

# TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION



## TFF DISCIPLINARY CODE

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## **TITLE**

### **TFF Disciplinary Code (TDC)**

With specific reference to art. 45 par. 4 of the TFF Constitution, the Executive Committee of the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) enforces the following code.

#### **Article 1: Object**

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This code describes infringements of the rules in TFF regulations, determines the sanctions incurred, regulates the organisation and function of the bodies responsible for taking decisions and the procedures to be followed before these bodies.

#### **Article 2: Scope of application: substantive law**

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This code applies to every match and competition organised by TFF. Beyond this scope, it also applies if a match official is harmed and, more generally, if the constitution objectives of TFF are breached, especially with regard to forgery, corruption and doping. It also applies to any breach of TFF regulations that do not fall under the jurisdiction of any other body.

#### **Article 3: Scope of application: natural and legal persons**

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The following are subject to this code:

- a) regional associations
- b) football affiliated groups
- c) district associations
- d) football clubs;
- e) officials;
- f) players;
- g) match officials;
- h) licensed match and players' agents;
- i) anyone with an authorisation from TFF, in particular with regard to a match, competition or other event organised by TFF;
- j) spectators.





#### **Article 4 : Scope of application: time**

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This code applies to facts that have arisen after it has come into force. It also applies to previous facts if it is equally favourable or more favourable for the perpetrator of the facts and if the judicial bodies of TFF are deciding on these facts after the code has come into force. By contrast, rules governing procedure apply immediately upon the coming into force of this code.

#### **Article 5: Definitions**

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1. **Post-match:** the time between the final whistle from the referee and the teams' departure from the confines of the stadium.
2. **Pre-match:** the time between the teams' arrival in the confines of the stadium and the whistle for kick-off from the referee.
3. **International match:** a match between two teams belonging to two different FIFA Member Associations (two clubs, one club and one representative team or two representative teams).
4. **Friendly match:** a match organised by a football organisation, club or other person between teams chosen for the occasion and possibly belonging to different spheres of operation; the score has an effect only on the match or tournament in question.
5. **Official match:** a match organised under the auspices of a TFF for all of the teams or clubs in its sphere of operation; the score has an effect on the rights of participation in other competitions unless the regulations in question stipulate otherwise.
6. **Officials:** anyone, with the exception of players, performing an activity connected with football at TFF, TFF member association, district association or club, regardless of his title, the type of activity (administrative, sporting or any other) and the duration of the activity; in particular, managers, coaches and support staff are officials.
7. **Match official:** the referee, assistant referees, fourth official, match commissioner, referee inspector, the person in charge of safety, and any other persons appointed by TFF to assume responsibility in connection with a match.
8. **TFF regulations:** the constitution, regulations, policies, directives and circulars of TFF as well as the Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board.
9. **Region/District associations:** Refers to regional/district football associations.



**Article 6: Gender and number**

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Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.



## **SUBSTANTIVE LAW**

### **CHAPTER I. GENERAL PART**

#### **Section 1. Conditions for sanctions**

##### **Article 7: Culpability**

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1. Unless otherwise specified, infringements are punishable regardless of whether they have been committed deliberately or negligently.
2. Exceptionally, a match may have to be played without spectators or on neutral territory, or a certain stadium may be banned purely for safety reasons, without an infringement having been committed.

##### **Article 8: Acts amounting to attempt**

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1. Acts amounting to attempt are also punishable.
2. In the case of acts amounting to attempt, the body may reduce the sanction envisaged for the actual infringement accordingly. It will determine the extent of the mitigation as it sees fit; it shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine (cf. art. 15 par. 2).

##### **Article 9: Involvement**

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1. Anyone who intentionally takes part in committing an infringement, either as instigator or accomplice, is also punishable.
2. The body will take account of the degree of guilt of the party involved and may reduce the sanction accordingly. It shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine (cf. art. 15 par. 2).

#### **Section 2. Disciplinary measures**

##### **Article 10: Sanctions common to natural and legal persons**

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Both natural and legal persons are punishable by the following sanctions:

- a) Warning;
- b) reprimand;
- c) fine;
- d) return of awards.



**Article 11: Sanctions applicable to natural persons**

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Without prejudice to article 10 herein the following sanctions are applicable only to natural persons:

- a) caution;
- b) expulsion;
- c) match suspension;
- d) ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' bench;
- e) ban from entering a stadium;
- f) ban on taking part in any football-related activity.

**Article 12: Sanctions applicable to legal persons**

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Without prejudice to article 10 herein the following sanctions are applicable only to legal persons:

- a) transfer ban;
- b) playing a match without spectators;
- c) playing a match on neutral territory;
- d) ban on playing in a particular stadium;
- e) annulment of the result of a match;
- f) expulsion;
- g) forfeit;
- h) deduction of points;
- i) demotion to a lower division.

**Article 13: Warning**

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A warning is a reminder of the substance of a disciplinary rule allied with the threat of a sanction in the event of a further infringement.

**Article 14: Reprimand**

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A reprimand is an official written pronouncement of disapproval sent to the perpetrator of an infringement.

**Article 15: Fine**

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1. A fine is issued in Tanzania Shillings (Tsh.). It shall be paid in the same currency.
2. The fine shall not be less than Tsh. 300,000 and not more than Tsh. 50,000,000.





3. The body that imposes the fine decides the terms and time limits for payment.
4. Regional associations as well as district associations are jointly liable for fines imposed on representative team players and officials. The same applies to clubs in respect of their players and officials. The fact that a natural person has left a club or association does not cancel out joint liability.

**Article 16: Return of awards**

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The person required to return an award shall return the benefits received, in particular sums of money and symbolic objects (medal, trophy etc.).

**Article 17: Caution**

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1. A caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature (cf. Law 12 of the Laws of the Game).
2. Two cautions received during the same match incur an expulsion (indirect red card) and, consequently, automatic suspension from the next match (cf. art. 18 par. 4). The two cautions that incurred the red card are rescinded.
3. If a player receives a caution in three separate matches of the same TFF competition, he is automatically suspended from the next match in that competition. The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from or amend this rule before the start of a particular competition. Any such decision reached by the Disciplinary Committee is final.
4. If an abandoned match is to be replayed, any caution issued during that match shall be annulled. If the match is not to be re-played, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld; if both teams are responsible, all of the cautions are upheld.
5. Cautions issued in a match that is subsequently forfeited shall not be annulled.
6. If a player is guilty of serious unsporting behaviour as defined in Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and is sent off (direct red card), any other caution he has previously received in the same match is upheld.



## **Article 18: Expulsion**

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1. An expulsion is the order given by the referee to someone to leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitutes' bench, during a match. The person who has been sent off may be allowed into the stands unless he is serving a stadium ban.
2. Expulsion takes the form of a red card for players. The red card is regarded as direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behaviour as defined by Law 12 of the Laws of the Game; it is regarded as indirect if it is the result of an accumulation of two yellow cards.
3. An official who has been sent off may give instructions to the person replacing him on the substitutes' bench. He shall, however, ensure that he does not disturb the spectators or disrupt the flow of play,
4. An expulsion automatically incurs suspension from the subsequent match, even if imposed in a match that is later abandoned and/or annulled. The Disciplinary Committee may extend the duration of the suspension.

## **Article 19: Match suspension**

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1. A suspension from a match is a ban on taking part in a future match or competition and on attending it in the area immediately surrounding the field of play.
2. An official who is suspended in application of par. 1 is automatically banned from the dressing rooms in accordance with art. 20.
3. The suspension is imposed in terms of matches, days or months. Unless otherwise specified, it may not exceed twenty-four matches or twenty-four months.
4. If the suspension is to be served in terms of matches, only those matches actually played count towards execution of the suspension. If a match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeit of the match.
5. A match suspension is regarded as no longer pending if a match is retroactively forfeited because a player took part in a match despite being ineligible (cf. art.55). This also applies to the match suspension imposed on the player who took part in the match despite being ineligible.
6. If a suspension is combined with a fine, the suspension may be prolonged until the fine has been paid in full.



**Article 20: Ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' bench**

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A ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' benches deprives someone of the right to enter a team's dressing rooms and/or the area immediately surrounding the field of play, and in particular to sit on the substitutes' bench.

**Article 21: Stadium ban**

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A stadium ban prohibits someone from entering the confines of one or several stadiums.

**Article 22: Ban on taking part in any football-related activity**

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A person may be banned from taking part in any kind of football-related activity (administrative, sports or any other).

**Article 23: Transfer ban**

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A transfer ban prevents a club from registering any player during the period in question.

**Article 24: Playing a match without spectators**

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The obligation to play a match behind closed doors requires a region, district or a club to have a certain match played without spectators.

**Article 25: Playing a match on neutral ground**

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The obligation to play a match on neutral ground requires the region, district or a club to have a certain match played in another region, district or in a different stadium of the same region.

**Article 26: Ban on playing in a particular stadium**

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A ban on playing in a certain stadium deprives region, district or a club of the right to have its team play in a certain stadium.



**Article 27: Annulment of the result of a match**

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The result of a match is annulled if the result reached on the field of play is disregarded.

**Article 28: Exclusion from a competition**

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Exclusion is the deprivation of the right of a region, district or a club to take part in the current and/or a future competition.

**Article 29: Relegation to a lower division**

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A club may be relegated to a lower division.

**Article 30: Deduction of points**

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A club, district or region may have points deducted from those already attained in the current or a future championship.

**Article 31: Forfeit**

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1. A team sanctioned with a forfeit is considered to have lost the match by 3-0.
2. If the goal difference at the end of the match in question is greater than 3-0, the result on the pitch is upheld.

**Article 31bis: Replay of a match**

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A match may be replayed if it could not take place or could not be played in full for reasons of force majeure.





### **Section 3. Common rules**

#### **Article 32: Combined sanctions**

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Unless otherwise specified, the sanctions provided for in Chapter I (General Part) and Chapter II (Special Part) of this code may be combined.

#### **Article 33: Partial suspension of implementation of sanctions**

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1. The body that pronounces a match suspension (cf. art. 19), a ban on access to dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench (cf. art. 20), a ban on taking part in any football-related activity (cf. art. 22), the obligation to play a match without spectators (cf. art. 24), the obligation to play a match on neutral ground (cf. art. 25) or a ban on playing in a certain stadium (cf. art. 26) may examine whether it is possible to suspend the implementation of the sanction partially.
2. Partial suspension is permissible only if the duration of the sanction does not exceed six matches or six months and if the relevant circumstances allow it, in particular the previous record of the person sanctioned.
3. The body decides which part of the sanction may be suspended. In any case, half of the sanction is definite.
4. By suspending implementation of the sanction, the body subjects the person sanctioned to a probationary period of anything from six months to two years.
5. If the person benefiting from a suspended sanction commits another infringement during the probationary period, the suspension is automatically revoked and the sanction applied; it is added to the sanction pronounced for the new infringement.
6. Special provisions may apply in certain circumstances. In the case of doping offences, this article is not applicable.

#### **Article 34: Time sanctions: calculation of time limit**

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The duration of a time sanction may be interrupted by rest periods during or between seasons.

#### **Article 35: Centralisation of sanctions**



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1. Records of cautions, expulsions and match suspensions are stored in the central computer system of TFF. The Disciplinary Committee secretary confirms them in writing to the region, district or club concerned or, in the case of final competitions, to the head of the delegation concerned.
  2. This communication serves only as confirmation: sanctions (cautions, expulsions, automatic match suspensions) have an immediate effect on subsequent matches even if the letter of confirmation reaches the region, district, club or head of delegation concerned later.
  3. To ensure that the relevant records are complete, the clubs, districts or regions shall inform TFF of all sanctions that have been pronounced during their competitions and are likely to be carried over to a TFF competition (cf. art. 38 par. 2) or future competitions organised by the clubs, districts or regions.

#### **Section 4. Carrying over and cancelling cautions and match suspensions**

##### **Article 36: Carrying over cautions**

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1. Cautions received during one competition are not carried over to another competition.
2. They are, however, carried over from one round to the next in the same competition. The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from this rule before the start of a particular competition. This provision is subject to art. 37.

##### **Article 37: Cancellation of cautions**

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1. Upon its own initiative or at the request of a district or region, the Disciplinary Committee may cancel cautions that have not resulted in an expulsion so as to restore the balance among several teams that have not played the same number of matches during the first round of a competition, or in other exceptional circumstances.
2. In any case, the committee may do this only once in any competition.
3. The Disciplinary Committee's decision is final.

##### **Article 38: Carrying over match suspensions**



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1. As a general rule, every match suspension (of players and other persons) is carried over from one round to the next in the same competition.
  2. Match suspensions in relation to an expulsion pronounced on a player outside of a competition (separate match[es]) or not served during the competition for which they were intended (elimination or the last match in the competition) are carried over as prescribed in respective competition regulations.
  3. If a district or regional team is hosting a final competition and is consequently not required to participate in qualifying matches to reach the final competition of this tournament and its next official match is in that final competition, any match suspension pronounced in accordance with par. 2 of this article shall be carried over to the representative team's next friendly match.
  4. Match suspensions resulting from several cautions issued to a player in different matches of the same competition are never carried over to another competition.
  5. Paragraph 2 similarly applies to suspensions pronounced against persons other than players.

## **Section 5. Determining the sanction**

### **Article 39: General rule**

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1. The body pronouncing the sanction decides the scope and duration of it.
2. Sanctions may be limited to a geographical area or to one or more specific categories of match or competition.
3. Unless otherwise specified, the duration of a sanction is always defined.
4. The body shall take account of all relevant factors in the case and the degree of the offender's guilt when imposing the sanction.

### **Article 40: Repeated infringements**

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1. Unless otherwise specified, the body may increase the sanction to be pronounced as deemed appropriate if an infringement has been repeated.
2. These provisions are subject to the special rules governing repeated anti-doping rule violation.



#### **Article 41: Concurrent infringements**

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1. If several fines are pronounced against someone as a result of one or more infringements, the relevant body bases the fine on the most serious offence committed and, depending on the circumstances, may increase the sanction by up to fifty per cent of the maximum sanction specified for that offence.
2. The same applies if a person incurs several time sanctions of a similar type (two or more match suspensions, two or more stadium bans etc.) as the result of one or several infringements.
3. The body that determines the fine in accordance with par. 1 is not obliged to adhere to the general upper limit of the fine (cf. art. 15 par. 2).

#### **Section 6. Limitation period**

##### **Article 42: Limitation period for prosecution**

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1. Infringements committed during a match may no longer be prosecuted after a lapse of two years. As a general rule, other infringements may not be prosecuted after a lapse of ten years.
2. Anti-doping rule violation may not be prosecuted after eight years have elapsed.
3. Prosecution for corruption (cf. art. 62) is not subject to a limitation period.

##### **Article 43: Commencement of the limitation period**

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The limitation period runs as follows:

- a) from the day on which the perpetrator committed the infringement;
- b) if the infringement is recurrent, from the day on which the most recent infringement was committed;
- c) if the infringement lasted a certain period, from the day on which it ended.





**Article 44: Interruption**

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The limitation period is interrupted if the Disciplinary Committee commences proceedings before it has expired.

**Article 45: Limitation period for the enforcement of sanctions**

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1. The limitation period for sanctions is five years.
2. The limitation period begins on the day on which the decision comes into force.



## **CHAPTER II. SPECIAL PART**

### **Section 1. Infractions of the Laws of the Game**

#### **Article 46: Minor infractions**

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A player is cautioned if he commits any of the following offences (cf. Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and art. 17 of this code):

- a) unsporting behaviour;
- b) dissent by word or action;
- c) persistently infringing the Laws of the Game;
- d) delaying the restart of play;
- e) failure to retreat the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in;
- f) entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission;
- g) deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission;
- h) simulation.

#### **Article 47: Serious infractions**

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A player is sent off if he commits any of the following offences (cf. Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and art. 18 of this code):

- a) serious foul play;
- b) violent conduct;
- c) spitting at an opponent or any other person;
- d) denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area);
- e) denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by committing an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick;
- f) using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures;



g) receiving a second caution during the same match (cf. art. 17 par. 2).

## **Section 2. Disorderliness at matches and competitions**

### **Article 48: Misconduct against players or persons other than match officials**

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1. Including the automatic suspension incurred in accordance with art. 18 par. 4, the overall suspension imposed on any person receiving a direct red card shall be for:
  - a) at least two matches for denying the opposing team a clear goal-scoring opportunity (particularly by deliberately handling the ball);
  - b) at least two matches for serious foul play (particularly in the case of excessive or brute force);
  - c) at least two matches for unsporting conduct towards an opponent or a person other than a match official (subject to art. 53, 54 and 57-60);
  - d) at least three matches for assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) an opponent or a person other than a match official;
  - e) at least six matches for spitting at an opponent or a person other than a match official.
2. A fine may also be imposed in all cases.
3. The right is reserved to punish an infringement in accordance with art. 77 (a).

### **Article 49: Misconduct against match officials**

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1. Including the automatic suspension incurred in accordance with art. 18 par. 4, the overall suspension imposed on any person receiving a direct red card shall be for:
  - a) at least two matches for unsporting conduct towards a match official (subject to art. 53, 54 and 57-60);
  - b) at least three matches for assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) a match official;
  - c) at least six matches for spitting at a match official.
2. A fine may also be imposed in all cases.
3. The right is reserved to punish an infringement in accordance with art. 77 (a).



**Article 50: Brawl**

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1. Involvement in a brawl is sanctioned with a suspension for at least four matches.
2. Anyone who has tried merely to prevent a fight, shield others or separate those involved in a brawl is not subject to punishment.

**Article 51: Unidentified aggressors**

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If, in the case of violence, it is not possible to identify the perpetrator(s), the body will sanction the club, district or region to which the aggressors belong.

**Article 52: Team misconduct**

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1. The following constitute misconduct by a team and are sanctioned by a fine of Tsh. 1,000,000:
  - a) when at least four players are cautioned during one match;
  - b) when three players are sent off during one match;
  - c) when several players or officials from the same team threaten or harass match officials or other persons. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious offences (cf. art. 59 and art. 60).

**Article 53: Inciting hatred and violence**

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1. A player or official who publicly incites others to hatred or violence will be sanctioned with match suspension for not less than three months and with a minimum fine of Tsh. 3,000,000.
2. In serious cases, in particular when the infringement is committed using the mass media (such as the press, radio or television) or if it takes place on a match day in or around a stadium, the minimum fine will be Tsh. 5,000,000.

**Article 54: Provoking the general public**





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Anyone who provokes the general public during a match will be suspended for two matches and sanctioned with a minimum fine of Tshs. 3,000,000.

**Article 55: Ineligibility**

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1. If a player takes part in an official match despite being ineligible, his team will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match (cf. art. 31) and paying a minimum fine of Tsh. 1,000,000.
2. If a player takes part in a friendly match despite being ineligible, his team will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and paying a minimum fine of Tsh. 500,000.

**Article 56: Unplayed match and abandonment**

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1. If a match cannot take place or cannot be played in full for reasons other than force majeure, but due to the behaviour of a team or behaviour for which a region, district or a club is liable, the region, district or the club will be sanctioned with a minimum fine of Tsh. 10,000,000 and will forfeit the match (cf. art. 31). Furthermore the sanctions of the respective competition shall apply.
2. In serious cases, additional sanctions pursuant to art. 12 may be imposed on the region, district or the club.

**Section 3. Offensive and racist behaviour**

**Article 57: Offensive behaviour and fair play**

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Anyone who insults someone in any way, especially by using offensive gestures or language, or who violates the principles of fair play or whose behaviour is unsporting in any other way may be subject to sanctions in accordance with Art. 10.

**Article 58: Discrimination**



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1. Anyone who publicly disparages, discriminates against or denigrates someone in a defamatory manner on account of race, colour, language, religion or ethnic origin, or perpetrates any other racist and/or contemptuous deed, will be subject to match suspension for at least three matches at every level. Furthermore, a stadium ban and a fine of a minimum of Tshs. 3,000,000 will be imposed on the perpetrator.
  2. If spectators display banners bearing racist slogans, or are guilty of any other racist and/or contemptuous behaviour at a match, the appropriate body will impose a sanction of a minimum of Tsh. 3,000,000 on the region, district or club that the spectators concerned support and force it to play its next official match without spectators. If the spectators cannot be identified as supporters of one or the other region, district or club, the host region, district or club will be sanctioned accordingly.
  3. Any spectator who is guilty of any of the offences specified under par. 1 and/or 2 of this article will be banned from entering any stadium for at least twelve months.
  4. If any player, official of a club or of a region, district perpetrates any kind of racist or contemptuous deed as described by par. 1 and/or 2 of this article, three points will automatically be deducted from the team concerned, if identifiable. In the case of matches without points, the team concerned, if identifiable, will be disqualified.
  5. The Regions, districts and sports organisation are required to incorporate the provisions of this article into their disciplinary code and to enforce the sanctions stipulated. If any Region infringes this article, it will be sanctioned with a fine of a minimum of Tsh. 3,000,000.

#### **Section 4.   Infringements of personal freedom**



**Article 59: Threats**

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Anyone who intimidates a match official with serious threats will be sanctioned with a fine of a minimum Tsh. 3,000,000 and a match suspension. These sanctions constitute a departure from art. 32, in that they may not be combined with others.

**Article 60: Coercion**

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Anyone who uses violence or threats to pressurise a match official into taking certain action or to hinder him in any other way from acting freely will be sanctioned with a fine not less than Tsh. 3,000,000 and a match suspension. These sanctions constitute a departure from art. 32, in that they may not be combined with others.

**Section 5. Forgery and falsification**

**Article 61: Forgery and falsification**

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1. Anyone who, in football-related activities, forges a document or falsifies an authentic document or uses a forged or falsified document to deceive in legal relations will be sanctioned with a fine.
2. If the perpetrator is a player, a suspension of at least six matches will be pronounced.
3. If the perpetrator is an official, players' agent or a match agent, a ban on taking part in any football-related activity for a period of at least twelve months will be pronounced.
4. A region or district may be held liable for an infringement as defined in par. 1 committed by one of its officials and/or player. In such a case, an expulsion from a competition may be pronounced in addition to a fine for the region concerned.
5. A club may be held liable for an infringement as defined in par. 1 committed by one of its officials and/or player. In such a case, an expulsion from a competition and/or a transfer ban may be pronounced in addition to a fine for the club concerned.

**Section 6. Corruption**



## **Article 62: Corruption**

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1. Anyone who offers, promises or grants an unjustified advantage to a body of TFF, a match official, a player or an official on behalf of himself or a third party in an attempt to incite it or him to violate the regulations of TFF will be sanctioned:
  - a) with a fine of at least Tsh. 10,000,000.
  - b) with a ban on taking part in any football-related activity for not less than five (5) years, and -
  - c) with a ban on entering any stadium.
2. Passive corruption (soliciting, being promised or accepting an unjustified advantage) will be sanctioned in the same manner as in paragraph 1 above.
3. In serious cases and in the case of repetition, sanction 1(b) may be pronounced for life.

## **Section 7. Doping**

### **Article 63: Definition**

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Doping is prohibited. Doping and anti-doping rule violations are defined in the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and sanctioned in accordance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and the TFF Disciplinary Code.

## **Section 8. Failure to respect decisions**

### **Article 64: Failure to respect decisions**

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1. Anyone who fails to pay another person (such as a player, a coach or a club) or TFF a sum of money in full or part, even though instructed to do so by a body, a committee or an instance of TFF, CECAFA, CAF, FIFA or a subsequence CAS appeal decision (financial decision), or anyone who fails to comply with another decision (non financial decision) passed by a body, a committee or an instance of TFF, CECAFA, CAF, FIFA or by CAS (subsequence appeal decision):
  - a) will be fined at least Tsh. 1,000,000 for failing to comply with a decision;





- b) will be granted a final deadline by the judicial bodies of TFF in which to pay the amount due or to comply with the (non-financial) decision;
  - c) (only for clubs:) will be warned and notified that, in the case of default or failure to comply with a decision within the period stipulated, points will be deducted or demotion to a lower division ordered. A transfer ban may also be pronounced.
  - d) (only for regions and districts:) will be warned and notified that, in the case of default or failure to comply with a decision within the period stipulated, further disciplinary measures will be imposed. An expulsion from TFF competitions may also be pronounced.
2. If the club disregards the final time limit, TFF shall implement the sanctions threatened.
  3. If points are deducted, three points shall be deducted for each case of disregard.
  4. A ban on any football-related activity may also be imposed against natural persons.
  5. Any appeal against a decision passed in accordance with this article shall immediately be lodged with appropriate Judicial bodies.

## **Section 9. Responsibilities of Clubs, Districts, Regions and Organisations.**

### **Article 65: Organisation of matches**

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Regions, Districts, Clubs and Sports organisation that organise matches shall:

- a) assess the degree of risk posed by matches and notify the TFF bodies of those that are especially high-risk;
- b) comply with and implement existing safety rules (TFF regulations, national laws, international agreements) and take every safety precaution demanded by circumstances before, during and after the match and if incidents occur;
- c) ensure the safety of match officials, players and officials of the visiting team during their stay;
- d) keep local authorities informed and collaborate with them actively and effectively;
- e) ensure that law and order are maintained in the stadiums and immediate surroundings and that matches are organised properly.

### **Article 66: Failure to comply**



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1. Any club, Regions or organisations that fail to fulfil its obligations in accordance with art. 65 shall be fined.
  2. In the case of a serious infringement of art. 65, additional sanctions may be imposed, such as a stadium ban (cf. art. 26) or ordering a team to play on neutral ground (cf. art. 25).
  3. The right is reserved to pronounce certain sanctions for safety reasons, even if no infringement has been committed (cf. art. 7, par. 2).

**Article 67: Liability for spectator conduct**

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1. The home region or home club is liable for improper conduct among spectators, regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight, and, depending on the situation, may be fined. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious disturbances.
2. The visiting region or visiting club is liable for improper conduct among its own group of spectators, regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight, and, depending on the situation, may be fined. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious disturbances. Supporters occupying the away sector of a stadium are regarded as the visiting association's supporters, unless proven to the contrary.
3. Improper conduct includes violence towards persons or objects, letting off incendiary devices, throwing missiles, displaying insulting or political slogans in any form, uttering insulting words or sounds, or invading the pitch.
4. The liability described in par. 1 and 2 also includes matches played on neutral ground, especially during final competitions.

**Article 68: Other obligations**

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Regions, districts and clubs shall also:

- a) actively vet the age of players shown on the identity cards they produce at competitions that are subject to age limits;
- b) ensure that no-one is involved in the management of clubs, district, region itself who is under prosecution for action unworthy of such a position (especially doping, corruption, forgery etc.) or who has been previously found guilty of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine.



**Section 10. Unlawfully influencing match results**

**Article 69: Unlawfully influencing match results**

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1. Anyone who conspires to influence the result of a match in a manner incompatible with sporting ethics shall be sanctioned with a match suspension and a ban on taking part in any football-related activity for not less than ten (10) years and a minimum fine of Tsh. 10,000,000. In serious cases, a lifetime ban on taking part in any football-related activity shall be imposed.
2. In the case of a player or official unlawfully influencing the result of a match in accordance with par. 1, the club or the region to which the player or official belongs shall be fined. Serious offences shall be sanctioned with expulsion from a competition, relegated to a lower division, points deduction and the return of awards.



## **ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE**

### **CHAPTER I. ORGANISATION**

#### **Section 1. Jurisdiction of TFF, Regions, Districts and other organisations**

##### **Article 70: General rule**

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1. With regard to matches and competitions not organised by TFF (cf. art. 2), Regions, Districts and sports organisations that organise matches for cultural, geographical, historical or other reasons are responsible for enforcing sanctions imposed against infringements committed in their area of jurisdiction. If requested, the sanctions passed may be extended to have nationwide effect (cf. art.136 ff.).
2. The judicial bodies of TFF reserve the right to sanction serious infringements of the statutory objectives of TFF (cf. final part of art. 2) if Regions, and other sports organisations fail to prosecute serious infringements or fail to prosecute in compliance with the fundamental principles of law.
3. Regions and other sports organisations shall notify the judicial bodies of TFF of any serious infringements of the statutory objectives of TFF (cf. final part of art. 2).

##### **Article 71: Friendly matches between two representative teams**

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1. Any disciplinary action to be taken at friendly matches between two representative teams from different Regions or Districts is the responsibility of that Region or District to which the sanctioned players belong. However, in serious cases, the TFF Disciplinary Committee may intervene..
2. The Region or district shall inform TFF of the sanctions pronounced.
3. TFF ensures compliance with the sanctions by means of this code.

#### **Section 2. Authorities**

##### **Article 72: Referee**

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1. During matches, disciplinary decisions are taken by the referee.
2. These decisions are final.
3. In certain circumstances, the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies may apply (cf. art. 77).





**Article 73: Judicial bodies**

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The judicial bodies of TFF are the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeal Committee, the Ethics Committee and the Appeal Committee.

**Article 74: Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**

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TFF recognises the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the TFF Statutes (cf. TFF Statutes Art. 51 ff).

**Article 75: TFF Medical Committee**

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In compliance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the TFF Medical Committee, or other bodies under its supervision, carries out the doping test, analysis of samples and examination of medical certificates.

**Section 3. Disciplinary Committee**

**Article 76: General jurisdiction**

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The TFF Disciplinary Committee is authorised to sanction any breach of TFF regulations which does not come under the jurisdiction of another body.

**Article 77: Specific jurisdiction**

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The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for:

- a) sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the match officials' attention;
- b) rectifying obvious errors in the referee's disciplinary decisions;
- c) extending the duration of a match suspension incurred automatically by an expulsion (cf. art 18, par. 4);
- d) pronouncing additional sanctions, such as a fine.

**Article 78: Jurisdiction of the Chairperson**

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1. The Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee in consultation with the deputy Chairperson and the Secretary (cf. Art. 113(6)) shall:
  - a) rule on a request to extend a sanction (art. 136);
  - b) settle disputes arising from objections to members of the Disciplinary Committee;
  - c) pronounce, alter and annul provisional measures (cf. art. 129).



2. Whenever the Disciplinary Committee meets, the Chairperson shall ensure that the decisions mentioned under par. 1 be taken by the committee.

#### **Section 4. Appeal Committee**

##### **Article 79: Jurisdiction**

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The Appeal Committee is responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Disciplinary Committee's decisions that TFF regulations do not declare as final or referable to another body.

##### **Article 80: Jurisdiction of the Chairperson**

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1. The Chairperson of the Appeal Committee shall:
  - a) Upon notification by the TFF General Secretary convene the Appeal Committee meeting
  - b) Chair the Disciplinary Appeal Committee meeting.
  - c) Have a casting vote if a vote is tied.

#### **Section 5. Common rules for the judicial bodies**

##### **Article 81: Composition**

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1. The Executive Committee appoints the members of the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee for a period of two years. The Disciplinary and Appeal Committees shall each consist of a Chairperson, deputy Chairperson and 3 members to be appointed by the Executive Committee.
2. The Chairperson and deputy Chairperson of each committee shall have legal qualifications.

##### **Article 82: Meetings**

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1. The Committee shall pass a decision when at least 3 members are present, one of whom must be the Chairperson or deputy Chairperson.
2. At the behest of the Chairperson, the secretariat shall call all members of the committee to each meeting. The Chairperson shall, as far as possible, ensure that all concerned parties are present.



### **Article 83: Chairperson**

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The Chairperson conducts the meetings and delivers the decisions which this code empowers him to take.

### **Article 84: Secretariat**

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1. The general secretariat of TFF provides the judicial bodies with a secretariat and the necessary staff at TFF headquarters.
2. The general secretariat of TFF shall designate the secretary.
3. The secretary takes charge of the administrative work and writes the minutes and decisions of the meetings.
4. The secretary takes care of the filing. The decisions passed and the relevant files shall be kept for at least ten years.

### **Article 85: Independence**

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1. The judicial bodies of TFF pass their decisions entirely independently; in particular, they shall not receive instructions from any other body.
2. A member of another TFF body may not stay in the meeting room during the judicial bodies' deliberations unless they have explicitly summoned him to attend.

### **Article 86: Incompatibility of office**

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The members of the judicial bodies may not belong either to the Executive Committee or a standing committee of TFF and TFF member associations.

### **Article 87: Withdrawal**

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1. Members of the judicial bodies of TFF must decline to participate in any meeting concerning a matter where there are serious grounds for questioning their impartiality.
2. This applies in the following cases (among others):
  - a) if the member in question has a direct interest in the outcome of the matter;



- b) if he is associated with any of the parties as provided for in the TFF Code of Ethics (cf. TFF Code of Ethics Definitions));
  - c) if he has already dealt with the case under different circumstances.
3. Members who decline to participate in a meeting on any of the above grounds shall notify the Chairperson immediately. The parties involved may also raise an objection to a member they believe to be biased.
  4. The Chairperson shall decide on any such claim of bias.
  5. Proceedings that have involved someone whom the Chairperson has ordered not to participate will be considered null and void.

**Article 88: Confidentiality**

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1. The members of the judicial bodies shall ensure that everything disclosed to them during the course of their duty remains confidential (facts of the case, contents of the deliberations and decisions taken).
2. Only the contents of those decisions already notified to the addressees may be made public.

**Article 89: Exemption from liability**

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Except in the case of gross culpability, neither the members of the judicial bodies of TFF nor the secretariat may be made liable for any deeds or omissions relating to any disciplinary procedure.





## **CHAPTER II. PROCEDURE**

### **Section 1. General rules**

#### **Subsection 1. Time limits**

##### **Article 90: Calculation**

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1. Time limits to which the Region, District or Club shall adhere commence the day after they have received the relevant document.
2. Time limits to which other persons shall adhere commence four days after receipt of the document by the region, district or club responsible for forwarding it, except when the document is not also or solely sent to the person concerned or his legal representative. If the document was also or solely sent to the parties or their legal representatives, the time limit commences on the day after receipt of the document in question.
3. If the last day of the time limit coincides with a public holiday, the time limit will expire on the next day that is not a public holiday.

##### **Article 91: Compliance**

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1. The time limit has been met only if the action required has been carried out before expiry of the time limit.
2. The document must be submitted to the relevant body no later than 18:00hrs on the last day of the time limit.
3. In the case of appeals, the deposit demanded (cf. art. 123) is considered to have been paid in time if the payment has irreversibly been made to TFF's account by 18:00hrs on the last day of the time limit.

##### **Article 92: Suspension**

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1. Time limits are suspended during the period starting two days before the TFF Annual General Meeting up to two days after.
2. Special provisions may apply in certain circumstances.



**Article 93: Extension**

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1. The Committee may extend the time limits set upon request. The time limits fixed in this code may not, however, be extended.
2. A time limit may not be extended more than twice and, the second time, only in exceptional circumstances.
3. If the Committee refuses to extend the time limit, the applicant will be granted two extra days. In emergencies, the Committee may announce its negative decision to the applicant orally.

**Subsection 2. Right to be heard**

**Article 94: Contents**

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1. The parties shall be heard before any decision is passed.
2. They may, in particular:
  - a) refer to the file;
  - b) present their argument in fact and in law;
  - c) request production of proof;
  - d) be involved in the production of proof;
  - e) obtain a reasoned decision.
3. Where a party or parties having been duly notified, and does not appear before the committee on the set date, a decision may be taken ex-parte.
4. Special provisions may apply in certain circumstances.

**Article 95: Restrictions**

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1. The right to be heard may be restricted in exceptional circumstances, such as when confidential matters need to be safeguarded or the proceedings need to be conducted properly.
2. Special provisions may apply in certain circumstances.



### **Subsection 3. Proof**

#### **Article 96: Various types of proof**

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1. Any type of proof may be produced.
2. Proof that violates human dignity or obviously does not serve to establish relevant facts shall be rejected.
3. The following are, in particular, admissible: reports from referees, assistant referees, match commissioners and referee inspectors, declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions and audio or video recordings.

#### **Article 97: Evaluation of proof**

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1. The Judicial bodies will have absolute discretion regarding proof.
2. They may, in particular, take account of the parties' attitudes during proceedings, especially the manner in which they cooperate with the judicial bodies and the secretariat (cf. art. 110).
3. They decide on the basis of their personal convictions.

#### **Article 98: Match officials' reports**

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1. Facts contained in match officials' reports are presumed to be accurate.
2. Proof of the inaccuracy of the contents of these reports may be provided.
3. If there is any discrepancy in the reports from the various match officials and there are no means of resolving the different versions of the facts, the referee's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that occurred on the field of play; the match commissioner's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that took place outside the field of play.

#### **Article 99: Burden of proof**

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1. The burden of proof regarding disciplinary infringements rests on TFF.
2. In the case of a doping rule violation, it is incumbent upon the suspect to produce the proof necessary to reduce or cancel a sanction. For sanctions to be reduced, the suspect must also prove how the prohibited substance entered his body.



#### **Subsection 4. Representation and assistance**

##### **Article 100: Representation and assistance**

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1. The parties may arrange to have representation as per the stipulated TFF rules and procedures.
2. The parties are free to choose their own representation.

#### **Subsection 5. Language used in proceedings**

##### **Article 101: Language used in proceedings**

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1. The languages used in proceedings are the two official languages of TFF (English and Kiswahili). The body and parties may choose any of these languages.
2. TFF may, if necessary, use the services of an interpreter.
3. Decisions shall be passed in one of the official languages of TFF.

#### **Subsection 6. Notification of decisions**

##### **Article 102: Addressees**

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1. All of the parties are notified of the decisions.
2. Decisions and other documents intended for players, clubs and officials are addressed to the Region, District or Club concerned on condition that it forwards the documents to the parties concerned. In the event that the documents were not also or solely sent to the party concerned, these documents are considered to have been communicated properly to the ultimate addressee four days after communication of the documents to the Region, District or Club. (cf. art. 90).
3. If an appeal has not been lodged by the specified deadline, doping decisions passed by the Disciplinary Committee shall be notified to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Doping decisions passed by the Appeal Committee shall be notified simultaneously to the parties and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). TFF will announce anti-doping rule violations within 30 days.





**Article 103: Form**

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1. Decisions communicated by telefax shall be legally binding. Alternatively, decisions may be communicated by registered letter, which shall also be legally binding.
2. The communication of decisions by electronic mail is not permitted.
3. If justified by the circumstances, the parties may be informed solely of the outline of the decision. The reasoned decision shall then be sent within 15 days. The legal time limits do not begin until the reasoned decision has been delivered.

**Subsection 7. Miscellaneous**

**Article 104: Obvious errors**

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A body may rectify any mistakes in calculation or any other obvious errors at any time.

**Article 105: Costs and expenses**

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1. For purposes of this Code, the costs and expenses shall mean secretarial expenses and maintenance of the Judicial Committees pertaining to proceedings performed by the Committees.
2. Costs and expenses shall be borne by TFF.
3. No procedural compensation shall be awarded in proceedings of the Disciplinary and Appeal Committees.

**Article 106: Enforcement of decisions**

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Decisions come into force as soon as they are communicated.

**Article 107: Baseless proceedings**

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Proceedings may be closed if:

- a) the parties reach an agreement;
- b) a party declares bankruptcy;
- c) they become baseless.



## **Section 2. Disciplinary Committee**

### **Subsection 1. Commencement of proceedings and investigation**

#### **Article 108: Commencement of proceedings**

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1. Disciplinary infringements are prosecuted ex officio.
2. Any person or body may report conduct that he or it considers incompatible with the regulations of TFF to the judicial bodies. Such complaints shall be made in writing.
3. Match officials are obliged to expose infringements which have come to their notice.

#### **Article 109: Investigation**

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The secretariat carries out the necessary investigation ex officio under the Chairperson's guidance.

#### **Article 110 : Collaboration by the parties**

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1. The parties are obliged to collaborate to establish the facts. In particular, they shall comply with requests for information from the judicial bodies.
2. Whenever deemed necessary, the secretariat verifies the parties' versions of the facts.
3. If the parties are dilatory in responding, the judicial committee may, after warning them, impose a fine of up to Tsh. 1,000,000.
4. If the parties fail to collaborate, especially if they ignore the stipulated time limits, the judicial bodies will reach a decision on the case using the file in their possession.

### **Subsection 2. Oral statements, deliberations and decision**

#### **Article 111: Oral statements, principles**

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1. As a general rule, there are no oral statements and the Disciplinary Committee decides on the basis of the file.
2. At the request of one of the parties, the Judicial body may arrange for oral statements to be heard, to which all the parties shall be summoned.
3. Oral statements are always heard behind closed doors.



#### **Article 112: Oral statements, procedure**

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1. The Chairperson decides on the sequence of the oral statements.
2. Once the hearing of evidence has ended, the Chairperson allows the person against whom proceedings are being conducted a final opportunity to speak.
3. The oral statements terminate with the parties' closing statement.

#### **Article 113: Deliberations**

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1. The Disciplinary Committee deliberates behind closed doors.
2. If any oral statements have been heard, they will immediately be followed by deliberations.
3. Deliberations are conducted without interruption, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
4. The Chairperson decides in which order the various questions will be submitted for deliberation.
5. The members present express their opinions in the order set out by the Chairperson, who always speaks last.
6. The committee secretary has consultative powers only.

#### **Article 114: Passing the decision**

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1. Decisions are passed by a simple majority of the members present.
2. Every member present shall vote.
3. If votes are equal, the chair has the casting vote.



### **Article 115: Form and contents of the decision**

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1. Without prejudice to the application of art. 116 below, the decision contains:
  - a) the composition of the committee;
  - b) the names of the parties;
  - c) a summary of the facts;
  - d) the legal reasons for the decision;
  - e) the provisions on which the decision was based;
  - f) the terms of the decision;
  - g) notice of the channels for appeal.
2. The decisions are signed by the committee Chairperson or deputy-Chairperson.

### **Article 116: Decisions without grounds**

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1. The judicial bodies may decide not to communicate the grounds of decision and instead communicate only the terms of decision. At the same time, the parties shall be informed that they have ten days from receipt of the terms of decision to request, in writing, the grounds of the decision, and that failure to do so will result in the decision becoming final and binding.
2. If a party requests the grounds of a decision, the motivated decision will be communicated to the parties in full, written form. The time limit to lodge an appeal, where applicable, begins upon receipt of this motivated decision.
3. If the parties do not request the grounds of a decision, a short explanation of the decision shall be recorded in the case files.

### **Subsection 3. Proceedings before the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee**

#### **Article 117: Proceedings before the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee**

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The rules governing the Disciplinary Committee apply in the same way whenever the Chairperson acts in consultation with the deputy Chairperson and the secretary (cf. Art. 113(6)).





### **Section 3. Appeal Committee**

#### **Article 118: Contestable decisions**

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1. An appeal may be lodged with the Appeal Committee against any decision passed by the Disciplinary Committee, unless the sanction pronounced is:
  - a) a warning;
  - b) a reprimand;
  - c) a suspension for less than four matches or of up to two months;
  - d) a fine of less than Tsh. 1,000,000 imposed on a Region, district or a club.
  - e) decisions passed in compliance with art. 71 of this code.

#### **Article 119: Eligibility to appeal**

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1. Anyone who has been a party to the proceedings before the first instance and has a legally protected interest justifying amendment or cancellation of the decision may lodge an appeal with the Appeal Committee.
2. Region, District or Clubs may appeal against decisions sanctioning their players, officials or members. They shall have the written agreement of the person concerned.

#### **Article 120: Time limit for appeal**

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1. Any party intending to appeal must inform the TFF Appeal Committee of its intention to do so in writing within three days of notification of the decision.
2. Reasons for the appeal must then be given in writing within a further time limit of seven days. This seven-day period begins after the first deadline of three days has expired.
3. If this requirement has not been complied with, the appeal is not admitted.

#### **Article 121: Grounds for appeal**

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The appellant may object to inaccurate representation of the facts and/or wrong application of the law.



**Article 122: Petition of appeal**

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1. The appellant shall submit his petition of appeal in triplicate in writing.
2. The petition shall include the claim as well as the reasons and means of proof and be signed by the appellant or his representative, subject to art. 119 par. 2.

**Article 123: Deposit**

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1. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal shall pay an appeal fee of Tsh. 1,000,000 to TFF before expiry of the time limit of seven days to formalise the appeal.
2. If this requirement has not been complied with, the appeal is not admitted.

**Article 124: Effects of appeal**

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1. An appeal results in the case being reviewed by the Appeal Committee.
2. The appeal does not have a suspensive effect except with regard to orders to pay a sum of money.

**Article 125: Sequence in proceedings leading up to the decision**

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1. The sequence in proceedings is determined as described in this code.
2. The decisions are signed by the Chairperson or deputy-Chairperson.

**Article 126: Continuation of the proceedings**

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The Appeal Committee rules, in principle, as a body in the last instance.



**Article 127: Proceedings before the Chairperson of the Appeal Committee**

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The rules governing the Appeal Committee apply in the same way whenever the Chairperson of the committee acts in consultation with the deputy Chairperson and the secretary (cf. Art. 113(6)).

**Section 4. Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**

**Article 128: Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**

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TFF recognises the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the TFF Statutes.

**Section 5. Special procedures**

**Subsection 1. Provisional measures**

**Article 129: General rule**

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1. If an infringement appears to have been committed and a decision on the main issue cannot be taken early enough, the judicial body may, in emergencies, provisionally pronounce, alter or revoke a sanction.
2. In similar circumstances, the Committee may take other provisional measures at its discretion, especially to ensure compliance with a sanction already in force.
3. The Committee will take action upon request or ex officio.

**Article 130: Procedure**

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1. The Committee shall make its decision based on the evidence available at the time.
2. The Committee is not obliged to hear the parties.

**Article 131: Decision**

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1. The Committee delivers his decision immediately.
2. That decision is implemented immediately.



### **Article 132: Duration**

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1. Provisional measures may not be valid for longer than 20 days.
2. This period may be extended only once by not more than 10 days.
3. If a sanction has been pronounced provisionally, the duration shall be offset against any final sanction.

### **Article 133: Appeal**

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1. An appeal against a decision regarding provisional measures may be lodged with the Chairperson of the Appeal Committee.
2. The time limit for lodging the appeal is two days commencing from the communication of the decision.
3. The petition of appeal shall be sent direct to TFF in writing within the same time limit.
4. The appeal shall not have a suspensive effect.

### **Article 134: Approval of appeal**

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1. The appeal will be admitted if the facts stated in the contested decision are inaccurate or if the law has been violated.
2. The Chairperson shall make decision on the appeal in consultation with the deputy Chairperson.

### **Subsection 2. Deliberations and decision-taking without meeting**

### **Article 135: Deliberations and decision-taking without meeting**

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1. If the circumstances so require, the secretariat may arrange the deliberations and decision-taking to be conducted via telephone conference, videoconference or any other similar method.
2. Art. 111 par. 2 is, in this case, not applicable.
3. The secretary takes minutes as if it were an ordinary meeting.





### **Subsection 3. Extending sanctions to have nationwide effect**

#### **Article 136: Request**

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1. If the infringement is serious, in particular but not limited to doping (cf. art.63), corruption (cf. art. 62), manipulation of match results (cf. art. 69), misconduct against match officials (cf. art. 49), forgery (cf. art. 61) abandonment of match or violation of the rules governing age limits (cf. art. 68 a), the Region, District, Clubs and other organising sports bodies shall request TFF to extend the sanctions they have imposed so as to have nationwide effect.
2. The request shall be submitted in writing and enclose a certified copy matching the decision. It shall show the name and address of the person who has been sanctioned and that of the club, district and the Region concerned.
3. If the judicial bodies of TFF discover that Regions, Districts, Clubs and other sports organisations have not requested a decision to be extended to have nationwide effect, these bodies may themselves pass a decision.

#### **Article 137: Conditions**

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1. The request for sanctions to be extended will be approved if:
  - a) the person sanctioned has been cited properly;
  - b) he has had the opportunity to state his case;
  - c) the decision has been communicated properly;
  - d) the decision complies with the regulations of TFF;
  - e) extending the sanction does not conflict with public order and accepted standards of behaviour.

#### **Article 138: Procedure**

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1. The Committee makes its decision, in principle, without negotiations or hearing any of the parties, using only the file.
2. The Committee may exceptionally decide to summon the parties concerned.



#### **Article 139: Decision**

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1. The Committee is restricted to ascertaining that the conditions of art. 137 have been fulfilled. It may not review the substance of the decision.
2. The Committee either grants or refuses to grant the request to have the sanction extended.

#### **Article 140: Effect**

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1. A sanction imposed by a Region, District, Club or Sports body has the same effect in each member of TFF as if the sanction had been imposed by any one of them.
2. If a decision that is not yet final in a legal sense is extended to have nationwide effect, any decision regarding extension shall always be based on the content of the Region, District, Club or Sport Organisation current decision.

#### **Article 141: Appeal**

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1. The provisions of art. 119ff. shall apply, subject to par. 2 of this article, to any appeal lodged against a decision passed in accordance with art. 139.
2. Any grounds for complaint may only refer to the terms set out in art. 136 and 137. It is inadmissible to question the substance of the initial decision.

#### **Subsection 4. Review**

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#### **Article 142: Review**

1. A review may be requested after a legally binding decision has been passed if a party discovers facts or proof that would have resulted in a more favourable decision and that, even with due diligence, could not have been produced sooner.
2. A request for review shall be made within ten days of discovering the reasons for review and submitted with a review fee of Tsh. 1,000,000.
3. The limitation period for submitting a request for review is one year after the enforcement of the decision.



## **FINAL TITLE**

### **Article 143: Official Languages**

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1. The code exists in the two official languages of TFF (Kiswahili and English).
2. In the event of any discrepancy between the two texts, the English version is authoritative.

### **Article 144: Scope of the code, omissions, custom, doctrine and jurisprudence**

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1. This code governs every subject to which the text or the meaning of its provisions refers.
2. If there are any omissions in this code, the judicial bodies will decide in accordance with the TFF custom or, in the absence of custom, in accordance with rules they would lay down if they were acting as legislators.
3. During all their operations, the judicial bodies of TFF draw on settlements already established by sports doctrine and jurisprudence.

### **Article 145: Specific disciplinary rules**

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Specific disciplinary rules may be introduced for the duration of TFF competitions. Such rules shall be communicated to the participating regions/clubs before the first match of the respective tournament at the latest.

### **Article 146: Regions, Districts, Clubs and Sport Organisations' disciplinary codes**

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The regions, districts, clubs and other sports organisations are obliged to adapt their own provisions to comply with this code for the purpose of harmonising disciplinary measures.



**Article 147: Adoption and enforcement**

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The TFF Executive Committee adopted this Code on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and came into force on the same day.

Dar es Salaam,  
For the TFF Executive Committee:

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