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INTRODUCTION

CORPORATE PROFILE

MANDATE

The NSL derives its mandate from its Constitution. The main objectives of the NSL as prescribed in the Constitution are, inter alia:

to promote, organise, control and administer professional football;

to co-ordinate and facilitate the development of professional football;

to foster friendly relations amongst officials, clubs, teams and players of the League;

to promote the interests of the clubs;

to concern itself with matters affecting professional football;

to utilise its funds in the pursuit of its objectives.

VALUES



The NSL consists of two Divisions of clubs, namely the Premier Division and the National First Division, each consisting of sixteen clubs.

MEMBERSHIP

The National Soccer League (NSL) is the only Special Member of the South African Football Association (SAFA) and is the only professional football body recognised by SAFA.



A portrait of a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The image is overlaid with a blue circular graphic and a white diagonal line. The background is a gradient of blue and purple.

“IT IS IN MOMENTS LIKE THESE WHEN MONEY IS TIGHT THAT WE SHOULD NOT CREATE A GAP, OR PROVIDE EXCUSES FOR OUR SPONSORS TO EXIT OR DILUTE THEIR INVOLVEMENT BECAUSE WE FAILED TO HONOUR OR DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS AS PER THE CONTRACTS WE ENTERED WITH THEM.”

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CHAIRMANS ADDRESS NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 NOVEMBER 2018

Recessions have a special place in the economic cycle. They affect both our perceptions and behaviours. Unlike our lackadaisical approach to matters in boom time, recessions force on us scrutiny in every part of our value chain. It forces us to go back and remind ourselves how we achieved our success. It compels us to defend the gains we have made and launch attacks in frontiers we have threatened but never actioned.

Recessions do not only compel us, they force the same out of our partners and competitors. They affect and disrupt the whole value chain. They, as a result, bring about casualties and sometimes extinction to those that cannot defend their case.

We are therefore bound by duty to our survival, in this time of recession, to retrospect with a particular focus to sure-ring up our case, lest we end up as casualties, or heaven forbid extinct.

We have come a long way since 1985. The value on which our business is built is the all-important value of sacrifice. Ours is a puny business, where those that shoulder the burden of ownership take all the risk, yet receive the least of the benefit and spoils, if there are any left. In our roles as employers we guarantee our staff and players' salaries on the same day of the month irrespective of the performance of the club or the employee. In our roles as businesses, we are liable to comply with all the Companies Act requirements. Our high visibility blinds the government, media and the public to the fact that we are Small and Medium Size Enterprises and not conglomerates which get away with less scrutiny in their day to day business operations. Because of the public interest and the following that we command, we are subject to political influence with threats to our rights to the effect that the SABC is currently attempting an unprecedented illegal nationalisation of Football Rights by a state body, abusing a free to air broadcast monopoly provided to it by law.

As if it is not enough that ours is a puny business, the SABC is but one player in our value chain. It is an irrefutable fact, ladies and gentlemen, that unless we are vigilant and steadfast, we will be casualties of the responses of other players in the value chain to this recession.

Members of the Board of Governors, our business is an assembly of owner managed businesses, which is visible to the public as a conglomerate rather than as individual clubs. The fact that most of the clubs are not sponsored and rely on the grant payment from the League and money from selfless owners, which loan money to their clubs with no prospect of repayment is lost to the public.

It is in this recessionary time that we need to pause and ask ourselves the reasons the forbears insisted on a professional league. That we chronicle and analyse every milestone that has contributed to where we are at this moment, as a failure to do so may lead to us missing a step as other players in the value chain seek to erode our gains.

It was in 1985 that Mr Kaizer Motaung and Mr Raymond Hack respectively representing Kaizer Chiefs and Wits University Football Clubs, delivered a letter that set-in motion the professionalisation of football in South Africa. This historic letter was followed by a motion by Mr Lawrence Ngubane, representing Durban Bush Bucks Football Club, duly seconded by Mr Raymond Hack of Wits University Football Club, leading to the formation of the National Soccer League, the NSL.

Once the NSL was formed, the sponsors who welcomed the professionalisation move, pressed us to define in action what had changed. Why did they need to pay more for something that, in their words changed only in name? It is the same sponsors that conceded that the change was way beyond the change in name only. One of the significant early changes was the fixture that was reliable and could be planned on. The word fix in fixture meant exactly that, fixed. Our fixture was not only a fixture in name while being a "move-ture" in practice. An arbitrary schedule that cannot be relied on. This the sponsors and broadcasters welcomed, as they could plan advertising and activations around our reliable fixtures. To sure up the fixture, a major change in how teams travelled around the country needed to change. Air travel and specified accommodation substituted the unsafe and tiresome travel arrangement that were a feature pre-professionalism. This was to be the single biggest cost item financed through grants. The Broadcast Rights, the League Headline Sponsor Naming Rights, the Competitions Naming Rights and their gate takings were structured to fund the financing of the League but mostly pay grants to members. This "Skin in the Game" Funding Model brought accountability and was later followed by the matching governance structures and the creation of the PSL brand.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 NOVEMBER 2018 (CONTINUED)

We are today the largest Event Organiser and Content Developer in South Africa. Being the largest Event Organiser, we are most affected by the SASREA Act, that seeks to regulate safety at sports and recreational events. The promulgation of SASREA was done for once off events, rather than for a fixture and competitions that are staged with the regularity and fluidity that is required by football. We are engaging with the Ministry of Police at the highest level to amend provisions in SASREA to enable the achievement of the requirements of the Act, whilst circumventing the parts that make compliance to the Act cumbersome and expensive.

SASREA is but one of the laws and regulations that we need to comply with, which have been set up as "catch all" laws and regulations with little to no consideration and in-depth knowledge of our industry. We have and continue to address similar challenges with SARS, ICASA, The Competition Commission, Ministry of Sports and Recreation and other State Organs.

As the largest Content Developer of engaging content that gets the country talking day in and day out, we are responsible for the life blood and success of the media and telcos. Besides the loyal following of the matches as they are played through television and radio broadcast, our content is a major source of news in mainstream and social media. There is therefore political interest in our content because of the public interest it commands. The government is heavily lobbied to make our content available to groups that play no role in financing its creation for secondary and tertiary use for profit. As I have stated earlier, we do not have latitude for being less vigilant, lest we fall prey to those that use laudable and politically correct rhetoric to justify backdoor nationalisation or rogue hijacking of our content.

The merits of "The Skin in the Game" Members Running their Affairs approach has brought about changes, some painful, that have enhanced our Professional Model to one of the best in the world. The founding documents, structures, their functioning and most of all our continuous appraisal, ensures we are not professional by name only. Our Club Licensing is ensuring that we do not lapse in our standards and practice. What must not be lost to all the members is that although we are a big part of the excitement created day in and day out by our business, we are in competition. In competition there are disputes and resolving disputes on and off the pitch judiciously yet speedily is essential for the game, otherwise we will spend more time in courts than playing matches. The bottom up Governance Structures that

we have succeeded in installing from life experiences, especially the Disciplinary Committee and Dispute Resolution mechanisms, are a gain we should defend with every ounce of energy we can master.

I will be remiss if in this recession I did not tabulate the threats clear enough for you to remember and know how to defend the organisation which we built and continue to build by our Skin in Game sacrifices.

It is in moments like these when money is tight that we should not create a gap, or provide excuses for our sponsors to exit or dilute their involvement because we failed to honour or defend their rights as per the contracts we entered with them. This will be tantamount to the unprofessional days when fix in fixture was not fixed.

In moments like these, we need to assure our sponsors and partners that we are good for our word. We need to defend our independence as a body that governs professional football in South Africa. Just like we are going to resist the SABC from their attempt at an unprecedented illegal nationalisation of our rights, so should we resist changes that people try to sneak into regulations, at ICASA or any body, that may seek undue influence in the governance of our League.

In closing, the late Steve Biko wrote in the dark days of apartheid-

"WE HAVE SET OUT ON A QUEST FOR TRUE HUMANITY, AND SOMEWHERE ON THE DISTANT HORIZON WE CAN SEE THE GLITTERING PRIZE. LET US MARCH FORTH WITH COURAGE AND DETERMINATION, DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR COMMON PLIGHT AND OUR BROTHERHOOD. IN TIME WE SHALL BE IN A POSITION TO BESTOW UPON SOUTH AFRICA THE GREATEST GIFT POSSIBLE – A MORE HUMAN FACE."

You look at the televisions, you see young men in black, in gold, in green. You see these young heroes. We have created these who people aspire to be like them. All of you in this room have contributed to this.

You look at the remuneration being paid in the football industry. No one can dispute the fact that players have gone from playing only for the love of the game, to now playing as a proper career.

Players in the past lived from hand to mouth, but now they have fixed remuneration and are able to invest surplus funds. Clubs are making contributions to various bodies including UIF, SARS and COIDA – these are people who play a pivotal role in our economy. All of you in this room have contributed to this.

Players and Clubs now have insurance in case something should go wrong. We have got public liability insurance, income support plan for players if they get injured and also death benefits.

This didn't come from nowhere – this came from hard work and sacrifice.

We have the Multichoice Diski Challenge – where young footballers are now seen on television. Yes, this creates young professional footballers for the future but it also inspires them, their families and their communities.

The South African Police Services have seen the benefits of this and want to participate in the Diski festivals, through which they can communicate to these communities and to use professional football to help reduce crime.

This is the human face that Steve Biko was referring to – but don't forget that behind it, massive work has been put in by all of you.

We have been working hard. To achieve a future for South African football. Our work began in 1985 and it was based on the idea of a clear, bright-line, division between amateur and professional football. And a recognition that the professional League was the Special Member of SAFA, which would build, promote and administer professional football. Our work has contributed to the development of the League we have today. We are proud of that work but there is much more to do. And I for one want to continue that work. I do not want to go backwards.

TODAY WE ARE FACING THE BIGGEST THREATS TO PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL IN THE COUNTRY SINCE THE DARK DAYS OF APARTHEID. WHETHER THAT IS DUE TO A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO BUILDING THE LEAGUE, I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. BUT THE QUESTIONS WE FACE NOW ARE THE FOLLOWING:-

1. Do we accept that it could be correct, fair, or lawful, to strip us of the ability to continue down this path. By that I mean is it acceptable to remove from us the right to seek out the best broadcast rights deals, the best event sponsorships, and plough the benefits of those back into football in general?
2. Do we accept that others, with no knowledge of the difficulties that professional football has to deal with every day – corporate law, employment law, safety laws, tax laws, consumer protection act – should be able to cancel out all the regulatory efforts we have put in, and take over the regulation of matters such as whether or not you should be granted a licence to participate in professional football or not?
3. Do we accept that it is fair to target the League, remove our "Special" nature that we achieved through blood and sweat, take away certain of our voting rights, and dictate who you can nominate and vote on to the Executive?

If your answer to these questions is no. This cannot be right. We will not accept it. Then the time has come to rely on the best options available to us. We need to do so together, we need to march forward with courage. The alternative is simply to allow this to happen.

My message to this, our Annual General Meeting, is to remain vigilant.

I thank you.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2017/18



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The Executive Committee is responsible for the administration, management and control of the League on behalf of all member clubs. This task requires the Executive Committee to conduct its affairs with utmost professionalism, fairness, integrity, transparency, accountability and to act in the best interests of professional football at all times. During the year under review, the Executive Committee secured future financial stability for the PSL by finalizing sponsorship and broadcast rights agreements. This will ensure that the PSL continues to operate as a going concern and this task was fulfilled despite tough economic conditions. The Executive Committee further implemented stakeholder management initiatives aimed at mitigating the risks posed by the Safety at Sports & Recreation Events Act 2 of 2010 and other legislations, through engagements with Minister of Police, Minister of Sports & Recreation, as well as different political parties represented in Parliament.

This report entails some of the work executed during the year under review which includes the following:

- measures taken to improve safety & security at the PSL events
- the working relations established with the South African Revenue Services to assist member clubs to comply with tax laws,
- the successful implementation of the Club Licensing Programme,
- representations made to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa in relation to the review of Sports Broadcasting Services Regulations that could impact on the PSL's broadcasting rights ,
- the addition of the MultiChoice Diski Shield competition in partnership with MultiChoice,
- progress made regarding the corporatization process,
- lessons learnt from the Tendai Ndoro matter,
- the PSL's participation in the World Leagues Forum and
- The historic publication of Dispute Resolution Chamber awards.

2. FINANCIAL STABILITY

During the year under review, the Executive Committee successfully negotiated the renewal of the Telkom, Nedbank and MTN sponsorships. The Executive Committee also successfully finalized the broadcasting rights tender process. SuperSport was the successful bidder and a contract has been concluded for another five year cycle commencing at the start of the 2019/2020 season and terminating at the end of the 2023/24 season.

The contract with ABSA in respect of the ABSA Premiership runs until the end of the 2019/20 season. Discussions and negotiations concerning an extension will commence during the course of the 2018/19 season.

The League is financially stable and the conclusion of the contracts with Telkom, Nedbank, MTN and SuperSport will ensure that the League continues to operate as a going concern. The Executive Committee has also implemented various cost cutting measures to reduce expenditure where possible.

3. STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT

Stakeholder management is critical to the business of professional football. The attention the League attracts at all levels of our society makes the managing of certain perceptions and the mitigation of risks that could negatively impact the running of the League a core responsibility of the Executive Committee. During the year under review the Executive Committee identified political parties represented in Parliament, the Minister of Police and Minister of Sports & Recreation as stakeholders of strategic importance to the League and sought meetings with each of these.

The Executive Committee had formal engagements with the African People's Convention, the African National Congress, the Economic Freedom Fighters, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the United Democratic Movement. Invitations were also extended to the Democratic Alliance and the Congress of the People but it was not possible to schedule meetings with these parties during the period under review. Attempts will be made to schedule the rest of the engagements for the next financial year. These engagements were extremely positive and should go some way to ensuring that political parties appreciate the manner in which professional football is conducted and managed and more importantly the challenges that face the professional game.

The Executive Committee also met with the Ministers of Police and Sports & Recreation, principally to discuss challenges facing professional football in particular as regards areas of ambiguity and difficulties in implementation in relation to legislation such as the Safety at Sports & Recreational Events Act of 2010 ("SASREA"). As a result of the engagement with the Minister of Police it has been possible to develop a close working relationship with the SAPS which is addressed in more detail elsewhere in this report.

4. SAFETY & SECURITY

Safety and security at professional football events is non-negotiable for the League. While the main aim and purpose of the Executive Committee's efforts in this sphere is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for supporters of the professional game, the measures put in place also serve to enhance the League's reputation and protect our partners' investments.

The Executive Committee appeared before the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Sports & Recreation in the year under review to account for violence that erupted at the Moses Mabhida Stadium during a Nedbank Cup semi-final match between Kaizer Chiefs and Free State Stars. The keen interest that government takes in safety and security illustrates the importance of the Executive Committee approach of continuous improvement in all areas of safety and security.

In the year under review the Executive Committee reassessed the League Safety & Security Manual in light of experiences gained since its implementation. The services of an acknowledged expert, Mr. Patrick Ronan of International Risk Mitigation Consultants, were employed to review & enhance the League Safety and Security Manual, to develop a comprehensive SASREA aligned planning approach to matches at all levels of categorization, to develop pre-match & post-match reporting systems, and to conduct safety & security workshops with member clubs around the country. Mr. Ronan completed this work in the year under review and the workshops were well attended. The revised manual and the pre-match and post-match reporting systems will be implemented in the 2018/19 season.

Engagements with the Minister of Police and thereafter the National Commissioner of the SAPS led to the establishment of a League and SAPS Joint Task Team. The Team will, amongst other things, review the

provisions of SASREA, recommend areas of possible amendment, and streamline processes that will enhance safety at professional football matches. Efforts will also be made to address administrative issues that impose costs and delays without contributing meaningfully to the achievement of safety and security. The SAPS and the NSL have implemented a crime prevention campaign using MultiChoice Diski Challenge events to educate the youth against crime.

5. SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICES

The Executive Committee views compliance with tax laws as essential to the country and the sustainability of the professional game and all member clubs. Consequently, the Executive Committee engaged the South African Revenue Service ("SARS") on various matters affecting member clubs and professional players with a view of ensuring compliance with tax laws. At the invitation of the Executive Committee SARS made a presentation to the Board of Governors on topics of importance to the administration of professional football. SARS has, as a result, established a dedicated desk to assist member clubs and also conducted workshops with individual clubs in order to address member club specific issues. These workshops will continue during 2018/19 season to ensure that no member club is excluded from the process. It is important for member clubs to use the opportunity created by SARS through the dedicated desk to resolve any tax related matters.

6. CLUB LICENSING

The League has taken a leading role on the continent of Africa with the implementation of a Club Licensing Programme. The independent First Instance Body appointed to assess licensing applications used the period under review as a trial period to enable member clubs to develop a full understanding of the requirements of the Club Licensing Programme.

The trial period has been of great assistance to member clubs all of whom secured licenses after being guided through the applications process and so are ready to make applications without the need for the same level of guidance prior to the 2018/19 season. The League Club Licensing Programme has attracted the interest of other leagues who have expressed an interest in learning how to implement club licensing from the League.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee hosted the Botswana Premier League delegation that visited the League for a benchmarking exercise in the year under review. The League has received additional requests from other leagues within the CAF region to visit the League in the 2018/19 season to learn from our experiences.

7. INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA (“ICASA”)

Income generated by the League from the sale of broadcasting rights is the life blood of professional football. The protection and enhancement of underlying rights is essential to the League, member clubs, and professional football as a whole. Threats to these rights place the entire League, member clubs and participants, and professional football as a whole, at risk. Without the financial support of the League’s broadcast partners many member clubs would not have the financial resources required to run their affairs.

During the period under review, ICASA embarked on a review of the Sports Broadcasting Services Regulations of 2010. Ill-considered or badly crafted changes to these Regulations could seriously impact the ability of the League to secure the true value of our broadcast rights. Some of the changes mooted show little or no understanding of the position that professional football finds itself in. While that might not be of concern to certain of the proponents of these changes, it is a serious issue to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee consequently made exhaustive and detailed representations to ICASA demonstrating the risks to the professional game. The Executive Committee explained the impact of certain proposals and the effect these would have. The process is ongoing and the Executive Committee will continue to do everything necessary to protect the interests of the League and its member clubs.

8. MULTICHOICE DISKI SHIELD

Building on the overwhelming success of the MultiChoice Diski Challenge, in March 2018, the League, in partnership with MultiChoice, launched a new knockout competition, the MultiChoice Diski Shield.

The MultiChoice Diski Shield built upon the MultiChoice Diski Challenge and adds a total of 24 fixtures. The

competition groups the 16 clubs into four regional pools: Central, Coastal West, Coastal East and Northern pool. Each pool consists of four clubs all vying for regional supremacy. This will further strengthen youth development and will create a pool of players that will be equipped to join the professional ranks in the near future

9. CORPORATIZATION

The corporatization process is now at an advanced stage. The Memorandum of Incorporation which will be the governing constitution of the corporatized entity has been finalized. The Executive Committee has lodged an application with SARS for an advance tax directive and required information has been provided. The tax directive is the final step towards finalization of the process and the Executive Committee is confident that the matter will be completed during the 2018/19 season.

10. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW

During the period under review, the Executive Committee commenced an organizational review process aimed at ensuring that the League is properly structured to deliver on its mandate. This process will involve carefully analysing the roles of each department, an assessment of strengths and weaknesses, and a skills audit.

The process will culminate with the development of an organogram responsive to the strategic direction of the League and the implementation of a performance management system focussed on taking forward the League vision of continuous improvement and ensuring that it delivers the best services to member clubs of the League and other stakeholders.

II. NDORO MATTER

In the year under review the League was faced with acrimonious, costly, and very public, litigation which concerned the fielding of a player transferred from Saudi Arabia to South Africa.

The dispute wound its way through two arbitrations before the SAFA Arbitration Tribunal, two review applications, and three separate urgent applications.

All of these matters have been resolved finally, and in favour of the League, save for one aspect that is on appeal to a full bench of the Gauteng Local Division of the High Court. The appeal concerns a High Court review finding against the SAFA Arbitration Tribunal on the

question of jurisdiction to deal with a misconduct matter arising from an international transfer of registration. The appeal will be heard in April 2019.

Importantly the case focussed attention on the impact of legislation such as the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 ("PAJA") on decision making processes in professional sport, a matter which the Executive Committee has spent considerable time assessing of its own accord. The League Compliance Manual, the League Access to Information Manual, and the internal processes that are followed when decisions need to be made by the League have improved immeasurably as a result of this work.

An additional factor of importance is the nature and extent of the hierarchy principle in football which is a matter that requires additional work by the Executive Committee so as to ensure that where necessary League prescripts are in full compliance with the prescripts of Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA"), for example, that are mandatory.

12. WORLD LEAGUES FORUM

The Executive Committee resolved to participate in the founding of the World Leagues Forum ("WLF"), a body brought into being to provide a platform for professional leagues to exchange views and motivate for change where necessary. The decision was taken in light of the fact that leagues, and professional football in general, have very limited access to decision making in certain instances despite the fact that decisions that are taken often have serious consequences for participants in the professional game.

League representatives have attended two meetings of the WLF in the year under review at which significant changes to a variety of measures impacting professional football were debated. These matters include far reaching changes to the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, the question of the international match calendar, and the possible reintroduction of rules to regulate the role of intermediaries.

The WLF participates at FIFA level in the Football Stakeholders Committee, a standing committee of FIFA, and has pursued the interests and views of the professional leagues in that forum. The Executive Committee will continue to make contributions at the WLF level on all matters that affect professional football.

13. PUBLICATION OF DRC CASES

The Executive Committee mandated Juta & Co, a leading legal publisher, to compile a collection of the Awards of the Dispute Resolution Chamber of the League. The compilation has been completed and been published by Juta & Co.

The compilation will ensure that member clubs and other participants in professional football are able to access and consider the jurisprudence that has emerged from the Dispute Resolution Chamber over the years. The Dispute Resolution Chamber has engaged with matters that have ranged from administrative justice, employment law, and free agency, to questions concerning the interaction between the local football rules and those of other bodies.

The compilation will be of great assistance to all participants in professional football and assist in the endeavour of ensuring improved levels of understanding of the laws and rules that apply to the plethora of relationships that arise in the professional game.

PREMIER DIVISION FOOTBALL CLUBS 2017/18 SEASON

AMAZULU FC

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The Clever Boys
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PREMIER DIVISION FOOTBALL CLUBS 2017/18 SEASON

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Chairperson – Ms Mato Madlala

Established in 1943



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Established in 1960's



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MARITZBURG UNITED FC

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Established in 1981



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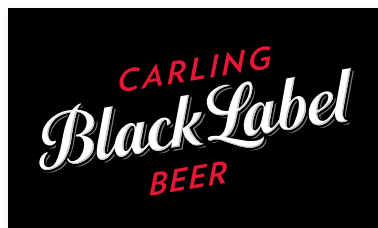
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*OPERATIONAL
REVIEW*

ABSA PREMIERSHIP REVIEW - 2017/18

Mamelodi Sundowns won their record eighth title of the Absa Premiership (since 1996/1997) during the 2017/18 season thus becoming the most successful South African football club in league football during this era.

Mamelodi Sundowns were pushed to the end by Orlando Pirates who finished second. The points difference have ended up at five between the two clubs, but the fight was close to the end with Mamelodi Sundowns holding their nerve to claim the Absa Premiership title.

Mamelodi Sundowns accumulated 60 points – scoring the highest number of goals: 49. (This was three (3) less goals than the 2016/17 season where they finished second).

A total of 490 goals were scored in the 2017/18 season at an average of 2, 04 goals per match from 240 matches. This was the lowest goal ratio in the last seven years.

Ajax Cape Town scored the least number of goals (21) followed by Platinum Stars (now Cape Umoya United) at 23.

Both Ajax Cape Town and Platinum Stars were relegated from the 2017/18 Absa Premiership. Ajax Cape Town finished 16th while Platinum Stars finished 15th on the log. Platinum Stars went to the Promotion Play-offs but failed to keep their status.

ABSA PREMIERSHIP Q' INNOVATION WINNERS:

- Baroka FC won their first ever Absa Premiership Q-Innovation Quarter (Q1) following an impressive start to the season. They won the Quarter with 16 points.
- Mamelodi Sundowns won the Absa Premiership Quarter Two with 14 points from seven matches.
- Orlando Pirates won the Absa Premiership Quarter Three (3) with 19 points from eight matches.
- Mamelodi Sundowns won their second Quarter for the season when they were declared Quarter Four winners with 17 points.

ABSA PREMIERSHIP LOG TABLE 2017/2018

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Mamelodi Sundowns	30	18	6	6	49	24	25	60
2	Orlando Pirates	30	15	10	5	41	26	15	55
3	Kaizer Chiefs	30	12	12	6	27	22	5	48
4	Maritzburg United	30	11	11	8	36	23	13	44
5	Cape Town City FC	30	11	7	12	26	27	-1	40
6	Free State Stars	30	10	10	10	29	31	-2	40
40	Supersport United	30	9	12	9	28	28	0	39
8	L. Golden Arrows	30	8	14	8	36	34	2	38
9	Amazulu	30	9	11	10	30	35	-5	38
10	Chippa United	30	7	16	7	27	26	1	37
11	Bloemfontein Celtic	30	8	13	9	25	32	-7	37
12	Polokwane City FC	30	7	15	8	33	33	0	36
13	Bidvest Wits	30	9	9	12	27	36	-9	36
14	Baroka FC	30	7	13	10	32	38	-6	34
15	Platinum Stars	30	6	9	15	23	35	-12	27
16	Ajax Cape Town	30	6	6	18	21	40	-19	24

ABSA PREMIERSHIP PERPETUAL TABLE 2017/18

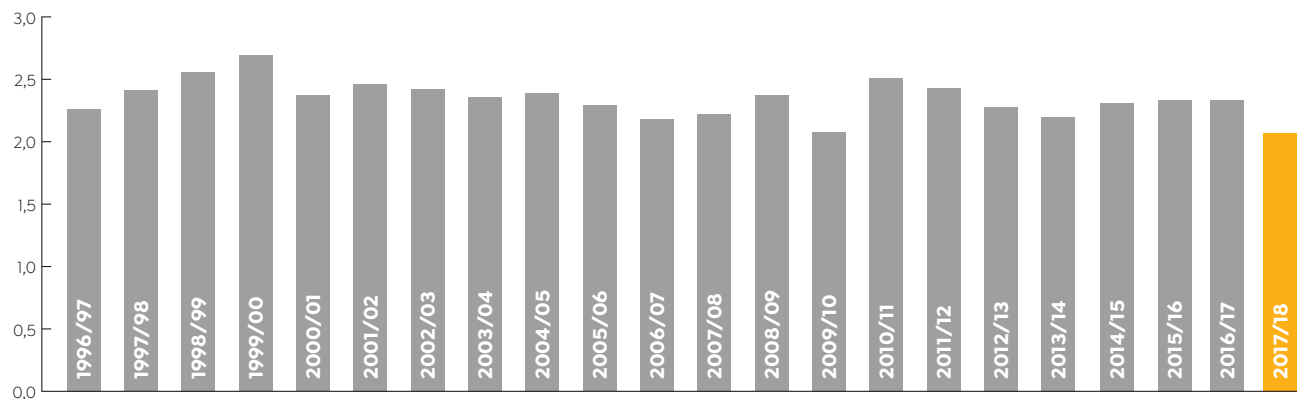
Club	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Mamelodi Sundowns	688	353	178	157	1024	588	436	1237
Kaizer Chief	688	338	222	128	951	550	401	1236
Orlando Pirates	688	318	223	147	946	609	337	1177
SuperSport United	688	272	223	193	909	718	191	1041
Ajax Cape Town (Seven Stars)	688	252	186	250	825	847	-22	942
BidVest Wits	658	242	212	204	743	668	75	938
Moroka Swallows	598	217	165	216	701	731	-30	816
Bloemfontein Celtic	594	195	181	218	642	679	-37	766
Free Sate Stars	568	178	193	197	616	641	-25	727
Lamontville Golden Arrows	522	163	151	208	560	640	-80	638
Santos	470	157	153	160	545	567	-22	624
Platinum Stars (Silver Stars)	454	150	139	165	506	512	-6	597
Jomo Cosmos	474	137	166	171	463	507	-44	577
Amazulu	504	134	149	221	502	675	-173	551
Manning Rangers	412	141	113	158	468	498	-30	536
Maritzburg United (Tembisa Classic)	466	125	150	191	469	633	-164	525
Thanda Royal (Benoni Premier United, Hellenic)	342	99	93	150	386	462	-75	390
Bush Bucks	294	97	78	119	361	430	-75	369
Black Leopards	274	74	63	114	294	374	-80	285
Cape Town City Mpumalanga Black Aces (Witbank Aces)	244	71	66	107	244	326	-82	279
Polokwane City (Bay United)	180	45	58	77	199	270	-71	193
Chippa United	150	39	51	60	147	175	-28	168
Dynamos	154	36	49	69	147	219	-72	157
University of Pretoria	120	31	39	50	112	131	-19	103
Vaal Professionals	102	23	26	53	112	167	-55	95
Ria Stars	68	24	22	22	85	87	-2	94
African Wanderers	102	24	24	54	112	172	-60	94
Real Rovers	68	16	19	33	69	96	-27	67
Baroka FC	60	12	26	22	58	81	-23	62
Mother City (Cape Town Spurs)	68	17	11	30	62	126	-64	62
Michau Warriors	34	10	5	19	32	50	-18	35
Vasco Da Gama	30	7	9	14	35	47	-12	30
Highlands Park	30	5	12	13	26	44	-18	27

COMPETITIONS REVIEW

FOOTBALL STATISTICS

2017/2018 Season	
Total matches played	240
Total goals scored	490
Goals scored per match	2.0417

AVERAGE GOALS PER MATCH



A TOTAL OF
490 GOALS WERE
SCORED FROM
THE 240 MATCHES
- AT AN AVERAGE
OF 2 GOALS PER
MATCH.

Q-INNOVATION LOG TABLES 2017/18

Q1

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Baroka	8	4	4	0	12	6	6	16
2	Mamelodi Sundowns	8	5	0	3	13	8	5	15
3	SuperSport United	8	4	3	1	10	5	5	15
4	Golden Arrows	8	3	5	0	12	6	6	14
5	Orlando Pirates	8	3	4	1	7	5	2	13
6	Kaizer Chiefs	8	3	3	2	10	7	3	12
7	Cape Town City	8	4	0	4	9	7	1	12
8	Bloemfontein Celtics	8	3	3	2	7	7	0	12
9	Free State Stars	8	3	2	3	10	9	1	11
10	AmaZulu	8	3	2	3	11	12	-1	11
11	Maritzburg United	8	2	3	3	5	5	0	9
12	Chippa United	8	1	5	2	5	6	-1	8
13	Polokwane City	8	2	2	4	10	13	-3	8
14	Ajax Cape Town	8	2	2	4	7	11	-4	8
15	Bidvest Wits	8	2	2	4	6	11	-5	8
16	Platinum Stars	8	0	3	5	3	11	-8	3

Q2

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Mamelodi Sundowns	7	4	1	2	12	5	7	13
2	Maritzburg United	7	3	3	1	9	4	5	12
3	Platinum Stars	7	3	3	1	6	4	2	12
4	Cape Town City	7	3	3	1	9	8	1	12
5	Chippa United	7	3	2	2	6	4	2	11
6	Bloemfontein Celtics	7	3	2	2	8	7	1	11
7	Free State Stars	7	3	2	2	7	8	-1	11
8	Polokwane City	7	2	4	1	7	6	1	10
9	Kaizer Chiefs	7	2	4	1	3	2	1	10
10	Orlando Pirates	7	1	4	2	4	6	-2	7
11	Baroka	7	1	3	3	7	13	-6	6
12	Ajax Cape Town	7	1	2	4	4	7	-3	5
13	SuperSport United	7	1	2	4	3	8	-5	5
14	Golden Arrows	7	0	4	3	5	10	-5	4
15	AmaZulu	7	0	4	3	4	9	-5	4
16	Bidvest Wits	7	0	3	4	1	7	-6	3

Q-INNOVATION LOG TABLES 2017/18

Q3

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Orlando Pirates	8	6	1	1	18	10	8	19
2	Bidvest Wits	8	5	3	0	14	6	8	18
3	Mamelodi Sundowns	8	4	3	1	12	7	5	15
4	Free State Stars	8	4	3	1	7	5	2	15
5	Maritzburg United	8	4	2	2	13	5	8	14
6	Kaizer Chiefs	8	3	4	1	7	6	1	13
7	AmaZulu	8	3	3	2	6	6	0	12
8	Ajax Cape Town	8	3	2	3	10	6	4	11
9	Polokwane City	8	1	6	1	9	8	1	9
10	Baroka FC	8	2	3	3	9	10	-1	9
11	Golden Arrows	8	2	3	3	9	10	-1	9
12	Chippa United	8	1	5	2	9	11	-2	8
13	Cape Town City	8	2	1	5	4	8	-4	7
14	Supersport United	8	1	3	4	7	13	-6	6
15	Bloemfontein Celtics	8	1	3	4	4	12	-8	6
16	Platinum Stars	8	0	2	6	6	16	-10	2

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Q4

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Mamelodi Sundowns	7	5	2	0	12	4	8	17
2	Orlando Pirates	7	5	1	1	12	5	7	16
3	Kaizer Chiefs	7	4	1	2	7	7	0	13
4	Supersport United	7	3	4	0	8	2	6	13
5	AmaZulu	7	3	2	2	9	8	1	11
6	Golden Arrows	7	3	2	2	10	8	2	11
7	Chippa United	7	2	4	1	7	5	2	10
8	Platinum Stars	7	3	1	3	8	4	4	10
9	Maritzburg United	7	2	3	2	9	9	0	9
10	Polokwane City	7	2	3	2	7	6	1	9
11	Cape Town City	7	2	3	2	5	4	1	9
12	Bloemfontein Celtic	7	1	5	1	6	6	0	8
13	Bidvest Wits	7	2	1	4	6	12	-6	7
14	Baroka FC	7	0	3	4	4	9	-5	3
15	Free State Stars	7	0	3	4	5	9	-4	3
16	Ajax Cape Town	7	0	0	7	0	16	-16	0

NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

The 2017/18 National First Division ("NFD") season will be mainly remembered for the domination of Highlands Park who won the championship with four fixtures remaining to gain promotion to the Premier Division. The club had an impressive campaign in the NFD which saw them undefeated for 25 games in succession.

The season under review marked the return to the Premier Division of Black Leopards after winning the Promotional Play-offs ending the club's five years attempts to regain promotion following their relegation at the end of the 2012/13 season. The clubs that participated in the Promotional Play-offs were:

- Platinum Stars, who finished in position 15 on the Absa Premiership log table with 27 points,
- Black Leopards, who finished 2nd in the NFD log table with 50 points
- Jomo Cosmos, who finished 3rd in the NFD log table with 49 points.

For the first time in PSL, the draw for the Promotion Play-offs was conducted in the presence of all the 32 Member Clubs in Johannesburg at the Board of Governors meeting held on 16 April 2018.

NFD: An Attractive Brand

During the year under review, the NFD attracted new investors including a multinational company, Remgro Group, which purchased Stellenbosch FC.

This transaction and the purchase of Cape Town All Stars, indicates that there is investment value in the NFD and it signals a vote of confidence by the business community in the professional manner in which the PSL is administered. Remgro's participation in the PSL as one of the shareholders will enhance the NFD brand in general and the PSL in particular and may result in more corporate entities investing in the PSL product

Clubs relegated

Mthatha Bucks from the Eastern Cape and Super Eagles from the Free State were relegated after only one season in the NFD. Mthatha Bucks finished in position 16 on 22 points and Super Eagles finished in position 15 on 32 points. These two clubs were the only ones that represented their provinces in the NFD.

NFD STATISTICS

- 547 – Total number of goals scored
- 69 – Number of points accumulated by a Member Club (Highlands Park FC)
- 65 – Highest number of goals scored by a Member Club (Highlands Park FC)
- 21 – Lowest number of goals scored by a Member Club (Uthongathi FC)
- 15 – Number of goals scored by joint top goal scorers (Mwape Musonda from Black Leopards and Peter Shalulile from Highlands Park FC).

FIRST NATIONAL DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE 2017/2018

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Highlands Park	30	21	6	3	65	13	52	69
2	Black Leopards	30	14	8	8	42	21	21	50
3	Jomo Cosmos	30	14	7	9	46	35	11	49
4	Real Kings FC	30	11	12	7	34	25	9	45
5	Witbank Spurs	30	11	12	7	35	30	5	45
6	Tshakhuma FC	30	11	8	11	32	44	-12	41
40	Cape Town All Stars	30	9	13	8	29	26	3	40
8	Stellenbosch FC	30	10	10	10	29	36	-7	40
9	Royal Eagles FC	30	8	12	10	40	41	-1	36
10	University. of Pretoria	30	9	9	12	35	46	-11	36
11	Uthongathi FC	30	7	13	10	21	25	-4	34
12	Richards Bay FC	30	8	10	12	27	40	-13	34
13	Mbombela United	30	10	6	14	28	40	-12	33
14	Ubuntu Cape Town	30	7	11	12	31	38	-7	32
15	Super Eagles FC	30	7	11	12	26	40	-14	32
16	Mthatha Bucks	30	4	10	16	27	47	-20	22

* 3 points were deducted from Mbombela United F.C as per the DC outcome.



MTN 8

The tenth edition of the MTN8 Final – 2017/18 – was played at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban, between Cape Town City and Supersport United on Saturday, 14 October 2017. The teams played to a 1-1 draw in regulation time, Sibusiso Masina's scored the first-half goal for Cape Town City and Thabo Mnyamane's late strike from the bench took the match to extra-time.

After no goals in extra-time, Supersport United prevailed in the penalty shootout, as goalkeeper Ronwen Williams (Last Man Standing Winner) impressed by saving attempts from Lyle Lakay and Judas Moseamedi before Dove Wome slotted the winning kick. Supersport United won 4-2 on penalties.

LAST MAN STANDING:

Ronwen Williams (Supersport United)



NEDBANK CUP

Maritzburg United and Free State Stars contested the Nedbank Cup final 2017/18 at Cape Town Stadium, on 19 May 2018. This was the first cup final ever held at cup at the venue.

Free State Stars lifted the tenth edition of the Nedbank Cup with a 1-0 victory. The winning goal came from Goodman Dlamini on the 44th minute.

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT:

Lebogang Maboe (Maritzburg United)

MOST PROMISING PLAYER:

Lebogang Maboe (Maritzburg United)



TELKOM KNOCKOUT

The 2017/18 Telkom Knockout (TKO) final was played between Bloemfontein Celtic and Bidvest Wits at Princess Magogo Stadium on 2 December 2018 in Durban. The first domestic final hosted at the venue.

Bidvest Wits were crowned the 2017 Telkom Knockout champions after they narrowly defeated Bloemfontein Celtic 1-0, with a late cheeky back-heel goal from Vincent Pule in the 90th minute.

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT:

Amr Gamal (Bidvest Wits)



MULTICHOICE DISKI CHALLENGE

The MultiChoice Diski Challenge, now in its 4th season was staged between the period of September 2017 and February 2018.

The championship race was highly contested by Lamontville Golden Arrows and Bloemfontein Celtic. Both these teams had made their intentions known from the beginning of the competition and it came as no surprise when only 4 points separated Abafana Bes'thende and Phunya Sele Sele.

Lamontville Golden Arrows won their second MultiChoice Diski Challenge title with 35 points in their 15 matches.

The champions were awarded an eight day trip which was split between the two capital cities in Spain being Madrid and Barcelona.

Abafana Bes'thende represented the country well by clinching a 2 – 1 win over Rayo Vallecano de Madrid.

Amongst the festivities was the team's visit to the majestic Santiago Bernabeu and Camp Nou stadiums.

The team also got to experience a live match between Real Madrid and Girona FC, when the famous Real Madrid superstar, Cristiano Ronaldo bagged himself a hat-trick on the day.

DISKI CHALLENGE PRECIOUS FIND:
Siboniso Conco (Golden Arrows)



MULTICHOICE DISKI SHIELD

The 2017/18 season marked the inception of the MultiChoice Diski Shield tournament, the launch for this first of its kind tournament was the 5th of March 2018.

The sixteen teams that contest for the MultiChoice Diski Challenge were grouped according to their geographical regions and the battle lines were drawn from the 7th of April 2018 to the 5th of May 2018.

The most exciting element of this tournament was the fact that the prize money would be donated to the organisation which the winning team had selected.

The final was held at the Makhulong Stadium on the 5th of May 2018 and Kaizer Chiefs were crowned the inaugural champions when they defeated Mamelodi Sundowns 3-1.

Emshukantambo Secondary were the first recipients of this great initiative and the school was awarded R 150 000.00.

DISKI SHIELD PRECIOUS FIND:
Itumeleng Shopane (Kaizer Chiefs)

PSL RESERVE LOG TABLE 2017/2018

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	Golden Arrows	15	11	2	2	36	17	19	35
2	Bloemfontein Celtic	15	10	1	4	37	20	17	31
3	Maritzburg United	15	8	3	4	24	17	7	27
4	Ajax Cape Town	15	8	3	4	29	25	4	27
5	Kaizer Chiefs	15	8	1	6	34	27	7	25
6	Orlando Pirates	15	7	4	4	22	17	5	25
40	Baroka FC	15	7	2	6	16	16	0	23
8	Supersport United FC	15	6	4	5	28	17	11	22
9	Mamelodi Sundowns	15	6	3	6	24	27	-3	21
10	Free State Stars	15	7	0	8	25	33	-8	21
11	Polokwane City	15	5	4	6	23	30	-7	19
12	Bidvest Wits	15	4	4	7	24	25	-1	16
13	Chippa United	15	3	4	8	19	30	-11	13
14	AmaZulu	15	2	6	7	16	28	-12	12
15	Platinum Stars	15	1	6	8	13	25	-12	9
16	Cape Town City	15	2	3	10	19	35	-16	9

*Amazulu FC was found guilty of fielding an ineligible player during its MDC fixture 104 played against SuperSport United FC on 4 February 2018, as the Second Respondent had accumulated 3 yellow cards and was accordingly automatically suspended for one match. The match was accordingly awarded to SuperSport United FC with a 3-0 goal advantage.

PSL AWARDS 2017/18

The 2017/18 Premier Soccer League annual football awards were held in Sandton, Johannesburg on 29 May 2018.

Chairman's Award:

General Bantu Holomisa and Ms Zodwa Zwane were awarded the Chairman's Award by the NSL Chairman Dr Irvin Khoza.

Gen. Holomisa was recognised for the role he has played in football.

Ms Zwane was honoured for her role in looking after Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela on her last few years before she departed.

The Big winners:

Percy Tau, the (then) Mamelodi Sundowns attacking dynamo walked away with the coveted 2017/18 PSL Footballer of the Season award.

The Footballer of the Season is voted exclusively by the 16 Premier Division coaches.

Tau also took the 2017/18 Absa Premiership Player's Player of the Season – as voted by his peers (but not his teammates).

Tau was nominated together with Hlompho Kekana of Mamelodi Sundowns and Siphesihle Ndlovu of Maritzburg United.

Mamelodi Sundowns mentor, Pitso Mosimane was awarded the Absa Premiership Coach of the Season award. He was nominated with Maritzburg United's Fadlu Davids and Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredjovic.

Siphesihle Ndlovu, the Maritzburg United youngster took Absa Premiership Young Player of the Season and Absa Premiership Midfielder of the Season awards.

The Absa-lutely Awesome Goal of the Season, as voted by members of the public only on www.PSL.co.za, went to Lamontville Golden Arrows, Sipehelele Magubane.

SuperSport United and Bafana Bafana keeper, Ronwen Williams took the MTN8 Last Man Standing Prize for his performances during the MTN8 competition that was won by his club, SuperSport United.

Egyptian former Bidvest Wits striker Amr Gamal returned to South Africa to attend the awards and took the Telkom Knockout Player of the Tournament.

Lebogang Maboe took both Nedbank Cup Most Improved

Player of the Tournament and Player of the Tournament.

PSL AWARDS WINNERS LIST:

ABSA Premiership

FOOTBALLER OF THE SEASON

Percy Tau (Mamelodi Sundowns)

PLAYER'S PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Percy Tau (Mamelodi Sundowns)

COACH OF THE SEASON

Pitso Mosimane (Mamelodi Sundowns)

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Siphesihle Ndlovu (Maritzburg United)

GOALKEEPER OF THE SEASON

Itumeleng Khune (Kaizer Chiefs)

DEFENDER OF THE SEASON

Siyanda Xulu (Maritzburg United)

MIDFIELDER OF THE SEASON

Siphesihle Ndlovu (Maritzburg United)

GOAL OF THE SEASON

Sipehelele Magubane (L. Golden Arrows)

MTN8

LAST MAN STANDING

Ronwen Williams (SuperSport United)

Telkom Knockout

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Amr Gamal (Bidvest Wits)

Nedbank Cup:

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Lebogang Maboe (Maritzburg United)

MOST PROMISING PLAYER

Lebogang Maboe (Maritzburg United)

MULTICHOICE Diski Challenge

PRECIOUS FIND

Siboniso Conco (L. Golden Arrows)

MULTICHOICE Diski Shield

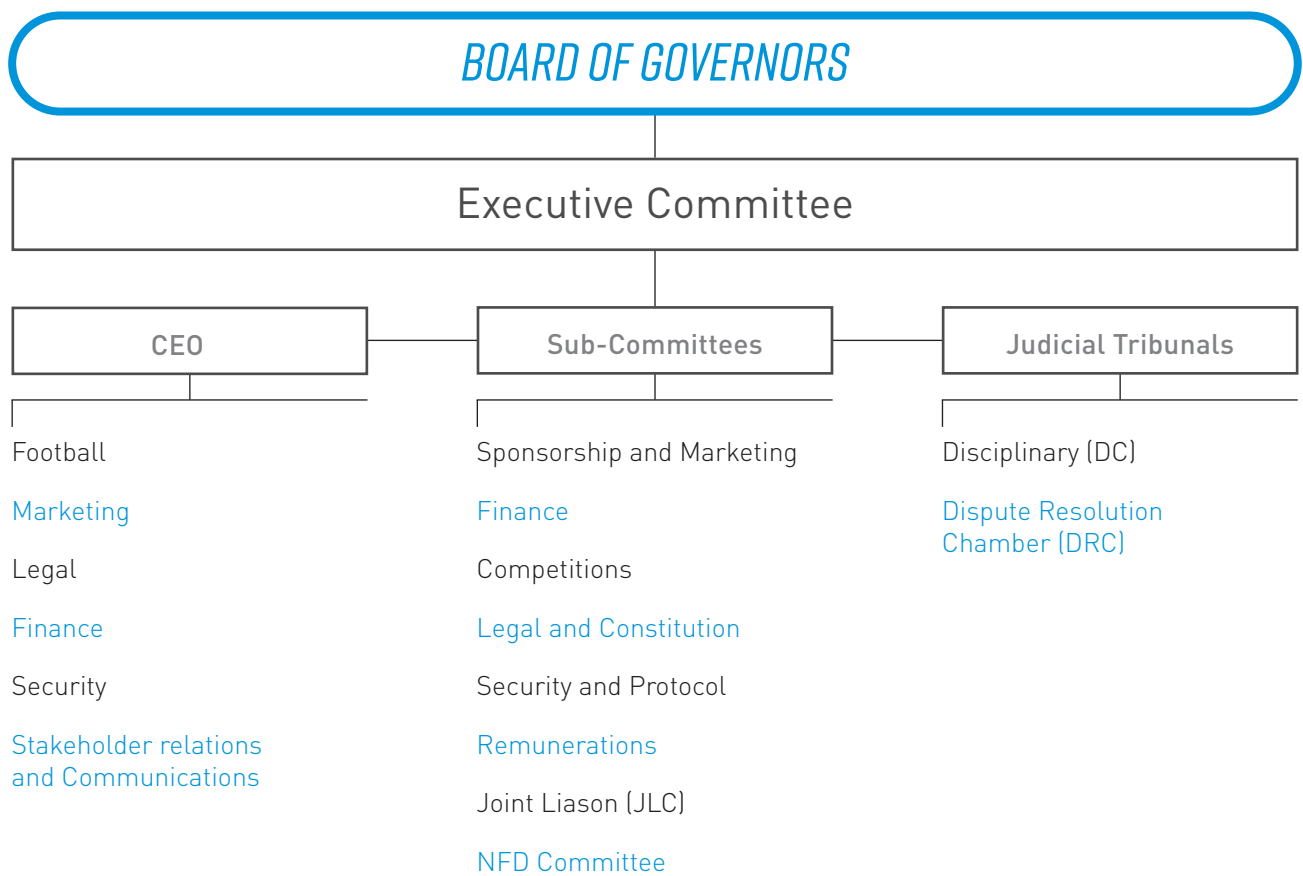
PRECIOUS FIND

Itumeleng Shopane (Kaizer Chiefs)



*CORPORATE
GOVERNANCE*

NSL STRUCTURE



GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE NSL

THE LEAGUE IS A DULY CONSTITUTED PRIVATE ASSOCIATION. THE HIGHEST DECISION MAKING BODY OF THE LEAGUE IS THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ("THE BOG") WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THIRTY TWO (32) MEMBER CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN THE PREMIER DIVISION AND THE NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE. THE POWERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ARE SET OUT IN ARTICLE 16 OF THE NSL HANDBOOK.

Administration, management, and control of the League has been delegated to an Executive Committee which consists of eight elected members including the Chairperson of the League, and the Chief Executive Officer (ex officio) who is appointed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is accountable to the BOG. Members are elected every four (4) years at the Quadrennial General Meeting of the League.

Sub-Committees are formally constituted and their role is to assist the Executive Committee in the performance of its duties and enables effective decision making through providing more detailed attention to matters within their approved terms of reference.

ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mandate

The Executive Committee's roles and responsibilities are defined in the Committee's Charter and they include, but not limited to:

- Providing effective leadership and control by ensuring implementation of NSL's Strategy
- Represent and serve member clubs' interests by overseeing and appraising the strategies, policies and the performance of the NSL
- Ensure that the NSL continues to operate as a viable and sustainable going concern
- Exercise oversight on the human, operational and financial resources available in the NSL to achieve the strategic objectives
- Ensure that the Board of Governors is kept informed of the organization's performance and any major developments.

Membership

Dr. I Khoza (Chairman)

Mr. K Motaung

Ms. M Madlala (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. D Thidiela

Mr. S Matthews

Mr. J Ferreira

Mr. K Konco

Dr. R Simelane

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Mandate

In terms of the approved Charter, the Committee's roles and responsibilities includes, but not limited to the following:

- Reviewing the formats and rules governing League competitions and recommend changes to the Executive Committee
- Monitoring the preparation, management and completion of League competitions
- Research contemporary best practices in the administration of football and make recommendations to the Executive Committee
- Review each completed competition in each season and recommend improvement measures to the Executive Committee
- Developing guiding principles in preparing fixtures for all competitions
- Analysing fixture changes trends, develop processes and procedures for fixture changes and recommending measures to stabilize fixtures

Membership

Mr. S Matthews (convenor)

Dr. R Simelane

Mr. J Sono

Mr. F Mbele

Ms. J Motaung

Ms. N Madlala

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mandate

In terms of the approved Charter, the Committee's roles and responsibilities includes, but not limited to the following:

- Having regard to all factors and risks that may impact on the integrity of the integrated report
- Review and recommend to the Executive Committee the annual financial statements, interim reports and any other intended release of financial information
- Ensuring that financial delegations are implemented and reviewed on a regular basis
- Reviewing effectiveness of external audit and monitoring implementation of audit findings
- Overseeing the development and review of a policy and plan for risk management

Membership

Mr K Motaung (convenor)

Ms. M Madlala

Mr. A Efstathiou

Mr. K Konco

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Mandate

In terms of the approved Charter, the Committee's roles and responsibilities includes, but not limited to the following:

- Reviewing the NSL Handbook and recommend amendments that will enhance professional football and make the game easier to understand
- Considering proposed amendments to the NSL Handbook as proposed by the Executive Committee or member clubs
- Ensuring that at all times the provisions of the NSL Handbook are, where appropriate, aligned to SAFA, CAF and FIFA Statutes
- At the request of the Executive Committee or member clubs, assisting with the interpretation of any provision of the NSL Handbook, SAFA, CAF and FIFA Statutes
- Conduct research on international best practices and where necessary recommend amendments to the NSL Handbook

Membership

Mr. J Ferreira (convenor)

Mr. R Mokoena

Mr. N Khoza

Mr. Y Singh

Mr. J Mogaladi

Mr. F Kadodia

MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

Mandate

In terms of the approved Charter, the Committee's roles and responsibilities includes, but not limited to the following:

- Regularly reviewing the NSL's sponsorship portfolio and make recommendations on any issue affecting or relating thereto
- Procuring sponsorships for the NSL that will ensure financial sustainability
- Monitor the management of the NSL's sponsorship portfolio
- Develop strategies on content creation, management, distribution and preservation of through digital and other communication channels
- Developing strategies on the commercialization, protection and exploitation of all rights linked to professional football in general and NSL in particular
- Guiding the development of platforms that promotes the integration and sharing of NSL content
- Advising on matters concerning the relationship between the NSL and partners

Membership

Dr. I Khoza (convenor)

Mr. K Motaung

Ms. M Madlala

Mr. J Comitis

NFD COMMITTEE

Mandate:

In terms of the approved Charter, the Committee's roles and responsibilities includes, but not limited to the following:

- Regularly reviewing the functioning of the National First Division and recommend improvements to the Executive Committee;
- Identifying challenges affecting the National First Division and recommend solutions to the Executive Committee;
- Bringing to the attention of the Executive Committee any matter affecting the National First Division that could potentially damage the reputation of the NSL;
- Recommending strategies to the Executive Committee that would assist National First Division clubs comply with the NSL Handbook, Compliance Manual, Club Licensing Manual and other legal/regulatory requirements.

Membership:

Ms. M Madlala (convenor)

Mr. E Dicks

Mr. L Sokhela

Mr. T Mafu

REMUNERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mandate

In terms of the approved Charter, the Committee's roles and responsibilities includes, but not limited to the following:

- Creating sustainable work environment that is free of unfair discrimination and provides fair opportunities to all
- Reviewing management structure and where appropriate recommend any changes
- Recommending human resources policies that would attract and retain employees
- Assisting the Executive Committee with the establishment, implementation and regular review of remuneration policies that will promote the achievement of NSL's strategic objectives and encourage individual performance.

Membership*

Mr. D Simelane (convenor)

Ms. S Dube

- * The Remunerations Committee comprises wholly of independent non-executive members.

SECURITY AND PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Mandate

In terms of the approved Charter, the Committee's roles and responsibilities includes, but not limited to the following:

- Development of policies, strategies, plans and standard operating procedures on security and ticketing matters for all competitions and other NSL events;
- Monitoring the implementation of security and ticketing policies and strategies;
- Reviewing safety and security related laws (including Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act No 2 of 2010) and international best practices and develop compliance plan;
- Conduct venue inspections, where necessary, and advise the Executive Committee on compliance with safety and security requirements;
- Reviewing security related incidents at all competitions and other PSL events and recommend corrective measures to the Executive Committee;
- Conduct research on international best practices on issues related to security and ticketing and recommend improvement measures to the Executive Committee.

Membership

Mr. D Thidiela (convenor)

Mr. L Brookstone

Mr. G Mogotsi

Mr. S Mpisane

Mr. P Koutroulis

JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The NSL participates in the Joint Liaison Committee, which is a standing committee of SAFA that consists of SAFA and NSL representatives. The Joint Liaison Committee operates as a link between SAFA and the NSL and is responsible for:

- addressing professional and amateur football issues in order to give effect to the aims and objectives of SAFA
- promoting an integrated approach to football development within South Africa
- dealing with disputes between SAFA and the League.

During the reporting period, the representatives of the League on the Joint Liaison Committee were:

Dr. I Khoza

Mr. K Motaung

Ms. M Madlala

Mr. J Comitis

Mr. J Ferreira

JUDICIAL TRIBUNALS

The Disciplinary Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber are judicial tribunals of the League. The jurisdiction of the Judicial Tribunals of the League are set out in Articles 22 and 23 of the NSL Handbook.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The members of the Committee are:

Adv. FJ Nalane (Chairman)

Mr. R Hack (Deputy Chairman)

Adv. S Tshivhase

Adv. N Maahe

Mr. M Booth

Mr. S Magagula

Mr. P Nyachowe

Mr. A Taunyane

Mr. G Montshioagae

Mr. S Nene

Mr. PM Matlooane

Mr. D Sibuyi

Ms. C Berg

Ms. B Molebatsi

Adv. S Baloyi

Ms. M Krynuwer

Mr. P Mbana

Ms. D Peters

Mr. C Bredenkamp

Mr. J Wilson

Mr. J Mokwana

Mr. E De Bruin

DISPUTE RESOLUTION CHAMBER

The members of the Chamber are:

Adv. S Seedat (Chairman)

Mr. T Morabe

Mr. B Ncube

Mr. V Sepamla

Mr. L Abram

THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CHAMBER: 2017 – 2018 REPORT

Extraordinarily, exactly 100 matters were referred to the DRC in this period. Of these, 46 claims were settled and 19 awards were issued of which 9 were by default. The referring party withdrew its claim in 17 matters after reaching settlement. Three cases were closed while 15 matters remain to be finalised.

SETTLED	AWARDS	DEFAULT
46	10	9
DISMISSED	WITHDRAWN	CLOSED
0	17	3
NO JURISDICTION	PENDING	TOTAL
0	15	100

PREMIER DIVISION AND NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION	
CHARGE	CONVICTIONS
Abuse of Match Officials	4
Appeals (In both matters the SAFA Appeals Board upheld our DC decisions and sentences)	1
Assault	4
Bringing the League into disrepute	4
Declined to prosecute	10
Entering the field of play whilst under suspension	2
Failure to fulfil fixture	1
Failure to prevent abuse of a match official	5
Failure to prevent abuse and insult of a player	1
Failure to prevent assault of a player	2
Failure to provide adequate security	3
Failure to provide tickets at a match in compliance with safety regulations	1
Failure to provide sufficient tickets at a match	1
Fielding an ineligible player	6
Late access to change rooms	1
Late submission of an operational safety plan	1
Kit transgressions	2
Making improper statements in the media	2
Officials late at pre-match meeting	11
Protests	10
Spectator misbehaviour	7
Spitting at an opponent	1
Team late in change room	1
Team late taking to the field	1
Team sheets late	5
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*SPONSORS
OVERVIEW*





SuperSport
World of Champions

SUPERSPORT INTERNATIONAL

THE 2017/18 PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE (PSL) SEASON SIGNALLED THE START OF WHAT SUPERSPORT ENVISIONS TO BE ANOTHER DECADE LONG PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS FOREVER CHANGED THE GAME AND SET THE BENCHMARK FOR THE REST OF THE CONTINENT TO FOLLOW.

During the first decade of the PSL-SuperSport partnership, the gap between the big three and the rest of the teams narrowed significantly to the point that five different champions were crowned.

The level playing field now means that one can no longer pick an outright favourite for the title at the beginning of the season as anyone can win it.

It was from this unpredictability of the league that the campaign for the new season, 'Champions will Rise', was born.

The league and cup competitions are an open playing field and if you rise to the occasion, no matter who you are, you certainly will be the champion as an unfancied SuperSport United did back in 2007/08 and a Wits University who had been bubbling under for a good three seasons finally rose to the throne last season.

The idea was to elevate the campaign to the stature of a premium football experience deserving of both the league and cup competitions on offer. It was led in print, out-of-home, TV, radio, digital and social media with a strong call to action to subscribe and watch a premium broadcast of the country's most loved football.

A premium football experience is underpinned by a world-class broadcast using the most advanced cutting-edge technology. SuperSport's broadcast of the 2017/18 PSL season was everything world class and more. New camera angles were introduced. A second alternative feed produced from the new camera angles was successfully trialled during the Carling Black Label Cup. The alternative feed available only on social media gives viewers a unique take on watching football. The behind-the-scenes work on the alternative feed continues and this value add service could be rolled out into the market sooner than expected.

Maintaining the highest levels of broadcasting quality that have been set was also the aim for the season. Prior to the start of the season the production team had a week-long breakaway and this ensured that everyone returned refreshed and revitalised for the task at hand. The high standards were duly maintained with the error report remaining at 0.01% for the entire season.

Engagement around the PSL continues to be the biggest driver of the exponential growth SuperSport's social media pages, Facebook and Twitter, continue to experience. SuperSportTV is the second largest Facebook page in the country and @SuperSportTV is the 10th most followed Twitter account.

Hlompho Kekana's halfway line volley for Mamelodi Sundowns against Orlando Pirates was 2017 top performing post on @SuperSportTV with over 100 000 views and over 10 000 engagements (Likes and Retweets).

The promo of the second Soweto derby of the past season catapulted the SuperSport Instagram page to new levels of engagement with over 5000 views and likes.

PSL broadcast viewership of the past season remained high and fairly-stable prompting advertisers to continue to spend heavily on marketing their brands in the PSL live broadcast time slots.

On the online side, the new psl.co.za website was launched ahead of the start of the new season, and has proved an instant hit with local fans.

Starting with around 90 000 unique users in August, the site climbed to a peak of nearly 300 000 users in the month of April, and nearly 1.3 million fans accessed the site over the course of the season.

On top of this, supersport.com helped with the Goal of the Month award, which saw around thousands voting on a monthly basis.

ALL IN ALL, THE PSL WEBSITE HAS PROVED A HUGE SUCCESS AND AN INVALUABLE ASSET FOR LOCAL FOOTBALL.

CHAMPIONS 2015



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PREMIERSHIP

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

The 2017/18 Absa Premiership season culminated in Mamelodi Sundowns the Brazilians, crowned the league winners – for the eighth time in the Premier Soccer League era. The Tshwane giants fought off strong competition in the last few months of the league race to eventually secure the title in the penultimate round of fixtures; having displayed an incredibly entertaining brand of football, scoring brilliant goals in what was a competitive Absa Premiership season.

The season was a great one for Absa and football fans in South Africa. To kick things off, Absa celebrated the Premier Soccer League sponsorship renewal for a further five years, with the launch of the Woza Nazo campaign in August 2017. For Absa, excitement was brought back into the game through this campaign, not only around the Soweto Derbies, but also among the other teams and rivalries in the Absa Premiership. Throughout the season we brought the magic, fun and celebration on and off the field through a series of key Woza Nazo fixtures which comprised cross-town and historic rivalries and local derbies.

The past season also saw an initiative that we were most excited about – the Kick for a Million competition. At the start of the season, Absa introduced the Kick for a Million competition which took place at Woza Nazo matches. More than 7 000 football fans entered the competition on match day. Ten of those went through to the final of the competition, which took place at halftime during the Absa Premiership trophy handover match between Bloemfontein Celtic and Mamelodi Sundowns in Mangaung last May. Steven Chauke was crowned the millionaire. Absa is passionate about connecting fans with their passion for the beautiful game. We are pleased to have played a role in changing the life of a football fan through the game they love the most.

Through our popular Absa Red Ticket zone, Absa provided a “money can’t buy onsite hospitality” experience, where fans received meal packs, refreshments and Woza Nazo merchandise, and got to watch the game from a pre-reserved seating area in the stands. This was a new element that we introduced to amplify attendance at soccer stadiums and to reward our new and existing Absa customers.

ABSA WAS ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH MORE THAN 20 000 FANS, CLIENTS AND COLLEAGUES ACROSS VARIOUS ACTIVATIONS BETWEEN AUGUST 2017 AND MAY 2018. THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FAN ATTENDANCE AT THE WOZA NAZO MATCHES COMPARING TO THE SAME FIXTURES FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON. APPROXIMATELY 33 MILLION FANS HAVE WATCHED THE ABSA PREMIERSHIP ACROSS THE TWO BROADCAST CHANNELS, SUPERSPORT AND SABC LAST SEASON.

Absa extends a special thank you to the supporters that came in large numbers to watch all the Absa Premiership matches and support the league action during the past season.

We look forward to yet another thrilling Absa Premiership season. I wish all our partners and stakeholders a successful 2018/19 season, filled with wonderful healthy competition.

DAVID WINGFIELD



NFD

NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

NFD – NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

The 2017/18 National First Division (“NFD”) season will be mainly remembered for the domination of Highlands Park who won the championship with four fixtures remaining to gain promotion to the Premier Division. The club had an impressive campaign in the NFD which saw them undefeated for 25 games in succession.

The season under review marked the return to the Premier Division of Black Leopards after winning the Promotional Play-offs ending the club’s five years attempts to regain promotion following their relegation at the end of the 2012/13 season. The clubs that participated in the Promotional Play-offs were:

- Platinum Stars, who finished in position 15 on the Absa Premiership log table with 27 points,
- Black Leopards, who finished 2nd in the NFD log table with 50 points
- Jomo Cosmos, who finished 3rd in the NFD log table with 49 points.

For the first time in PSL, the draw for the Promotion Play-offs was conducted in the presence of all the 32 Member Clubs in Johannesburg at the Board of Governors meeting held on 16 April 2018.

NFD: AN ATTRACTIVE BRAND

During the year under review, the NFD attracted new investors including a multinational company, Remgro Group, which purchased Stellenbosch FC. This transaction and the purchase of Cape Town All Stars, indicates that there is investment value in the NFD and it signals a vote of confidence by the business community in the professional manner in which the PSL is administered. Remgro’s participation in the PSL as one of the shareholders will enhance the NFD brand in general and the PSL in particular and may result in more corporate entities investing in the PSL product

CLUBS RELEGATED

Mthatha Bucks from the Eastern Cape and Super Eagles from the Free State were relegated after only one season in the NFD. Mthatha Bucks finished in position 16 on 22 points and Super Eagles finished in position 15 on 32 points. These two clubs were the only ones that represented their provinces in the NFD.

2017/18 NFD
IN NUMBERS:

547

Total number of goals scored

69

**Number of points accumulated
by a Member Club (Highlands Park FC)**

65

**Highest number of goals scored
by a Member Club (Highlands Park FC)**

21

**Lowest number of goals scored
by a Member Club (Uthongathi FC)**

15

**Number of goals scored by joint top goal
scorers (Mwape Musonda from Black Leopards
and Peter Shalulile from Highlands Park FC)**



NEDBANK CUP

OVER THE PAST DECADE, NEDBANK HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE TO BRING THE NEDBANK CUP TO SOUTH AFRICANS. WE ARE PLEASED TO SAY THAT, IN THIS TIME, THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF THE PSL, THE NEDBANK CUP HAS GROWN INTO ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST POPULAR SOCCER SPECTACLES – AND WE HAVE MADE HISTORY ALONG THE WAY.

For Nedbank, the tournament is a fantastic opportunity to deliver on our purpose to use our financial expertise to do good. We do this in a number of ways. For one, the tournament gives us a unique opportunity to engage with our clients and make sure that we are offering them the products, services and support they need to make the most of their finances. In this light, the 2018 Nedbank Cup campaign depicted the story of two passionate soccer players chasing their dreams. On the one hand, we have an established soccer player and Ke Yona Team graduate, Aubrey Modiba, seeking Nedbank Cup glory. On the other, we have an aspiring young soccer player trying to make it to the big league through the Ke Yona Team Search. In both instances, Nedbank plays a pivotal role in their lives by backing their talent through these two prestigious competitions.

Furthermore, the Nedbank Cup is also a very important part of our ongoing commitment to sports development. Not only do we donate sports kit and equipment to many schools during the tournament, but our Ke Yona Team Search has proven very effective in uncovering tomorrow's SA soccer stars and giving them the start they need in their professional careers. This not only aligns with Nedbank's values to give back to the communities we serve, but also speaks to the premise of the PSL to raise the standard of soccer in our country.

Lastly, all of this would not be possible without the support of the PSL executives and staff who play such a pivotal role to ensure that we deliver a worldclass tournament year after year. We look forward to taking the partnership that Nedbank has with the PSL to greater heights.

KHENSANI NOBANDA

NEDBANK GROUP EXECUTIVE FOR GROUP
MARKETING AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS



TELKOM'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE, WHICH HAS NOW SPANNED OVER A DECADE HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH OF FOOTBALL IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE TELKOM KNOCKOUT HAS GROWN TREMENDOUSLY AND IS NOW AN INTRINSIC PART OF SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL.

TELKOM KNOCKOUT

In the 2017/18 knockout edition, Telkom took away heartbreak of losing by enabling everyone to win. Through the 0% heartbreak and 100% winnings campaign, Telkom gave every fan a chance to win big. To win, prepaid customers dialed *123# from a Telkom prepaid sim card, purchased a bundle and saw their purchase multiplied by the combined score of the game with the most goals in each round of the Telkom Knockout.

Telkom not only went big for its prepaid subscribers, but opened a platform where any football fan could nominate a deserving school to win football kit and equipment. The fortunate schools were Sibusisiwe Comprehensive Technical High School in rural Umbumbulu, Kwa-Zulu Natal and Ramaroka primary school in Polaseng Villiage, Limpopo.

The tournament culminated with an exciting final held at the historic Princess Magogo Stadium in KwaMashu. Match day was a hive of activity with 1000 Telkom T-shirts given to the first 1000 fans to arrive at the stadium. For halftime, award winning kwaito star Professor entertained the fans. Bidvest Wits were crowned Telkom Knockout champions after claiming a late 1-0 victory over Bloemfontein Celtic.

THE 2018/19 TELKOM KNOCKOUT CAMPAIGN PROMISES TO OFFER EVERYONE MORE – MORE OF WHAT MAKES THE GAME EXCITING, MORE GOALS, MORE CHEERING, MORE SHARING, MORE DATA AND MORE FUN!

2017/18

PAST WINNERS

- 2008 KAIZER CHIEFS
- 2009 GOLDEN ARROWS
- 2010 ORLANDO PIRATES
- 2011 ORLANDO PIRATES
- 2012 MOROKA SWALLOWS
- 2013 PLATINUM STARS
- 2014 KAIZER CHIEFS
- 2015 AJAX CAPE TOWN
- 2016 BIDVEST WITS
- 2017 SUPERSPORT UNITED

The MTN logo, consisting of the letters 'MTN' in white, bold, sans-serif font, set against a dark blue oval background.

THE 2017/18 MTN8 TOURNAMENT, IN ITS 10TH YEAR, KICKED OFF THE PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE (PSL) SEASON WITH THE TOP EIGHT PLACED TEAMS FROM THE 2016/17 LEAGUE ALL FIGHTING IT OUT IN THE MOST LUCRATIVE CUP COMPETITION ON THE CONTINENT.

While the tournament is predominantly about the top eight teams, MTN8 found ways to excite football fans and MTN customers by giving them opportunities to win big during the tournament. The concept for 2017/2018 tournament "Are you In or are you Out", saw fans and consumers be persuaded to be IN with MTN or be OUT in the cold and miss out on R8 million in prizes.

The season started with an innovative pre-tournament engagement campaign, which saw football fans across the country vote for their top 10 legends – footballers they believed played a key role in making the MTN8 the standout tournament that it is today.

These legends were selected by the public, through a USSD voting process, which served to bring fans closer to the tournament and their passions before it was officially launched.

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From Khayelitsha to Soshanguve, the MTN8 Legends toured the country with the trophy and coached the nation's future soccer stars. The aim was to visit areas that don't usually have access to the sporting action as well as to donate soccer kits to schools across the country.

With considerably reduced dropped calls, and faster internet download speeds, MTN was well positioned to give football fans and customers a distinctive customer experience. MTN subscribers who attended matches from the second-leg onwards were rewarded with 500MB.

Fans also stood a chance to win the Last Fan Standing competition – this meant winning R1 million cash and a trip to Russia in 2018 with seven friends or family.

All fans had to do to win was dial *130*1# to opt IN and recharge with R10 or more during the tournament to enjoy the benefits of being on the Bozza network.

MTN SINCERELY THANKS THE PSL FOR A REWARDING PARTNERSHIP AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE MTN8 CAMPAIGN OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL Wafa Wafa SEASON WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM OUR VALUED STAKEHOLDERS: THE LEAGUE, THE TEAMS, THE MEDIA AND THE PASSIONATE FOOTBALL FANS.

MTN has been a long-time supporter of sports in South Africa and every year, through MTN8, we strive to look for fresh and exciting ways to make the lives of football fans brighter – after a decade of Wafa Wafa, fans can expect even bigger and brighter wins in 2018/19.

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WAY TOWARDS A BRIGHTER
FUTURE “NELSON MANDELA”*

It has now been over four years since the introduction of the MultiChoice Diski Challenge, our youth development partnership with the Premier Soccer League (PSL), and over this period the initiative has grown in leaps and bounds surpassing all our expectations and most importantly, creating numerous stars on and off the field.

The 2017/18 PSL Awards saw Diski graduates dominating the evening. Siphesihle Ndlovu of Maritzburg United won two awards for Midfielder and Best Young Player of the Season. Another double prize went to Lebohang Maboe of Maritzburg United, whose brilliant season earned him the Nedbank Cup’s Most Promising Player, and Player of the Tournament. The Goal of the Season award went to Siphелеle Magubane of Lamontville Golden Arrows.

The season’s biggest star, Percy Tau of Mamelodi Sundowns, who played in the inaugural season of the Diski Challenge went on to be crowned Players’ Player of the Season, joint Top Goal Scorer and Footballer of the Year.

IT MAKES US PROUD TO SEE NOT JUST AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PLAYERS MAKING A TRANSITION TO THE PSL FROM DISKI BUT SEEING THEM TAKING THE LEAGUE BY STORM AND MAKING AN INDELIBLE MARK IN OUR FOOTBALL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THESE PLAYERS DEVELOP FURTHER AND MAKE A MARK IN INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

In the 4 seasons of Diski, over 450 matches have been played in front of massive township crowds across the country, 150 being televised live by our broadcast interns, a number of whom have gone on to part of big MultiChoice productions. Over 100 players have been promoted to the PSL, and more and more of these players are being regulars. This success is a testament of the importance of investing in young talent and is the reason this season we introduced the MultiChoice Diski Shield, a Knockout tournament. The shield extends the Diski season by 6 weeks, allowing coaches more time to work with the players, players more time on the field and fans more football to enjoy.

We congratulate the 2017/18 MultiChoice Diski Challenge champions, Golden Arrows, the first team ever to win the title twice. The club’s commitment to developing rough diamonds is highly admirable. We also congratulate Kaizer Chiefs for annexing the inaugural MultiChoice Diski Shield. Finally, we wish to congratulate all the PSL clubs, and the fans for delivering a spectacular Diski season and continuing to unveil Mzansi future stars through this platform. This will go a long way in restoring South Africa into its rightful place in world football.

SITHI HALALA!

JACKIE RAKITLA

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