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**OUR NEWLY ELECTED REGIONAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RECENTLY ELECTED AT SAFA OVERBERG
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MESSAGES FROM THE NEW REC



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Circular #1 – 2021 Suspension of Amateur Football

To : SAFA Regions

Cc : Provincial Secretaries
NEC Members
Football Cluster of Committee Members

From : Chief Executive Officer

Date : Monday, 28 June 2021

RE : **SUSPENSION OF ALL AMATEUR FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES**

The Association has heeded the announcement made by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Hon Cyril Ramaphosa to put the country on Alert Level 4 and suspend all social gatherings in order to combat the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

In view of the above, the Association has taken a stand to suspend all amateur football activities with immediate effect until further notice.

The suspension of football amateur activities excludes the ABC Motsepe National Play Offs in Mpumalanga which are underway.

For further information, please contact Mr Moremi Klip (Competition Manager) at 076 321 6234.

We thank kindly for your anticipated support.

Sincerely,

ADV. TEBOGO MOTLANTHE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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EDITORIAL



Marq Klopper
SAFA Overberg
League Co-ordinator

26 June 2021 will be known in future as another milestone in the elevation and progress of the SAFA Overberg Region. On this day, President Tankiso Modipa was elected for a 3rd straight term as Regional President. This done as an uncontested candidate for the second term in a row. Its unheard off in modern times.

But such is the faith in the President and his vision, that the Region has galvinised itself behind him and support him for another term.

You see the support, that after all the success and rapid growth the Region has shown, that everyone is behind the Regional President and that support is shown through being uncontested at the highest level.

In this issue, as COVID-19 3rd wave hits us and again halts all our football, we will look at our newly elected structure and find out from them their aspirations and goals for the Region.

We will also go a little deeper into our Match Officials who have been promoted to higher honours in the country's football.

On a personal note, my term as League Co-ordinator has come to an end with the election and Congress. I look forward to negotiating a new deal with the REC for the next term if I am still in their plans. If not, then let me state the joy and pride I have experienced serving my Region. Thank you for all the love and friendship I experienced here.

Whatever the way forward is, the Region is in very good hands and I hope my contribution has added value to that success.

Thank you everybody and God bless during this time.

Marq Klopper

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SAFA OVERBERG REGIONAL ELECTORAL CONGRESS



On Saturday 26 June 2021, the SAFA Overberg Region hosted its Electoral Congress where the new Regional Executive Committee would be elected. Hosted in the Cape Agulhas coastal town of Arniston, and livestreamed to subscribers who bought tickets to the event.

The livestreaming was the first of its kind on a SAFA Congress and was a good view to see the inner workings of such an event.

The activity report of the past year was presented and the processes of the congress moved toward the election of the new REC.

The election process was handled by SAFA WC Chairman Mr Gerald Don.

● LIVESTREAM



The SAFA Overberg Congress was livestreamed to those who had purchased tickets for R20-00 to view the inner workings of a SAFA Congress. It is the medium whereby the future might be to fulfill promise?

The newly elected Regional Executive Committee was announced and were all unopposed to their positions. With Regional President Mr Tankiso Modipa elected for a third term. In Overberg history, this was never achieved before.

The REC as elected are as follows:

President Mr T Modipa

Vice President Mr S Mnguni
Vice President Mr M Konstabel
Vice President Ms N Bebe

Regional Secretary Ms A Ntantala
Deputy Secretary Ms N Mtatase

Treasurer Mr D Maleke

Additional Members:

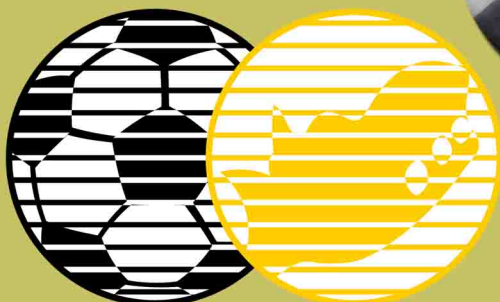
Mr B Swartz - Kleinmond LFA
Ms F Bunga - Cape Agulhas LFA
Mr J Louw - Hermanus LFA
Mr T Xovula - Gansbaai LFA
Mr J Tyali - Theewaterskloof LFA

Once the election took place, the newly elected members were subjected to photo opportunities by those in attendance.

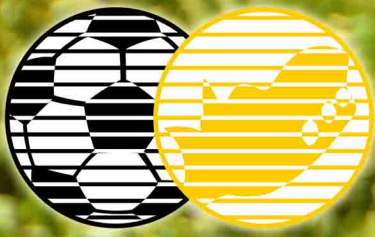
It must also be mentioned that former VP, Mr Nkosinathi Nondzaba was elected as the first Honorary Member of SAFA Overberg.

The Spectator engaged the newly appointed REC members and asked them as to what we can expect from them in the coming tenure as REC members and how they will serve the Region and its members.

We also engaged the President and asked him to give us a brief look into what we can expect under his third term as Regional President of SAFA Overberg.



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A close-up portrait of a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is wearing a blue FIFA pin and a gold South African Football Association pin on his lapel. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let me take this opportunity to thank all LFAs of SAFA Overberg for the trust they demonstrated to give me once more an opportunity to serve this beautiful region for another term.

It's humbling always to be elected for the leadership position even if it's the 3rd term, but it always feels like the first time to me, the reason for me to say that it's because every term does have its own challenges, its own needs and requirements due to the state of football all over the world.

Football is evolving every now and then, new rules, new enemies, new friendships etc, the important part for me is that our members identified leadership that works for their interests, they identified the leadership that is taking this region to new heights.

My position is always and will forever be fair to everyone under your leadership and fight those who want to destroy. By so doing you deliver on the mandate that you are given to serve football in the best interest of the masses. Two or three people will always have different view than the leadership or even the majority of others, but we must not judge the. They must be assisted in different way and be subjected to different mechanism to educate them on how rules and our statutes works.

The next four years we shall be able to outline the way forward for this term. We must step up even to a different level to at least ensure that we improve on our last performance of the term 2017-21 new ideas; new approach due this COVID 19 pandemic as football will not be the same anymore.

We need to map a way forward to accommodate the new normal in football here in our region.

Lastly I must thank all clubs, players, officials, who have put their trust in this committee. We shall ensure that we don't disappoint. Our coordinator and everyone who made our term successful, we shall share the plans for new term in the next edition.

Thank you.

Tankiso Modipa



MESSAGES FROM THE NEW REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MR SIBONGILE MNGUNI - VICE PRESIDENT

"I am excited to be granted an opportunity to be the Vice President of the Region.

During my 2 terms as Regional Secretary, I saw a void in compliance in all LFA's and I had a feeling that if this void could get special attention, our football will grow. Coming in as a Vice President I will make sure that we do not only teach clubs to comply, but the LFA's needs more attention.

Secondly we always elect members in the LFA's executive and they don't know exactly their roles and we end up having overlaps, conflicts and eventually non-functional members that give straight to those who are active. Therefore streamlining duties of all members will be key and in my LFA visits, each executive will report on his roles until they get comfortable to do them, better than the current situation where blame will always be shifted to a Secretary or Chairpersons.

During my term of office, I want to make a point that dependency on LFA's is sustained. Administratively they are currently putting strain on the Region for their books. That will be done through role orientation and capacity development."

MR MARTIENS KONSTABEL - VICE PRESIDENT

"Yes from my side, I did serve in the Region on the Regional structure from 2008 as an Additional Member. Then in 2009 I became the Treasurer of the SAFA Overberg Region. In my capacity, we did not achieve what I wanted to in 2013 when I was voted out. Now, with the Region in this position, I am more mature because it was a learning curve for me. I was overwhelmed in the members that put their trust in me. My plan is to build this Region to be the best ever Region in South Africa. I just want to do the best during my term and leave a legacy behind. We need proper playing fields. To see a player get to play at the professional level; and some of our members to serve in SAFA National; and last but not least, to work with the current structure to the fullest and God grant us to make the Region the best and happiest of all."



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Ms NOMAMPONDO BEBE - VICE PRESIDENT

"It is always a good feeling to gain trust from people, I feel honoured to be in the SAFA OVERBERG REC.

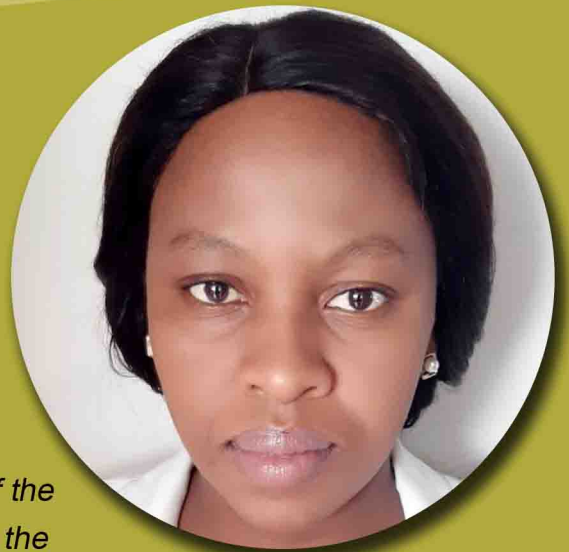
My plan for the Region is to work hand in hand with my colleagues. I know it is not going to be an easy journey, but working together with my colleagues will make everything easier.

When I'm talking about colleagues, I refer to everyone from the LFA structures and upwards. We are a single unit working together to a common goal of success.

Building trust; Ensuring transparency; Communication; and Delivery.

I want to see more development in our region. More referee's both male and female. More trained coaches. Increasing of women in football, and developing young minds (junior team in all angles)."

Ms ANDA NTANTALA - REGIONAL SECRETARY



"I feel very excited and honored. It's overwhelming to be part of the SAFA Overberg Region, as it is one of the excelling Regions in the Western Cape and South Africa at large.

It is very vital for me to deal promptly with correspondences within the region and relevant structures. Most importantly confidentiality is guaranteed.

Looking forward into the growth of football development in schools, women and community. It is important also for us to work with stakeholders to build the future of the youth within the Region. One of the key things we need to embark on is to get more sponsors for the Region to help us reach our goals."

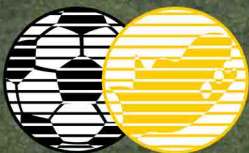
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MS NTOMBI MTATASE - DEPUTY SECRETARY

"I am so excited to be part of the winning team under the leadership of President Modipa. I am so honoured to work under him, as he is a man of development and I will learn a lot under his leadership and his team. I am so deeply touched and honoured by the LFA's confidence to place me as one of their leadership in the REC.

It is no secret that our Region is one of the best when it comes into planning and implementing. In our Region we have the system in place so what I will do is only to improve it: example, I will have to make sure from players to community that they know what SAFA Overberg is. By creating free and friendly channels of communication...meaning that the communication between LFAs and Region must be in place and circulated at the right times to right people on the relevant platforms. Only to polish here and there and learn as much as I can to better myself and those who will be under my leadership, but to also workshop LFAs about SAFA rules and constitution."



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MR BASIL SWARTZ **- ADDITIONAL MEMBER (KLEINMOND LFA)**

"First of all I would like to thank the Kleinmond LFA for having confidence in me to represent them on a Regional level. I'm very excited to serve the entire Overberg Football family in the development of our football. I've worked hard in past season to keep football in Kleinmond up and running that can be witnessed by the clubs in Kleinmond. I was always there for assistance and support. I'm also excited to work with the REC and I'm always open to learn from them. I've served my community in rugby for eight years and surely

they can witness that I will serve my football community the same.

From my side I want to serve the Overberg Football Family. My main focus will be in developing our youth football across the Overberg and mainly in Kleinmond. The strength of our Region lays in our youth and the youth was always my dream.

In my term in office I want to see how our youth football will be developed on LFA and Regional level.

Under the leadership of President Modipa I know things will happen in this Region. With the Modipa as President I know that dreams can come true."

MR TEMBELANI XOVULA **- ADDITIONAL MEMBER (GANSBAAI LFA)**



"I'm very happy to return back to the Executive to serve in our Region again. Hopefully, I will add value and produce more efforts to lift up this beautiful Region.

I want to assist government to fight this COVID-19 pandemic by making sure everyone feels safe in our Region. Development of the young boys and girls in under 13 and under 15, as well as the under 19. To see more teams in ABC Motsepe League from our Region.

I want to see the SAFA Overberg Region fit in all SAFA National structures and to see one of our players on TV."

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MS FELICIA BUNGA
- ADDITIONAL MEMBER
(CAPE AGULHAS LFA)

"I feel honoured to be elected to serve in the Region. It is one of my channels to see progress in my community and various areas. It's a great opportunity to be recognized as one to fulfill the duties. I feel very honored as I see that the Region and the teams have trust on me.

I am determined to ensure that sport is part of our Region and encouraging for support based structure for the Youth to commit to the upliftment of our Region through sport. I promise to represent my Region to the community and the teams at large. I will also make my Region's name shine.

We live in times of hardship which involves criminal acts by the youth, because of the lack of opportunities. Because of that I want to see more numbers in terms of youth involvement more affiliation through the Region, and most importantly for the SAFA OVERBERG REGION to implement more trainings that will benefit the communities and to thrive through some of the challenges including unemployment."



ACKNOWLEDGING OUR REFEREES PROMOTED



During the SAFA Overberg Congress, our referees who have been promoted to higher honours were acknowledged through their presence and attendance.

Ayanda Macingwane, for long the nr 1 referee in the Region, was finally promoted to PSL/NFD panel where we will see him on the TV in the new season.

Neliswa Bam, Florence Manentsa and Cynthia Vaaltyn have been promoted to the NWL and we will see them make their careers blossom on that platform.

Linda Dibela has been promoted to Match Commissioner on the NFD ranks and we look forward to seeing our products from our Region gaining experience at those levels and then sharing them when they officiate here again.



CYNTHIA VAALTYN

"I started my journey as a match official, so funny it was but never knew the seriousness of it. I was a soccer player at school there was people who motivated us to take the journey of soccer seriously. I didn't really show any interest in it, as far as I remember in December between the 8th and 9th 2017 I wrote my first test of level one and two as a match official. From there onwards I've realized how much this means and the importance of it. I also remember my first match at the 13th January 2018. What an honor and a pleasant surprise it was. I've enjoyed each minute of it, the courage and

excitement I got out of it. My first fitness test was at Beaufort West. It was so hectic and I never thought I'll make it, but I went there with a positive mindset of I'll do my best to pass it and wanted it so bad. At the end of the day I made it I made myself proud.

To be a match official wasn't easy, but my message to you fellow leaders is to love what you do, enjoy it and have the respect for it. You have to be passionate about it and when you go to

the fitness test, firstly eat enough and you have to motivate yourself. Believe in yourself and have self-esteem.

Never mind what others will have to say, you will eventually get people who will tell you, you not good enough; you won't make it; you not for it.

What I know is that people will talk, never mind them, let them talk and do what you have to. You are not doing it for others, but you are doing it for YOURSELF.

Never give up.”



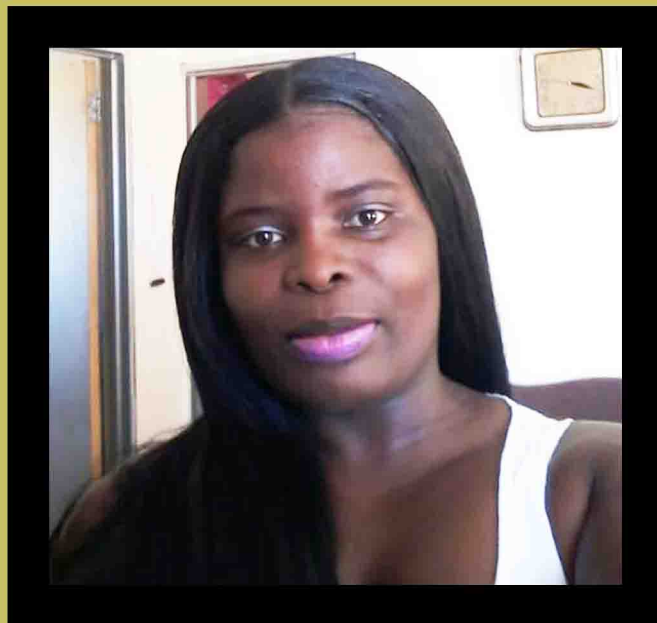
FLORENCE MANENTSA

“I am 21 years old and I was born in Caledon and moved to Ngqeleni, 32 km south-east of Umtata, where I attended junior schooling at Nkunzimbini and my senior years at Gxaba Secondary School.

I began my journey as an Overberg SAFA referee in February 2021 after joining Working on Fire, this is where I was exposed to weekly physical fitness. I later went to a refereeing course where I passed my level 4 National Refereeing Certificate on the 7th March 2021 to be competent for the work.

This opportunity has made me live up to my full potential and become a proud mother to my 6 year old daughter, Zukhanye.

I am very thankful to SAFA Overberg and would like to see more women joining the sport in the 21st century.”



LINDA DIBELA

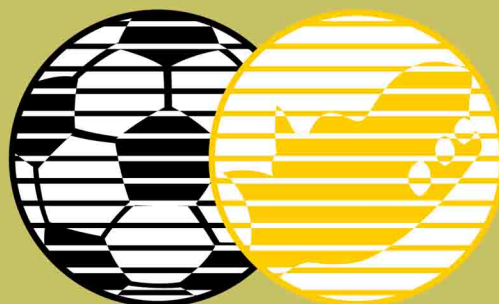
“My journey with football started when I was a soccer player. As time goes, I decided to become a soccer coach for Bredasdorp Ladies FC with the assistance of Ayanda Magcingwa. Then the Ladies league ended and that's when I started to be interested to be a match official. When Raul Gxaweni and Ayanda Macingwane asked me to help them to be an official in the women's tournament that was held in Gansbaai, that's when other ladies started to join Ayanda and myself.

When they saw us on the sport field in Bredasdorp we went to referee courses and I became an assistant Referee in my LFA.

Because of my years in football, I decided to become a match commissioner to give space for other girls who wanted to be officials as well.

Now I'm going be a match commissioner at the women's league and premier league.

To those who want to become match officials. You need to push yourself to where you want to be. Even if things doesn't go well sometimes, it happens, that is life. You just have to do it with a positive mindset and always remember that hard work pays off.”



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NELISWE BAM

"My journey started during the Lockdown, last year November. I told myself that I need to be busy during this Pandemic. I associate myself with Ayanda Macigwane, who is the one who directed me to the right path, with big support of Cape Agulhas LFA.

I wrote the levels of refereeing in order to be a qualified official in Overberg Region, where they provided us all the equipment for refereeing.

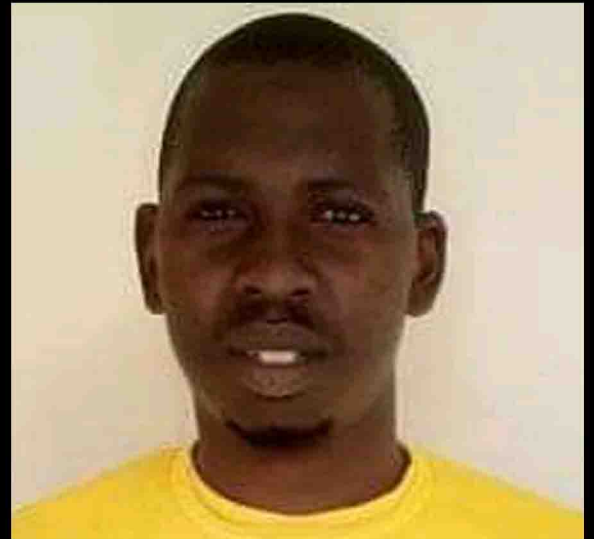
They trained us and shared their knowledge and experience. They told us we need to be brave and able to manage our games. I did my first game at Gansbaai.

It wasn't easy at all, but I managed. It's where I started to be an official. I trained preparing myself for the Fitness test, I worked hard and told myself nothing is impossible. Now I am at Provincial panel and I was at National Woman's League.

They looking forward to seeing me. The important part is I have to train hard.

To the other fellow young and aspiring match officials in the Region that want to follow in my footsteps? "Competing is a privilege. Make the most of the opportunity by pushing yourself to the limit of your abilities. You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get.

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."



AYANDA MACINGWANE

I grew up in EC Hopedale. I was a football player for the Eleven Vultures FC. My coach was on my LFA and the Region. He told me they were looking for Referees and he believed that I can be a referee because of my commitment and the way I love soccer. They put my name to the LFA panel and I went to the workshop. One day the guy who was appointed to officiate a game didn't pitch because he was sick. They asked me, "Can you officiate the game?" They gave me terms and conditions. I must not shout and moan at any one. If they moaned at my decision I would stop the game. Each and every weekend if they going to play soccer I just go straight to the field, and willing to officiate. I decided to stop playing football and looked to refereeing as a career. My coach heard that it will be the game for the big teams Shukushukuma vs Midas and he decided to buy referee's equipment for me .He awarded me because he saw my commitment, dedication and fairness to the matches I did. He encouraged and gave me words of wisdom.

In 2012 I worked as a fire fighter in Bredasdorp base. I joined refereeing at Cape Agulhas LFA, Overberg Region. They welcomed me to be a part of football at Overberg. I started my referee career and they supported me as much as they can.

I started to officiate in the Cape Agulhas LFA, then they promoted me to be in SAB panel.

Match official qualifications

2012/2013 LFA

2013/2014 safa overberg panel

2014/2015 sasol league

2015/2016 ABC motsepe

2016 invited SAB National book camp

2017 provincial SAB playoffs

2018 provincial SAB playoffs

2019 National SAB under 21 championship

2021 got promoted to DSTV Premiership."

In Depth...

LUCKY GIRLS FC

Solwethu Gonya



1.) Who is Lucky Girls FC and when were you established?

Lucky Girls Football Club is a girls football club based in Botrivier, Overberg in the Western Cape province that plays in the SAFA Overberg Regional Women's League. The club was founded in 2018 by a young and passionate Solwethu Gonya.

We are a developing club that has two teams of girls, under 13 and under 19 which the one that is playing league for now.

2.) How is Lucky Girls FC finding football in Overberg?

Overberg is our home our place where it started I believe if SAFA Overberg Region was not there we wouldn't have a club like Lucky Girls.

3.) In your opinion, what is the standards of Womens Football in prove?

There is more to say. Women's football so far is not nearly as competitive, and not getting enough support to make it continue growing.

I think we need to show more support in the women's clubs and start to motivate the young girls who are interested to play. Get sponsors for women's teams

4.) What is your goal as Lucky Girls FC?– The goal is to be a big club that develop young girls of Overberg in football, we want to be a club that will bring change in our region helping young girls reach their dreams playing football also getting a lot girls involved in sports.



In Depth...

STANDARDS FC



Zane Mapete

1.) Who is Standards FC and when were you established?

Standards F.C is a soccer club based in Philippi established in 2017. The club consists of juniors, 2 of seniors and ladies' team with juniors making up the large majority of our club. We are passionate about soccer, that is why we call it the beautiful game. Through the power of sport, we create a safe place for the youth, through soccer and other skills development mechanism. We are passionately committed to develop all players no matter what age or skill level they possess.

2.) How is Standards FC finding football in Overberg?

As a former player of White Spurs in Bredasdorp and Salim United in Hermanus, I find it a more interesting and competitive league ever played in the Regional rank, set under well mannered leadership in Overberg. It is an extremely competitive league, well run or managed and professionalism at its best. So far so good we have enjoyed every moment on and off the field since joining.

3.) What does Standards bring to Overberg that sets them above others??

Great team work is at the heart of every successful organisation because teams working together deliver best results ,putting together a team that will work and grow together is tough ,but all I can say at Standards since we working with mostly players under the age of 21 its much more easier for us and our management team is playing a big role in making sure the team look presentable off and on the field, they



In Depth...

STANDARDS FC



have some brilliant ideas that set us above the rest. Social connectedness plays a critical role in making a team more successful. We want to be an example from other teams in the region and leave a mark as one of the best, competitive, disciplined teams to have played in the Overberg. "Play the game raising the Standard"

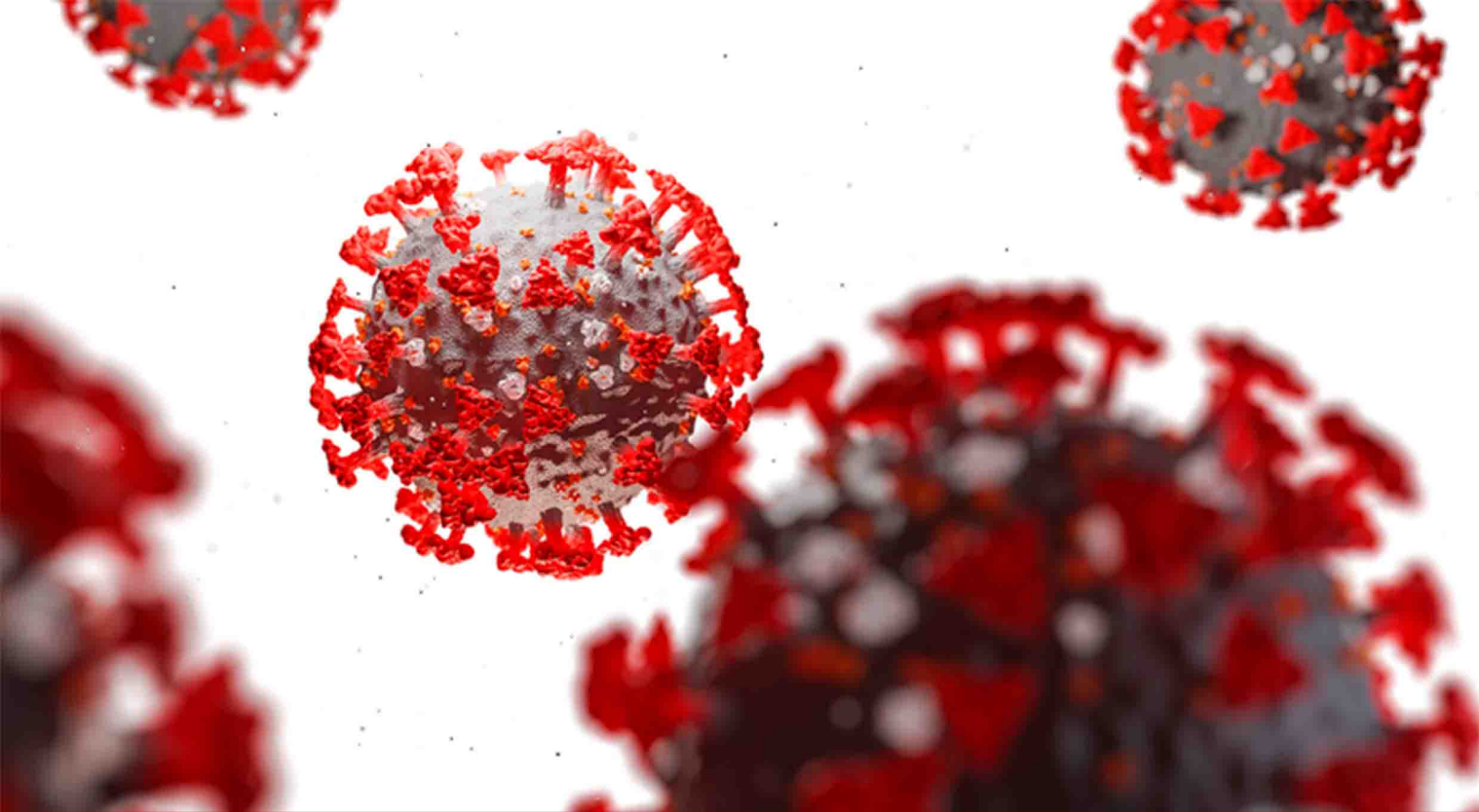
4.) What is your goal as Standards?–

- To change the mindset of the youth who have lost hope in life as we believe that we have what it takes to transform the current status quo.
- To win the league and represent Overberg in the Motsepe league
- To have players from our team selected for our national teams be it junior or senior level
- Standards Football Club to be a household name in soccer fraternity .



STANDARDS FOOTBALL CLUB





Our COVID-19 Responsibilities

Wear your mask.

Practice Social Distancing.

Sanitize your hands.



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