

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: RULES AND REGULATIONS: 2017

1 TEAMS

The following teams will participate in the 2017 Old Boys 7 a side League (OBL):

- DTS,
- Tura all stars
- SKW (2 teams)
- OTB
- China Naughty Boys

The league will start on the 31/05/2017 at SKW, fixture to follow before the 26/05/2017.

2 MATCH & LEAGUE FORMAT

- 2.1 The 7 – a- side league will be played on a match day round robin basis, meaning all teams will play on the said match day at the same venue.
- 2.2 The league will be run on a home and away basis which each team will have equal number of home and away games.
- 2.3 Each match will be played 2 x 12.5 minutes with no interval break. This will allow each team 2 games per match day. Each team will have one match with only one game par round (we have 7 teams)
- 2.4 The playing field will be half the normal soccer field. It is the host's responsibility to assure that the field is marked accordingly and that balls are made available.
- 2.5 The field will be divided in three equal thirds.
- 2.6 Goals can only be scored within the opponents third.
- 2.7 Normal sized goals will be used.
- 2.8 Further FIFA rules apply.

3 PLAYERS

- 3.1 Only the 15 players/team that were registered prior to the commencement of the season are allowed to play for their respective teams.
- 3.2 Any changes during the season should be forwarded to the organizers, who then will liaise with all the other team representatives. Only registered players are eligible to play. If unregistered players are used, the team will forfeit the match automatically.
- 3.3 There are "two" groups of players, i.e. the players between 30 (turning 31 and turning 33 years) and the players above 33 years. They are defined as follows:
 - 3.3.1 30 – 33 years: born in either 1986, 1985 or 1984 (hereafter called "youngsters")
 - 3.3.2 34 years and older: born before or on December 31, 1983.

- 3.4 Only social players are allowed to register and no active player from any league affiliated to the NFA (Premier League, All First Divisions etc) or outside the boundaries of Namibia is allowed.
- 3.5 A player who was active or competitive from any league affiliated to either NFA or any other league outside the boundaries of Namibia can only join OBL after a grace period of one (1) year of non-active or competitive soccer of such leagues.

4 MATCH RULES

- 4.1 Only registered players will be eligible to play.
- 4.2 Each team nominates 15 players who should appear on the team return for the specific match day. Of these 15 players, only 2 may be between 30 and 33 years old per match day.
- 4.3 No less than of 5 players need to be on the pitch during the game, otherwise the match is stopped and forfeited by the team with less than 5 players with a score 3-0 and 3 points for the opponents.
- 4.4 A player may play only for one club during the league.
- 4.5 Flying substitutions are allowed during the match, but must be done in the marked area.
- 4.6 All teams must wear proper playing strip (including shin guards) with numbers on each jersey.
- 4.7 No jewellery is allowed.
- 4.8 Teams arriving 10 minutes and later after the scheduled kick off time (or not arriving at all) will forfeit the match with a score of 3 – 0 and 3 points for the opponents. A fine will be levied against the team arriving late (or not arriving at all).
- 4.9 No games will be postponed due to unavailability of teams on the specific match night.
- 4.10 If a player has been given two yellow cards in the league, he will be suspended for the following match. A player with a red card has to leave the field immediately and will also be suspended for the following two matches.
- 4.11 Protests must be submitted within 24 hours after the match to the organizers, and it will be tried to solve the matter amicably.
- 4.12 If a team has doubts about a player of the opponent regarding the age, the team captains and the organizers will verify the age of the player concerned. Should this proof of player/age not be available, clause 4.7 applies.
- 4.13 Any disputes which cannot be resolved amicably by the teams/players/match officials will be delegated to the Disputes Committee (DC). The committee will consist of one match official, the league co-ordinator and one representative of each team. The DC will be called as required on an ad hoc basis.

- 4.14 In the event that one team deems the game unfair, the game should continue and such team should apply clause 4.13. Therefore, a team that walks off the field automatically forfeits 3 points and also a score of 3 – 0 is awarded to the opponents.

5 FAIR PLAY RULES

- 5.1 Tackling from behind will not be tolerated at all. However, the match officials must use their discretion intelligently when ruling on such an offence whether it is only a yellow card offence or warrants a send-off.
- 5.2 Similarly, 50/50 ball challenges must be ruled in a manner that it ensures that players involved are not disadvantaged, yet a degree of physical challenge to win ball possession is still permissible.
- 5.3 Therefore, tackling in the forms of sliding into opponents, shirt tucking, use of elbows etc. will be strictly looked at during the course of the match. Whether or not studs were showing, the match officials still have their discretion to rule it as rough play.
- 5.4 Therefore, the match officials will be encouraged to use yellow and red cards more frequently than it was in the past.

NB: These fair play rules are not attempting to take away the competitive edge one team may have over its opponents, but it is aimed at discouraging niggling play which later on builds into unwanted bigger issues. It is also in light of point 7 below which deals with the Mission of the Old Boys League.

6 MATCH OFFICIALS

- 6.1 The organizers will arrange to have independent match officials for each match who will be reimbursed at an agreed fee.
- 6.2 They have to forward the match report, i.e. the team returns which leave space for goal scorers, yellow and red cards, to the organizers, in order to update the log standings, etc.

7 ADMINISTRATION FEE

An annual administration fee to be determined every year is payable to cover the costs of match officials and other as agreed upon by all the teams involved. The proposed fee for 2016 is N\$2,000 per team entered. Non-payment of the league fees will result in the disqualification and exclusion from the league.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INDICATE ON THE PAYMENT THE REFERENCE OF YOUR TEAM NAME

ACCOUNT NAME: SKW Soccer

BANK: BANK WINDHOEK

SAVINGS ACCOUNT No.: 2000248912

BRANCH CODE: 481-972

SWIFT CODE: BWLINANX

8 MISSION

The mission of the Old Boys league "OLD BOYS PLAY SOCCER AS FRIENDS" should be maintained at all times.

Not a RULE, but as a good gesture the HOME team is obliged to buy for their OPPONENTS 24 drinks (12 beer/12 cool drinks or 24 beer or cool drinks) after their match at the clubhouse of the hosts.