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Date: 03 February 2020

From: Organising Secretary, Public Officers’ Welfare Council  
To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

7-A Side Ladies Football Festival

Please refer to this Office’s Circular dated 22 July 2019 on the above subject.

2. As you are aware, the 7-A Side Ladies Football Festival, initially scheduled for September 2019 was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

3. I am pleased to inform you that the 7-A Side Ladies Football Festival has now been rescheduled for the month of April 2020. The exact date, time and venue will be communicated to all teams in due course.

4. The rules and regulations of the Tournament are at Annex 1. Participating teams should make their own transport arrangements and also arrange for the release of players/officials from their respective Ministry/Department for training purposes and official matches.

5. Interested Ministries/Departments willing to participate in the 7-Aside Ladies Football Festival are requested to fill in the Participation Form at Annex 2 and submit same to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers’ Welfare Council (POWC), 6th Floor, ATOM House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis by Friday 28 February 2020 at latest. Teams who had already submitted their participation form last year need not reapply.

6. Team Managers are requested to submit the players’ Licence Cards of their respective teams to the POWC by Friday 28 February 2020 at latest and collect same before the start of the Ladies Festival. Public officers, who do not possess a valid player’s Licence Card, will not be allowed to participate in the Festival. The player’s Licence Card should be presented to match officials prior to the kick-off of each match. The new licence cards are available at the seat of the POWC.

7. Each participating team, after having played all its matches, will be entitled to a grant of Rs 1500 which will be credited in the bank account of its Staff Welfare Association.

8. Team Managers are invited for a meeting and the drawing of lots will be effected on Friday 27 March 2020 at 1400 hours in the Conference Room of the POWC, 6th Floor, ATOM House, Port Louis.

9. It would be appreciated if the contents of this letter could be brought to the attention of Public Officers serving in your Ministry/Department. A copy of this circular is also available on the Council’s website: http://powc.govmu.org.

S. Bunchoo  
Organising Secretary

Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations
PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL
CIVIL SERVICE 7-A-SIDE LADIES FOOTBALL FESTIVAL 2020

Rules and Regulations

1. The Festival shall be known as the Civil Service Ladies Football Festival and shall be open solely to female Public Officers.

2. The 7-A-Side Football Festival will be governed by standard football rules and regulations.

3. All decisions in regards to planning, organisation, execution and the award of trophies and prizes will rest with the Sports Committee of the Public Officers’ Welfare Council, referred to as the Committee.

4. Each participating team of both tournaments will be eligible for a grant of Rs 1500 which will be credited to the bank account of its Staff Welfare Association after the tournament.

5. Each team shall consist of a manager, a coach and a playing strength of 11 players. Players who have been a first or second division player at national level for the last year shall not play in any match of this festival. The Manager shall be answerable to the Council for any relevant matter relating to the festival. Photocopy of national identity card of players should be submitted together with the application form. Each is entitled to 3 changes during a match.

6. Each player should be in possession of a valid license card issued by the Committee which shall bear his name and other relevant particulars. Players failing to produce their licence card prior to kick off of a match will not be allowed to play. Cases of personation shall be severely dealt with. The team shall be disqualified from the tournament.
7. The Football Festival shall be conducted on a **knock-out system** and in accordance with the fixtures established by the Committee.

8. The Council shall appoint 2 Match Commissioners for the supervision of the whole festival.

9. Matches shall be officiated by MFA referees. In the absence of appointed referees, the Match Commissioners have the right to take appropriate action.

10. (i) All protests in relation to any aspect of the festival shall be lodged immediately after the end of a match to the Match Commissioners.

   (ii) **The decision of the Committee will be final and binding.**

11. (i) All matches will be of twenty minutes’ duration (2x10 minutes). There will be no rest at half-time.

(ii) In case of a draw match, 3 penalty kicks will decide the winner.

(iii) Teams shall be present on the football pitch at least 30 minutes before start of festival.

(iv) **DISCIPLINE: Card System**

   Two Yellow Cards — Player misses next match

   Red Card — Player misses next match

(v) Any team that does not present itself on the field 15 minutes before the scheduled time shall be deemed to have lost the match by walk-over. It may be liable to disciplinary action.

(vi) The choice of playgrounds will rest with the Sports Committee

(vii) The Committee reserves the right of bringing any amendments to the present rules and regulations that might be necessary in the best interest of the Festival.
Annex 2

7 A-Side Ladies Football Festival 2020

Participation Form

Ministry/Department: ........................................................................................................................................
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Email Address: ..............................................................................................................................................
Fax: ..............................................................................................................................................................
Sports Coach: ................................................................. Tel: ............................................................. Mobile: ........................................
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Bank Account Name of Staff Welfare Association.........................................................................................
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N.B: (1) Each participating team, after having played all its matches, will be entitled to a grant of Rs 1500 which will be credited in the bank account of its Staff Welfare Association.
(2) We, the undersigned, acknowledge having taken cognizance of the rules and regulations of the POWC Football Tournament and undertake to comply with.
(3) We understand that the decision of the Board of the Public Officers' Welfare Council will be final and irrevocable.
(3) We certify that the players mentioned above are Public Officers and the information submitted is true.

Signature of Team Manager: ................................................................. Date:.................................
Signature of Human Resource Manager: ...................................... Name:................................. Tel:.................................
Signature of Supervising Officer: .................................................. Name:.................................