



PRESS RELEASE

DATE: 04 August 2020

RE: LUCKY STAR CUP 2020 CANCELLED

It is with great disappointment that FC Kapstadt officially announces the cancellation of the Lucky Star CUP 2020.

The event was scheduled to take place on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> of October this year.

In light of the current COVID19 pandemic and with South Africa experiencing a peak in the infection rate, the FC Kapstadt Organising Committee (OC) took the difficult decision to cancel this years event.

FC Kapstadt President Zaid Omar said that all options were considered before making the decision.

“ We delayed our decision as far as we could with a view of being optimistic that the Corona Virus would be contained. We really considered all options, even an event behind closed doors as we know how much this tournament means to our youth. Players have been starved of the game they love for far too long. But after assessing all outcomes, we decided that there are just too many risks involved. The safety and sanctity of life was foremost in our decision.

Currently all amateur competitive football remains suspended indefinitely by the South African Government and by the South African Football Association.

There has been much excitement since our announcement that the Lucky Star CUP evolved into an International grassroots football festival to celebrate it's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Lourens De Waal, Lucky Star Managing Director said they remain committed to South Africa's biggest grassroots football festival.

“The Lucky Star Cup is the premier grassroots football festival in Cape Town and has grown each year. Last year the tournament drew entries from a number of major clubs from around the country, and this year the demand for entry into the 2020 edition was simply incredible. The 2020 event had also seen the confirmed entry of two Academy teams from Liverpool FC, the recently crowned English Premier League champions, which gives an indication of the growing stature and global appeal of the Lucky Star Cup. The 2020 edition promised to be an unforgettable footballing experience for participating clubs, players, fans, and the wider footballing community, but public safety is paramount as we continue to work together to

4 WILLOW ROAD  
HARTLEYVALE STADIUM  
D FIELD CLUB HOUSE  
OBSERVATORY 7925



CAPE TOWN'S  
PREMIER GRASSROOTS  
FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

overcome this pandemic. Whilst the disappointment at the cancellation of this year's competition understandably runs deep, we trust that next year we will again have the opportunity to watch the best young football stars in action in the Lucky Star Cup. Until then, stay safe." The invite to the LFC Academy and all other big clubs have been extended to the 2021 event.

The Organising Committee remain excited for the future. We will continue to use the lockdown period to evolve, so that the event remain the best experience in which to inspire our youth.

For now stay safe and take care.

For further info or related comment, contact ;

**Zaid Omar**

Club President & Tournament Director

Ph: 0728438442

e-mail: zaid.omar10@gmail.com