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**THE VIHIGA COUNTY SPORTS MANAGEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

**A Bill for**

**AN ACT of the County Assembly of Vihiga to amend the Vihiga  
County Sports Management Act, 2019 and for connected  
purposes**

**ENACTED** by the County Assembly of Vihiga, as follows —

**Short title**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Vihiga County Sports Management (Amendment) Act, 2026.

**Amendment of Section 2 of the principal Act**

**2.** The Vihiga County Sports Management Act, 2019 (hereinafter referred to the “Principal Act”) is amended in Section 2 by —

- (a) deleting the entire definition of “local sports team”;
- (b) inserting the following new definitions in proper alphabetical sequence —

“grass root team” means a sports team that is domiciled in the county with at least 70 % of its members being residents of the county and is affiliated to a recognized federation or association;

“director” means the director in charge of sports management appointed under section 7 of the Principal Act;

“directorate” means directorate of sports management established by section 4 of the Principal Act;

“Elite Sport team” means a team that is domiciled in the county with at least 15 % of its members being residents of the county and participates in national leagues at the first and second tiers;

“Sports” means structured, competitive, physical activities that require skill and exertion, governed by a set of rules for physical improvement, enjoyment and competition at all levels;

“Sports Officers” means officers designated as such under the department of gender, culture, youth, sports and social services;

“Support” means assistance of any kind, including financial or any other material support.

### **Amendment of section 3**

**3.** Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) in sub-section (a) by deleting the words “by promoting cooperation amongst agencies with the role in sports, and enhancing their capabilities to maintain the provision of essential services during periods of sports” immediately after the word “sports”;
- (b) in sub-section (c) by deleting section 3(c);
- (c) in subsection (d) by deleting the entire subsection and substituting therefor with “foster collaboration with learning institutions and other stakeholders concerned with sports, in the search, identification and development of sporting talent, provision of sports equipment, facilities and technical training;
- (d) by adding the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (d) —
  - (e) “promote linkages with regional, inter-county and national market for sports;
  - (f) enhance support and access to funding to sports clubs and sportspersons to enable their participation in sporting events and competitions;
  - (g) support the identification, nurturing, and development of talent in sports;
  - (h) to facilitate training and capacity building programs for persons involved in sports and recreation;
  - (i) to facilitate innovation, research, and documentation in sports.”

### **Amendment of Section 5 of the Principal Act**

**4.** Section 5(1) sub-section (h) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Secretary to the Committee” and substituting therefor with the words “Head of Secretariat to the Sports Fund”.

### **Amendment of section 6**

**5.** Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (f) by deleting the words “local sports team” and substituting therefor with the words “grass root team and elite sports team” immediately after the word

“for” and by deleting the words” youth activities” immediately after the word “and”.

**Amendment of section 7**

6. The Principal Act is amended in section 7 by deleting the entire section and inserting the following new section 7—

**Establishment of the Secretariat**

7. (1) There is established in the Vihiga County Public Service, the Directorate of Youth and Sports which shall be headed by the Director sports;

(2) The Directorate shall be responsible for—

- (a) the day-to-day operations and implementation of the programmes initiated by the County Sports Management Committee;
- (b) giving technical advice to the Committee; and
- (c) being the secretariat of the sports management committee.

**Amendment of section 8**

7. (1) Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the entire section and inserting the following new section 8—

**Functions of the Secretariat**

8. (1) The Secretariat shall—

- (a) prepare a County Sports Plan;
- (b) implement all programmes and activities as provided for under the County Sports Plan approved by the committee;
- (c) assess and review all County Sports Programs and make appropriate recommendations to the committee;
- (d) prepare and submit the sports plan to the committee for approval;
- (e) in collaboration with other sports agencies, coordinate and monitor the implementation of the national and county sports policy;
- (f) ensure that areas in the County in need for sports facilities are identified And measures for their development are undertaken by the department of sports in the County;
- (g) in collaboration with Sports Kenya assist institutions in the county and the community at large to identify,

implement and participate in sports activities and programs;

- (h) promote sports tournaments, health and wellness programs across the County;
- (i) in collaboration with sports Kenya set up and maintain County stadia sporting facilities.

#### **Amendment of section 11**

8. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (f) by deleting the word “local sports team” and substituting with the words “grass root team/Elite Sports Team” immediately after the word “from”;
- (b) in subsection (j) by deleting the words “local youth and sports teams” and substituting with “grass root teams” and “elite teams” immediately after the word “eligible”

#### **Amendment of section 12**

9. (1) Section 12 (3) of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsections (a), (b) and (c) by deleting the word “measure” and substituting it with the word “measures”;
- (b) in subsection (b) by deleting the word “arrangement” and substituting it with word “management”;
- (c) in subsection (c) by adding the word “formulation of” immediately after the word “the”;
- (d) in subsection (d) by deleting the entire section and substituting it with—

“Measures to be taken for the organization of the ward, sub-county and county sporting activities”.

(2) Section 12 (5) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the entire sub-section and replacing it with, “The County Sports Plan shall be implemented through the County Sports Fund”.

#### **Amendment of section 13**

10. Section 13(a) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the entire clause and replacing it with “ensure regular training and capacity building for officers in charge of sports”.

## **Amendment of Part V**

11. Part V of the principal act is amended by substituting the word “sponsorship” with the word “support”.

## **Amendment of section 14**

12. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the word “Local sports team” and substituting it with the word “sports team” immediately after the word “A”;
- (b) in subsection (d) by deleting the entire subsection and replacing it with, “has at least seventy percent of its membership drawn from the county for a grass root team and has at least fifteen percent of its membership drawn from the county for an elite sports team”.

## **Amendment of section 15**

13. Section 15 of the principal act is amended—

- (a) in the title by deleting the title and inserting the following new title, “**Support of grass root/elite sport teams**”;
- (b) in subsection (1) and (2) by deleting the words “a local sports team or youth group” and replacing them with the words, “a grass root/elite sports team”; and
- (c) in subsection (2) by deleting the word “sponsored” and substituting it with the word “supported” before the word “by”.

## **Amendment of section 16**

14. Section 16(2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the entire section and replacing it with the clause “The committee may impose reasonable conditions, on a grass root/elite sports team”

## **Amendment of Section 18**

15. Section 18 (2) is amended by inserting the following as part (c) Financing of the measures carried out in the Sports plan.

## **Amendment of section 28**

16. Section 28(a) is amended by adding the word “member” after the word “committee”

**Amendment of section 31**

**17.** Section 31(2) (a) is amended by deleting the words, “Chief Executive officer” and substituting therefor with the words, “Secretary of the Committee immediately after the word “the”

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**MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

**Statement of the Objects and reasons for the Bill**

The principal object of this Bill is to amend the Vihiga County Sports Management Act, No. 5 of 2019 to introduce “grass root teams” which replaces “local sports teams”.

It also provides for the following:

- (a) The distinction between a grass root team and an elite sports team and their eligibility for sponsorship under sections 2, 6, 11, 14 and 15
- (b) The County Sports Plan which shall be implemented in the ward, sub-county and county using the Sports Fund under section 12.
- (c) The amendment has financial implications

**Statement on Limitation of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms**

The Bill does not limit any of the rights and fundamental freedoms contained in the bill of rights in the Constitution.

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