

01 Membership and Registration

- a. All new members of an affiliate to the association will be required to fill a registration form with all required information and signing this declaration to abide by the rules of the Association.
- b. The Association has the powers to accept or decline any such registration form with a valid reason to decline.
- c. When a member is registered, he has to work in the best possible interest of the association wherever possible.

02 Annual Subscription

- a. The annual subscription (affiliation fee) shall be determined by the council as and when deemed necessary.
- b. This change, if necessary, shall be implemented in the subsequent year

03 Officials of the Association

- a. The association at any time may co-opt volunteers to help in the running of tournaments or events organised by the Association.
- b. This appointment shall only be interim for the period of the event and after such, these members are no longer a member of the Association unless and until they are members of an affiliate where they will only remain as a member of an affiliate to the Association.
- c. Privileges bestowed upon these volunteers is at the discretion of the executive committee.
- d. The executive committee has to support their appointment of volunteers in the ways of performance skills and knowledge in the areas these individuals are appointed.

04 New Members Embracing Islam

- a. Any new revert to Islam will have to abide by a stand down period of 3 months for active participation in any of the Association's events and any application relating to this needs to be done at least 30 days prior to any tournament
- b. The revert brother/sister will have to supply a signed deceleration from a recognised Islamic Organisation regarding his religious status
- c. All affiliates are to be informed individually of any new revert applications with an objection period given of 7 days from the notice with relevant written reasons for objection

- d. NZMSA has the discretion of forming a special committee to look in the above matter for proof of reversion and or otherwise. All proceedings for the above will need to be done in a discrete and confidential manner.

05 Club/Team Affiliation

To be New Zealand based only with an approved fees

06 Overseas Affiliation

Not required by overseas teams. Registration only for the tournament and players will not be bound by release and transfer rules.

07 Meetings

- a. The association shall call any such meetings as per the provisions of the constitution with minimum notice periods as defined in the constitution.
- b. A managers meeting may be called by the association for any tournament matters.
- c. The managers meeting at no time shall be represented or misinterpreted to be a council meeting. The discretion of managers meetings are confirmation of registration, player transfers, information of fixtures, and any matters relating to any tournaments operationally.

The managers meeting will not have any right to overturn any EC decisions relating to the tournament

08 Affiliate Management

The Association will not intervene in the management of any affiliated team that ceases operation

The Association will only enforce releasing all affected players. The team's name will then be regarded vacant for any new Team that wishes to affiliate.

09 Players and Official Pass

Only team players and officials will be entitled to Player and Official Passes. These passes shall not be used for any other members of the affiliate or the general public

010 Finance

- a. All methods accounted by the association to raise funds for the running of the Association has to be kept transparent to the affiliated clubs, and all members that for the council.
- b. An update of all financial activities shall be provided in all executive and council meetings.

011 Other religious Tournaments/ Player Eligibility

The executive committee may appoint scholars to ascertain the eligibility of registered Muslim players in regard to them having played in other religious tournaments and their current status.

012 Team Colours

Teams to abide by their designated colours and alternates with secondary colour if required.

013 Affiliation Participation

- a. All affiliated teams are expected to participate in any NZMSA organised tournament unless a leave of absence is applied to the association.
- b. Any affiliated teams not taking part will have to give this in writing to the association at least 1 month prior to any tournament or within two weeks of any tournament notice being sent out, with valid reasons for non-participation.
- b.(2). Failure to comply with 013 b and non-participation via non-payment in the tournament will incur a fine to be decided by the EC. Additional disciplinary action may be undertaken on the affiliate team by the EC, including possible relegation to the lower division of a 2-division tournament, for future tournaments.
- c. Any teams not taking part in 2 consecutive tournaments shall cease to exist as a member of the association with immediate effect and will have reapply for affiliation as a new affiliate as per the provisions of the constitution and bylaws.
- d. All players from teams not taking part in any tournament will become “free agent” for that particular tournament and will have the option of reverting back to their original teams only after the tournament.
- e. Such free agents will still need to complete the new player registration forms and pay the \$10.00 fee in going to the new team and later on reverting back to the original team.

- f. Any new affiliate club will have to apply in writing as per the provisions of the constitution.

Such new Affiliate clubs will have to start in the Premier vision (Lower Division) in the event of a 2 division tournament .

014 FIFA and Tournament Rules

FIFA rules are only applicable on the playing field and controlled by the match referee. The rules to organise and run the tournament will be on the discretion of the executive committee and will be subject change if the need arises.

015 Tournament Rules

- a. The tournament rules shall drafted in accordance with FIFA rules.
- b. This does not stop the Association drafting its own rules to suit the organisation of the tournament.
- c. All changes to any tournament rules are to be verified by the council prior to it being accepted for any tournament.

017 Incentives

The Association shall provide incentive to the winners of any tournament by giving the winners a free registration for the next subsequent tournament.

This shall apply to all categories in any tournament.

Registration /Transfer/Release

018 Player Registration

- a. All teams may register a maximum of 21 players
- b. All Players must be Ah-Le-Sunnatul Jammal
- c. In case of players reverting to Islam, refer to clause 004 above
- d. All players must be registered with NZMSA with the in the prescribed forms with the appropriate fees, currently set at \$10.00
- e. Players taking part in other religious tournaments will be disqualified
- f (i) Only 3 Guest players will be allowed to be registered in the 21-member team list, out of which only 2 can be playing at any one time

Definition of a **GUEST Player**; Any Overseas Player, wanting to play a tournament, not falling into category (ii) and (iii)

- (ii) Local Player Definition – Any player who has been residing in NZ for a minimum of 30 days in the preceding 183 days prior to the start of any tournament and has a valid New Zealand Citizen, Permanent Residence, Work Permit, and or Student Permit
- (iii)a. Any New Zealand Citizen considered as *Normally Residing* in New Zealand and is away overseas on a special project or work permit only shall be considered a local player provided the provisions of (iii)b and (iii)c , are complied with.
- (iii)b. Any player falling into category (iii)a shall make an application within 14 days of any tournament notice being sent with all relevant information to prove Normally Residing in NZ
- (iii)c. The decision of the EC will be final in this matter.

019 Player Release/Transfer

1. NZMSA will determine the transfer window dates in its EC meeting and advise all affiliated Teams/Clubs accordingly – this will be done between April and October - at least 28 days prior to the BOG -EID Cup tournament
2. The transfer window will open for a period of 14-21 days as determined by the NZMSA EC
3. The standard transfer fee of \$200.00 will be charged for individual player transfer that is to be paid before the player is transferred from one affiliated Team / Club to another within the transfer.
4. All player transfer is to be on the prescribed form attached (Player Transfer Form) completed fully and must be signed by all required parties to be accepted by the association.
5. The association is not responsible of advising the old Affiliated Team / Club that their player is requesting a transfer to move. This is the responsibility of the new Club acquiring the player or the player himself.
6. All money owed by the player up to a value of Five Hundred New Zealand Dollars (\$500.00) on a signed contract will be accepted by the association. In saying this, the copy of such contract should be on filed with the association within 7 working days of the signing of such contract and or document. Any other contracts or monies owed shall be deemed to be a civil matter to be dealt with in courts or otherwise
7. All such contract and or document is to be dually signed by the affiliated Team / Club official, player concerned and witnessed by a third party.
8. No claims of any more than the amount noted in Clause 6 will be entertained or accounted for by the association during the transfer of any player.
9. All disciplinary cases pending or finalised against any player by the affiliate club, the Association Secretariat must be advised in writing as and when it happens to avoid confusion during transfer times. If the Affiliated Team / Club doesn't advise of any such issues, and the player applies for transfer, it will be processed accordingly. Any such discipline cases must be finalised by the affiliate clubs prior to the opening of the transfer window by a clear 7 days.

10. Once a transfer is submitted by a player or affiliated Team / Club, it can be only withdrawn in writing stating the reasons of withdrawal and sent to the nominated official of the association to action accordingly. Any withdrawal must be done at least 3 days prior to the closing of the transfer window.
11. Once a withdrawal of intent to transfer is submitted that player will not be able to seek transfer in that transfer window again.
12. Only a max of 2 players can be transferred from one team to another but there is no limit on the total no of transfers from A Team i.e. team A to Team B = max 2 players and team A to Team C= max 2 players -. The receiving team can only take a max of 2 players from any one team in one transfer period
13. In the Event of a Team Manager /Secretary/Authorised Person not signing the transfer form.
 - a. The association (NZMSA) shall inform the club of the transfer request
 - b. The clubs shall have a max 3 days to either provide objection and or otherwise in writing with reasons to such objection.
 - c. The association (NZMSA) will then determine the final status of the transfer after hearing both parties and all due diligence is carried out.
 - d. The decision of the association will be final and binding for that transfer period

020 Player Registration/Transfer

- a. As per clause 021
- b. A new player is a player that has not played the previous preceding 2 tournaments and/or who is not on any 21-member team list.
- c. Existing player – If an existing player is dropped/removed from a team, i.e., he is not listed in 21 player team lists. That existing player shall be considered a free agent for that particular year and can be registered for another team at a cost of \$10.00.
- d. Once a player has completed the transfer procedures, i,e his transfer has been approved by the association ,he cannot be dropped from the team list until one tournament has passed
- e. Any player that has not played (taken the field) for 2 consecutive tournaments will be a free player and may be registered to any club of his choice for any subsequent tournaments
- f. The executive shall have the powers to make special dispensation for FANCA ICC and other specific, non NZMSA calendar organised tournaments that will allow all players from non-participating teams and any players not on the participating team’s list, to be free players only for that

specific event. This will be the only mode of players being able to have a temporary transfer to the participating teams.

There shall be no fees charged for this.

- g. Guest players – are the free players after any tournament or do not they need to go through the transfer process

021 Under 20 Players – Dual Registration

- a. Players under the Age of 20 in the year of the tournament be allowed to have dual registration in the event of a two-division tournament.
- b. A super Premier team can only have a max 2 such players on their registration list
- c. Any such player shall have his own discretion of where to play in the event of any fixture clash.
- d. This rule (Clause 021) does not apply to GUEST Players (clause 18 f(i))
- e. All players who are registered under this Clause 021 as Dual Registered shall be free agents after every tournament.

This concept is to encourage age group players to play games at Premier level rather than sitting on the bench for the bulk of the tournament at Super Premier Level

022 Player Contracts/Remuneration/Allowance

- i) Clubs may give players allowance and remuneration for petrol /travel /meals etc to a maximum value of \$100/per game

There is to be **NO player payments for playing** and no demands from any player and/or official of any team can be made

- ii) Any team and /or player breaching the above clauses (i) may be liable for disciplinary action by NZMSA.
- iii) Affiliate clubs may have contracts with players up to a value of \$500.00. This will NOT be payment for playing but for other social needs.
- iv) Any written contract must be filed with the association within 7 days of the signing of the contract
- v) All such contracts must be signed by both the Affiliate clubs and player concerned and an independent witness verifying the same on the standard association “player contract form”.
- vi) Any other legal contract is a civil matter and NZMSA has no jurisdiction over this
- vii) The association shall be paid a fee of \$100.00 /per team to undertake the administrative procedure of any team’s players contract registration. Upon the transfer request for the player the receiving team /or player will need to pay this \$100.00 plus the \$500.00 to the releasing team for the transfer to go through
- viii) No contracts will be entertained/registered within 21 days of any major tournament.
- ix) Players asking to be transferred must fulfil their contract obligations prior to being released earlier and or the contract amount must be paid by the players to free them and an additional amount of \$100.00 be paid to the association to oversee this whole process.
- x) All contract players list shall be notified to all clubs on a regular basis.

023 Seedings in Tournaments/Tournament Format/Fixtures

- a. Seedings for tournaments shall be based on the results of the immediately preceding tournament with the basis being the top 2 seeds destined to meet in the Final again.
- b. The winner / Runners-up and semi-finalists will be seeded in Pot NO 1 and 2 respectively
 - i. In the case of three pools – one semi-finalist via picking from the hat will drop down to pot no 2 and the subsequent Pot 2 teams placed from pool 3, 2 and then 1 and again 3,2,1
 - ii. The quarter finalists shall then be seeded in pot no 2 (if the tournament format has quarter finalists)
 - iii. The remainder of the teams shall be placed in Pot no 3
 - iv. Any fixtures will have the basis of the top seeds progressing in principle and playing the lowest ranked seeds accordingly.
 - v. In the case of no 7/8 teams- then the Winner of the Top Seeded pool will play no 8 qualifier and the winner of the second Seeded team will play no 7
- c. Any finalising of the fixtures shall have an objection period of 2 days for the affiliates. This is to be done in writing with valid reasons for the same.

After this period the decision of the EC/Tournament Organisers will be final and binding.

- d. The fixtures shall be finalised by the NZMSA -EC /Organising Committee at their own discretion with feature games placed wherever they see a need to place the games

024 Promotion /Relegation

With a 2-tier competition there shall be a means of promotion from the premier division to the Super Premier Division

This shall be based on an average of 2 tournaments with points allocated to placings in the tournament.

The lowest placed team in the Super Premier will be relegated to the Premier Division

The Highest placed team in the Premier Division shall get promoted to the Super Premier.

The Super Premier category of the tournaments shall always have a min of 8 teams unless the council decides otherwise.

Points system per Tournament

Winner	18
Runner Up	15
Semi Finalists	12
5 th Placed	10
6 th Placed	8
7 th Placed	6
8 th Placed	4
9 th Placed	3
Non-Completion of a Tournament	0

The placings shall be based on an average points system per tournament with the BOG-EID Cup and the Unity Cup in that order.

025 Other Sports

1. Since other sporting organisation are organising or willing to organise different sports such as cricket, netball, and futsal, etc under NZMSA banner. Therefore, the coordinators for these organisations should be affiliated with NZMSA
 - i. The teams and the playing players also become automatic members of NZMSA, and all constitution and bylaws apply to them as well.
 - ii. Each individual sport will have their own rules and regulations.