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ADHERENCE TO APPROVED FIXTURE CALENDAR AND HOSTING OF SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

Clubs are reminded of the importance of adhering to the officially approved NIBA Fixture Book when planning and hosting sponsored or open competitions.

It has come to our attention that tournaments are being arranged and advertised without due regard for existing, sanctioned events. This undermines the efforts of clubs who have secured sponsorships and have had their tournaments formally approved and scheduled.

Clubs are therefore requested to consult the fixture book first and then ensure full compliance with the NIBA By-Laws before arranging or advertising any sponsored or open competition. Please see below excerpt from the NIBA by-laws:

9 SPONSORED AND OPEN COMPETITIONS

9.1 Clubs shall not stage more than three [3] men's, women's and/or mixed sponsored tournaments in a calendar year on weekends and/or Public Holidays. A tournament may comprise more than one session of play provided that prizes are awarded on completion of the tournament based on results obtained during the whole tournament. There shall be no restriction on sponsored tournaments which are staged exclusively on weekdays which are not Public Holidays.

9.2 A club shall not stage an open tournament which does not appear in the current Fixture Book without the prior approval of the Executive Committee. If a club should stage such a tournament or competition without prior approval, the Executive Committee shall call for an explanation, in writing, and should any reason advanced be considered unsatisfactory, disciplinary action may be taken in terms of Clause 18 of the Constitution.

9.3 A club which wishes to stage an open tournament that does not appear in the Fixture Book or wishes to alter the date of an open tournament which does appear in the Fixture Book or has been approved shall obtain the consent of all other clubs which have tournaments listed in the Fixture Book or previously reported to Council with which the proposed tournament will clash before applying to the Executive Committee, in writing through the District Secretary, for approval to hold the proposed tournament or to alter the date. In urgent cases only, due to circumstances beyond the control of the club, approval may be sought verbally from the Executive Committee. In such urgent cases verbal consent by clubs concerned may be admissible but shall be confirmed, in writing, as soon as possible. Any such approval given by the Executive Committee shall be reported to Council at its next meeting."

Thank you.

Janet Bevis
DISTRICT SECRETARY
21 April 2026
cc Executive, Clubs

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