



Press Release

2019/20 TOTAL CAF Champions League Semi-final between Zamalek SC and Raja CA will be played on November 1st, 2020

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On Tuesday, October 20, RAJA CA informed CAF of the quarantine of its team by the Moroccan health authorities, following the detection of eight (8) players declared positive for COVID-19 tests. In addition, we received decisions of the Moroccan authorities canceling the special authorization to travel outside Moroccan territory granted to RAJA and thus imposing the club a self-isolation for one week, until October 27, 2020, date of a new PCR test.

As a result, the team will not be able to travel to Egypt for their second leg of the 2019/20 TOTAL CAF Champions League Semi-Finals against Zamalek, scheduled for 24 October 2020. Following a consultation meeting held immediately between the CAF experts, the authorities of RAJA CA and the Royal Moroccan Football Federation (FRMF), the President of RAJA CA reaffirmed the willingness of the Club to participate until about this competition.

Faced with this situation, in order to protect the integrity of the competition and promote a spirit of solidarity, the Organizing Committee for Inter-Club Competitions and Management of Club Licensing System has agreed to postpone the return match of the semi-final of the Champions League between Zamalek SC and Raja CA on November 1st, 2020. At the same time, the match Al Ahly SC - WAC is maintained and the Final of the 2019/20 Total CAF Champions League remains scheduled for November 06th, 2020.

For CAF, the health of players is a categorical imperative in accordance with CAF COVID-19 health directives which offer guarantees for the health and safety of players and officials while facilitating a return to play with the holding of matches. The outbreak of the coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") pandemic requires temporary adaptations to be made to regulations depending on the evolution of the pandemic and the available scientific knowledge. Temporary measures and practices taken here are only justified in the face of these exceptional circumstances. They can thus evolve according to the situation.



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ABOUT CAF :

Founded in 1957, the Confederation of African Football is the governing body of African football. Its founding members are Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia and South Africa. CAF brings together 54 Member Associations and its head office is based in Cairo, Egypt. Elected in 2017 for a 4-year term, the current President, Mr. Ahmad Ahmad has launched a restructuring program whose main objective is to make football a powerful tool of education, tolerance and openness for youth African.

To achieve this vision, CAF has undertaken to reform the institution, both in its organization and in its functioning, and to establish a new method of governance in which its Executive Committee has real decision-making power. A Compliance Department has been created. This ambition, driven by talented women and men who support this transformational project. By the end of 2020, CAF intends to double its workforce compared to 2017, with a large emphasis on diversity (40% of expatriate employees). Despite an unprecedented health crisis, CAF was able to provide additional financial assistance of \$ 16.2 million to member associations and proceed with the creation of the Women's Champions League.