



To Members of the EFA

*Circular No. 136*

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### **Postponement of football matches due to the situation of the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus)**

At the direction of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini pursuant to the emergent distress of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) universally and the latest declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) describing it as a pandemic, member associations and leagues are hereby informed of the suspension of all football matches under the auspices of the EFA countrywide immediately, until further notice.

Further note that the Confederation of African Football (CAF) has since decided to postpone the Total AFCON 2021 Qualifiers; the FIFA Women U20 World Cup Qualifiers; and the Total Women AFCON 2020 Qualifiers, scheduled for this March and April 2020, including a CAF Match Commissioners Workshop that was scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March 2020, until further notice, with a new programme to expected to be communicated by CAF in due time.

In view of all of the above, the EFA, in collaboration and advise of the competent authorities on the evolution and impact of the virus in the country and transnationally, and the international sporting bodies, will communicate a new schedule in due course.

The EFA would like to lament the unfortunate distress within which football and its entire stakeholders divide find themselves as a result of the COVID-19 virus. The EFA has to cooperate to stage safe events or take other required actions that protect the health of the players, fans, officials and the broader football and sporting communities.

Yours in Football,

**Eswatini Football Association,**

  
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