporation
- c. Must submit through the system an up-to-date Business Registration Certificate (valid for at least six months prior to registration)
- d. Must submit through the system Banking details (USD/LRD; Account Title & Number)
- e. Must submit through the system, the club's emblem (logo)
- f. Must present to both Competitions and Club Licensing Departments, the Change of nomenclature or merger agreement (if the situation exists). Attached to said document should be a copy of the LFA's official receipt for payment in this direction.
- g. All documents shall be submitted and filed through the LFA Connect System.

For NIDs, absolutely no receipt will be accepted

Procedure(s):

- i. Submit players/Staffs' entry via the system
- ii. Carryout all players transfer via the DTMS
- iii. Await system response per registration
- iv. Respond to the system's signal (On hold or rejected)
- v. Deposit USD 3.50 per registration
- vi. Collect playing cards for all approved and paid for registrations

Art 3.1 Football Season

1. The Liberian Football season covers a period of six through eight (6 - 8) months. The Executive Committee may extend, shorten or suspend the league season due to force majeure (e.g. natural disaster, riots, etc.). The Executive Committee shall make a determination as whether a champion will be crowned or not.

2. Clubs engaging in an off-season match or tournament (especially international) are obliged to fully inform the LFA about said activity no later than a week before said activity takes place. Clubs violating will be sanctioned by a fine of LRD 100,000.

3.2 Match Venues

1. A match venue shall not be used as venue for league matches unless; it has been approved by the LFA through both Competitions and Club licensing Departments.

2. The LFA may order the closure of any league venue where the game cannot be played smoothly, the safety of clubs, match officials and/or spectators cannot be guaranteed.

3. In all other cases, where it becomes necessary for a club to play away from its registered home venue, the LFA shall have the discretion to decide where any such match (es) shall be played.

4. The LFA shall allocate home venues to clubs without such facility as per the arrangement of the league's fixture.

3.3 Match Balls

The LFA shall provide all official match balls for the leagues.



Art 4.0 The Match Officials

1. Match officials entail the designated General Coordinator (for tournaments), Match Commissioner, Referee, Assistants, Reserve Referee, Match Assessor, Medical Officer and Security Officer.

2. In order for a match official (Referee, Commissioner & Assessor) to be eligible to participate in the LFA organized activity, he/she MUST pass a practical test (operating the CMS) administered by the Competitions & Compliance Departments. Only those that will pass the test shall be eligible to be assigned to first, second & Upper Women games.

3. No person shall function as Match Official in any match under the jurisdiction of the LFA, unless said person(s) have registered and appointed through the CMS for that match.

4. The Match Commissioners shall be assigned at most 72 hours to a match. The Competitions Department may reject said assignment based on non-compliance issue.

5. The Referee's Committee shall within 72 hours to a match, assign the team of Referee per match to the Competitions Department. The Competitions Department shall reject said assignment based on non-compliance issue.

6. At the commencement of the league season (at most 30 days to the Super Cup), the Referees' Committee and Commissioner General shall submit a list of certified Referees to the Compliance/Integrity Officer as per categorization (first, second & upper Women). The LFA shall publish the list of eligible match officials (Match Commissioners, Referees, Medics, Assessors, Stewards, Venue Coordinators) before the league's commencement.

7. No Match official against whom disciplinary action has been taken shall be appointed to officiate in any match of the league whilst said measure is active. Where the disciplinary action results in sanctions, the disqualification herein contained shall cease to apply as soon as the sanction is served on the affected person.

8 For the avoidance of doubt, the right/power to suspend or remove a person from the list of persons qualified to officiate in any competition under the jurisdiction of the LFA is reserved by the LFA Disciplinary Committee.

9 Referees and Match Commissioners shall attend disciplinary hearings when called upon by their regulator(s). A suspension of two months in addition to other disciplinary actions shall be taken against those that shall fail to attend hearings without a justifiable cause.

10. A qualified Referee, other than the officiating Referee and Assistants, shall be appointed in each match as fourth referee. The duties of the fourth referee

shall include but not limited to taking the place of the officiating referee or any of the assistant referees who either through absence, indisposition or other cause, may retire in the course of the game.

Art 4.1: Duties of an Assigned Referee shall be:

- (a) To arrive one hour, thirty minutes to kickoff and inspect the playing area
- (b) To take charge and impartially implement the laws of the game
- (c) To take proper actions/decisions generally aimed at maintaining the safety of players, Team Officials, other Match Officials and fans during the course of a match.
- (d) To enforce fair play consistent with the laws of the game and the competition rules
- (e) To regulate the flow of time and take record of the match activities
- (f) Report all details of the match as required by the CMS
- (g) The failure of a Referee to submit his/her report within the post-match three hours' time limit shall lead to him/her being rejected by the Competitions Department and withheld from being assigned for six rounds of league or Cup games for every instance.
- (h) Referees wrongly reporting data relative to card(s) issued, goal(s) scored & scorers as well as actual substitutions made shall be punished as follows:
 - First offense: Eight rounds of games suspension
 - Second offense: Sixteen rounds of games suspension
 - Third offense: Suspension for a period of one league season.
- (i) Where it is established by the Disciplinary Committee that a Referee failed to execute counts (b – e) fully, shall lead to him/her being suspended from all LFA activities for a period of six months.
- (j) Where it is established by the LFA through its committee that a Referee or a team of Referees accepted bribe for a match or tournament, said Referee or team would be expelled from all LFA activities.

Art 4.2: Duties of an Assigned Match Commissioner shall be:

- (a) To attend and superintend the Match Coordination meeting for his/her assigned match as scheduled by the Rules and regulations.
- (b) To observe the match in all its aspects including but not limited to behavior of the spectators, control and organization of the match.

(c) To attend the pre-match formalities in the dressing room and note any protests made. He/she may, if deems it necessary, go back to the dressing room during halftime or after the match.

(d) The Match Commissioner may, if s/he deems it necessary for the security of the Referee, the teams or other Match officials may decide not to have the match played until his/her instructions are carried out. But once the match is started, it is exclusively the prerogative of the Referee to suspend or end the match for any of the reasons in Law 5 of the Laws of the Game.

(e) Ensure the countdown and kickoff schedule is fully implemented. If there is an assigned General Coordinator, this function shall be his or hers.

(f) He/she shall assume all duties of the General Coordinator where an assignment for said post have not been made.

(g) To submit a detailed report through the CMS within three (3) hours after his/her assigned match. The Commissioner's report must contain:

- Teams' arrival
- Exact kickoff time
- All cautions issued
- All expulsions issued
- All goals & scorer(s)
- All substitutions & time
- Incident (if any)
- Final scores
- End of game time

This report may later be submitted to the Disciplinary Committee, if it becomes necessary.

(h) The failure of a Match Commissioner to submit his/her report within the post-match three hours' time limit shall lead to him/her being rejected by the Competitions Department and withheld from being assigned for six (6) rounds of league or Cup games for every instance.

(i) Match Commissioners wrongly reporting data relative to card(s)

issued, goal(s) scored & scorers as well as actual substitutions made shall be punished as follows:

First offense: Eight rounds of games suspension

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Third offense: Suspension for a period of one league season.

(j) Match Commissioners failing to attend or conduct Coordination Meeting for his/her match as required shall NOT be entitled to indemnity for said match.

(k) Commissioners failing to enforce the kickoff countdown and primarily fails to start the match as per the stipulated time shall be withheld from being assigned for a period of six (6) rounds of matches. Additional offense(s) shall lead to recommendation for dismissal.

Art 4.3: Duties of an Assigned General Coordinator (at tournaments) shall be:

(a) To implement the Competition Rules and Regulations and match day countdown.

(b) To regulate the match in all its aspects including but not limited to the supervision of Stadium/match venue, Stewards, Referees, and Medics

(c) To control and organize the match

(d) To take stock of the number tickets brought before the match and tickets sold after the match

(e) Ensure the countdown and kickoff schedule is fully implemented.

(f) He/she shall assume all duties of the Match Commissioner where an assignment for said post have not been made

(g) To submit a detailed report through email (liberiafa.cm@gmail.com) within three (3) hours after his/her assigned match

Art 4.4: Referees Assessor

Referee Assessor shall be appointed by the Assessor Coordinator and approved by the Referees Committee and such appointment shall be channeled through the CMS.



Appointed Assessors are to submit full report through the CMS at most five (5) hours after his/her assigned match.

4.4a). The failure of an assigned assessor to submit his/her report within the post-match five (5) hours' time limit shall lead to him/her being withheld from assignment for four rounds of league games for every instance.

4.5 a Match Countdown

Arrival of Match Commissioner	90 minutes before kickoff
Arrival of Team of Referees	90 minutes before kickoff
Arrival of Teams	80 minutes before kickoff
Arrival of other match officials (Media, Medic, Ball escort etc.)	80 minutes before kickoff
Teams inspection	60 minutes before kickoff
Start of Warm-up.....	50 minutes before kickoff
End of Warm-up	20 minutes before kickoff
Tunnel assembly & equipment inspection	17 minutes before kickoff
Procession of teams to the pitch	07 minutes before kickoff
Toss & photograph	03 minutes before kickoff
Kickoff	0.00 minutes

4.5b Substitution method

1. Number of named substitutes permitted in the team sheet/technical area: twelve (12)

1. Number of substitutions allowed during regular match time: at most five (5)

2. Number of opportunities permitted to make the 5 substitutions: three (3)

3. Half time substitution is counted as a used substitute out of the five (5) possible substitutions, not one part of the opportunities.

4. Substitutions for concoctions shall be utilized, provided a Medical Doctor provides written reasons for said situation.

4.5c Extra time subs (applicable to Cup Competitions)

A team has not used the maximum number of substitutes, and/or substitution opportunities, any unused substitute and substitution opportunities may be used in extra time. Additional one substitution shall be accepted.

4.6 Absence of Match Official(s)

1. In the absence of the appointed Match Commissioner and/or Coordinator, the reserve Referee shall act.

2. (a) Where the Referee and/or one or both of the Assistant Referees does not show up, the Referees Department shall arrange for alternative officials from the approved Referees list.

(b) Where it is not possible to appoint such alternative officials on the match day, the match shall be postponed and played within twenty-four (24hrs).

3. Any official (s) who fails to report for a match without reasonable notice shall be liable to sanctions which may include fine, suspension or removal of his/her name(s) from the Referee's list by the Referees Committee upon recommendation from the Competitions Department.

Art 5.0 Fixtures & Formats

The fixtures and formats of all LFA approved Competitions shall be prepared through the CMS by the Competitions Department and approved by the Executive Committee through the LFA General Secretary.

5.1 Match Day Registration

1. Every club is obligated to input and submit her match sheet online through the CMS per club. The match sheet contains players list (name, position & shirt number), Technical Staffs list (name & function).

2. The entry per game shall be submitted at most one hour to the match kickoff's time. The system will automatically close to all clubs one hour prior to your match. If the system is closed to clubs, assistance can be sought from the LFA (Competitions Department) within at most 30 minutes and pay a fine of LRD 30,000 before the club's next league match.

Failure for the club to complete her registration in time and fail to meet up with the 30 minutes payable grace period, said club shall forfeit the match by three points (3pts) and two goals (2goals) and be fined LRD 100,000.00 to be paid before the club's next match.

3. Upon registration of a club match day squad, the Match officials can aid club(s) to swap in case of an emergency at no charge.

4. The competition shall be opened to the registration of not more than ten (10) foreign players during the course of a season.

5. The registration of non-Liberians on a match day is summarized as follows:

- The use of ECOWAS nationals only: At most five (5) players
- The use of non-ECOWAS nationals only: At most three (3) players
- The combination of ECOWAS & non-ECOWAS nationals: at most five (5).

6. Violation of any component of this article (a – b) shall lead to automatic deductions of 3 points and 2 goals from every game said violation occurred. Outside of a protest/complaint the Competitions Department shall implement and notify the violating club.

7. Swapping of match day registered player(s) is allowed before inspection. Swaps after inspection is left for the assigned commissioner to validate before executing.

8. A club that reports late for a match (after 1hr: 30 minutes prior to kickoff) shall be liable to a fine of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Liberian Dollars (LRD 10,000.00) and paid before the club's next match be it league or Orange Cup.

9. Without prejudice to the authority of the LFA to invoke any of the disciplinary measures provided under these Regulations against the offending team(s);

The assigned Referee shall declare the end of a match if one or both clubs fail to appear on the pitch after five minutes of the stipulated kick-off time.

10. Where either clubs or one of the two clubs fail to register her team via the CMS or fails to appear for the match after registering via the CMS, the match shall be deemed to have been played and the defaulting club shall forfeit the match with three points and two goals. Further, the LFA shall impose fines as categorized below and paid immediately before the club's next match be it league or Orange Cup:

Registering through the system but not appearing for the match with seven players: LRD 75,000.00

Not registering through the system but appearing for the match: LRD 100,000.00

Not registering through the system and not appearing for the match: LRD 150,000.00

Art. 5.2 Match Coordination Meetings



Match Coordination Meetings

i. Match Coordination Meetings (MCM) shall be held a day prior to the club's match physically; 12:00pm at a designated venue by the LFA. For matches being played at North Star, Technical Center and venues outside of Montserrado, MCM will be conducted on the match day at 12:00pm.

ii. MCMs are to be conducted by the LFA Assigned Officials (Match Commissioner, Coordinator and Reserve Referee) and attended by the clubs through their Administrative Manager and Medic.

iii. At the MCM, clubs are to physically display these materials:

- Goalkeeper top
- Goalkeeper bottom
- Goalkeeper hose
- In-field player top
- In-field player bottom
- In-field player hose
- Technical Staff uniform
- Warm-up uniform
- Captain's arm band
- Reserve players' bib

iv. A club that attends the MCM without physically displaying all of the materials listed in "iii" is considered absent from the meeting and shall be fined LRD 5,000 to be paid before said match.

v. A club fails to show-up entirely for the Match Coordination meeting shall be fined Twenty Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 20,000.00) to be paid before the club is allowed to play said match.

vi. If a club fails to pay her fine, the LFA reserves the right to deduct said amount from any financial benefit without seeking the club's approval but duly informing said club about the deduction.

Art. 5.3 Matches Duration

1. Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two (2) periods/halves of forty-five (45) minutes each with an interval of not more than fifteen (15) minutes. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other sufficient cause.

2. The Referee is the sole judge of time including, time lost through accident or other sufficient cause and his decision on this matter shall not be subject to protest or appeal.

3. At the end of the first half, the Referee and the Assistant Referees shall follow all the players off the field.

Art. 5.4 Matches postponement or venue/time change

Request for the postponement of a match (es) shall not be granted by the LFA except, on the grounds of force majeure.

2 If a match is postponed or abandoned on grounds of bad weather or other sufficient cause, it shall be replayed within 24 hours of the scheduled date at the same venue.

3 Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked-off, the following principles shall apply:

(a) The match shall re-commence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same score line.

(b) The match shall re-commence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned.

(c) No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the start list.

(d) The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned.

(e) Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced.

(f) Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned shall remain valid for the remainder of the match.

4 Where the LFA sanctions the postponement of a match for a club engaged in an international match outside Liberia, the postponed

match shall be played within 72 hours not being earlier than 24 hours after the return of the club to Liberia or on a date to be determined by the LFA.

5 If a club has contributed five (5) players or two of its registered Goalkeepers to their National Team(s) or in any combination of the Teams, U-23, U-20 or U-17, the club may request postponement of its match and the postponed match shall be rescheduled by the LFA.

6 Adjustment of match time, venue or general reschedule lies solely with the LFA.

Art. 6.0 Forfeitures

1. A team commits an offence punishable by forfeiture of a match where:

(a) The team fails to register her players & Officials for the match through the CMS as required under these laws;

(b) that team walks off the field of play or refuses to continue the match;

(c) that team positions itself in such a way as to render the progress of the game impossible or the player(s) or supporter(s) of the team initiate(s) an act responsible for the abrupt end of the match;

(d) the team's lateness (5 minutes into kickoff time) without just cause, renders continuation of the match impossible or renders it impossible for the match to travel the full 90 minutes;

(e) If the team fields illegal players under these rules and it is established by the LFA;

(f) If it fails to report for or honor a match without just cause

(g) If it plays a match which have been proven to be pre-determined or fixed;

(h) If the team fails to pay within the stipulated time fines for; yellow card, red card, failure to honor matches and other fines captured herein.

(i) If the team utilize the service of a Coach and/or other technical officials that failed to submit work and resident permits during the regular registration period of the LFA. Points from all games served by said official will be deducted.

(j) If the team fails to uphold the eligibility criteria of a technical director, coach, or player distribution as stipulated in chapter 2, articles 1.1a, 4.0a-b and 2.0 count 2 during the season.

k). When the club appears with less than eighteen players than the required number of players and those limited players prematurely ends the match.

l). Besides forfeiting the match (count "k") by 3 points and two goals, the club shall be fined LRD 150,000 to be paid immediately before their next match. Failure to pay would lead to automatic relegation.

2. In respect of offences (b, c & e) no matter what the scores shall be at the time of the offence or at the end of the match, the offending team shall be considered as having lost the match and accordingly, three (3) points and two (2) goals shall be awarded in favor of the other team, unless the innocent team is leading by a margin of more than three (3) goals at the time of the offence or when the match comes to an end; in which case, the scores shall stand.

3. In respect of offence (f), the offending team shall be considered as having lost the match and accordingly, three (3) points and two (2) goals shall be awarded in favor of the other team.

4. In respect of offence (h), the offending team shall be considered as having lost the match and accordingly, three (3) points and two (2) goals shall be awarded in favor of the other team.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is possible for a club to have a negative point build up. The team shall lose its subsequent matches if it fails to comply with the provision stated herein.

5. A team shall forfeit a match under Article 6.0 in consequence of a protest duly filed within the time limited for filing of protests under these Regulations or where the LFA discovers that a club has committed an infraction.

6. Where each of the two clubs commits an offence that is punishable by the forfeiture of the match, the match shall be considered as having been played but with neither side being credited with any point, no matter what the score shall be at the end of the match.

7. Notwithstanding any provision in this Article or in any other Article in these Regulations and notwithstanding the fact that a club may not have accumulated points, the LFA shall impose the sanction of



three-point deduction on the offending club. For the avoidance of doubt, it shall be possible for a club to have a negative point build-up.

Art. 7.0 Protests

All Protests in connection with matches played shall be mentioned on the match sheet (the Referee & Commissioner report) and followed by the club's official communication (email or hard copy) directly to the General Secretary of the LFA not later than 24 hours from the end of the match concerned. Attached to said communication must be all pieces of evidence and the required fees for protest.

2. For the purpose of time in these Regulations in connection to protest submission, Sundays and Public holidays shall not be counted.

3. Upon receipt of such case, the Competitions/Legal Departments shall:

a. Verify the submission and other regulatory requirements

b. If the requirements were met, the opposing club is asked to send a response to the protest in not more than twenty-four (24) hours

c. Competitions/Legal shall present a documented and legal opinion on the matter to the GS Office.

4. Upon exhausting counts 1 – 3, the Office of the General Secretary shall:

a. Officially reject the case if it does not meet the basic requirements for filing

b. If it meets the requirements, the file containing the protest letter, evidence submitted, and Competitions/Legal opinion shall be compiled and submitted to the LFA Grievance and Disciplinary Committee for review and decision making.

5. All protests, complaints, appeals, arbitration & NDRC shall be accompanied by a fee of LRD 40,000. In case the complaining party wins the case, the guilty party will have to refund within ten working days after the ruling.

6. It shall be the responsibility of the LFA Secretariat to serve all parties with a copy of the results electronically through the official email of the parties and/or through fax.



7. Any protest not accompanied by the appropriate protest fee and supporting documents within the stipulated time shall not be entertained.

8. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be based on the Statements and/or evidence filed by the parties. However, if in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee, further evidence is required to assist in the determination of the case, the Disciplinary Committee may take such evidence before the delivery of its decision.

9. Any club dissatisfied or aggrieved by a decision of the Disciplinary Committee of the LFA may appeal against such decision within 24 hours of being notified in writing.

10. Appeals against protest & complaints from the Grievance Committee and Competitions Committee decision shall be:

First Division: One Hundred, Forty Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 40,000.00)

Second Division & Upper Women: Forty Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 40,000.00)

11. Cases before the grievance committee, appeals committee and arbitration committee are to be reviewed and decided within five (5) working days upon receipt.

7.1: Burden of proof

a. The burden of proof regarding protests between clubs' rests on the protesting club.

b. In the case of a protest regarding the use of an unqualified player, the burden of proof shall rest on the protesting club.

Art. 8.0: Complaints

This section is divided into these units below:

- a. Club matches complaint
- b. Match Officials complaint
- c. LFA employee/ECs complaint in relation to the conduct of matches
- d. Club Officials complaint in relation to the conduct of matches
- e. Complaints before the Players' Status Committee
- f. Club Ownership/shareholding complaint

8.1: Club matches complaint

a. All complaints in connection to club matches shall be forwarded in writing directly to the Office of the General Secretary at most thirty (30) days after the incident/match during the league and at most five days after the final league match on the fixture.

For the purpose of time in these Regulations, Sundays and Public holidays shall not be counted.

b. Such complaint shall be accompanied by a fee of Forty Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 40,000.00).

c. Upon receipt of such complaint, the Competitions/Legal Departments shall:

- Verify the submission and other regulatory requirements
- If the requirements were met, the opposing club is asked to send a response to the complaint in not more than twenty-four (24) hours
- Competitions shall provide a documented opinion on the matter and submit to the GS Office

d. Upon exhausting count 8.1c, the Office of the General Secretary shall:

- Officially reject the complaint if it does not meet the basic requirements for filing
- If it meets the requirements, the file containing Complaint letter, evidence submitted, and Competitions/Legal opinion shall be compiled and submitted to the LFA Grievance and Disciplinary Committee for review and decision making.

e. It shall be the responsibility of the LFA Secretariat to serve all parties with a copy of the results electronically through the official email of the parties.

f. Any complaint not accompanied by the appropriate fee and supporting documents within the stipulated time shall not be entertained.

g. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be based on the Statements and/or evidence filed by the parties. However, if in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee, further evidence is required to assist in the determination of the case, the Disciplinary Committee may take such evidence before the delivery of its decision.



h. Any club dissatisfied or aggrieved by a decision of the Disciplinary Committee of the LFA may appeal against such decision within 24 hours of being notified in writing.

i. Appeals related to Club matches complaint against the Grievance and Disciplinary Committee decision shall pay a fee of Forty Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 40,000.00).

8.2: Match Officials complaint

a. All complaints relative to Match Officials shall be forwarded in writing along with pieces of evidence directly to the Office of the General Secretary of the LFA.

b. Such complaint shall be accompanied by NO fee.

c. Upon receipt of such complaint, the Referees Department/ Committee shall be contacted to review the case make recommendation/s through her findings to the General Secretary.

d. Upon receiving the Referee Committee's recommendation, the General Secretary shall do a cover letter accepting or rejecting the recommendations.

8.3: LFA employee/Ex-Com complaint in relation to the conduct of matches

a. All complaints relative to 8.3 shall be addressed to the General Secretary of the LFA.

b. Such complaint shall be accompanied by NO fee.

c. Upon receipt of such complaint, the HR and Legal Offices shall be contacted to review the case make recommendation/s through their findings to the General Secretary.

d. Upon receiving said recommendation(s), the General Secretary shall do a cover letter accepting or rejecting the recommendations.



8.4: Club Officials complaint in relation to the conduct of matches

- a. All complaints relative to 8.4 shall be addressed to the Competitions Department of the LFA.
- b. Such complaint shall be accompanied by NO fee.
- c. Upon receipt of such complaint, the Department shall review the case and the conduct session of these regulations in order to make recommendation/s through her findings to the General Secretary.
- d. Upon receiving said recommendation(s), the General Secretary shall do a cover letter accepting or rejecting the recommendations.

8.5: Complaints before the Players' Status Committee

- a. All complaints relative to 8.5 shall be addressed firstly to the Competitions Department.
- b. Such complaint shall be accompanied by a fee of LRD 30,000.
- c. Upon receipt of such complaint, the Department shall review the case and determine if it is worthy to be filed before the Committee; consistent with these regulations.
- d. Upon reviewing said case details, the Department shall officially communicate its findings to the office of the General Secretary.

8.6: Club Ownership/Shareholding Complaint

- a. All complaints relative to 8.6 shall be forwarded in writing directly to the Office of the General Secretary
- b. Such complaint shall be accompanied by a fee of One Hundred, Fifty Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 150,000.00).
- c. Upon receipt of such complaint, the Legal Committee shall immediately begin to review the case and submit findings to the General Secretary
- d. It shall be the responsibility of the LFA Secretariat to serve all parties with a copy of the results electronically through the official email of the parties and/or through fax.
- e. Any complaint not accompanied by the appropriate fee and supporting documents within the stipulated time shall not be entertained.
- f. The decision of the Legal Committee shall be based on the

Statements and/or evidence filed by the parties. However, if in the opinion of the Legal Committee, further evidence is required to assist in the determination of the case, the Legal Committee may take such evidence before the delivery of its decision.

The aggrieved party may seek the next legal remedy.

Art. 9.0: Appeals, Arbitration and National Dispute Resolution Council

i). Individual appeals from Referees, Club Officials, Players against decisions taken by the Referee Committee, Regulatory measure or the LFA Disciplinary Committee, can be appealed by officially writing to the office of the General Secretary at most seventy-two hours (72hrs) upon receipt of said decision.

ii). The appeal fee for count "i" shall be accompanied by a fee of LRD 10,000

iii). Clubs or other institutions not satisfied with the Disciplinary Committee's decision can take an appeal by officially writing to the office of the General Secretary at most twenty-four hours (24hrs) upon receipt of said decision.

iv). Appeal fee is LRD 40,000.00

v). Any party dissatisfied by the decision of Appeals Committee may seek redress at the level of the Board of Arbitration within twenty-four (24) hours of being notified in writing.

vi). Arbitration communication shall be accompanied by a fee of Forty Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 40,000.00).

vii). Individuals or institutions that have exhausted all of the judicial bodies under the scope of the LFA and still feel dissatisfied about the decisions reached, may seek further redress through the National Dispute & Reconciliation Council (NDRC).

Said communication MUST be officially written to the office of the General Secretary at most twenty-four (24hrs) hours upon receipt of said decision.

viii). Fee for cases brought before the NDRC is charged LRD 40,000.00

ix). Besides the level of the Grievance/Disciplinary Committee, case(s) won at all other judicial levels shall see the victor being re-imbursed (if they are the complainant) their same amount used to file.

Art. 9.1: Doping

Doping is strictly prohibited. The use of doping substances shall be severely punished and the LFA shall have the right to carry out anti-doping control/tests at any time, before, during recess and after a match and those found positive shall be penalized depending on the severity of the situation in accordance with FIFA's anti-doping regulations.

In the case of an anti-doping rule violation, it rests upon the violator(s) to produce the proof required to reduce a sanction. For sanctions to be reduced, the violator(s) must also prove how the prohibited substance entered his/her body.

Art. 10.0: Game change request

In order to have a game changed as per the approved fixture, the following conditions MUST exist;

- a. A national event is held at the game venue and on the same day
- b. The Senior National team or one of the National teams is/are playing on the same day
- c. A club has contributed five players or two of her registered goalkeepers to any of the national teams
- d. By a written communication from the office of the General Secretary stating reason(s) for such.
- e. By proclamation from the Executive Committee through the President's office.

Art. 10.1: Continental/Regional Football Representation

a. At the end of the league season, Liberia shall have representatives participating in Competitions sanctioned by CAF or its recognized bodies. These competitions and their Liberian representatives are summarized in the chat below:

NO.	COMPETITION	LIBERIA REPRESENTATIVE
1.	CAF Champions League	First Division Champions
2.	CAF Confederation Cup	Orange Cup Champions (male)
3.	Women's Champions League	Upper Women's Division Champions
4.	WAFU Club Competition	First Division Second Placed Team
5.	Other Competitions	To be decided by the Executive Committee

b. In the event where a club wins both the league and the Orange Cup, the club that ended second in the Orange Cup shall take the Confederations Cup slot.

c. In the event where the second placed club in the league is also the second placed club in Orange Cup, said club shall occupy the Confederations Cup slot and the club third on the league table shall represent Liberia at the WAFU Club Competition.

Art. 10.2 Withdrawal of clubs from competitions/matches

a. A club shall be liable for withdrawal if it fails to complete the Club licensing and registration processes.

b. Any club intending to withdraw from any competition must give notice of its intention to the LFA not later than twenty (20) days before the commencement of the Season. Should a club fail to comply with this Regulation, the Association shall have the power to compel such offending club to refund any expenses incurred and take such further action as it may deem fit in football.

c. Without prejudice to any provision in these Regulations, the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to take appropriate disciplinary decisions, including but not limited to an imposition of a ban or a demotion, against any club which withdraws from a competition without just cause and may also, barred officials of the club from taking part in football activities for a specified period.

d. A club failing to play at a given season shall constitute withdrawal and said club shall be automatically relegated to the next level as per the LFA's league structure.

e. If a club withdraws from the league after it has started, all points and goals obtained from matches played prior to withdrawal shall be subtracted.

f. A club that fails to honor three league matches (be it in sequence or not) shall be automatically relegated to next level as per the LFA's league's structure.

g. Any club failing to appear for a match (League or Cup), said club shall be fined One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 150,000.00). Said fine MUST be paid before the club's next LFA authorized fixture (be it league or Cup). The club's failure to pay such fine shall lead to her immediate relegation to the next level under the scope of the LFA.

Art. 11.0 Clubs Promotion and Relegation

1. The League shall be open to a maximum number of clubs according to the LFA distribution. All Clubs shall be incorporated as companies limited by either shares or guarantee and licensed in accordance with the LFA Club Licensing Regulations.

2. At the end of the league season, the last three clubs on the table shall be relegated to Second Division, Third Division or Women's Lower league depending on the club's league.

1. There shall be no promotion in the first division and the Upper Women's league. However, the bottom three clubs shall be relegated to second division and Women's lower league respectively.

2. The first three clubs in the second division shall obtain automatic promotion to first division and replace the 3 relegated clubs from the first division.

3. The first three clubs from the National Third Division Playoffs shall obtain automatic promotion to Second Division and replace the three (3) relegated clubs from second division.

4. The first three clubs from the Women's Lower league playoff shall obtain automatic promotion to the Upper Women's Division and replace the 3 relegated clubs in the Upper Women's division.

Note: Feeder clubs cannot obtain promotion but can be relegated. If a feeder club is in a qualification spot, the next club in line shall occupy the promotional slot.

3. There shall be first and second phases of the League on Home and Away basis.

The club which has scored the highest number of points at the end of the league shall be declared the champion. If two or more teams obtain the same number of points at the end of the competition, their ranking shall be determined as follows and in the stated order:

- a. Goal difference per club
- b. Greater number of goals scored (for) per club
- c. Greater number of goals conceded (against) per club
- d. Head-to-head involving the teams concerned
- e. Fair play (caution and expulsion statistics)

f. Playoff (one leg) shall be played amongst the clubs concerned

The league table at the end of every round shall be constructed on the counts labeled a-f above.

4. The LFA shall present trophy to the league Champion. The club shall be responsible for the upkeep and return of the trophy to the LFA not more than six (6) rounds of matches to the end of the season.

5. Any form of damage to the Trophy shall attract re-purchase by the club concerned.

6. The National League Cup shall always remain the property of the LFA. However, a replica cup may be provided to the winning club upon return of the official trophy to the LFA.

7. The provision on the determination of the Champion of the league applies to qualification to Continental Clubs Competitions and relegation thereof.

8. There shall be first and second phases of the League on Home and Away basis.

Art 12.0 Match Fixing

Whenever the LFA or its Disciplinary Committee/ethics or the football integrity division establishes that match fixing match or match of convenience has taken place between clubs or their designate, the Committee shall impose any of the following sanctions on the club/s, official/s, or player/s involved in the arrangement, preparation and/or playing of the fixed match:

(i) A deduction of twenty points (20pts) and fifteen goals from the involved club/s.

(ii) A fine of Four Hundred Thousand LRD 400,000.00 Liberian Dollars by party to be paid in ten days upon receipt of the communication. Failure to meet the payment timeline shall result to automatic relegation.

(iii) A suspension from all Football activities valid for sixteen months for any actor (Player or Official).



Art 13.0 Match Officials Assignment

13.1. Match Officials Assignment

a. In a given match, there shall be people assigned to oversee a match.

The Officials shall be:

General Coordinator (for tournaments)

Match Commissioner

Referee

Assistant Referee-1

Assistant Referee-2

Reserve Referee

Referee Assessor

b. The Referee and Match Commissioner leadership shall submit assignment through email to Competitions Department and copy Compliance and Office of the Deputy Secretary at least three days before said match is due.

c. The Competitions Department shall review the assignment in connection to the assignee reporting history, registration status, etc. and submit to both Compliance and LIFRA or the Commissioner General.

d. Based on the Competitions Department recommendation and other available facts, the Compliance/Integrity Officer shall recommend a decision.

e. Any change in the approved assignment has to be communicated again through email to all parties.

f. Failure of LIFRA/Commissioner General to submit the assignment as required.



CHAPTER 4

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2. A Club official, Player, LFA Official or member of a club who:

(a) A club official, player, LFA official or member of a club who (a) interferes with the progress of a match shall be handled as follows:

If the interference stops the match momentarily: 4 matches suspension + 10,000 fine

If the interference stops the match from continuing as scheduled: 3 months' ban

If the interference results to violence: 14 months ban from entering all LFA facilities

(b) Incites players against other players or match officials because of their decisions or encourages an unhealthy demonstration in whatever form; commits an offense shall be fined sixty thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 60,000) and suspended from attending the club next eight round of matches under the jurisdiction of the LFA.

The LFA Disciplinary Committee could impose further punishment based of the severity of the offense.

3. A Match official who:

(a) Assault(s) a player(s) within the course of a match shall be liable to a fine of forty thousand (LRD 40,000) minimum and suspended from all LFA activities for the period of one year.

The LFA Disciplinary Committee may impose further punishment based of the severity of the situation.

(b) Makes a decision (performance related) during the course of a match that influences the result/outcome of said match, said match official shall be forwarded to Referee Committee for investigation and decision.

The LFA Disciplinary Committee could impose further punishment based on the severity of the offense.

Clubs who refuse to use the official or authorized entry points designated by the LFA to the stadium or the playing area, shall be fined a minimum of LRD 200,000 payable before the club's immediate next match. Failure to pay said fine, the club may be relegated to the next division.

A club official, match official, player or member of a club who instigates or create a scene in whatever form during or after a match shall be

that leads to violence shall be investigated and may be suspended from entering all LFA facilities for a minimum of six months as per the disciplinary committee review.

4. A Player or Club official who:

(a) Assaults a Match Official shall be suspended from participating in LFA Organized Football activities for a period of twelve months (if it is a player) and fourteen months (if it is a Club Official).

The LFA Disciplinary Committee may impose further punishment based on the severity of the situation.

(b) Insults a Match Official shall be suspended from participating in LFA Organized Football activities for a period of three months (if it is a player) and five months (if it is a Club Official).

The LFA Disciplinary Committee may impose further punishment based on the severity of the situation.

5. (a) The sprinkling of water, powder or other concoctions in liquid or solid form in or around the field of play, including the holding room, is forbidden and shall be punishable by a fine of One Hundred Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 20,000.00) which shall be paid in 4 days upon receipt of the official communication.

(b) Throwing of sachet water, plastic bottles and other objects onto the field of play by a club spectator shall attract a fine of One Hundred Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 20,000.00) at first offense and a ban from all LFA match venues for further offenses. Said payment is marred against the club.

6. The LFA shall hold clubs responsible for the misconduct of their officials, supporters, fans before, during and after a match.

7. In case a group of people are involved in violence, and it is not possible to identify the instigator(s), the Disciplinary Committee will sanction the club's Team Manager, Captain and the club to which the aggressors belong. The person sanctioned may enjoy a reprieve if he furnishes the Disciplinary Committee with the truth in its totality.

8. a). An official of a club, a player, Referee, Assistant Referee, Assessor or Match Commissioner who publicly disparages, discriminates against another person or participant in football on account of duty race, color, language, religion or ethnic origin shall be suspended and forwarded to the respective judicial body (disciplinary committee, ethics committee) for further punishment if deemed necessary.

b). An official of a club, a player, Referee, Assistant Referee, Assessor or Match Commissioner who uses social media platforms, television, radio or newspaper to spill falsehood about match officials or members of the LFA without proof shall be subjected to the Disciplinary Committee for investigation. If guilty, he/she shall pay a fine of LRD 50,000 and the GDC may render further punishment if deemed necessary.

c). An official of a club, a player, Referee, Match Commissioner and other official who accuses other persons of match fixing or match manipulation on social media platforms, television, radio or newspaper without providing evidence shall be suspended for a period not less than two years (2yrs). The Disciplinary Committee shall render further punishment based on the severity of the situation.

d). An official of a club, a player, Referee, Match Commissioner and other official who provides or receive a bribe to influence the decision of a match(es) or any activities of the LFA shall be sanctioned for a period not less than two years (2yrs). The Disciplinary Committee shall render further punishment based on the severity of the situation.

e). If an official of the LFA accuses other member(s) of club(s) or match officials of an act of corruption and theft without evidence he/she shall be suspended for a period not less than two years (2yrs). The Disciplinary or ethics Committee may render further punishment based on the severity of the situation.

9. Anyone who during football related activities forges a document or falsifies an authentic document to deceive in legal relations will be ban for a period of one year.

10. Anyone who conspires to distort the result of a match in a manner incompatible with sporting ethics will be sanctioned with a minimum of One Hundred Thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD 100,000.00) fine.

Art 2.0 Caution/Expulsion

2.1: Cautions (League)

a. Player/s receiving three cautions in total from separate league matches shall miss their immediate next match after the third caution.

b. All three cautions shall be paid for in one set per player upon receiving the third.

The cost per caution is LRD 750

c. Club Technical Officials receiving caution in any match shall pay LRD 1,500

d. All caution fines must be paid prior to the club's immediate next match. If the fine is not paid and said Player/Official is fielded in the next match, the Player shall be illegal and points/goals accumulated in said match (es) shall be expunged.

2.2: Cautions (Cup Competitions)

a. Player/s receiving two cautions in total from separate matches within the same Cup Competition shall miss their immediate next match after the second caution.

b. All two cautions shall be paid for in one set per player upon receiving the second.

The cost per caution is LRD 750

c. Club Technical Officials receiving caution in any match shall pay LRD 1,500

d. All caution fines must be paid prior to the club's immediate next match. If the fine is not paid and said Player/Official is fielded in the next match, the Player shall be illegal and points/goals accumulated in said match (es) shall be expunged.

2.3: Expulsions (League)

a. Player/s being expelled from a match shall miss their immediate next match or more matches based on the nature of the card as reported by the Referee.

b. Club Technical Officials being expelled in any match shall cost LRD 3,000

c. Player's expulsion cost shall vary as follows:

- Double yellow (in the same match): LRD 1,200
- Serious Foul Play (Direct Red): LRD 2,000.00
- Violent Conduct (Direct Red): LRD 3,000.00 and the LFA has the right to impose further punishment depending on the severity of the offense
- Spitting on an opponent, Referee or spectator(s): LRD 20,000 and eight (8) months of suspension from all LFA activities
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures: LRD 1,000.00
- Physical attack of the match officials: 1 year ban.
- Club Technical Officials, who are shown Red cards by the Referee, shall be suspended for three league matches. Said Official shall not be permitted to access the perimeter or be seen giving technical instructions during the course of his/her suspension. When he/she violates this article, the three matches suspension shall be increased to ten matches.

2.4: Expulsions (Cup Competitions)

a. Player/s being expelled from a match shall miss their immediate next match or more matches based on the nature of the card as reported by the Referee.

Double yellow in the same match: One match suspension

Direct Red card: Two matches suspension

b. Club Technical Officials being expelled in any match shall cost LRD 3,000

c. Player's expulsion cost shall vary as follows:

- Double yellow in the same match: LRD 1,200
- Serious Foul Play (Direct Red): LRD 2,000.00
- Violent conduct (Direct Red): LRD 3,000.00
- Spitting on an opponent, Referee or spectator(s): LRD 20,000 and eight (8) months of suspension from all LFA activities
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures: LRD 1,000.00
- Physical attack of the match officials: 1 year ban.
- Club Officials, who shall be shown the red card for, using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and or gestures, false accusation, shall be fined LRD 3,000 and handed four matches banned minimum.

4.0. Any expulsion that occurs resulting to the interruption of a match or abandonment before the end of regular time, the results shall be maintained while the LFA investigates and render a decision in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

4.1. Club Technical Officials, who are shown Red cards by the Referee, shall be suspended for three league matches. Said Official shall not be permitted to access the perimeter or be seen giving technical instructions during the course of his/her suspension. When he/she violates this article, the three matches suspension shall be increased to ten matches.

4.2. When a Player is transferred or the official moves to a new club during the course of a season, his/her caution or expulsion record follows to the new club.

4.3. All clubs shall be responsible for her statistics and the consequences attached thereto.

4.0 Affiliated Associations

1. This section refers to football institutions that are not directly under the LFA's jurisdiction but they have subscribed to the activities of the LFA and the LFA in turn provides them technical, material and other forms of assistance. They are also official members of Congress



LFA Affiliates are:

- Liberia Football Referees Association (LIFRA)
- Liberia Football Coaches Association (LIFOCA)
- Liberia Old-timers National Association (LONA)
- Beach Soccer Association
- Academicals/Inter Schools Sports Association (ISSA)
- Bankers Association of Liberia (BASAAL)

2. No match shall be played nor shall a Competition be organized by an Affiliate of the LFA without the payment of appropriate fees and a sanction notification from the office of the GS.

3. A club wishing to play against another National Association club shall inform the LFA through writing, seven (7) days before the match.



CHAPTER 5

SAFEGUARDING

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Art 1.0: Safeguarding in this context is a policy that seeks to protect the welfare and well-being of children, young people, and vulnerable adults involved with the LFA leagues and our overall organization. This article outlines our commitment to safeguard and set out guidelines for identifying, preventing, and responding to concerns regarding these issues.

Art 1.1: The Liberia Football Association acknowledges that safeguarding is a primary responsibility and priority in all football activities. We value the rights and well-being of all individuals and we are committed to ensuring that they can participate in football activities in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Art 1.2: As the Football Association, compliance is key to ensuring safeguarding guidelines, including but not limited to child protection, anti-discrimination, data protection, etc.

Art 1.3: Staff and/or Volunteers

a). These regulations shall cover both LFA officials (elected and/or appointed) and club related officials (Administrative and/or Technical) and other roles that are not specified herein but are involved in football activities, including coaches, administrators, and medical personnel, shall have a responsibility to adhere to these safeguarding regulations.

b). It is a violation for Staff and/or Volunteer as captured in article 1.3a immediately above to discriminate against people; primarily because of age, gender, disability, name, religious beliefs, nationality, ethnicity or race, language, or physique.

c). Where it is established that a part or all counts of article 1.3b have been violated, the violator(s) shall be punished as follows: Administrators (be it from a club or the LFA): One calendar year suspension from all LFA activities Technical Staffs (be it from a club or any of the National Teams): One calendar year suspension from all LFA activities Player(s): Eight months suspension from all LFA activities.

d). Repetition of such violation as stipulated in article 1.3 a-c shall lead to expulsion



CHAPTER 6: REGULATORY MATTERS

Art. 1: Merger & changing of nomenclature

1.1 In order to form merger, all parties (clubs) are to jointly submit to the LFA Club Licensing Department the below listed documents and a payment of LRD 500,000.00 into the LFA's Account:

- a. A notarized copy of the merger agreement signed by both parties
- b. A notarized copy of the Board Resolution from the original party (club)
- c. A notarized letter of authorization & introduction of club Administrators

1.2 Change of nomenclature/merger shall bear no cost. This process cannot be done during the course of the season. However, it shall absorb these formalities:

- a. Change at most, thirty days to the start of the club licensing submission
- b. Publish in at least 3 newspapers
- c. Club shall bear the printing cost of her logo.

Art. 2: Regulatory matters

2.1: The LFA shall serve as Head of Delegation (HoD) for all football related trips outside of Liberia authorized by her. The HoD shall be a single individual appointed by the LFA but with all expense taking care of by the club.

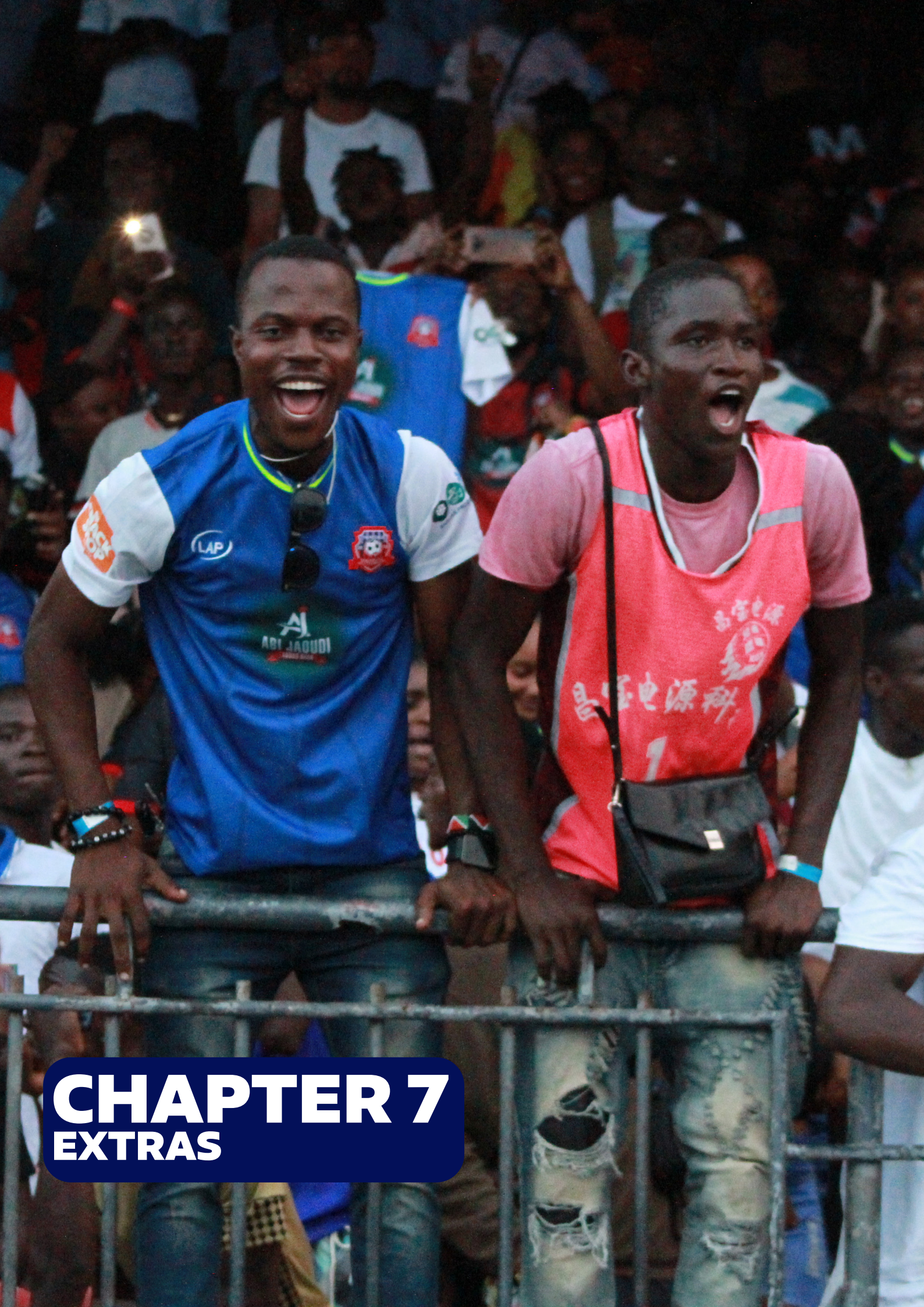
2.2: This component of the Rules and Regulations point to situations that are to be addressed by the relevant Department or Committees at first hand and if need be, refer to the Disciplinary Committee for further review/ action(s).



Regulatory matters and their regulators are reflected in the summary chart below:

NO.	Regulatory Matter	Regulator
1.	Club's eligibility	Club Licensing Department
2.	Registration (All Forms)	Competitions Department
3.	Leagues Composition, Format & Fixtures	Competitions Department
4.	Match Coordination (All forms)	Competitions Department
5	Safeguarding policy implementation	LFA Safeguarding Officers
6	Awards, Gate proceeds & Fine collection	Finance Department
7	Referees (Conduct & Performance)	Referees Committee / Department
8	Players Status	Player Status Committee
9	Protest, Complaint, Appeal	Grievance & Disciplinary Committee
10	Report default (Referees & Commissioner)	Competitions Department
11	Conduct (Players & Team Officials)	Assigned Match Officials
12	Coaches License verification	Technical Department
13	Coaches License approval	Technical Department
14	Match Commissioners control	Commissioner General
16	Rules & Regulations Interpretation	Legal Department

Note: decision(s) from all regulators are to remain within the confines of this document and channeled through the office of the General Secretary before being released to the party (ies) concerned.



CHAPTER 7
EXTRAS



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Art: 1.0 Gate proceeds

1. The home team(s) shall be responsible for the gates on match day. This responsibility includes but is not limited to;

- a. Production of match day tickets
- b. Match publicity
- c. Mending of entry points

2. Additionally, the club(s) shall be responsible to cater to basic duties attached to match coordination. These duties entails;

- a. Gate keepers
- b. Ticket sellers

3. Disbursement of gate proceeds shall be distributed as follows:

- I. Home Team(s) 70%
- II. LFA 30% (the LFA shall handle stadium maintenance, stewards & ball retrievers)

3a. In case where there are more than one game at the venue, all of the home teams shall decide the distribution matrix of proceeds generated.

Note: This provision (3a) applies to club(s) using the LFA venue.

3b. Clubs playing outside of LFA venues shall report 15% of proceeds generated per match day; available/deposited into the LFA's account.

3c. Clubs shall pay into government's covers (tax) per match played. Failure to pay said tax, the club shall be sanctioned by deducting all funds due government from whatever funds the LFA has.

4. All clubs are to submit to the LFA Finance Department her both LRD and USD Accounts detail for the purpose of monetary transaction from the LFA.

Art. 2.2 Intermediary license

Section 1.1

Individuals/institutions desirous of representing players as intermediaries are to apply online via the FIFA Platform and go through the laid down FIFA Agent Regulation (FAR) procedures before being accepted by the LFA. Primarily, s/he must have passed the FIFA Agent Examination.

Section .1.2: Eligibility criteria

An applicant must satisfy these eligibility requirements:

- a). at the time of their application, in order to take the exam; and
- b). at all times after obtaining a license, in accordance with article 17 of the FIFA Agents Regulation

An applicant for Intermediary license must:

- a). upon submitting their license application (and subsequently thereafter, including after being granted license):
 - i. has made no false or misleading or incomplete statements in their application
 - ii. Never have been convicted of a criminal charge regarding matters related to: organized crime, drug trafficking, corruption, bribery, money laundering, tax evasion fraud, match manipulation, misappropriation of funds, conversion, breach of fiduciary duty, forgery, legal malpractice, sexual abuse, violent crimes, harassment, exploitation or child or vulnerable young adult trafficking
 - iii. Never have been the subject of a suspension, disqualification or striking off by any regulatory authority or sport's governing body for failure to comply with rules relating to ethics and professional conduct
 - iv. Not be an official or employee of FIFA, a Confederation, a Member Association, a league, a club, a body that represents the interest of clubs or leagues or any organization connected directly or indirectly with such organizations and entities; the only exception is where an applicant has been appointed by a body of FIFA, a confederation or member association in the capacity of representing the interest of Football Agents;

- v. Not hold, or their agency must not hold, any interest in a club, Academy or league
- b). in the twenty-four months before the submission of a license application, never have been found performing Football Agent Services without the required license;
- c). in the five years before the submission of a license application (and subsequently thereafter, including after being granted license):
 - i. not have held any interest in any entity, company or organization that brokers, arranges or conducts sports betting activities whereby a wager is placed on the outcome of a sporting event in order to win money

Note:

The FIFA General Secretariat is responsible for investigating compliance with the eligibility requirements

2.3 Attendance of Qualified Medical Personnel

- a. It is mandatory that all clubs have qualified medical practitioners in attendance at every LFA authorized games throughout the course of the season. The absence of a medical team at any match for a given club shall lead to the club being fined LRD 5,000 per match.
- b. Clubs shall ensure that their medical officers keep detailed up to date medical records on all players. At any time during the season, the LFA can conduct anti-doping test from players randomly selected from clubs playing in the leagues. Players resulting positive shall face one year suspension minimum.
- c. When a player is about to be transferred, the transferor club have to make such records available to the medical officer of the signing club based upon an official request.
- d. The LFA shall keep an emergency vehicle or an ambulance and a crew on standby at match venues.

2.4 Ownership, Commercial & Media Rights of the League

- 1. The ownership, organization, control and management of the league and any rights associated with it of any nature shall be vested entirely and exclusively in LFA.
- 2. In relation to each match in the league, the LFA shall itself be exclusively entitled to, or otherwise, to authorize or grant to others, rights of access to and attendance at the ground of the Home Club ("Access Rights") for the purposes of transmitting or filming or

otherwise recording on or by any media, any audio and/or visual material depicting or describing all or any part or parts of a match (the "Copyright Materials").

3. In relation to each match, the LFA shall itself be exclusively entitled throughout the world, to grant or otherwise, authorize others to grant the right:

(a) on a live, delayed, recorded or highlighted basis to broadcast or otherwise, transmit by any method whatsoever (now known or hereinafter devised) the Copyright Materials by way of any and all forms of television or similar technology (now known or hereinafter devised) including, without limitation, free to air television, pay television, pay per view, "not-video-on-demand" internet or other on-line media and "video-on-demand" (the "Television Rights").

(b) on a live or delayed basis to broadcast or to otherwise transmit the Copyright Materials (or audio) by way of radio broadcast or internet, or other on-line media or similar technology (now known or hereinafter devised) (the "Radio Rights").

4. All members (clubs) registered under the LFA are obliged to register the minimum of one media personnel through which the LFA shall relate to for all media matters concerning said club.

5. Media personnel's registration shall be done through the LFA Connect as other regular staffs paid for in same manner.

6. In order to complete such registration, these media personnel will be required to sign up the Media Code of Ethics.

7. The license (card) issued said person(s) shall serve as their access pass to LFA match venues and other LFA programs.

8. Private media institutions/individuals will have to go through a formal application and registration process designed by the LFA Media Department before being issued access pass to function for the season.

2.5 Club ownership

It shall be unlawful for any commercial enterprise, (including holding and subsidiary companies), private person, or any other legal entity to have the controlling interest, share, partnership in more than one club in the same league. If such situation exists, one of the clubs shall lose her legitimacy by automatic relegation to the next level without advance notice to the club.

2.6 Betting

1. No participant of a league match or the league, including but not limited to players, club officials, LFA officials, match officials, ball boys, or clubs, shall be involved in any form of betting or lottery in relation to the league whatsoever.

2. Any participant of the league who violates clause one (1) above shall be banned for a least one (1) year and in addition, be liable to a fine of at least Fifty Thousand Liberia Liberian Dollars (LRD 50,000.00).



Art 3. The LFA Awards

3.1 With the inaugural event held in 2019, the LFA Awards is an annual star-studded event that celebrates excellence across the National leagues both on and off the pitch. It is primarily held to honor players, coaches, and clubs for their performance during the course of a season but through different categories.

3.2 This event is managed by an independent committee of professionals (The Awards Committee) and supported by the stats from across the leagues.

3.3 Categories, nomination specifics and winner determinant

3.3.1 Clubs' category

a. Fair Play Team Award (Men and Women)

Nomination specific: Not applicable

Winner determinant:

- The winner of this award per category shall be based on the club's statistics; specifically, the number yellow and red cards received during the course of a season.
- If two or more clubs are tie on caution or expulsion, both clubs' fine records (any fine with respect to violating the rules) shall be used and the club with the least number of occasions of being fined shall be declared winner.

3.3.2 Individual categories

a. Best Referee (Men & Women)

Nomination specific: From the Referee Assessor report submitted through the CMS per match, the LFA Statistician shall generate the top three (3) candidates per category and submit to the Referee Committee. The committee shall now decide the winner of the categories

b. Best Coach (First, Second & Women)

Nomination specific: From the league's statistics generated through the CMS per match, the Coaches Association shall submit a list of at most three (3) candidates per category and submit to the Technical Development Committee in order to determine the category winner.



c. Best Goalkeeper (First, Second & Women)

Nomination specific: From the league’s statistics generated through the CMS per match, the Competitions Department shall submit a list of at most three (3) candidates per category and submit to the Awards Committee.

Winner determinant:

- The winner of this award per category shall be based on these counts and in this order:
 - The number of clean sheets a candidate got during the course of the season
 - The number of minutes played during the course of the season
 - Caution/expulsion or other sanction received during the course of the season.

d. Best Defender (First, Second & Women)

Nomination specific: From the league’s statistics with emphasis on minutes played, the LFA shall submit a list of at most five (5) candidates per category and submit to the Awards Committee for the online voting process.

Winner determinant:

- The winner of this award per category shall be based on the number of votes accumulated as per the below stated order:

Coaches 40%

Captains40%

Accredited Sports Journalist 20%

Note: Votes for Coaches and Captains are restricted to their category of involvement. Meaning a first division coach can only vote in first division categories and vice versa.

e. Best Young Player (Men & Women)

Nomination specific: From the league’s statistics with emphasis on minutes played, goals scored, caution & expulsion, the LFA shall submit a list of at most five (5) candidates per category and submit to the Awards Committee for the online voting process.



Winner determinant:

- The winner of this award per category shall be based on the number of votes accumulated as per the below stated order:

- Coaches 40%
- Captains40%
- Accredited Sports Journalist 20%

Note: Votes for Coaches and Captains are restricted to their category of involvement

f. Best Foreign Player (Men & Women)

Nomination specific: From the league’s statistics with emphasis on minutes played, trophy (ies) won, goals scored, caution & expulsion, the Competitions Department shall submit a list of at most five (5) candidates per category and submit to the Awards Committee.

Winner Determinant:

- The winner of this award per category shall be based on the number of votes accumulated as per the below stated order:

- Coaches 40%
- Captains40%
- Accredited Sports Journalist 20%

Note: Votes for Coaches and Captains are restricted to their category of involvement

g. Highest Goal Scorer (First, Second & Women)

The winner of this award per category shall be based on the league statistics with respect to highest number of goals scored.

In case of a tie, the accolade will be shared by both candidates.

h. Best Player/MVP (Men & Women)

A tally of coaches, captains and accredited journalist’s votes shall constitute the nomination in both categories. These nominees shall be submitted to the Technical Development Committee whilst the votes channeled through an online platform.



Nomination process:

- a. Coaches: On each match day, the coach of each club shall select his/her best player from the opposing team and submit to the match commissioner. At the end of the season, the different submissions would be tallied for final nomination.
- b. Captains & accredited journalists: this vote category shall be generated through an online submission regulated by the auditors.

i. Liberian Player of the Year (Men & Women)

Nomination specific: From the league’s statistics with emphasis on minutes played, trophy (ies) won, goals scored, caution & expulsion, the Competitions Department shall submit a list of at most five (5) candidates per category and submit to the Awards Committee.

Winner determinant:

- The winner of this award per category shall be based on the number of votes accumulated:

Public 100%

3.3.3 Off the pitch categories

- a. Journalist of the year (Electronic)
- b. Journalist of the year (Print)
- c. Journalist of the year (social media)

Journalist of the year award shall be handed down on the basis of entries submitted by journalists to the Awards Committee. These entries shall be reviewed by a panel of journalists from the Press Union of Liberia (PUL) and they shall determine the winner for each category.

Art 4. Bribery

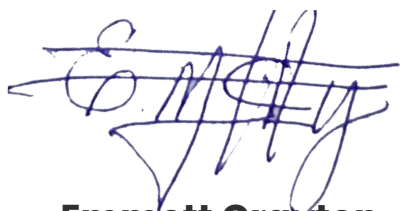
This section primarily exists in order to checkmate the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting any item of value to influence the action, decision or performance of a player, technical official, match official or an administrator in charge of a match or other duty to incline said person or group of people to incline contrary to their line of duty and the rules of both honesty and integrity.

After the Disciplinary Committee's review, individuals guilty of being involved with acts of bribery (the giver, receiver and/or mediator) shall face two (2) years ban minimum as punishment for his/her/their involvement.

Adoption and Enforcement

These Regulations have been adopted by the LFA Executive Committee on 21 September, 2024 and it comes into force immediately.

The LFA General Regulations in force before the coming into force of these Regulations is hereby repealed.



Emmett Crayton

GENERAL SECRETARY/CEO