



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Sports Act, 2023 so as to provide for performance-based cash incentives to Kenyan sportspersons representing the country at the international stage, and for connected purposes.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title
2. Insertion of new section 55A

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Sports (Amendment) Act, 2025*, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Sports Act, 2023 (in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”).

2. Insertion of new section 55A

The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 55—

55A. Performance-based cash incentives for national representatives

1. The Cabinet Secretary responsible for sports shall, in consultation with the Sports Fund, cause to be paid to any Kenyan sportsperson or team representing the Republic of Kenya at an international sporting event—
 - a. **One million shillings** for each goal scored, point earned, or equivalent scoring unit achieved in the event, whether or not such goal, point, or scoring unit leads to an eventual win;
 - b. **One million shillings** for each win achieved in the event.
2. For purposes of subsection (1), “international sporting event” means a competition sanctioned by an international sports federation or governing body in which Kenya is officially represented.
3. The incentives under this section shall be payable—
 - a. from the Sports Fund established under section 12; and
 - b. within thirty days of the official conclusion of the event.
4. The Cabinet Secretary may, with the approval of Parliament, make regulations for the better carrying out of this section, including—
 - a. procedures for verification of performance;
 - b. eligible sports disciplines; and
 - c. modalities for payment and dispute resolution.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Statement of the Objects of the Bill

The principal object of this Bill is to amend the Sports Act, 2023 to introduce a statutory performance-based cash incentive scheme for Kenyan sportspersons and teams representing the country in international sporting events.

Recent experience, including the President's offer of a **one million shilling** reward for every goal scored by the national football team, demonstrated a significant motivational impact, leading to improved performance and national pride. This amendment seeks to institutionalise such incentives across all sporting disciplines at the international level, ensuring consistency, fairness, and predictability in rewarding exemplary performance.

Justification

The proposed incentive scheme will—

- Motivate Kenyan sportspersons to perform at their best on the international stage;
- Promote national pride and unity through sporting excellence;
- Provide a transparent and structured mechanism for rewarding performance; and
- Align Kenya with global best practices where nations offer state-backed incentives to their sports representatives.

The incentives will be financed from the Sports Fund established under section 12 of the principal Act, ensuring that payment obligations are met without straining the Consolidated Fund.

Statement on Delegated Legislation

Clause 2 of the Bill empowers the Cabinet Secretary to make regulations to give effect to the new section, including verification processes, eligible sports, and payment procedures.

Statement on Limitation of Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

The Bill does not limit any rights or fundamental freedoms.

Dated at Nairobi this 11th day of August, 2025.

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