# Football Kenya Federation



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ATT: FKF Members,

RE: FKF LEAGUE STRUCTURES – 2020/2021 TO 2024/2025 SEASON.

## FKF LEAGUE STRUCTURE – 2021 TO 2025.

We wish to inform you that during the National Executive Committee meeting held on November 10, 2020, the FKF NEC resolved to adopt the below league structure;

## 1. The Top Tier League.

In accordance with the FKF Constitution, the Federation's top tier league shall be referred to as the FKF Premier League.

The League shall be comprised of eighteen (18) professional teams. The Winner of the League shall be crowned the national champion and shall represent the country in the CAF Champions League and CECAFA Championship Tournaments.

The bottom two placed teams at the end of the season shall be relegated to the second tier league, the National Super League. The third-last ranked team in the FKF Premier League shall participate in a promotion/relegation play-off match with the third-best ranked team in the second tier for the final spot in the next FKF Premier League season.

#### 2. The Second Tier League.

The FKF's second tier league shall be referred to as the National Super League.

The League shall be comprised of twenty (20) semi-professional teams. The Winner of the League shall be crowned the League Champions and together with the second-placed team in the league, shall earn automatic promotion to the FKF Premier League.

The bottom three placed teams at the end of the season shall be relegated to the third tier league, the FKF Division One League. The third-best ranked team in the National Super League shall participate in a promotion/relegation play-off match with the third-last ranked team in the FKF Premier League for the final spot in the next FKF Premier League season.

#### 3. The Third Tier League.

The FKF's third tier league shall be referred to as the FKF Division One League.

The League shall be comprised of thirty-two (32) amateur teams divided into two zones of sixteen (16) teams each. The Winners of the respective zones shall be crowned the Zonal League Champions and shall earn automatic promotion to the National Super League.

The Second-placed teams in the respective zones shall face each other in a Promotion Play-off match to determine the third team to be promoted to the National Super League.

The bottom three placed teams in both zones at the end of the season shall be relegated to the fourth tier league, the FKF Division Two League.

## 4. The Fourth Tier League.

The FKF's fourth tier league shall be referred to as the FKF Division Two League.

The League shall be divided into four zones namely;

- i. Eastern Zone To cover former Nairobi Province and Central Province.
- ii. Western Zone To cover former Western Province and (Upper) Rift Valley Province.
- iii. Southern Zone To cover former Coast Province, Eastern Province and North Eastern Province
- iv. Central Zone To cover former Nyanza Province and (Lower) Rift Valley Province.

Each Zone shall comprise of not more than thirty-six (36) amateur teams divided into two zones of eighteen (18) teams each based on their geographical location. At the end of each season, there shall be a Promotion Play-off/Mini League to determine the teams to earn promotion to the FKF Division One League next season.

The bottom three placed teams in each of the zones at the end of the season shall be relegated to the fifth tier league, the FKF Regional League.

## 5. The Fifth Tier League.

The FKF's fifth tier league shall be referred to as the FKF Regional League.

The League shall be divided into eight zones; the former provinces namely Nairobi, Central, North Eastern, Rift Valley, Western, Nyanza, Coast and Eastern Regions.

Each Zone shall comprise of not more than forty (40) amateur teams divided into different zones. At the end of each season, there shall be a Promotion Play-off/Mini League to determine the teams to earn promotion to the FKF Division Two League next season.

The bottom three placed teams in each of the zones at the end of the season shall be relegated to the sixth tier league, the FKF County League.

\*Rift Valley Region shall be split into two zones; Upper Rift and Lower Rift Regional Leagues.

#### 6. The Sixth Tier League.

The FKF's sixth tier league shall be referred to as the FKF County League.

The League shall be played in the respective forty-eight (48) FKF Counties as stipulated in the FKF Constitution.

Each County League shall comprise of not more than forty (40) amateur teams divided into different zones. At the end of each season, there shall be a Promotion Play-off/Mini League to determine the teams to earn promotion to the FKF Regional League next season.

The bottom three placed teams in each of the County Leagues at the end of the season shall be relegated to the bottom tier league, the FKF Sub-County League.

## 7. The Seventh (Bottom) Tier League.

The FKF's seventh tier league shall be referred to as the FKF Sub-County League.

The League shall be played in the respective 290 FKF Sub Branches as stipulated in the FKF Constitution.

Each Sub County League shall comprise of not more than forty (40) amateur teams divided into different zones. At the end of each season, there shall be a Promotion Play-off/Mini League to determine the teams to earn promotion to the FKF County League next season.

#### WOMEN FOOTBALL LEAGUES

## 1. The FKF Women Top Tier League.

The top tier women league in the country shall be referred to as the Kenya Women Premier League.

The League shall be comprised of twelve (12) semi-professional teams. The Winner of the League shall be crowned the national champion and shall represent the country in the CAF Champions League Tournaments.

The bottom three placed teams at the end of the season shall be relegated to the second tier league, the FKF Women Division One League.

#### 2. The FKF Women Second Tier League.

The FKF's Women's second tier league shall be referred to as the FKF Women Division One League.

The League shall be comprised of twenty-four (24) amateur teams divided into two zones of twelve (12) teams each. The Winners of the respective zones shall be crowned the Zonal League Champions and shall earn automatic promotion to the Kenya Women Premier League.

The Second-placed teams in the respective zones shall face each other in a Promotion Play-off match to determine the third team to be promoted to the Kenya Women Premier League.

The bottom four placed teams in both zones at the end of the season shall be relegated to the third tier league, the FKF Women Regional League.

## 3. The FKF Women Third Tier League.

The FKF's Women's third tier league shall be referred to as the FKF Women Regional League.

The League shall be divided into eight zones; the former provinces namely Nairobi, Central, North Eastern, Rift Valley, Western, Nyanza, Coast and Eastern Regions.

Each Zone shall comprise of not more than twelve (12) amateur teams that may be divided into zones. At the end of each season, the league winners of the respective zones shall earn automatic promotion to the FKF Women Division One League next season.

The bottom three placed teams in each of the zones at the end of the season shall be relegated to the FKF Women bottom tier league, the FKF Women County League.

# 4. The FKF Women Fourth (Bottom) Tier League.

The FKF's Women Fourth (Bottom) tier league shall be referred to as the FKF Women County League.

The League shall be played in the respective forty-eight (48) FKF Counties as stipulated in the FKF Constitution.

Each County League shall comprise of not more than twelve (12) amateur teams that may be divided into different zones. At the end of each season, there shall be a Promotion Playoff/Mini League to determine the teams to earn promotion to the FKF Women Regional League next season.

We thank you for taking note and for your good understanding.

Yours Faithfully,

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