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THE ELGEYO-MARAKWET COUNTY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BILL, 2019

A Bill for

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Elgeyo/Marakwet to give statutory recognition to sports initiatives, management and development in order to achieve socio-economic empowerment of residents

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Elgeyo/Marakwet, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Elgeyo/Marakwet County Sports Development Bill, 2019 and shall come into operation upon publication.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"County Government" means the County Government of Elgeyo-Marakwet

"County Executive Member" Means the County Executive Member in charge of Sports;

"learner" means any person enrolled in a learning institution within the management of county government for purposes of this Act;

"learning institutions" for purposes of this Act means teaching institutions within the management of the County Government;

"licence" means a certificate issued to a professional sports body, coach, agent, or a professional sports person for the purposes of carrying out the activities of the relevant sport;

"parent" means the mother or father of a child and includes any person who is liable by law to maintain a child or is entitled to his custody;

"sports" means includes all forms of physical or mental activity which, through casual or organized participation, or through training activities, aims at expressing or improving physical and mental well-being, forming social relationships or obtaining results in competition at all levels, and includes any other activity as the Cabinet Secretary may, from time to time and after consultation with the technical department responsible for sports, prescribe;

"Sports Act" means Act No. 25 of 2013, Laws of Kenya;
“sporting event” means a sporting contest, competition, tournament or game open to participation and attendance by the public;

“Sports organization” means a body registered for purposes of promoting sports by whatever name;

“Registrar” means Sports Registrar appointed under section;

“training camp” means any space or facility where organized period of training is conducted used by athletes for training purposes under the laws of Kenya;

“community sports co-ordinator’s committee” means the committee established under section 7 of this Act;

“player development pathway (PDP)” is the process to identify and develop players to high levels of sport performance and improve their capability to play at a higher level.

**Objects and purpose of Act**

3. The objects and purpose of this Act are—

(a) provide mechanisms of identifying young talents and developing them in the long term;

(b) provide a mechanisms of encouraging and fostering community sports development;

(c) provide mechanisms for support of sports activities by the County Government to the learning institutions;

(d) provide a framework for promoting sports development within learning institutions in the County.

(e) develop a framework on sports management for economic development in the county, by promoting cooperation amongst agencies with a role in sports, an enhancing their capacities to maintain the provision of essential services during periods of sports;

(f) develop a framework on control of agents operating in the County by vesting authority in persons and agencies to act during times of sports to require the observance and implementation of directives given and initiatives taken by persons authorized under this Act; and

(g) develop a framework on control of training camps.

**Sports Act (No. 25 of 2013)**

4. The provisions of Sports Act (No. 25 of 2013) shall be binding to this Act.
PART II—ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF COUNTY SPORTS

Establishment of Sports

5. The residents may establish sports that are majorly convenient and useful in their locality.

Recognition of the right to sports

6. The County Government shall take steps to the maximum of its available resources with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of the rights of sport as set out in this Act.

The guiding principles

7. The guiding principles that govern the application of sports as right under this Act include—

(a) sport has an important role in all societies; and

(b) access to and participation in sport is a human right and essential for individuals of all ages to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

Sports Management Committee

8. (1) There is established the County Sports Management Committee.

(2) The Committee shall consist of—

(a) the Deputy Governor who shall be the Chairperson;

(b) the County Executive Member responsible for Sports;

(c) the County Executive Member responsible for Finance;

(d) the County Director for Sports who shall be the Secretary; and

(e) at least two representatives of the public representing both genders duly appointed by the CEC with the approval by the County Assembly.

(3) The Committee shall—

(a) set policies on Sports management; and

(b) approve the Sports plan;

(c) review, approve and endorse recommendations of the Director; oversee the application of the County Sports Plan and give any order or direction necessary for the Sports Plan to be implemented;
(d) implement the national government policy on sports response; and

(e) discharge any other responsibility or exercise any other power as provided by this Act or the County Sports Plan.

(4) The Committee shall report annually to the County Assembly on the status of sports in the County.

(5) The conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the committee shall be as provided in the Schedule.

(6) Except as provided in the schedule, the committee may regulate its own procedure.

Establishment of the Directorate

9. (1) There is established the Directorate of sports management which shall be a department in the Sports and Youth Affairs Department.

(2) The directorate shall be—

(a) the secretariat of the Committee; and

(b) under the direct management and supervision of the Committee.

Functions of the Directorate

10. The Directorate shall—

(a) assess and review all Sports and make appropriate recommendations to the Committee;

(b) prepare and subject to the Committee’s approval implement the sports plan;

(c) co-ordinate and monitor the implementation of the national and county sports policy;

(d) ensure that areas in the county in need of sports facilities are identified and measures for their development are undertaken by the departments of the County;

(e) undertake any activity relating to raising the capacity within the County to participate in sports;

(f) ensure that the sports plan is publicized and that all sectors of the community are made aware of the benefits of Sports;

(g) ensure that a coordinated inter-agency approach is undertaken in relation to all sporting activities;

(h) implement the decisions of the Committee and give proper effect to the provisions of this Act and the Sports Plan;
ensure that preparedness activities are undertaken as required, including public awareness raising, training, simulation exercises, sports planning and establishment of facilities and communications;

(j) identify buildings and places which could be used as sporting centres or camps in case of and make arrangements for water supply and sanitation for such buildings or places;

(k) put in place collaboration measures with other appropriate persons or national government agencies;

(l) advice the County Government on all matters relating to sports response;

(m) ensure that such relevant agencies or institutions as may be determined by the Director, prepare their own sports plans;

(n) assist institutions in the county and the community generally to identify, implement and participate in sports activities and programmes;

(o) collate the sports plans prepared under Part 4 and refer them to the Committee for approval;

(p) undertake such activities as are necessary to prepare for responses to sports;

(q) set up and maintain county stadia and sporting facilities; and

(r) promote sports tournaments.

Administration of the Directorate

11. (1) The Sports Directorate shall be headed by a Director of Sports.

(2) The Director shall be appointed by the County Public Service Board through a competitive and transparent process.

(3) A person shall be appointed as a Director if that person—

(a) is a Kenyan citizen;

(b) is a holder of at least first university degree in a course relevant to matters of sports management;

(c) satisfies the requirement of Chapter six of the Constitution; and

(d) has knowledge, experience and distinguished career of not less than five years in the relevant field.
(4) The Committee shall, in consultation with the County Public Service Board determine such number of staff as may be required for the proper execution of the functions of the Directorate.

(5) The Director shall be the overall head of the Directorate and shall be responsible for—
   
   (a) day to day running and operation of the Directorate;
   
   (b) administration, organization and control of staff of the Directorate;
   
   (c) management of funds, property and affairs of the Directorate;
   
   (d) implementation of policies and programmes of the Directorate and reporting thereon to the Committee;
   
   (e) development of operational sports plans for achieving the objectives of the Directorate; and
   
   (f) performance of any other function necessary for the implementation of this Act, as may be determined by the Committee.

Community Sports Co-ordinator’s Committee

12. (1) There is established the Community Sports Co-ordinator’s Committee which shall consist the following persons—

   (a) Chief;
   
   (b) members of County Assembly within the community;
   
   (c) Ward Administrator; and
   
   (d) a representative of all sports disciplines initiated at the County.

   (2) The representation under paragraph (d) shall take into consideration the gender rule.

Functions of the Committee

13. (1) The functions of the Community Sports Co-ordinators Committee shall include but not limited to—

   (a) the Committee shall be responsible for the day to day activities of the sport and all the participants;
   
   (b) encourage a greater number of sports and recreation opportunities in a designated rural and urban areas in the County;
   
   (c) organize and source of funds for running the community sports affairs; and
   
   (d) organize sports competition in the communities.
(2) Any assistance, technical or otherwise shall be sought through the authority of the County Government.

**County Sports Institute**

14. (1) There shall be established County Sports Institute.

(2) The Institute shall—

(a) address performance standards, training needs and facilities for information generation and documentation through the creation of a county database;

(b) undertake research and institutionalize scientific approaches to training;

(c) address the changing needs of sports person; and

(d) keep sports standards a breast with evolving National and International standards.

(3) The Institute may be structured to include departments which shall include the following—

(a) County Center for Sports Science;

(b) Center for Documentation, Information and Research;

(c) Center for Sports Marketing;

(d) Sports Museum (Hall of fame);

(e) County Anti-doping Agency.

**County Sports Plan**

15. (1) There shall be prepared a Sports Plan for Sports for the County to be called the Elgeyo-Marakwet County Sports Plan.

(2) The Sports Plan shall be prepared by the Directorate having regard to the National Government Sports Policies and shall be approved by the County Assembly.

(3) The Sports Plan shall include—

(a) measures to be taken for the organization, coordination and promotion of sports activities in the County;

(b) measures to be taken for the management, protection and preservation of the sports facilities of the County Government;

(c) measures to be taken for the integration of sports in the development sports plans;
(d) the regulation of sporting activities and the minimum standards to be observed in provision of sports facilities; and

(e) roles and responsibilities of different County Government departments and other such agencies not being part of the County Government structure.

(4) The Sports Plan shall be reviewed and updated annually.

(5) The County Government shall make appropriate provisions for financing measures carried out in the Plan.

PART IV—GRASSROOT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Sports in Rural Areas

16. (1) The county Government shall take the necessary measure to ensure that communities who wish to participate in sports are encouraged to do so.

(2) Any village and or community can form a sports team.

Community based sports competitions

17. (1) There may be organized inter-community sports competitions either through the county government or people’s initiative.

(2) The Community Sports Co-ordinator’s shall provide mechanisms to ensure that the best performing teams get recognized and rewarded.

(3) The community games shall be free.

Registration of Teams

18. (1) All teams who wish to participate in sports as provided for under this Act shall be registered.

(2) Registration mechanisms shall be described by the Sports Co-ordinator’s Committee as established under this Act.

(3) The details of each player, sports discipline and village of origin shall be entered upon the registration.

(4) The registration request shall be accompanied with a strategic pathway that integrates structured and methodological sport development plan and activities to be undertaken by the team.

Provided that the team registered is complete in terms of players required to participate in the sport discipline registered against.
Registration Requirements

19. (1) The coach should have the current and up to date training methodology.

(2) The Team Committee shall be responsible for operations and internal affairs of the team.

(3) The environment, infrastructure and facilities should be appropriate.

(4) The playground needs to be safe.

(5) Indicate the process of identifying and developing players to high levels of sports performance.

(6) How to identify athletes at the community level and prepare them to high levels of sports development.

(7) Training formula for the sport of which it should incorporate skill development, training time frame and match practice sessions calendar.

(8) Structured curriculum, innovative drills, reporting structure and assessment tools.

Registration Certificates

20. (1) The Community Sports Co-ordinator’s Committee in conjunction with the Sports Registrar shall formulate and originate certificates to be issued to teams and or individual athletes.

(2) The Registration Certificate shall be in a prescribed format.

Management of sports Activities

21. All the registered teams shall be issued with a registration certificate.

Access to Sports Facilities

22. (1) The registered sports teams shall be allowed to use County Government run sports amenities free of charge subject to its availability.

(2) Request to use these amenities shall be done through a written letter of request from the relevant authorities.

Sports and conflict prevention

23. Sports activities initiated at the community level should—

(a) be used as a tool to support conflict prevention and peace-building efforts within communities;

(b) promote social integration and foster tolerance; and

(c) be compelling as a tool for advocacy and communication.
Sports medicine

24. (1) All sports organizations in the County shall be required to encompass sports medicine in the management of sports persons.

(2) The mandate of having sports medicine is to ensure that;

(a) proven scientific methods of training are followed in order to minimize sports injuries;

(b) there is proper management of sports injuries whenever they occur;

(c) proper nutrition is followed in order to enhance sports performance;

(d) counselling, psychological and spiritual support is given to all sports persons;

(e) all sports persons understand the dangers of the use of performance enhancing drugs; and

(f) sports psychologists back up teams in training for competition.

(3) The Department of Sports and other stakeholders shall provide a framework for a credible and effective anti-doping programmes and activities.

(4) The Department of Sports will keep a record of all professionally trained sports medical personnel.

Mass Sports

25. To ensure that mass sports are promoted, the County Government shall—

(a) provide standard facilities, equipment and technical personnel; and

(b) ensure optimum utilization of the existing facilities.

PART IV—SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHT OF SPORTS IN LEARNING INSTITUTIONS

Right to participate in sports

26. Pursuant to provisions of section 17 of Children Act (No. 8 of 2001), all learning institutions and all persons acting in the name of these institutions, where they are exercising any powers conferred to them shall treat the sports interests of the learner as of paramount consideration to the extent that this is consistent with adopting a course of action calculated to—

(a) safeguard and promote the rights and welfare of the child; and

(b) conserve and promote the welfare of the child.
Recognizing sport for development of young people

27. (1) The practice of sport is vital to the development of young people in recognition of the following—

(a) sport has an impact on health and reduces the likelihood of many diseases;

(b) sports programmes serve as an effective tool for social mobilization, supporting health activities such as HIV/AIDS education and immunisation campaigns;

(c) sport is an economic force, providing employment and contributing to local development;

(d) key site and natural draw for volunteer involvement; and

(e) preservation of a clean and healthy environment.

Duties and responsibilities of County Government

28. In realization of the right to sports and play, the county Government shall—

(a) ensure that officers and employees are trained for sports;

(b) ensure that resources relating to Sports are so maintained as to be readily available for use;

(c) ensure that all construction of sports projects under it or within its jurisdiction conform to the laid down standards and specifications; and

(d) carry out relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities in the affected area in accordance with the Sports Plan.

Duties and responsibilities of a learning institution

29. In the application of the provisions of this Act, and in any matter concerning sports due regard shall be undertaken to ensure that—

(a) time scheduled for sports and or play shall not be substituted for another activity that is not related to sports and play; and

(b) the learning institution shall develop a learning calendar for which sports and gaming activities must be incorporated.

Parental Responsibility

30. (1) It shall be the duty of the parent to encourage the child to participate in a sports activity of his or her choice.

(2) The duties referred to in subsection (1) include in particular—

(a) adequate diet;

(b) education and guidance;
(c) arrange for participation of a learner in sports activities of his or her choice; and

(d) give parental guidance on sports, play, cultural and other values.

(3) The provisions of this section shall apply to a person who does not have parental responsibility for a particular learner and or child, but has care and control of the learner and or child may subject to the provisions of this Act, do what is reasonable in all the circumstances of the case for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the learner’s and or child’s sports welfare.

Protection from sports exploitation

31. No person shall subject a learner to be exploited by virtue of his or her talent in sports.

V—REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

Sports Registrar

32. (1) There shall be an office of Sports Registrar which shall be an office within the Sports, Youth Affairs, ICT and Social Services Department.

(2) The County Executive Committee Member responsible for Sports through the recommendation of County Public Service Board, appoint the Sports Registrar who shall be—

(a) in charge of the office of the Sports Registrar;

(b) responsible for the registration and regulation of sports organizations and multi-sports bodies representing sports organizations at the county level, in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(c) responsible for the matters relating to the licensing of professional sports and professional sports persons in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and

(d) responsible for the arbitration of registration disputes between sports organizations.

(3) The Registrar shall keep and maintain a register of the registered sports organizations and such other particulars relating to the registered sports organizations as may be prescribed.

(4) The Registrar shall issue licences for professional sports in accordance with the regulations and the requirements that the Cabinet Secretary may prescribe and any other relevant law.
(5) A copy of an entry in the register certified by the Registrar shall, for purposes of any written law, be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the certificate.

Registration of Sports organizations and Training Camps

33. (1) Subject to provisions of section 46 of Sports Act (No. 25 of 2013), a body shall not operate as a sports organization and or training camp unless it is registered.

(2) An application for registration of a County sport organization shall—

(a) be submitted to the Registrar; and

(b) be in the prescribed form and shall specify—

(i) the name of the sports organization;

(ii) the category under which it is to be registered;

(iii) the office-bearers of the applicant;

(iv) the postal address of the applicant;

(v) sources of funding of the applicant;

(vi) national and international affiliation, if any; and

(vii) such other information as the County Executive Member may prescribe.

(3) An application for registration shall be accompanied by such fees as determined by the made County Executive Member.

(4) The County Government shall develop a registration guideline for registering sports training camps in the County.

(5) All County Sports organizations registered under this Act shall be open to the public in their leadership, activities and membership.

(6) A certificate of registration issued under this section—

(a) shall be conclusive evidence of authority to operate throughout the country as may be specified in the certificate of registration; and

(b) may contain such terms and conditions as the Registrar may prescribe.

Registration Certificates

34. A County sports organization and or training camp registered under this Act shall be issued with a certificate of registration in the prescribed form.
Rejection of application

35. (1) The Registrar may reject an application for registration of a body as a sports organization if the Registrar is satisfied that—

(a) its proposed activities or procedures are not in the national interest; or

(b) the body has given false information to secure registration.

(2) The Registrar shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the rejection of its application for registration within fourteen days from the date of such rejection.

Sports Register

36. (1) The Registrar shall keep and maintain a register of sports persons and sports organizations registered and licensed in the Form N set out in the First Schedule.

(2) A sports person or organization that amends any of its particulars shall notify the Registrar within fourteen days of the change in particulars in the Form R set out in the First Schedule.

Inspection of Sports Register

37. (1) The register shall be available for inspection on the payment to the Registrar of the fee set out in the Second Schedule and the Registrar shall issue the certificate of official search in the Form P set out in the First Schedule.

(2) A certificate of official search issued by the Registrar shall be conclusive evidence of the facts contained therein.

Inspection of Sport Facilities

38. (1) The County Government at any time, or if so directed by the Registrar in charge of Sports, cause an inspection to be made of any sports organization and or training camp offering training or any person associated with any sports organization and or training camp on the training facilities and amenities.

(2) The Registrar shall appoint an inspector to carry out inspections of sport organizations.

(3) An inspector appointed under paragraph (1), shall produce the appointment letter prior to entering the premises of the sport organization which the inspector is required to inspect.

(4) When an inspection is made under subsection (1), the sports organization and or training camps or person concerned and every official
and employee thereof shall make available all the items and amenities required to be inspected.

(5) The person conducting the inspection shall be required to generate a report and submit to Registrar and copied to County Executive Member within one month of the inspection.

(6) An inspection shall not exceed a period of three months from the date of appointment of an inspector but in exceptional circumstances the Registrar may extend the inspection period.

(7) The report shall specify any breach or non-compliance with the requirements of the Act and regulations made under them, any irregularly in the manner of conduct of affairs of the sports organization and or training camps, discovered in the course of the inspection that warrant, in the opinion of the person making the inspection, remedial actions or further investigations.

(8) The Registrar shall, within thirty days of receipt of the inspection report, notify the concerned sport organization of the findings of the inspection in writing.

(9) Upon receipt of the report under paragraph (8), the sports organization shall have an opportunity to be heard on the findings and recommendations of the inspection report within fourteen days from the date of the notice.

(10) The information obtained in the course of the inspection shall be treated as confidential and used solely for purposes of this Act.

**Licensing sports persons**

39. (1) An athlete, coach, player or agent may apply to the Registrar for a licence to operate as a professional sports person.

(2) An application for a licence shall be made in the Form F set out in the First Schedule and shall provide—

(a) proof of nationality;

(b) evidence of academic and professional qualifications from recognized institutions;

(c) in case of agents or managers, evidence of certification from the relevant international federation;

(d) in the case of foreigner national, a recommendation letter from his or her national sporting body;

(e) certificates of compliance from—

(i) the Directorate of Criminal Investigation;
(ii) the Kenya Revenue Authority;
(iii) the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission; and
(f) a statutory declaration that the applicant will observe anti-doping law.

(3) The Registrar may —

(a) issue a licence in the Form G set out in the First Schedule; or
(b) reject the application for a licence and give the reasons thereof.

(4) A sports person who is suspended from a sports body in any country —

(a) shall not apply for a licence during the period of the suspension; and
(b) shall disclose information of the present or previous suspension in the application.

Validity of licence

40. A licence issued under this Act shall be valid for two years from the date of issue or renewal as the case may be.

Revocation of licence

41. (1) The Registrar shall, if satisfied that there are sufficient grounds, notify a sports person or a sports organization of an intention to revoke their licence in the Form H set out in the First Schedule.

(2) A sports organization or a sports person who receives the notice under paragraph (1) shall, within fourteen days of such notice, appear before the Registrar to be heard.

(3) The Registrar shall notify a sports person or a sports organization of the revocation of its licence in Form I set out in the First Schedule if the Registrar determines that there are sufficient grounds for revocation.

Surrender of licence

42. A sports person who is suspended for more than six months shall have their licence revoked and shall surrender their licence to the Registrar.

Sports Agents

43. Subject to the provisions of Sports Act and its regulations, sports agents who have been fully registered by the National government shall be allowed to operate in the County.
Applicable fees

44. The fees payable for registration shall be prescribed by the County Executive Committee Member.

PART VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Application of the Act

45. (1) All types and forms of sports not specifically mentioned in this Act shall be handled in a similar manner.

(2) The provisions of this Act do not in any way override those provided for under national laws.
MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The purpose of the Bill is to provide a mechanism for the management, coordination and promotion of sports in the County. The Bill provides a structured approach towards handling sports in the County.

The Structure of the Bill is as follows—

Part I (clause 1 - 4) of the Bill contains preliminary provisions. Clause 1 states the title of the Bill and clause 2 deals with interpretation of terms as used in the Bill. Clause 3 states the objects of the Bill.

Part II (clause 5 - 15) of the Bill deals with the County sports structure. Notably the part contains the following clauses; Clause 8 establishes the Sports Management Committee by providing for its membership and functions. Clause 9 establishes the Directorate of Sports Department while clause 10 provides for the functions of the established Directorate. Clause 12 provides for the establishment of the Sports Coordinators Committee while Clause 14 provides for County Sports Institute and Clause 15 provide for the County Sports Plan.

Part III (clause 16 - 25) This part essentially provides for the mechanism for the establishment of grass root sports development and its administration.

Part IV (clause 26-31) This part contains the provisions for safeguarding the right of sports in the learning institutions.

Part V deals with provisions on Registration and licensing including the establishment of the office of Sports Registrar and registration procedures.

PART VI Deals with miscellaneous provisions on the Application of the Act.

Dated the 2nd October, 2019

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