

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **12<sup>th</sup> National Women's Football Championship, Karachi**

The final round of the 12<sup>th</sup> National Women's Football Championship will get underway in Karachi. The National Women's Football Championship hosted by the Pakistan Football Federation endeavors to highlight and promote the rise of women's football in Pakistan in order to uplift the game and bring women's football into the limelight. The National Championship offer a platform for female players to showcase their talent and stake their claim for a spot in the Pakistan women's national team.

The qualifying round of the 12<sup>th</sup> National Women's Football Championship started from last week of November and were held in Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad. A total of 20 teams participated in the qualifying round in all three cities. The qualifying rounds offered an opportunity to various newcomers into the women's football setup as they gained valuable experience from playing against some of the more established teams.

The final round of the National Women's Football Championship will be played in Karachi from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. The matches will be played at two venues namely, the Karachi Port Trust Stadium and the Karachi United Stadium. The 8 teams that qualified for the final round are as follows:

1. Army WFC (Defending Champions)
2. WAPDA WFC
3. Karachi United WFC
4. Jafa WFC
5. Diya WFC
6. Gilgit Baltistan WFC
7. Punjab WFC
8. Karachi Kickers WFC

The teams are divided into two groups of four teams each and after a round robin, the top two teams from each group will qualify for the semifinals and then the winners will play the showpiece final on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at KU Stadium.

The fixture schedule of the championship is as follows:

**Group A**

M.#	TEAM	Result	TEAM	DATE	TIME	VENUE
32	Jafa WFC		WAPDA	2.1.2020	13.00 HRS	KU
33	KU WFC		Gilgit Baltistan	2.1.2020	15.00 HRS	KU
36	Gilgit Baltistan		WAPDA	5.1.2020	13.00 HRS	KU
37	Jafa WFC		KU WFC	5.1.2020	15.00 HRS	KU
40	Jafa WFC		Gilgit Baltistan	7.1.2020	13.00 HRS	KU
41	KU WFC		WAPDA	7.1.2020	15.00 HRS	KU

**Group B**

M.#	TEAM	Result	TEAM	DATE	TIME	VENUE
34	Diya WFC		Army	1.1.2020	13.00 HRS	KPT
35	Karachi Kickers WFC		Punjab	1.1.2020	15.00 HRS	KPT
38	Karachi Kickers WFC		Army	4.1.2020	13.00 HRS	KPT
39	Diya WFC		Punjab	4.1.2020	15.00 HRS	KPT
42	Army		Punjab	7.1.2020	13.00 HRS	KPT
43	Diya WFC		Karachi Kickers WFC	7.1.2020	15.00 HRS	KPT

Rest DayS on 8th & 9th Jan, 2020

The semifinals will be played on 10<sup>th</sup> January and the final as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> place match will be played on 12<sup>th</sup> January in Karachi United Stadium.