



# COMPETITION RULES

## KUALA LUMPUR WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE (KLWSL) 2023

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## **KUALA LUMPUR WOMEN SUPER LEAGUE (KLWSL) MANUAL**

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## **ARTICLE 1: GENERAL INTERPRETATION / REPRESENTATION**

### **1.1 GENERAL INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1.1. In accordance with the interpretation of the 'Kuala Lumpur Women's Super League 2023' Football Competition Statute, unless the content of the sentence requires a different meaning, the application of the Kuala Lumpur Women Super League Rules for the current season will use the following interpretations:-
- 1.1.2. "KLWSL" is a Kuala Lumpur Women's Football League competition for the 2023 season organized by KL Women Football Management (KLWFM) together with Aligue Sports Event (ALIGUE) as a partner and supported by Kuala Lumpur Football Association (PBKL).
- 1.1.3. "Secretariat/Committee/Officer/Match Commissioner/Crew" means the current KLWSL competition official or staff.
- 1.1.4. "Football" means a game of Football in accordance with the Laws of the Game published by FIFA, AFC or FAM and subject to KLWSL Rules.
- 1.1.5. "Official Team Delegation" means a delegation representing a Club to a KLWSL Match or delegation (PTR-Home Team; PL-Visitor Team).
- 1.1.6. "Official Photographer/Official Media" means the party appointed by KLWSL to take pictures/video of the match.
- 1.1.7. "Restricted Access Area" means Field Of Play and Official Area.
- 1.1.8. "KLWSL Rules" means the KLWSL Statutes, Rules, or any rules that have been approved by the KLWSL Secretariat and include Bylaws, Rules, Procedures, Guidelines, Special Conditions, Contracts, Match Management Agreements, Undertakings, Circulars, broadcasts, official letters or any written instructions issued by KLWSL from time to time relating to the management or management of KLWSL League Activities.
- 1.1.9. "Registration or register" means Registration of Clubs, Officials, Players registered with KLSWL or registered in "Team List" and special forms for Officials before KLWSL League Matches in compliance with KLWSL Rules.
- 1.1.10. "Participation Agreement" means an agreement signed between the Club and KLWSL stating the responsibilities that the Club must comply with and if the Club fails to comply with this agreement, then the Club will be subject to action in accordance with the KLWSL Rules.

## **1.2 REPRESENTATION**

### **1.2.1 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS AND PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MALAYSIA LEAGUE.**

- i. Obligations and responsibilities to comply with Club Rules and especially refrain from acts of corruption, arranging the results of KLWSL Matches and being involved in Club racial offenses by Officials and Players participating in the KLWSL League contained in the Undertaking / Participation Agreement must be understood, complied with and signed by the Manager or Secretary on behalf of the Club before or on the closing date of KLWSL registration.
- ii. Only the original Agreement is recognized

### **1.2.2 RESPONSIBILITY**

- i. Clubs, Officials, Players, Supporters or Spectators or anyone who participates or engages in any KLWSL League Activities, cannot make any claim of damages or bring any dispute, complaint or any decision that has been made by the KLWSL Secretariat in accordance KLWSL Statute to court unless specifically provided for in the KLWSL Statute. Any dispute, complaint or any decision that has been made by the parties involved must be submitted to the jurisdiction of KLWSL.

## **ARTICLE 2: COMPETITION COMPLIANCE AND WINNING PRIZES**

### **2.1 COMPETITION COMPLIANCE**

- 2.1.1 These rules must be fully adhered to by Clubs, Officials and Players. Honesty and sincerity to comply with all KLWSL Rules in the management and management of the KLWSL League is the responsibility and accountability of the Club, Officials and Players.
- 2.1.2 Any Club, Officer or Player who violates any Article, in the KLWSL League Competition Rules may be subject to the following actions or actions or punishments:
  - i. Warning or stern warning.
  - ii. The club can be fined a maximum of RM3,000.00; Officials can be fined a maximum of RM1,000.00; Players can be fined a maximum of RM500.00; while the minimum fine for Clubs, Officials and Players is as set by the KLWSL Secretariat. If the Club, Official or Player fails to pay the fine on the set date, then the Club, Official and Player cannot participate in KLWSL Football Activities even if the suspension period has expired.
  - iii. The Club is counted as losing with a score of 0-3 and 0 points and the victory is given to the other Club with 3 points and a score of 3-0 goals or a goal when the Match is stopped or the Match is over or whichever is more.
  - iv. Deduct a minimum of 3 Club Match points.
  - v. Club Suspension for a number of Matches or a season or subsequent seasons.

- vi. The club is out of the KLWSL League and all previous Matches are not counted and club are automatically suspended for at least 2 years or 2 seasons.
  - vii. Any action or other actions deemed necessary and appropriate by the KLWSL Secretariat.
- 2.1.3 The Club shall be responsible and bear full responsibility for the offenses committed by the Club, Officials, Players, Supporters or Spectators or Clubs, when violating KLWSL Rules related to the participation of Clubs, Officials, Players, Supporters or Spectators or their Clubs in KLWSL Football Activities.
- 2.1.4 A maximum of 4 Technical Officials and 1 Non-Technical Official and 7 Reserve Players are allowed to sit on the bench at any Match in the KLWSL League.
- 2.1.5 Officers sitting on the bench must always wear the Accreditation Card issued by KLWSL.
- 2.1.6 A lost or damaged Accreditation Card must be reported immediately to KLWSL and the issuance of each new card will be charge of RM100.00.
- 2.1.7 The Club Media Officer (maximum 2 people) should be sent to the KLWSL Media Unit for review and confirmation. Club Media Management for Matches must be managed perfectly in accordance with the terms of the KLWSL Media Rules.

## **2.2 FINANCE - VICTORY PRIZES**

- 2.2.1.1 The total prize offered is worth RM30,000.00 in the form of cash, trophies, medals and goods (in-kind).
- 2.2.1.2 Prize categories are as follows:-
- i. Champion
  - ii. Runner-up
  - iii. 3rd place
  - iv. 4th place
  - v. Best Player (Queen of The Match)
  - vi. Top Scorer
  - vii. Best Young Player
  - viii. Best Goalkeeper
  - ix. Best Manager
  - x. Best Coach
- 2.2.1.3 The KLWSL Secretariat reserves the right to deduct the cash prize if Club Officials or Players fail to clear or pay fines imposed by the KLWSL Secretariat or pay any others outstanding financial.

## **ARTICLE 3: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

### **3.1 PARTICIPATION AND TEAM FORMATION**

- 3.1.1 The competition is OPEN to female players aged 14 years and above and born on or after 1 January 2009.
- 3.1.2 Each team can register a Minimum of 18 players and a Maximum of 25 players.
- 3.1.3 Team Management Registration is a maximum of 5 people.
- 3.1.4 Head Coaches (WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED) for participating teams must have at least a minimum 'FAM "D" License' or equivalent and recognized by FAM. (A copy of the Coaching License must be included).
- 3.1.5 Players must represent ONE team only and there is no duplication of names in two different teams competing in the KLWSL League.
- 3.1.6 The name registered through the PLAYER FORM is FINAL. Clubs can only make changes or add players when the Transfer Window is open. Clubs cannot register players who have been registered to play in the same league (KLWSL League) for the current season.
- 3.1.7 Player Qualifications and Criteria
  - i. Malaysian Citizens (MyKad Holders)
  - ii. Clubs can register a maximum of 4 Malaysian National Players (senior squad) and only 3 National Players can be on the field at a time. Players categorized as NATIONAL PLAYERS are those who represent the National Senior Squad for the 2023 SEA Games.
  - iii. There is no limitation for Non-Citizen players who are resident and living in Malaysia. However, Non-Citizen players who want to be registered to play in the 2023 KLWSL League MUST have a VALID VISA / PAS & WORK PERMIT / STUDENT PASS (School / College / University or equivalent) / MyPR from the Malaysian Immigration Department. For Non-Citizen players who do NOT reside in Malaysia. Clubs can register a maximum of 2 Non-Citizen players.
- 3.1.8 The KLWSL Secretariat has the absolute right to decide and confirm the participation of Clubs that are eligible to compete.

## **3.2 COMPETITION FORMAT**

- 3.2.1 Matches are ONE ROUND league.
- 3.2.2 The winning club will get 3 points; The tied club will get 1 point; The losing club will get 0 points.
- 3.2.3 The four teams with the highest points after the end of all league matches qualify for the Quarter Finals.
- 3.2.4 If there are TWO (2) or more Clubs with the same points, then the ranking of the top Club must follow the hierarchical order as follows:-
  - i. The club with the highest points, if still tied, is determined by;
  - ii. The club with the most goal difference, if still equal, is determined by;
  - iii. The club with the most number of goals scored, if still equal, is determined by;
  - iv. The club that gets the most points between the clubs involved (Head to Head), if still equal, is determined by;
  - v. The Club with the most goal difference between the Clubs involved, if still equal, is determined by;
  - vi. The Club with the most number of goals scored among the Clubs involved, if still equal, is determined by;
  - vii. KLWSL, subject to the approval of the KLWSL Secretariat, where the decision is FINAL.
- 3.2.5 In a Knockout Competition or a 1-round Final, the winner will be determined according to the following hierarchy:-
  - i. The winning club in a full Match of 80 minutes playing time; if a tie;
  - ii. Additional time is given from 0 minutes to 10 minutes in each half; if a tie;
  - iii. The club that wins the kick from the penalty mark according to FIFA Rules.
- 3.2.6 In knockout or Final Matches held on a reciprocal basis,, the winners are determined according to the following hierarchy:-

- i. The club with the most goals scored; and if equal;
- ii. Goals scored at the opponent's venue count double; if equal;
- iii. Additional time is given from 0 minutes to 10 minutes in each half; if a tie;
- iv. The club that wins the kick from the penalty mark according to FIFA Rules.

### **3.3 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS**

- 3.3.1 Player Substitution is a maximum of 5 people in game time including extra time, unless otherwise specified by the KLWSL Secretariat. Substituted players may not rejoin the game, including kicking from the penalty mark.
- 3.3.2 The number of substitute players set by the KLWSL Secretariat to be listed is a maximum of 7 players and this is valid in a Match including extra time. The names of these reserve players must be registered before the game starts in the Team List registration.

### **3.4 STOPPED MATCH**

- 3.4.1 The referee has the right to stop the game due to unsatisfactory behavior of Supporters or Spectators, Officials or Players of a Club or for safety reasons such as weather factors, throwing objects or other factors that may cause danger to all parties involved, then:-
  - i. The match shall be stopped immediately and both Clubs shall wait for the game to be played again (maximum waiting time 15 minutes first half and 15 minutes second half).
  - ii. If during the waiting time of 15 minutes, the game can be played, then the Match will be played with the amount of remaining game time and the result of the match when the game is stopped.
  - iii. If after a maximum of 15 minutes the waiting time is over and the Referee considers that the game cannot continue, then the Referee must inform the KLWSL Competition Secretariat, Match Official, Manager or Assistant Manager or Head Coach or Assistant Head Coach of both Clubs. Current match results are final (No Delayed Matches Will Be Held).
  - iv. If the Club (Officials, Players and/or Supporters) caused the Match to be stopped (such as excessive provocation, fighting, and rioting). The referee has the right to stop the match from being played. And all forms of match results and penalties will be taken to the Technical Committee of the Competition.
  - v. If both Clubs are involved causing the game to be stopped, the KLWSL Secretariat will impose an action or actions in accordance with the Articles contained in the KLWSL League Competition Manual.



### **3.5 DELAY**

- 3.5.1 Clubs must arrive at the venue no later than 30 minutes before Match time.
- 3.5.2 If the opposing team arrives late to the day of the match, the time count will be taken. Match time 15 minutes (1-0) and match time 25 minutes (2-0) with the condition that a minimum of 9 team players present must be in the middle of the field. Failure to comply with these conditions will result in the goal score will not being counted.
- 3.5.3 If one of the teams does not have enough 11 players on the field to kick off. The first half of the match can still be played provided that the team can list a minimum of 7 players on the field. Entering the kickoff of the second half, the team **MUST** have 11 players on the field. Failure to do so will result in the team being declared a loser by a score of 3-0 or the score during the first half being used (the decision of the KLWSL Secretariat is FINAL).
- 3.5.4 If the opposing team fails to attend on the day of the match, the attending team will win the match with a score of 3-0, and will be entitled to use the field until the end of the time slot. REMINDER, the winning team still has to pay the cost of the field and the referee as usual.
- 3.5.5 For teams that fail to attend, the field fee on the day will be automatically deducted from the team's security deposit. The team needs to re-explain the security deposit fee that has been rejected ie 3 days before the next match day. Failure to do so will result in the team not being allowed to play and a free victory (3-0) will be given to the opponent.

### **3.6 TEAM WITHDRAWAL**

- 3.6.1 Each Club that has registered players cannot arbitrarily withdraw from the KLWSL tournament. Any Club withdrawing within 3 weeks before the start of the competition or after the first match or before the end of the competition; considered to have withdrawn from participating in this competition and may be subject to action as follows:-
  - i. All previous match results are null and void. For the avoidance of doubt, all points and goals in previously played matches will not be taken into account.
  - ii. Security deposit will not be refunded.
  - iii. Clubs can be suspended for 1 year or 1 season from playing in the league organized by KLWSL and announcements about the withdrawal along with the punishment will be published on KWSL social media.
  - iv. For Clubs that withdraw before the competition takes place in accordance with Article 3.6.1, Players who have been registered are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to be registered as players for other Clubs during the season unless there is a Transfer Window open.

### **3.7 DRAFT AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

- 3.7.1 The drawing of Clubs/Teams into groups and knockout stages shall be as decided by KLWSL and it shall be FINAL.

- 3.7.2 The KLWSL Secretariat reserves the right to change the date and venue of the match at its discretion.
- 3.7.3 Each competing team has NO RIGHT to apply to postpone the match unless there are strong grounds such as a natural disaster involving the country, an emergency enforced by the government is allowed.

### **3.8 MANDATORY BASIC CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

- i. Set of jerseys (home and away) and numbered.
- ii. Shorts/thermal pants.
- iii. Long socks.
- iv. Shinguard.
- v. Inner/thermal tight must be black.

### **3.9 REGISTRATION (TEAM LIST) AND SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

- 3.9.1 For all Clubs must register a maximum of 18 and a minimum of 15 Players including a minimum of 2 Goalkeepers in the Team List
- 3.9.2 Each team must have at least 7 players on the field before kickoff. If it is less than that, the team is counted as losing with a score of 3-0.
- 3.9.3 Fifteen minutes (15 minutes) before the start of the match, each team must submit a PLAYER LIST FORM (TEAM LIST) containing a list of players' full names, identification card numbers and jersey numbers. Every player is required to check at the secretary's desk for the VERIFY PLAYER session. Teams must submit a list of 11 main players and 7 reserve players along with an Accreditation Card for the purpose of verification by the KLWSL Secretariat.

### **3.10 MATCH BALL**

- 3.10.1 The KLWSL Secretariat will provide a match ball (Match Ball) for all matches.

### **3.11 OBJECTION**

- 3.11.1 Objections to the Player's eligibility or other objections must be sent in writing (using the official KLWSL competition objection form) within 48 hours after the end of the Match in question and the objection must be accompanied by cash or pay via e-banking on the condition of including a copy of the payment slip amounting to RM500.00 which will be returned if the objection is successful. The protesting team must submit evidence (example: photos) of the offense to the KLWSL Secretariat.

- 3.11.2 Objections cannot be made against decisions on matters of fact that have been decided by the Referee at the venue of the match.
- 3.11.3 The competition committee will meet and decide on each the objection presented. EVERY DECISION DECIDED IS FINAL.

### **3.12 PLAYER DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- 3.12.1 Any player who receives a yellow card will be not fined. While the player who receives the second yellow card and the subsequent "RED CARD" will be suspended for 1 match and fined RM50.00. Meanwhile, Players who are subject to a 'DIRECT RED CARD' will be fined RM100.00 and suspended for 2 league matches.
- 3.12.2 For red card recipients for serious offenses such as punching, uttering abusive words, showing obscene gestures to players, referees or spectators, the player will be suspended from the game until the Disciplinary Committee makes a decision. The decision of the competition committee is FINAL.
- 3.12.3 Rule 2 accumulated yellow cards, the player has to be suspended 1 in the next match.
- 3.12.4 Other offenses as provided and stated by the FAM Disciplinary Code.

## **ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CLUB**

### **4.1 FEES**

- 4.1.1 Each Club is required to pay the full registration fee and deposit together with the Club Registration form according to the date set by the KLWSL Secretariat.

Tournament Registration Fee	: RM600.00
Security Deposit	: RM600.00

- 4.1.2 The fee for each match (RM350.00) for each Club, must be paid according to the date and time set by the KLWSL Secretariat.
- 4.1.3 The full Security Deposit (RM600.00) will be refund within 1 week after the Club has finished playing all matches if there is no rejection of the fine imposed on the Club.

### **4.2 CLUB, OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS**

- 4.2.1 Every Club, Official and Player who confirms participation in the KLWSL League Competition must comply with the conditions of participation of the KLWSL League.
- 4.2.2 The Club must conduct a briefing or information session about the KLWSL League Activities to other Officials and all Club Players before the start of the KLWSL League.
- 4.2.3 Each Official and Player must be registered by filling out the Individual Biodata Registration

Form along with ONE (1) passport-sized photograph and ONE (1) copy of the Identity Card (in color) while Non-Citizen Players must include the documents as in Article 3.1.7 and sent according to the format provided by the KLWSL Secretariat.

4.2.4 Clubs, Officials and Players who have confirmed participation must be responsible and ensure:

- i. Comply with all KLWSL Rules.
- ii. Agree to accept all decisions regarding the administration and management of the KLWSL League that have been set by the KLWSL Secretariat as well as other Standing Committees or Judicial Bodies related to KLWSL League Activities.
- iii. Comply with all decisions of the Referee and other decisions or any decisions made by other Competition Officials and resolve problems or grievances regarding the management of the KLWSL League based on a spirit of understanding, cooperation and high sportsmanship and guided by the KLWSL Rules.

4.2.5 Implement and uphold the principle of Fair Play throughout the Match in the KLWSL League.

4.2.6 The Club must be responsible for the conduct of Officials, Players, Supporters or Spectators or anyone who engages in KLWSL League Activities on behalf of the Club or any person given authority or duty towards the Club throughout the period of participation in the KLWSL League.

4.2.7 LOST OR DAMAGED PROPERTY

- i. KLWSL will not be responsible in the event of loss, damage or injury to players, officials or spectators involved during the competition.
- ii. All physical, mental and property injuries; due to fights or other reasons is the team's full responsibility. The organizer will not be responsible for paying damages to any party.

4.2.8 The club must ensure that the competition environment is clean.

4.2.9 Avoiding or engaging in corrupt practices, match-fixing or committing racial offences.

### **4.3 MASS MEDIA (PRINT, ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL)**

4.3.1 PRESS RELEASE or MEDIA CONFERENCE.

- i. All teams including Officials and Players are NOT ALLOWED to make any press release for any purpose whatsoever regarding the management and management of the 2023 KLWSL League except with the permission of the Competition Committee.
- ii. The KLWSL League Competition Disciplinary Committee will take strict action if any Team, Official or Player is found to be in breach of these Rules.

4.3.2 If there is any problem, confusion or disagreement, the parties involved must officially inform the KLWSL League Competition Secretariat for further action or use other prescribed procedures.

#### 4.3.3 Press releases include:

- i. Call a special press conference.
- ii. Giving oral or written statements to print or electronic media.
- iii. Be aware of the presence of the media when making a statement.
- iv. There is clearly the name of the Match Official or Player or position specifically in print or electronic media.

#### 4.3.4 Any club that violates the rules of Article 4.3 may be subject to the following actions;

- i. For the first offence, a maximum fine of RM600.00 and the first warning issued to the Club.
- ii. For a second offence, a maximum fine of RM1,500.00 and a second warning issued to the Club.
- iii. For the third offence, a maximum fine of RM2,000.00 and a deduction of three points is imposed on the Club.
- iv. For the fourth offense as follows;
  - a. Team officers; prohibited from entering the competition venue area for a period of 6 months and a maximum of 1 year.
  - b. Players; suspension from the match for a period of 6 months and a maximum of 1 year

#### 4.3.5 IMAGE RIGHTS

- i. Club Officials must allow their photos and videos to be used by KLWSL for the purpose of any commercial advertisement or promotion of KLWSL League Activities.
- ii. Teams, Players and Officials agree that KLWSL has the right to use and/or authorize others to use records, names, trademarks and/or images, including still and/or moving image images and/or representations, including without limitation , Teams, Players, Officials, Stadiums, and team equipment for commercial, non-commercial, promotional and/or editorial purposes or otherwise free of any royalty or compensation, related to the KLWSL League and/or exploitation of all rights related to the League.

#### 4.3.6 BROADCAST AND RECORDING RIGHTS

4.3.6.1 Teams, Players and Officials acknowledge that KLWSL is the owner of all rights relating to the broadcast, filming and/or recording of the Malaysian League including but not limited to any filming and/or recording made in connection with any Match and/or exploitation of rights - the said rights by the Sponsor.

4.3.6.2 Teams, Players and Officials must not take any action that will hinder and/or violate the Media Rights granted to the Sponsor (i.e. the Broadcaster) and agree to comply with all instructions

and regulations of the KLWSL in relation to the exercise of such rights by the Sponsor.

- 4.3.6.3 Teams are entitled to produce their own footage for matches involving them with a maximum of one (1) camera and subject to the prior written approval of the KLWSL. Approved recordings are for analytical and technical purposes only and not for commercial purposes. Any Team, Player and Official if found to be in violation of the Broadcasting and Recording category may be fined (RM1,500.00).
- 4.3.6.4 The Official Broadcaster may film the team dressing room before the match under the supervision of the KLWSL after the preparation of the Team Jersey i.e. before the arrival of the Players.

## **5.1 THINGS NOT PROVIDED**

- 5.1.1 Apart from the above interpretations and regulations, the Organizing Committee (KLWSL) has the right to amend/enact additional regulations, in line with the goals of organizing the KLWSL League and the current Malaysian Government Laws related to the management and management of sports activities. All matters that are not provided for under these Rules or any exceptions regarding compliance with these Rules or all contingent matters or on differences in interpretation or on any interpretation of matters in the Rules and Laws will be decided by the Organizing Committee. The decision of the organizing committee is FINAL.