



**Kenya
Rugby
Union**

PRESS RELEASE

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**FROM : MWANGI MUTHEE
CHAIRMAN**

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**SUBJECT : SAFARICOM SEVENS ORGANISERS DID A MARVELOUS
JOB, SAYS KRU**

A fortnight ago the Kenya Rugby Union hosted the most successful edition of the Safaricom 7's. This year's edition of this event was a success on the pitch, where there was a dazzling array of rugby talent from the four corners of the globe and off the pitch where the rugby was watched by the largest crowd ever in Kenya. The fan experience was tremendously enhanced by the new and bigger venue that was Nyayo National Stadium. We thank our sponsors for the support that they have continued to extend to the game of rugby in this country. Without this support the successful tournament held recently would not have been possible.

The staging of an event such as the Safaricom 7's is expected to face a few challenges Kenya Rugby Union from volunteers to the board all confronted these challenges manfully and several lessons were learned. These lessons will ensure that future editions of the Safaricom 7's will be bigger and better. The Kenya Rugby Union would like to thank all the volunteers and board members for the work they did, sometimes in very difficult circumstances, to ensure that the tournament was a success.

For a long time now the game of rugby has prided itself as being one of the better run sports federations in this country. It is indeed for this reason that sponsorship has continued to flow in to the game. This has enabled the game to grow significantly in stature. Like in any form of human relations, there will always be dissatisfaction or even resentment about decisions that are made. Difficult decisions are not usually the most palatable but as a game it is our ability to make and live with these difficult decisions that has set us apart from the rest. We have set lofty standards for ourselves. One of these is the way in which we deal with our problems. The recent allegations made only in public and not using existing reporting procedures we have fallen short of the standards that we have set for

ourselves and indeed that have come to be expected of us. For this we offer an unreserved apology. The Union has accessible channels for these allegations to be heard and actioned and we urge anyone who feels they have purpose to use them so that they may be addressed officially and with transparency. . If there is culpability the appropriate sanctions will be meted out. Currently the Union believes all named directors are acting within the intention of the Union and have conducted themselves professionally and in accordance with their mandates. Any proof to the contrary is welcome and can be addressed to myself directly. If there is no proof forth coming I would suggest the rubble rousers desist in their libelous statements to the media.

The Kenya Rugby Union is alive to the fact that its funds are public funds in that they are received from sponsors and managed by the Kenya Rugby Union for the benefit of the game of rugby. To this end, we are alive to the importance of ensuring that the funds of the Kenya Rugby Union are spent transparently. For the first time this year we, by an advertisement in the local dailies, called for and prequalified suppliers of various goods and services consumed by the Kenya Rugby Union in furtherance game of rugby. This process was successfully completed and for the first time ever the Kenya Rugby Union has prequalified suppliers. This ensures that the funds are spent transparently and the best value for money is obtained at all times. Any aspersions cast about procurement of goods and services for the recently concluded Safaricom 7's are baseless as all procurement was done in line with our procurement procedures.

The Kenya Rugby union now stands for change and transformation. We intend to grow rugby in Kenya and look forward to continued support from the public and private sectors to whom we remain accountable and appreciative.