



## **2023 Castel Challenge Cup Round of 16 Draw Procedure**

### **Introduction**

The Castel Challenge Cup is a National Knockout Cup organised by the Football Association of Malawi (FAM). It is sponsored by Castel Malawi to the tune of K320 million. The 2023 edition will be played for six months between July and December 2023.

### **Participation**

About 934 teams; 16 Super League teams, 102 Regional Leagues teams (36 from the South, 29 from the Centre and 37 from the North) and 816 District teams (344 from the South, 261 from the Centre and 209 from the North) registered for the 2023 Castel Challenge Cup

### **Format**

The Cup has the following phases:

#### **District Preliminary Phase**

The District teams competed in their respective districts to determine 29 districts champions who qualified for the Round of 64.

#### **Regional Leagues Preliminary Phase**

The Regional League teams, both Premier League and Divisions One, played in a knockout regional championship in their respective regions and 17 teams qualified for the Round of 64

## **Super League Teams**

All the 16 Super League joined the Competition at round of 64.

## **Round of 64 and 32**

The Round of 64 and 32 was played in a regional playoff format where the District Champions, Regional League Teams joined Super League teams in their respective regions to compete on a knockout basis to identify regional representatives who have qualified for the Round of 16 as follows:

- Southern Region
  1. Red Lions
  2. Mighty Wakawaka Tigers
  3. Bangwe All Stars
  4. Mighty Mukuru Wanderers
  5. White Eagles
  6. FCB Nyasa BB/Soche Socials
  
- Central Region
  1. Silver Strikers
  2. Kamuzu Barracks
  3. Civil Service United
  4. Dedza Dynamos
  5. Mafco
  6. Blue Eagles
  
- Northern Region
  1. Chitipa United
  2. Ekwendeni United
  3. Moyale Barracks
  4. Ekwendeni Hammers

## **Round of 16 Draw Procedures**

The draw will attract the 16 teams above. The four top Super League teams as of the log table of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 will be seeded and will not face each other. They will be put in one pot and drawn against the other 12 teams in the other pot. However, during the draw involving the seeded teams there

will be another draw to determine the home teams in the matches while in the other draw the home team will be determined by the team drawn first.

### **Quarterfinal Draw**

The eight winners of the Round of 16 matches will qualify for the quarterfinals where they will be paired according on their match numbers with the winner of match number 1 facing winner of match number 8 in that order up to last match pairing winner match number 4 and winner match number 5.

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