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To: All Member Associations
Executive Members
Referees Committees
Participating Teams

Dear Sir,

Circular 1: General information for the 2021 VFF National League Championship

VFF is pleased to bring you the following information regarding the above competition.

1. Official Entry Form

We enclose the official entry form to completed and returned to the VFF Secretariat by 11th of January 2021.

2. Competition Groups

In accordance with Article 27(b) the Tournament Regulations, the VFF Secretariat forms groups for the Competition by region, and the participants will be

Group A – Group B (Korman Stadium Port Vila Shefa Province)

TEAM PENAMA FA
TEAM LUGANVILLE FA
TEAM PORT VILA FA
TEAM TORBA FA
TEAM MALAMPA FA
TEAM TAFEFA FA
TEAM SHEFA FA
TEAM SANMA FA

3. Team Registration

For the VFF NLC Tournament, each National Association entering the Competition shall send to the VFF General Secretariat a Squad List of no more than 18 Players for the Competition by 08th January 2021.

This list shall show each player's last name, first name, club, date of birth and Passport/National ID number as well as the coach's last name, first name, and Contact. Once the Squad List has been received by the VFF, no player may be replaced or substituted (including goalkeepers) during the entire competition.

Clubs must register at least two (2) goalkeepers in their Squad List of 18 players.

Official Registrations should be sent to: Vanuatu Football Federation, VFF Haos, PO Box 266, Port Vila. Tel: 7782020/7764264 or Fax: 25236 or at competition_batick.shem@gmail.com

4. VFF NLC Tournament Schedule

The draw of the VFF NLC will take place at the VFF Haos, on the 11/01/2021

The Match Schedule for the 2021 VFF NLC Tournament is confirmed as follows:

Group A

Day	Date	Time	Team A	Team B	Venue
Day 1	Mon 25 Jan	12h00	1 G A	2 G A	VFF National Academy Field 1
Day 1	Mon 25 Jan	15h00	3 G A	4 G A	VFF National Academy Field 1
Day 1	Mon 25 Jan	12h00	5 G B	6 G B	VFF National Academy Field 2
Day 1	Mon 25 Jan	15h00	7 G B	8 G B	VFF National Academy Field 2
Day 2	Wed 27 Jan	12h00	2 G A	4 G A	VFF National Academy Field 1
Day 2	Wed 27 Jan	15h00	1 G A	3 G A	VFF National Academy Field 1
Day 2	Wed 27 Jan	12h00	7 G B	5 G B	VFF National Academy Field 2
Day 2	Wed 27 Jan	15h00	8 G B	6 G B	VFF National Academy Field 2
Day 3	Fri 29 Jan	12h00	1 G A	4 G A	VFF National Academy Field 1
Day 3	Fri 29 Jan	15h00	3 G A	2 G A	VFF National Academy Field 1
Day 3	Fri 29 Jan	12h00	6 G B	7 G B	VFF National Academy Field 2
Day 3	Fri 29 Jan	15h00	5 G B	8 G B	VFF National Academy Field 2

Semi Final

Day 4	Date	Time	Team A	Team B	Venue
Day 4	Tue 02 Feb	12h00	Winner Group A	Runner Up Group B	Korman Stadium
Day 4	Tue 02 Feb	15h00	Winner Group B	Runner Up Group A	Korman Stadium

Grand Final

Day	Date	Time	Team A	Team B	Venue
Day 5	Fri 05 Feb	12h00	Runner Up	Runner Up	Korman Stadium
Day 5	Fri 05 Feb	15h00	Winner	Winner	Korman Stadium

7. Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement

In accordance with the regulations, any Association that withdraws before the start of the preliminary competition is liable to a fine of 30,000vatu. Any Association that withdraws after the start of the competition is liable to a fine of VT100, 000.

Any Association that withdraws may be liable for further disciplinary action by the VFF Disciplinary Committee.

10. Player Registrations

There are two stages of player's registration:

- (i) Team Registration to determine squad of 18 players.
- (ii) Match Day Registrations to specify which 18 players from the squad of 18 players are Registered for a specific match day.
- (iii) Start List to identify the starting eleven (11) and seven (7) substitute players.

11. Referees, assistant referees, fourth officials

All match referees, Assistant referees and Fourth Officials will be appointed for each match by the VFF Referees Committee.

12. Team Officials

Each Participating Team entitle to registered three (3) Team Officials. (1 Head Coach, 1 Ass Coach & 1 Team Manager)

13. Eligibility of Players

Article 42 (1) of the Regulations sets out the criteria for the eligibility of players as follows:

- a) all players shall be registered in comet with his Club and having a valid ID in the name of the Club in the Vanuatu Football Federation

VFF Secretariat reserve the right to check through Comet the ID of players listed in the Team Registration

Players with missing documents will not be eligible for registration.

In accordance with Article 13(3) of the regulations states

“Protests regarding the eligibility of players for this Competition shall be submitted in writing to VFF no later than 24 hours before the first Competition match of the team in question.”

1. In principle, each Member Association Team is responsible for submitting a list of Players [“Official Team List”] duly signed to its Member Association for verification, validation, signature and forwarding to VFF during the VFF NLC Football Tournament. These lists must include the name, date of birth, shirt number, VFF name, National ID or Passport and Field played Position of all Players to be fielded in the OFC COMET Participating in the NLC Football Tournament. VFF will impose a fine of for Official Team Lists that do not contain all of the requested information's.

2. Each Club shall ensure the following when naming its team for the VFF NLC Football Tournament

- a. all Players shall be eligible in accordance with the Member Association's own rules and those of VFF, OFC and FIFA, notably the *FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players*;
- b. all Players shall have undergone medical examinations and have been approved for participation in the VFF NLC Football Tournament by the team's medical authority;
- c. a Player registered with one Member Association may only be registered with another Member Association during this period of The NLC Tournament
 - i. once the latter has received the Transfer Certificate from the Member Association that the Player is leaving within only for this VFF NLC Tournament. Once the NLC Tournament is ended the player shall return to its Member Association.

ii. May registered a maximum of 7 players

d. a Player may not play in the VFF NLC Football Tournament for more than one competing Team in the course of the same VFF NLC Football Tournament. A substitute Player who is not fielded is entitled to play for another Team competing in the same VFF NLC Football Tournament provided that he is registered in accordance with the provisions above.

3.VFF shall issue each Player and Official with an Accreditation. Regardless, each Team will receive a maximum of 21 Accreditations [18 for their Players and 3 for their Officials]. The accreditation shall always be available for inspection.

4. Any Team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible Player shall forfeit the match or matches it has played. Victory and the resultant three [3] points will be awarded to the opposing Team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. VFF is the competent body to decide in this regard. Decisions taken by VFF are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

5. The matter is then to be referred to the VFF Disciplinary Committee for appropriate disciplinary action against the Member Association Team.

14. Article 29 Financial provisions for the Local Organizing Committee(LOC)

1. The local organizing Committee shall bear the costs of the following in relation to the VFF NLC Football Tournament;

a. costs related to internal arrangements;

all venue[s] and training site[s] costs;

- the provision of adequate safety and security measures at the venue[s];
- suitable insurance policies to cover all risks relating to the organization of the Championship;
- suitable insurance policies against possible spectator accidents or deaths;
- **doping control [is required]**
- any additional internal costs not outlined above.

b. costs related to the Member Association Teams;

- local transport for the Participating Associations [maximum 21 persons for the duration of the Official Competition Period] specifically;
- return transfers from the shipping or airport;
- return transfers for training sessions [one [1] per day for the duration of the Official Competition Period];
- return transfers for match days.
- at least fifteen [15] complimentary tickets for each of the Participating Associations Teams matches at the Championship;
- at least two [2] tickets in the VIP tribune for each of the Participating Associations Teams matches at the Championship;
- water [minimum 500ml x 2 bottles per Player, per match];
- ice [minimum 5kg] per team, per match.

c. costs related to the Match Officials;

- all internal transport for the VFF Delegation and VFF Match Officials specifically;
- return transfers from the airport/shipping
- return transfers for training sessions [one [1] per day for the Official Competition Period];
- return transfers for match days.
- accommodation and meals [minimum three [3] per day];
- water [minimum 2 liters per match official, per match];
- ice [minimum 5kg] per match.

d. costs related to VFF;

- 15 complimentary tickets for Match Day;
- two [2] tickets in the VIP tribune for Match Day.

2. After the payment of costs detailed above and any additional costs in relation to the VFF NLC Football Tournament any profit thereafter derived shall be held by the organizing Association

Article 30 Financial provisions for the Member Association (MAs)

1. The member Association shall bear the costs and expenses of the following in relation to the VFF NLC Football Tournament Group Stage and VFF NLC Football Tournament Final;

- accommodation and meals for all Delegation Members accommodation [minimum three [3] per day];
- travel costs for all Delegation Members;
- laundry for all Delegation Members in the host Association;
- taxes for all Delegation Members to and from the host association;
- transit costs for all Delegation Members incurred to and from the host association;
- health, accident and travel insurance cover for all Delegation Members;
- incidental costs and expenses incurred by all Delegation Members during the course of their stay in the host Association, and any costs incurred by any persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
- any costs of extending the stay of any Delegation Member, and for any persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
- miscellaneous costs, including but not limited to return transport for additional training sessions or team functions and team-related activities;
- additional water and ice for non-match days;
- any costs for all Delegation Members outside the Official Competition Period.

Yours faithfully



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