

SAASL Fixtures - Appointments and match officials

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to Derek, Guy, SAASL

To SAFRA President, Secretary and Executive Committee,

Dear Derek, Guy and SAFRA members

We hope you are all well.

It is extremely disappointing that the relationship between SAFRA and SAASL has deteriorated whereby SAFRA finds it appropriate to contact SAASL Clubs directly. We invite SAFRA to return to corresponding with the SAASL Board.

We note below the two emails sent directly to SAASL Clubs in response to Football SA's decision to take over the referee appointments for all affiliated associations, including SAASL and secondly, SAFRA's offer to SAASL Clubs to supply Referees for matches not appointed by Football SA.

We understand that as of the 20th February 2023, SAFRA's affiliation agreement with Football SA has been terminated.

As the governing body, the SAASL Board hereby requires you to immediately cease all direct communication with SAASL Clubs and to stop offering/appointing SAFRA members to SAASL matches.

Any match under the auspices of SAASL, regardless of whether it's a non-competitive or a competitive match, must ONLY be officiated by FSA or SAASL appointed match officials to ensure compliance with the requirements under the FA Insurance policy for Clubs and Participants and SAASL's affiliation with Football SA.

If any SAFRA members wish to officiate SAASL matches but are not registered with FSA, they will need to contact the League to register as a Club Referee and will only be appointed to SAASL matches by the League.

SAFRA cannot make appointments to any SAASL Club or matches, irrespective of division or grade.

Further, SAFRA and its members that are not registered with FSA or SAASL, are not covered by the FA Insurance policy and therefore unable to participate in any Football SA/SAASL competitions.

SAASL Clubs will be advised that, if they allow an unregistered, non-recognised match official to officiate any fixture, they will not be covered by insurance, will be in breach of the rules and subject to sanction.

We want your members to be part of the SAASL football family and we strongly encourage them to register with Football SA and take appointments to SAASL matches.

Therefore, we invite any SAFRA members who wish to officiate in SAASL matches to contact the League office.

We are also aware of some issues associated with the new DRIBL appointment system, the availability and appointments of match officials and match payments process. This is a teething problem with the new system which Football SA is addressing with DRIBL and we have been advised that this will be fixed shortly.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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