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KIRINYAGA COUNTY SPORTS AND RECREATION ACT, 2020

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Kirinyaga to provide for facilities, activities and opportunities for sport and active recreation and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Kirinyaga as follows-

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Kirinyaga County Sports and Recreation Act, 2020.

Interpretations

2. In this Act -

“Executive Committee Member” means the executive committee member responsible for sports and recreation;

“Directorate” means the Directorate of Sports and Recreation established under Section 4;

“report” means the annual report prepared under Section 14; and

“sport” means a sport as defined under the national Sports Act, No.25 of 2013.

Objects and Purposes of this Act

3. The objects and purposes of the Act are to—

- (a) to promote physical activity as a fundamental element of health and well-being;
- (b) to reduce barriers that prevent residents of Kirinyaga from participating in sports and active recreation; and
- (c) to increase participation in the practice of sport and support the pursuit of excellence in sport.

PART II—ADMINISTRATION

Directorate of Sports and Recreation

4. (1) There shall be established within the Department responsible for sports and recreation, a Directorate for sports and recreation.

(2) The County Public Service Board shall ensure that the Directorate has adequate staff for purposes of performing the functions of the Directorate.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2) there shall be at least one sport and recreation development officer in every sub county.

Functions of the Directorate

5. (1) The Directorate's functions shall be in furtherance of the functions assigned to the county government under the fourth schedule of the constitution.

- (2) In particular the Directorate shall—
- (a) implement national and county policy on sports and recreation;
 - (b) advise on all matters regarding sports and recreation in the county;
 - (c) provide county sports and recreation facilities;
 - (d) manage sports grounds, recreation infrastructure;
 - (e) be in charge of the leasing and licensing of county sport and recreation facilities;
 - (f) develop sports clubs and associations within the county;
 - (g) provide capacity building to sports clubs and associations within the county;
 - (h) carry out strategic planning to identify and meet sport and recreation trends;
 - (i) deliver high quality programmes, services and activities, to the people visiting, living and working in the County;
 - (j) promotion of physical activity opportunities and benefits; and
 - (k) facilitate equitable participation in sport activities and events.

PART III—SPORTS AND RECREATION SERVICES

Facilities

6. (1) The County Government shall progressively establish quality sports and recreation facilities.

- (2) The facilities in subsection (1) include—
- (a) multi-use sports facilities;
 - (b) parks;
 - (c) playing pitches;

- (d) playgrounds; or
- (e) stadia.

(3) The Directorate shall promote the establishment of sports and recreation facilities by private entities.

County Sports Associations

7. (1) The Directorate shall maintain a database of all county sports associations.

(2) The Directorate may assist, and where appropriate, facilitate the registration of county sports associations.

Assistance and cooperation with county sports associations

8. (1) The Directorate may offer technical support and capacity building to county sports associations.

(2) The support in subsection (1) includes—

- (a) supporting officials through training on financial management and corporate governance;
- (b) regular engagement with the leadership of the sports associations;
- (c) entering into service level agreements;
- (d) conditional funding;
- (e) supporting fundraising initiatives;
- (f) linkages with other government agencies; and
- (g) training of coaches and athletes.

Talent identification and development program

9. (1) The Directorate shall formulate and run a talent identification and development program.

(2) In running the program, the Directorate may collaborate with relevant national government institutions as well as other relevant institutions and entities.

Calendar of events and activities

10. (1) The Directorate shall maintain an annual calendar of sporting and recreational activities.

(2) The calendar shall contain both competitive and leisure activities.

(3) The Directorate shall publicise the calendar of activities.

Support of event organisers

11. The Directorate shall make facilities available to event organisers to assist them in the delivery of high quality national and international events in the County.

Promotion of sports and recreation

12. (1) The Directorate shall ensure that all people in the county, regardless of their circumstances, have the opportunity and encouragement to actively participate in sport or recreation activities.

(2) The Directorate shall institute measures to facilitate the participation of people living with disabilities, particularly—

- (a) to encourage and promote the participation, to the fullest extent possible, of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities at all levels;
- (b) to ensure that persons with disabilities have an opportunity to organise, develop and participate in disability-specific sporting and recreational activities including the provision of appropriate instruction, training facilities and resources;
- (c) to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sporting and recreational venues;
- (d) to ensure that children with disabilities have equal access with other children to participation in play, recreation and leisure and sporting activities; and
- (e) to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to services from those involved in the organisation of recreational, leisure and sporting activities.

(3) The Directorate shall undertake programmes to ensure that sports and active recreation is prioritized within the cultural life of the county.

Health promotion

13. The Directorate shall collaborate with health promotion organisations to promote and deliver sport and active recreation programmes to improve physical activity levels and the general health of residents of the County.

PART VI—MISCELLANEOUS**Annual reporting**

14. (1) The Executive Committee Member shall prepare an annual report on the status of sport and recreation in the county.

(2) The report shall contain—

- (a) the programmes and activities undertaken by the Directorate;
- (b) the impact of the programmes and activities of the Directorate;
- (c) the status of implementation of this Act;
- (d) challenges faced by the directorate in its operations and the implementation of this Act;
- (e) proposals of legislative or policy change; and
- (f) any other relevant issues as may be determined necessary by the Executive Committee Member.

(3) The report shall be submitted to the County Assembly by the last day of February.

Regulations

15. The Executive Committee Member may make regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Act and in particular with reference to—

- (a) any matter which may or is prescribed by this Act;
- (b) safety at sports and recreation events;
- (c) recognition of achievement in respect of physical activity and sport by the grant or issue of certificates, citations or awards of merit; and
- (d) any matter which the executive committee member considers or expedient so as to achieve the objects of this Act.