



REGULATIONS OF THE 2008/2009 MTN ELITE TWO SEASON

I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 : - FECAFOOT shall organize a competition called MTN Elite Two meant for the clubs indicated in Article 4 of these regulations.

Article 2: - (1) MTN Elite Two shall be played in three zones, namely:

- Zone I: Adamawa – North – Far North
- Zone II: Centre – South – East – West
- Zone III: Littoral – North West – South West

(2) Each zone shall comprise one group of 8 (eight) clubs.

II - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETITION

Article 3: (1) - The National Championships Organizing Committee and the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT shall be responsible respectively for the organization and administration of MTN Elite Two.

(2)- The Secretary General may delegate powers to Provincial Secretaries, as and when necessary.

III - PARTICIPATION IN MTN ELITE TWO

Article 4: - (1) The following shall qualify to play in the MTN Elite Two championship:

a). Club(s) relegated from MTN Elite One at the end of the 2007/2008 season into their respective zones;

b). Clubs in MTN Elite Two not relegated to provincial championship at the end of the 2007/2008 season.

c). Clubs ranked first in the Zone I and III provincial championships at the end of the 2007/2008 season or, as the case may be, those ranked second where the club ranked first is absent as a result of a statutory provision or voluntary withdrawal.

d). the club ranked first at the end of a classification tournament organized between Zone II provincial champions at the end of the 2007/2008 season, or the club ranked second in case the absence of the club ranked first is as a result of a statutory provision or its voluntary withdrawal.

Article 5: The clubs referred to in Article 4 above shall only qualify for MTN Elite Two if they fulfill the conditions stipulated in Articles 8 and 15 below.

IV – ACCESSION TO MTN ELITE ONE

Article 6: 1). Clubs ranked first in their zone at the end of the 2008/2009 season, or in their absence due to a statutory provision or voluntary withdrawal, those ranked second, shall accede to MTN Elite One.

2). Promoted clubs must meet the criteria stipulated in the General Regulations of FECAFOOT and possibly those set forth in a special regulation. Furthermore, they shall confirm their affiliation by registered mail addressed to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT within fifteen days as from the date of the match which qualified them.

V – RELEGATION TO PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Article 7: Clubs ranked 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th in their zone at the end of the 2008/2009 season shall be relegated to the provincial championship.

VI – AFFILIATION

Article 8: 1) – Any club which qualifies for MTN Elite Two shall forward to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT:

- a duly filled, signed and stamped affiliation form;
- affiliation fees for MTN Elite Two and the Cup of Cameroon;
- affiliation fees for the national under-20 championship;
- licence fees for senior and Under-20 players;
- the minutes of its annual General Assembly;
- the composition of its managing committee (name and address of members).
Managing committee members must have reached the age of majority;
- the certificate of ownership or lease contract of the head office of the club;
- a document showing that all mail box charges have been paid on behalf of the club;
- a document showing that fax charges have been paid in the name of the club;
- the traditional colours of the club;
- the site plan of the club's training grounds;
- the contract signed with the head trainer of the team;
- the contract signed with the administrative secretary or general manager of the club.

2)- The fees for the licences and affiliation referred to in paragraph 1 above are indicated in the financial regulations.

3). Affiliation shall only become effective after payment to the finance officer at the FECAFOOT General Secretariat of sums owed by the club, latest on 19 September 2008.

4). Payments by cheque shall be accepted, on condition that they are certified and deposited within the time limit indicated in paragraph 3 above.

5). Applications submitted by clubs after this date shall be rejected.

6) Applications which do not include licences of at least sixteen players on 17 October 2008 at 3:00 p.m., excluding upgraded under-20 players, shall equally be rejected.

7). Clubs that cancel their affiliation before the start of the competition shall pay a fine of CFAF 1,000,000 (one million), except in case of *force majeure* duly ascertained by the National Championships Organizing Committee.

VII – TRANSFER PERIODS

Article 9: Transfer periods shall be:

- from 25 May 2008 to 17 October 2008 at midnight;
- during the 'mercato' period, of a duration of 21 (twenty-one) days after the away leg of MTN Elite Two.

VIII – UPGRADING OF PLAYERS

Article 10: - 1). Any club shall be authorized to upgrade players an unlimited number of players under the following conditions:

- a).- have a team in the national under-20 championship;
- b).- an application for upgrading a player should be addressed to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT;
- c).- the upgrading should comply with the provisions of Article 58 of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT;
- d).- an upgrading fee equivalent to the cost of a senior licence must be paid for the issue of licence for an upgraded player;
- e).- the number of upgraded players used during a match shall not be limited;
- f).- upgraded players not used in the senior team shall qualify to play in the championships of their respective categories.

2). – However, an under-17 player shall be allowed to play in MTN Elite Two only after the prior and reasoned recommendation of a medical doctor approved by the FEDERATION who shall authorize the double upgrading after a comprehensive medical check-up on the one hand, and provided the player's club entered a team in the national championship of this category, on the other hand.

IX – FOREIGN PLAYERS

Article 11: 1). A club cannot recruit more than 5 (five) foreign players.

2). The number of foreign players used during a match shall not be limited.

3). Players who are nationals of CEMAC countries shall not be considered as foreign players.

X – LOANING OF PLAYERS

Article 12: Only players under contract may be the subject of a loan.

XI – CONTRACT OF PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

Article 13: 1). Clubs shall be authorized to sign professional contracts of at most 5 (five) years with players aged above 18 years. Any extension thereof shall be subject to an additional clause.

2)- These contracts shall be registered in 4 (four) copies at the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT, after the approval of the Players' Status Committee. Contracts shall be on a single form provided by the Federation. As an interim measure, ongoing contracts shall as of right be transcribed onto new forms while maintaining their initial period of validity, but also respecting the obligations stipulated in the new contract of professional players. Such transcription shall be done latest on 31 December 2008. Beyond this date, contracts drawn up on forms other than those provided by FECAFOOT shall no longer be recognized by the Federation.

3)- Only contracted players may be transferred. Players not having signed a contact shall be free at the end of the season.

4)- Foreign players shall be bound to sign a contract under the conditions mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

5)- The minimum monthly remuneration of contracted players shall be fixed at CFAF 30,000 (thirty thousand).

XII – CONTRACTS OF TRAINERS

Article 14: 1). Clubs in MTN Elite Two shall be required to sign a contract with a head trainer holder of an "A2 licence" diploma issued by the Federation or its equivalent for a duration of 5 (five) years at most. Extension of this contract shall be subject to an additional clause.

2)- Contracts, in 4 (four) copies, shall be registered at the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT, after the approval of the Players' Status Committee. Contracts shall be drawn up only on forms provided by the Federation.

3)- The minimum monthly remuneration received by the head trainer shall be CFAF 100,000 (one hundred).

XIII – OBLIGATIONS OF CLUBS

Article 15: 1)- Clubs in MTN Elite Two must:

- undertake to respect the constitution, regulations, directives, circulars and decisions of FIFA, CAF and FECAFOOT;

- accept that any administrative, disciplinary and arbitration issue concerning the competition be settled by FECAFOOT, in accordance with its instruments;
- participate in all matches of the competition for which they are scheduled;
- accept the use, recording and dissemination by FECAFOOT of images, names and information relating to their players and officials;
- respect the principle of fair play;
- have a head office, post box, telephone line in good order, fax, and email belonging to the club. Documents attesting to the existence of these means of communication must be included in the MTN Elite Two affiliation file. The email address will be provided by FECAFOOT;
- have an administrative secretary or general manager working full-time for the club. The employment contract binding the administrative secretary or manager must imperatively be part of the MTN Elite Two affiliation file;
- hold a General Assembly before the start of the 2008/2009 season. The minutes of this General Assembly must be included in the affiliation file;
- undertake to have a good administrative organization;
- undertake to have a financial organization characterized by the production of a detailed statement of revenue and a detailed statement of expenditure. Expenditure and income must be accounted for. There must be a clear separation of the duties of vote-holder and expenditure executor;
- undertake to open a bank account in the club's name in a bank based in Cameroon;
- have adequate financial resources;
- have a permanent training pitch;
- have a qualified trainer, holder of an "A2 licence" diploma issued by FECAFOOT or its equivalent;
- enlist the services of a medical doctor or physiotherapist;
- have at least 16 (sixteen) and at most 25 (twenty-five) licences for senior players, excluding upgraded players;
- affiliate a team to the under-20 Championship under conditions stipulated in the regulations governing this competition;
- undertake to take out an insurance policy to cover professional liabilities of contracted players;
- affiliate to the Cup of Cameroon competition;
- have its players undergo medical check-up, according to the protocol prepared by the Sports Medicine Committee of FECAFOOT;
- undertake to provide the members of its managing organs with the special licence issued by the Federation. All clubs shall be entitled to at least 5 (five) and at most 10 (ten) licences for its officials. In case of non respect of this minimum number, the sanctions provided for in Article 78 of the Disciplinary Code shall be applied. Officials' licences shall be registered during the transfer period referred to in Article 9 above.

2). The non respect of the provisions of paragraph 1) above shall lead to rejection of the affiliation file.

XIV - RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS

Article 16:

1). Any club affiliated in MTN Elite Two shall be responsible before FECAFOOT for the actions of its licenced persons and its spectators. It shall take the necessary measures to guarantee proper conduct and security before, during and after matches.

2). Any MTN Elite Two club which habitually accepts direct or indirect benefits from groupings of supporters, friends or third-parties shall be responsible before the Federation for all acts perpetrated by these groups and which are contrary to FECAFOOT instruments, unless it can prove that it objected to such acts and did not in any way benefit there from.

3). Any MTN Elite Two club shall be responsible to FECAFOOT for the marking of the field (goal posts, nets, marking etc) during home matches.

4). The non respect of the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above shall be punished as provided for in Article 89 of the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT.

XV - SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

Article 17: 1). MTN Elite Two matches shall be played in accordance with the laws the game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board.

2). Clubs shall meet in home and away matches. Each match shall have a duration of 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes separated by a break of 15 minutes.

3). Classification shall be by addition of points, as follows:

- match won: 3 points;
- match drawn: 1 point;
- match lost: 0 point.

4). A match lost by forfeiture shall be deemed to have been lost by a score of 3 goals to 0.

5)- In case a match is lost by a sanction, the following shall apply:

- a) If a club wins on the field and is declared winner by a sanction, it shall have 3 points and maintain the advantage of the goals scored while the penalized club shall have 0 point, 0 goal for and the number of goals conceded against.
 - b) If a club loses on the field and wins by a sanction, it shall have 3 points, 0 goal for and 0 goal against whereas the penalized club shall have 0 point, 0 goal scored and 0 goal conceded.
 - c) If there is a draw, the club that wins by a sanction shall have 3 points on the general classification and maintain the advantage of any goals scored, whereas the penalized club shall have 0 point, 0 goal for and any goals conceded against.
 - d) If a club loses on the field and is declared loser by a sanction, it shall lose 3 points on the general classification, have 0 goal for and the goals conceded, against.
- 6) If the sanction is pursuant of Article 89 of the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT, the following provisions shall be applied:
- a). If a club was leading at the time of interruption of the match and is declared winner by a sanction, it shall have 3 points and maintain the advantage of goals scored at the time of interruption, whereas the penalized club shall have 0 point, 0 goal for and the goals conceded against.

b). If there was a draw at the time of interruption of the match, the club that wins by a sanction shall have 3 points and maintain the advantage of any goals scored whereas the penalized club shall have 0 point, 0 goal for and the goals conceded against.

7) In case two clubs stand at equal points on the last playing day of MTN Elite Two, the classification shall be done as follows:

a)- Classification of the clubs concerned shall take into account their particular goal difference. The particular goal difference shall represent the results obtained by each of the clubs concerned during home and away matches.

b)- In case of parity in particular goal difference, the classification shall take into account the best attack resulting from matches between the two clubs.

c). If the parity persists, the classification shall take into account the best defence resulting from matches between the two clubs.

d). If the parity still persists, a play-off match shall then be organized pursuant to the regulations in force, with possibility of extra time and penalty shoot-out.

8) - In case more than two clubs have equal points at the end of MTN Elite Two, the classification of the clubs concerned shall be resolved as follows:

a) A special classification shall be established taking into account only the home and away matches between the clubs concerned.

b) If parity persists, account will be taken of the best attack resulting from the particular classification mentioned in a) above.

c) If the parity still persists, then account will be taken of the best defence resulting from the special classification mentioned in a) above.

d) If none of the above criteria succeeds in differentiating them, a tournament shall be organized between the teams concerned. Each of the matches of the said tournament must necessarily produce a winner. Extra time will be played in case of a draw at the end of full time, followed possibly by penalty shoot-outs. At the end of the tournament, a classification shall be established following the number of points obtained in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

9)- When a club is excluded from MTN Elite Two or declared general forfeiture during the competition, it shall be ranked last and the following provisions applied:

a) if this situation occurs before the last 5 (five) playing days of the fixtures, all goals for and against and points acquired by clubs continuing with the competition after their second phase matches against this club, shall be cancelled. However, the results of the first phase shall be maintained;

b) if a club is excluded from MTN Elite Two or declared general forfeiture five days to the end, the results acquired during matches played shall be maintained, whereas the remaining matches to be played against such club shall automatically be won by a score of 3 goals to nil.

c) The provisions of Article 95 of the Disciplinary Code shall also be applied, without prejudice to additional sanctions meted out by the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee.

XV – HOMOLOGATION

Article 18: A match shall be homologated within 7 (seven) days of the day on which it is played.

XVI – FIXTURES

Article 19: 1)- Approval of match fixtures prepared by the National Championships Organizing Committee in association with the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT, shall be decided by the Executive Committee. Such approval shall make the fixtures final.

2)- However, the Secretary General of FECAFOOT may, in course of the season, postpone or advance any MTN Elite Two playing day that he deems necessary to ensure the regularity of the competition.

3)- When a club is afterwards compelled by an exceptional circumstance whose appraisal is within the jurisdiction of the Secretary General, to apply for a match reversal, the application can only be examined if it was formulated at least 1 (one) month before the date of the fixture, and submitted along with the consent of the opposing team.

4)- When a club is afterwards compelled by an exceptional circumstance whose appraisal is within the jurisdiction of the Secretary General, to request for a change of fixture, such application shall only be examined if it is submitted at least 7 (seven) days before the date set for the match.

5)- Upon receipt of the applications referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, submitted along with supporting documents, the Secretary General shall have 15 (fifteen) days to decide in cases of match reversal and 48 hours in cases of change of fixture. He shall immediately notify the interested parties of his decision.

6)- If the exceptional circumstance motivating the change of fixture occurs within a period which does not allow application of the provisions of paragraph 4 above, the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall decide in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 above.

XVII – PITCHES

Article 20: Clubs shall be considered as playing at home only when playing on facilities situated in their division of origin or otherwise, and after the prior authorisation of the Executive Committee, on facilities located in their province of origin or in another province.

XVIII – PITCHES UNFIT FOR PLAY

Article 21: 1). The referee shall be the sole authority to declare a pitch unfit for play. He may take such a decision upon arrival in the locality where the match is to be played. From that moment, he must do everything to notify the two teams of his decision, if he still has time to do so.

2). A match not begun because the pitch is unfit for play shall be played on the following day.

3). A match begun and in which the total time of interruption(s) due to bad weather exceeds 45 minutes, shall be stopped definitively by decision of the referee. The following measures shall then be taken:

- if the match is stopped in the first half or during half-time, it shall be replayed the following day.
- if it is stopped during the second half, it shall be replayed at a later date to be fixed by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT. In this case, only players qualified on the date of the interrupted match shall be authorized to play the match.

4). The payment for additional living expenses incurred by a visiting team as a result of the postponement of a match shall be done by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT within the month of referral, against the presentation of supporting documents.

XX – LICENCES – QUALIFICATION

Article 22: 1) The provisions of Article 40 and following of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT shall apply in whole to MTN Elite Two.

2). Players must be qualified, pursuant to the General Regulations of FECAFOOT and the regulations governing the status and transfer of players between clubs affiliated to FECAFOOT.

3). Players, regardless of their status, cannot participate in MTN Elite Two if their licences are not registered during the transfer periods referred to in Article 9 above.

4). For matches of the last five days of plays, clubs shall be bound to include on the list of players featuring on the match form, at least fifteen of the players fielded during any of the five previous MTN Elite Two matches. In case of infringement and even in the absence of protest, the Secretary General shall refer the matter to the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee which may mete out sports and financial sanctions against the defaulting club.

XX – BALLS

Article 23: At each match balls shall be provided by the Federation.

XXI – COLOURS OF TEAMS

Article 24: 1). Players fielded during a match must be decently dressed in jerseys of the colours of their club. These colours must be declared and communicated to FECAFOOT before the start of the season.

2). The host team shall play in its traditional colours declared at the start of the season. In case the traditional colours of the clubs are identical or confusing, the visiting club shall change its jersey.

3). In case of conflicting traditional colours on a neutral playing field, lots shall be cast to determine the club that shall change its jersey.

4). Clubs shall assign to each player a shirt number comprised between 1 and 25 for senior players and as from 26 for upgraded players, which he shall be bound to wear during all MTN Elite Two matches. The name of the player must be clearly and visibly affixed above the number on the back of his jersey. The non respect of these provisions shall expose the defaulting player and his club to the sanctions stipulated in Article 80 of Statute of FECAFOOT.

5). If the Federation contracted with an industrial or trading company, clubs having accept in writing the valuable consideration proposed by such a company shall be bound to have their players wear the jerseys and possibly tracksuits and shorts provided by the Federation and bearing the label of such company, as per the terms of the contract.

6). The non respect of the provisions of paragraph 5 above shall, at the behest of the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee, be punished with loss of the match during which the infringement was ascertained.

XXIII - PRE - MATCH MEETING

Article 25: 1) A pre - match meeting, chaired by the match commissioner, shall be organized at the venue of the game, three hours to the start of the match.

- 2) Apart from the match commissioner, the meeting must be attended by:
- the referee, assistant referees and the 4th referee;
 - a representative of each club, holder of a valid licence.

3). The representatives of the clubs shall present the jerseys to be used by the clubs.

4). Any absence from the pre-match meeting shall be punished with a fine of CFAF 25,000 (twenty-five thousand) for clubs and one of the sanctions mentioned in Article 80 of the Statute of FECAFOOT for officials.

XXIV - ARRIVAL IN THE STADIUM

Article 26: Arrival in the stadium shall be as follows:

- For clubs: one and a half hours before the start of the match;
- For referees: one hour forty-five minutes before the start of the match;
- For the match commissioner: two hours before the start of the match.

XXV - MATCH FORM

Article 27: 1). The match form must comprise 18 players (11 starters and 7 substitutes) per club. The first named 11 players must start the match while the 7 others sit on the substitutes' bench. The numbers featuring on the jerseys of players must correspond to those indicated on the match form. The goalkeeper and captain must be identified.

2). The two clubs must hand in the match form to the referee at least 60 minutes before kick-off.

3). If the match has not yet started after the match forms have been duly filled, signed and handed to the referee, the following instructions shall be followed:

- If one of the 11 starting players is not able to start the match for whatever reason, he may be replaced by one of the substitutes. During the match, the three statutory substitutions shall however still be possible.
- If one of the substitutes featuring on the match form cannot keep his place for whatever reason, he may not be replaced.

4). The original match form must be sent to the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT within twenty-four hours after the match. Failure to respect this time period shall lead to the sanction outlined in article 101 of the Disciplinary Code.

XXVI – OCCUPATION OF THE SUBSTITUTES' BENCH

Article 28: 1) Occupation of the substitutes' bench by the clubs shall be as follows:

- the host club shall occupy the substitutes' bench to the left of the match commissioner's table;
- the visiting club shall occupy the substitutes' bench to the right of the match commissioner's table.

2). Only the under-mentioned persons shall be admitted to occupy the substitutes' benches:

- two trainers licenced by FECAFOOT;
- one medical doctor and one assistant, holders of a valid licence.
- a manager holder of a licence issued by FECAFOOT for each of the clubs;
- substitute players duly registered on the match form or substituted players, making a maximum of seven players for each club.

XXII – REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

Article 29: 1) Referees, assistant referees and fourth referees shall be designated by the Central Referees Committee at the request of the Secretary General of FECAFOOT. They shall be selected from a list of referees prepared and approved at the start of the season by FECAFOOT.

2) In case of absence of one of the designated referees, both teams cannot use such absence as argument to refuse to play if, on the field, there are one or more official referees with a valid licence who accept to referee the match, after the approval of the match commissioner.

3) If several official referees are present, lots shall be cast by the match commissioner to designate the referee for the match.

4). If there is no official referee with a valid licence, the match cannot take place.

5). The referees and assistant referees as well as the fourth referee shall receive their official uniform and materials from FECAFOOT. On match days, they must wear only these

uniforms and carry only such materials, otherwise they shall be punished as provided for in Article 80 of the Statutes of FECAFOOT.

6). If a referee or one of his assistants is prevented from carrying out his duties, he shall be replaced by the fourth referee.

7). After each match, the referee shall write and sign an official report and send it to the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT within 24 (twenty-four) hours.

8). In his report, the referee shall provide as much information as possible on any incidents that took place before, during and after the match as well as report any significant event such as the misconduct of players leading to a caution or expulsion and any unsportsmanlike behaviour of supporters and/or officials or any person acting on behalf of a club.

XXVIII – DUTIES OF MATCH COMMISSIONER

Article 30: 1). The Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall, for each match, designate a commissioner selected from a list of commissioners drawn up and approved by FECAFOOT at the start of the season.

2). In case of lateness of one of the teams, he shall appraise the possibility of having the match played.

3). The commissioner shall be specially charged with ensuring the application of the rules of the competition and the proper organization of matches.

4). In agreement with the referee, he shall decide on measures to be taken to ensure the regularity of the encounter.

5). He shall be bound, twenty-four hours after the match, to also address to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT a report which shall indicate:

- incidents of any nature that occurred;
- proposed means of checking future recurrences;
- his remarks on the field of play and facilities;
- the quality of health and security coverage.

6). In case of absence of the commissioner, his duties shall automatically devolve on the referee.

XXIX – FORFEITURES

Article 31: 1) In case of absence of one or both clubs, such absence shall be ascertained by the referee fifteen minutes after the time set for the start of the match.

2) The time of ascertainment of the absence(s) shall be indicated by the referee on the match form.

Article 32: 1) A club that enters the field of play with less than eight players to start a match shall be declared forfeiture.

2) If a club cannot present its team on the field at the scheduled time due to a case of duly ascertained *force majeure*, whereas it took all necessary steps to arrive at the match venue on time, the match commissioner or, otherwise, the referee, shall appraise whether the match can be played. In case of protest, the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee shall decide if there are grounds to cause a replay.

3) Any club that abandons a match shall be considered as having declared forfeiture on the field.

Article 33: A club declaring or declared forfeiture twice during the same season shall be considered as general forfeiture and Article 95 of the Disciplinary Code shall be applied.

XXIV - CLAIMS

Article 34: 1) Claims regarding the qualification of players filed in the forms prescribed in Articles 123, 125 and 154 of the General Regulations of the Federation shall be addressed to the Secretary General who shall table them before the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee for decision.

2) Claims on technical issues must equally be formulated as prescribed under article 126 of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT. They shall be addressed to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT who shall table same before the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee for decision.

3) Any club liable to the provisos formulated for non-presentation of licence must, within forty-eight hours, communicate to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT all facts necessary for the study of the petition.

4) For any player liable to the provisos formulated for fraud, his presumed forged licence shall be withheld by the referee who shall straightaway forward it to the General Secretariat of the Federation for onward transmission to the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee. Mention shall be made of this withholding, the reason(s) for the withholding, the name(s) and licence number of the implicated player(s) on the disciplinary form handed to clubs.

XXXI - APPEALS

Article 35: 1). Decisions of the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee may be appealed before the Appeals Committee by any interested individual or corporate body.

2). Appeals must be filed following the procedure and time limit specified in articles 145 and 147 of the Disciplinary Code of the Federation, except for decisions taken in the first instance on disputes arising during the last four playing days of the competition and in which may be appealed within forty-eight hours as from the date of notification of the said decision.

3). Notification by electronic mail shall be valid.

XXXII - DISPUTES

Article 36: 1) Pursuant to article 82 of the Statute of FECAFOOT, clubs in MTN Elite Two, players and officials shall not be authorized to refer disputes before ordinary law-courts, but before the sole jurisdiction of FECAFOOT.

2) Participating clubs, players and officials shall recognize and agree that once all avenues are exhausted within FECAFOOT, their only resort shall be the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) at Lausanne, Switzerland. These arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the Sports Arbitration Code of CAS whose decisions are final and binding.

XXXIII - DOPING

Article 37: 1). Doping shall be forbidden. FECAFOOT shall inform clubs of MTN Elite Two of doping control procedures and banned substances by way of a circular.

2). The Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT, the Doping Control Regulations of FIFA as well as other FIFA directives in force shall apply to MTN Elite Two.

XXXIV - COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Article 38: 1) FECAFOOT shall own and manage all commercial rights related to MTN Elite Two.

2). FECAFOOT shall, at a later date, publish the guidelines that will govern all commercial rights for MTN Elite Two. All clubs in MTN Elite two must follow these commercial guidelines and ensure that they are also followed by their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates.

XXXV- TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MATCH OFFICIALS

Article 39: 1) Travel expenses incurred by match officials shall be borne by the Federation.

2) Where a match is postponed under the conditions stipulated in article 21 above, the officials shall be compensated.

3) The compensation owed match officials who travel for matches that are postponed or interrupted during the first half of play due to a case of *force majeure*, shall be paid by the Federation.

XXXVI - TRAVEL EXPENSES OF CLUBS

Article 40: 1) Any club in MTN Elite Two shall bear the totality of transport fare and living expenses incurred during its travels.

XXXVII - PROCEEDS

Article 41: 1) The share of the gross gate-takings shall be allocated to teams according to the distribution scheme in force.

2) The totality of the share of proceeds referred to in (1) above shall be allocated to the host team.

**XXXVII – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS IN CASE
OF MATCH REPLAY**

Article 42: In case of a match replay, the share of gate takings reverting to the teams shall be in accordance with the provisions of article 41 above.

XXXIX – MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 43: Cases not provided for by these regulations and the General Regulations of FECAFOOT shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

Article 44: The 2009/2010 MTN Elite Two season shall be composed of a single group of 14 (fourteen) clubs.

Article 45: These regulations shall come into force on 16 July 2008, date of their adoption by the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT. They shall be published in English and French.

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PRESIDENT OF FECAFOOT