

REGULATIONS OF THE MFA AWARDS

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MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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As per Article 48 of the Competition Rules (Section V of the MFA Regulations), the Malta FA shall at the end of each season grant the following awards:

1. Footballer of the Year
2. BOV First Division Best Player
3. BOV Second Division Best Player
4. BOV Third Division Best Player
5. Women Best Player
6. Youth League Best Player
7. Young Player of the Year
8. Coach of the Year
9. Fair Play Award
10. BOV Premier League Top-Scorer
11. BOV First Division Top-Scorer
12. BOV Second Division Top-Scorer
13. BOV Third Division Top-Scorer
14. BOV Women's First Division Top-Scorer
15. BOV Women's Second Division Top-Scorer
16. Best Foreign Player
17. Goal of the Year
18. The President's Award
19. The Gozo Football Association Best Player
20. The Futsal Best Player

1. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best male player during the current football season;
- b. The voting panel shall vote only for players who during the current season were eligible to play for the MFA National 'A' Team.
- c. Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- c. One club official from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV Premier League;
- d. The MFA Technical Director
- e. The MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach
- f. The MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach
- g. The MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach
- h. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
- i. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (ONE TV / ONE Radio)
- j. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communications Limited (NET TV / Radio 101)
- k. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Allied Newspapers Limited (The Times of Malta / The Sunday Times of Malta)
- l. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media Today Limited (Malta Today / Illum)
- m. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Standard Publications Limited (The Malta Independent / The Malta Independent on Sunday)
- n. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Unionprint Co. Ltd. (L-Orizzont/It-Torċa)
- o. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communications Limited (In-Nazzjon / Il-Mument)
- p. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (Kullhadd)
- q. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Melita p.l.c. (Maltastars)
- r. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

(iii) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best football players in the current football season;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches, and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players with the Member Club in which such captains, coaches, or officials are employed;

- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 - 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 - 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
 - 3. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
 - 4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
 - 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;
- h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the five (5) eligible players which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the MFA Footballer of the Year Award;
- i. The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the MFA Footballer of the Year. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
- j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the Deputy General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 - 1. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 2. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 3. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots then the player who would have made the most appearances with the National 'A' Team during the current football season prevails.

2. BOV FIRST DIVISION BEST PLAYER

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best male player in the BOV First Division League of the current football season;
- b. The voting panel shall vote only for players who at the end of current football season are registered with the senior team of a member club that competed in the BOV First Division League.
- c. Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV First Division League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV First Division League;
- c. One club official from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV First Division League;
- d. Three (3) journalists chosen by the Ghaqda Ġurnalisti Sports, who normally follow the First Division League.

(iii) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best football players in the BOV First Division League during the current football season;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches, and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches, or officials are employed;
- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach, or official is employed;
 3. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;

4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;
 - h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;
 - i. The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the BOV First Division Best Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
 - j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 1. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 2. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 3. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail.
 - k. The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
 1. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (j)(3) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the BOV First Division League and the FA Trophy Competition of the current football season, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. three (3) points for every appearance in a BOV First Division League or an FA Trophy match from the start even if the player is substituted;
 - b. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (a) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;
 2. Following the procedure in sub-article (1) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the BOV First Division League and the FA Trophy Competition, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;
 - b. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
 - c. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after a match.

3. BOV SECOND DIVISION BEST PLAYER

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best male player in the BOV Second Division League of the current football season;
- b. The voting panel shall vote only for players who at the end of current football season are registered with the senior team of a member club that competed in the BOV Second Division League of the current football season;
- c. Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Second Division League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Second Division League;
- c. One club official from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV Second Division League;
- d. Two (2) journalists from the Public Broadcasting Services Limited, who habitually follow and report on the Second Division League

(iii) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best football players in the BOV Second Division League during the current football season;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;
- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who during the current football season made at least one official appearance in the BOV Second Division League or in the FA Trophy Competition with the senior team of that Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
 3. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;

4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;
 - h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;
 - i. The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the BOV Second Division Best Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
 - j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 1. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 2. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 3. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail.
 - k. The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
 1. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (j)(3) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the BOV Second Division League and the FA Trophy Competition of the current football, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. three (3) points for every appearance in a BOV Second Division League or an FA Trophy match from the start even if the player is substituted;
 - b. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (a) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;
 2. Following the procedure in sub-article (1) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the BOV Second Division League and the FA Trophy Competition, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;
 - b. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
 - c. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after

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4. BOV THIRD DIVISION BEST PLAYER

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best male player in the BOV Third Division League of the current football season;
- b. The voting panel shall vote only for players who at the end of current football season are registered with the senior team of a member club that competed in the BOV Third Division League of the current football season;
- c. Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

1. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Third Division League;
2. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Third Division League;
3. One club official from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV Third Division League ;
4. Two (2) journalists from the Public Broadcasting Services Limited, who habitually follow and report on the Second Division League

(iii) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best football players in the BOV Third Division League during the current football season ;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches, or officials are employed;
- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
 3. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;

4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;
 - h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;
 - i. The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the BOV Third Division Best Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
 - j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 1. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 2. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 3. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail.
 - k. The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
 1. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (j)(3) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the BOV Third Division League and the FA Trophy Competition of current football season, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. three (3) points for every appearance in a BOV Third Division League or an FA Trophy match from the start even if the player is substituted;
 - b. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (a) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;
 2. Following the procedure in sub-article (1) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the BOV Third Division League and the FA Trophy Competition, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;
 - b. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
 - c. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after a match.

5. WOMEN BEST PLAYER

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best female player in the current football season;
- b. The voting panel shall vote only for female players who during the current football season were eligible to play for the MFA Women's National 'A' Team;
- c. Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each team, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Women's Teams of the Clubs which participated in the BOV Women's League;
- b. The coaches, one from each team, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Women's Teams of the Clubs which participated in the BOV Women's League;
- c. One official per club participating in the BOV Women's League in the current season;
- d. The MFA Technical Director;
- e. The MFA Director of Women's Football
- f. The MFA National Women's Team Head Coach;
- g. The MFA National Women's Team Assistant Coach;
- h. Two (2) journalists who normally report on the Women's League chosen by the MFA General Secretary

(iii) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best female players in current football season;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches, and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;
- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;

3. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
 4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;
 - h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;
 - i. The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the BOV Women's League Best Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
 - j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 1. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 2. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 3. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who has most appearances with the Women's National Team during the current football season shall prevail.

6. YOUTH LEAGUE BEST PLAYER

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best player of the Youth League in the current football season;
- b. For the purposes of this Award only a player included in the shortlist of ten (10) players, as decided by the MFA Technical Centre under sub-article (ii) below, shall be considered as eligible for this award;
- c. Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Shortlist

- a. A meeting shall be convened between the MFA Technical Director, the MFA National Under/19 Team Head Coach and the MFA National Under/19 Team Assistant Head Coach, wherein these persons shall create a shortlist of not more than ten (10) players, who during the current football season appeared in at least fifty percent (50%) of their team's matches in the Youth League, and who in their opinion are to be considered by the voting panel for the Youth League Best Player Award, within the timeframe stipulated by the Deputy General Secretary of the Association;

(iii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Youth Team of the Member Clubs participating in Section 'A' of the Youth League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Youth Team of the Clubs participating in Section 'A' of the Youth League;
- c. One official per club, participating in Section 'A' of the Youth League in the current season;
- d. The MFA Technical Director
- e. The MFA National Under/19 Team Head Coach
- f. The MFA National Under/19 Assistant Head Coach

(iv) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best youth league players in current football season;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are registered;
- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;

- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 - 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 - 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is registered;
 - 3. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
 - 4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
 - 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;
- h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;
- i. The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the Youth League Best Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
- j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 - 1. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 2. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 3. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail.
- k. The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
 - 1. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (j)(3) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the Youth League and the Youth Knock-Out Competition of the current football season, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. three (3) points for every appearance in a Youth League or a Youth Knock-Out Competition match from the start even if the player is substituted;
 - b. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (a) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;
 - 2. Following the procedure in sub-article (1) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the Youth League and the Youth Knock-Out Competition, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;

- b. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
- c. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after a match.

7. BEST YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best young male player during the current football season;
- b. The voting panel shall vote only for players who during the current football season were eligible to play for the MFA Under 21 National Team.
- c. Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Club officials, one from each club who in the current season participated in the BOV Premier League;
- d. The MFA Technical Director
- e. The MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach
- f. The MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach
- g. The MFA National Under 21 Team Assistant Head Coach
- h. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
- i. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (ONE TV / ONE Radio)
- j. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communications Limited (NET TV / Radio 101)
- k. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Allied Newspapers Limited (The Times of Malta / The Sunday Times of Malta)
- l. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media Today Limited (Malta Today / Illum)
- m. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Standard Publications Limited (The Malta Independent / The Malta Independent on Sunday)
- n. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Unionprint Co. Ltd. (L-Orizzont/It-Torca)
- o. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communications Limited (In-Nazzjon / Il-Mument)
- p. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (Kullhadd)
- q. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Melita p.l.c. (Maltastars)
- r. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

(iii) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best young football players in the current football season;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;

- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 - 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 - 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season were registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
 - 3. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
 - 4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
 - 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;
- h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;
- i. The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the Best Young Player of the Year. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
- j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 - 1. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 2. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 3. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who has most appearances with the National 'A' Team during the current football season shall prevail;
 - 4. If the tied players have the same number of appearances with the National 'A' Team during the current football season, then the player who has most appearances with the Under 21 National Team during the current football season shall prevail.

8. COACH OF THE YEAR

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the coach who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best coach in the current football season;
- b. The voting panel shall vote only for coaches who at the end of the current football season occupied the position of senior team coach of a club participating in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Coaches who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Club officials, one from each Member Club, who in the current season participated in the BOV Premier League;
- d. The MFA Technical Director
- e. The MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach
- f. The MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach
- g. The MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach
- h. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
- i. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (ONE TV / ONE Radio)
- j. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communications Limited (NET TV / Radio 101)
- k. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Allied Newspapers Limited (The Times of Malta / The Sunday Times of Malta)
- l. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media Today Limited (Malta Today / Illum)
- m. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Standard Publications Limited (The Malta Independent / The Malta Independent on Sunday)
- n. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Unionprint Co. Ltd. (L-Orizzont/It-Torca)
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- q. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Melita p.l.c. (Maltastars)
- r. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

(iii) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible coaches who in his opinion were the best coaches in current football season;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible coaches in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for coaches who at the end of the current football season were registered coaches of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;

- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 - 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 - 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible coach who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
 - 3. Any voter indicates the same coach on his ballot more than once;
 - 4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a coach who is not eligible for this award;
 - 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible coach granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible coach granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible coach granted third preference;
- h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible coaches which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;
- i. The eligible coach who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the Coach of the Year. The name of such coach shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
- j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible coaches in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 - 1. The coach with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 2. If the tied coaches receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the coach with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 3. If the tied coaches receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the MFA Technical Director, the MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach, the MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach, and the MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach shall convene a meeting, and decide by simple majority whom from the tied coaches is to receive the award.

9. THE FAIR-PLAY AWARD

(i) Eligibility

- a. The Fair-Play award shall be given to that Member Club who at the end of the season's National League will have most points granted by the Fair-Play Award Panel as prescribed in these regulations;
- b. All the teams of all Member Clubs participating in the MFA National League shall be eligible for the Fair-Play Award.

(ii) Assessments for the Fair-Play Award

There shall be three modes of assessment for the determination of the winner of the Fair-Play Award. These are:

- a. Assessments by the Match Inspector or Referee
 - b. Assessments by the MFA Secretariat
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- (i) The Match Inspector of a competitive match of the first team of member clubs which is directly organised by the Association and the referee of a competitive match in the Youth League and the Women's Competitions organised directly by the Association shall award to each team the following points on positive behaviour as follows:
 - a) a maximum of ten (10) points for positive play shown by players;
 - b) a maximum of five (5) points for respect and correct behaviour shown by players towards the other team and its officials sitting on the Reserves' Benches and any other person near the field of play and having an official or semi-official function during the match (e.g. ball-boys and photographers);
 - c) a maximum of five (5) points for the respect and correct behaviour of the players shown towards the refereeing team; and
 - d) a maximum of five (5) points for the respect and correct behaviour of the Club Officials sitting on the Reserves' Benches towards the refereeing Team, the other team and its officials sitting on the Reserves' Benches and any other person near the field of play and having an official or semi-official function (e.g. ball-boys and photographers);
 - e) a maximum of five points (5) for the respect and correct behaviour of supporters towards the refereeing Team, the other team and its officials sitting on the Reserves' Benches, the opposing supporters and neutral supporters and any other person near the field of play and having an official or semi-official function (e.g. ball-boys and photographers).
 - (ii) After awarding the points, the Match Inspector or Referee, as the case may be, shall add all the points awarded under sub-clause (i) above.
 - (iii) The Match inspector or the Referee, as the case may be, shall make use of the appropriate form provided by the MFA Secretariat.
- b. Assessments by the M.F.A. Secretariat
- The M.F.A. Secretariat shall deduct the following points on negative behaviour in connection with every competitive match:
- (i) In the case of players
 - a) One (1) point for each confirmed (yellow card) caution by the Disciplinary Commissioner.
 - b) three (3) points for each confirmed send-off (red card) provided that in the case of a red card as a result of a second yellow card, only three points will be deducted.
- c. Computation for the Fair Play Award

At the end of all MFA competitions, the Deputy General Secretary shall compute the points garnered by each Member Club according to sub-articles (a) and (b) above in the following manner:

- (i) All points gathered in all matches according to the “Assessment by the Match Inspector or Referee” are added;
- (ii) All points to be deducted by the M.F.A. Secretariat for negative behaviour under the “Assessment by the M.F.A. Secretariat” are deducted from the total points gathered according to the “Assessment by the Match Inspector or Referee”;
- (iii) The total is then divided by the number of matches the Member Club has played during the current football season;
- (iv) The Member Club with the best average points following the above computation shall be declared the winner of the Fair Play Award by the General Secretary.

d. Presentation of Fair Play Award

The Fair Play Award shall be awarded to the winning team during the MFA Awards night organised by the Association.

10. BOV PREMIER LEAGUE TOP-SCORER AWARD

- (i) This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Premier League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Premier League than any other player playing in that league.
- (ii) This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards.

11. BOV FIRST DIVISION TOP-SCORER AWARD

- (i) This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV First Division League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's First Division League than any other player playing in that league.
- (ii) This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards.

12. BOV SECOND DIVISION TOP-SCORER AWARD

- (i) This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Second Division League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Second Division League than any other player playing in that league.
- (ii) This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards.

13. BOV THIRD DIVISION TOP-SCORER AWARD

- (i) This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Third Division League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Third Division League than any other player playing in that league.
- (ii) This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards 2017.

14. BOV WOMEN'S FIRST DIVISION TOP-SCORER AWARD

- (i) This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Women's First Division 2016/17 shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Women's First Division than any other player playing in that league.
- (ii) This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards 2017.

15. BOV WOMEN'S SECOND DIVISION TOP-SCORER AWARD

- (i) This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Women's Second Division 2016/17 shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Women's Second Division than any other player playing in that league.
- (ii) This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards 2017.

16. BEST FOREIGN PLAYER AWARD

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best foreign player during the current football season;
- b. The voting panel shall vote only for players who during the current football season were not eligible to play for the MFA National 'A' Team and have made at least one (1) official appearance with a club in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

(ii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Club officials, one from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV Premier League;
- d. The MFA Technical Director
- e. The MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach
- f. The MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach
- g. The MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach
- h. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
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- q. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Melita p.l.c. (Maltastars)
- r. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

(iii) Voting Procedure

- a. Each person indicated in sub-article (ii) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the Deputy General Secretary wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best foreign players in the BOV Premier League of the current football season;
- b. The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;
- c. The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (ii)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;

- d. Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- e. The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
- f. Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions when:
 - 1. They are received by the Deputy General Secretary on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions;
 - 2. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
 - 3. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
 - 4. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
 - 5. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.
- g. When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;
- h. The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;
- i. The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the Best Foreign Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;
- j. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the Deputy General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:
 - 1. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 2. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
 - 3. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail.
- k. The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
 - 1. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (j)(3) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the BOV Premier League and the FA Trophy Competition of the current football season, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. three (3) points for every appearance in a BOV Premier League or an FA Trophy match from the start even if the player is substituted;
 - b. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (a) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;

2. Following the procedure in sub-article (1) above, the Deputy General Secretary shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the BOV Premier League and the FA Trophy Competition, and this according to the following procedure:
 - a. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;
 - b. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
 - c. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after a match.

17. GOAL OF THE YEAR

(i) Eligibility

- a. This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel scored the best goal in the current football season;
- b. For the purposes of this Award only a goal scored by a player included in the shortlist of ten (10) goals, as decided by the Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel under sub-article (ii) below, shall be considered as eligible for this award;

(ii) Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel

- a. A meeting shall be convened between the persons mentioned in sub-article (b) below, wherein these persons shall create a shortlist of ten (10) goals, who in their opinion are to be considered by the voting panel for the Goal of the Year Award, within the timeframe stipulated by the Deputy General Secretary of the Association;
- b. The ten (10) shortlisted goals shall be selected from among twenty (20) goals previously selected by the Deputy General Secretary of the Association;
- c. The Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel shall consist of a number of accredited journalists by the MFA who consistently follow and report on the BOV Premier League.

(iii) Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The general public, who from two weeks before and on the night of the presentation of the MFA Awards, vote by means of a televoting procedure which shall be put in place for such purpose by the Public Broadcasting Services Limited;

(iv) Voting Procedure

- a. The Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel shall convene a meeting for the shortlisting of the ten (10) goals;
- b. The shortlist of ten (10) goals will be communicated by the Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel to the MFA Deputy General Secretary in charge of Competitions. The media partner of the MFA for the MFA Awards will broadcast adverts featuring all the goals in which the public will be asked to vote for its favourite goal through its televoting procedure. Such televoting shall stop at midnight prior to the MFA Awards ceremony.
- c. On the morning of the MFA Awards ceremony, the top (5) goals in the televoting will be communicated by the MFA media partner for the MFA Awards to the Deputy General Secretary and such five (5) goals will be the official nominees for the Goal of the Year Award;
- d. During the night of the MFA Awards ceremony, the general public shall vote, by means of a televoting procedure for one (1) of the five (5) goals being the official nominees for the Goal of the Year Award;
- e. At the indicated time during the MFA Awards the Deputy General Secretary, shall be notified by the persons in charge of the televoting procedure which of the five (5) goals being the official nominees for the Goal of the Year Award has received most votes by the general public;
- f. The goal which has received most votes according to sub-article (e) above shall be declared the Goal of the Year. The name of the player who scored such goal shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Ceremony;
- g. In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more shortlisted goals, then the award shall be shared equally between those players who scored such shortlisted goals.

18. THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

- i. This winner of this award shall be decided by the President of the Association in his total discretion;
- ii. This award shall be granted by the President of the Association to that person or group of persons who in his personal opinion deserve to be recognised for such person/s outstanding contribution to the game of football in Malta;
- iii. The name/s of the person/s who is/are to receive such award shall be rendered public by the President at the MFA Awards Night;
- iv. The President of the Association shall publicly announce the reason why such person/s has/have been granted such award.

19. GFA BEST PLAYER

- i. This winner of this award shall be decided by the Gozo Football Association according to a voting system created by the Gozo Football Association for such purpose;
- ii. The Gozo Football Association shall inform the MFA Deputy General Secretary who the top three (3) players who have attained votes from the voting system mentioned in sub-article (i) are, and who the player with most votes out of those three (3) is;
- iii. The player with most votes will be declared the GFA Best Player;
- iv. The name of the person who is to receive such award shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;

20. FUTSAL BEST PLAYER

- i. This winner of this award shall be decided by the Futsal Malta Association according to a voting system created by the Futsal Malta Association for such purpose;
- ii. The Futsal Malta Association shall inform the MFA Deputy General Secretary who the top three (3) players who have attained votes from the voting system mentioned in sub-article (i) are, and who the player with most votes out of those three (3) is;
- iii. The player with most votes will be declared the FMA Best Player;
- iv. The name of the person who is to receive such award shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night;