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Over the past year, I have authored a series of books about the state of football governance and administration in South Africa.

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The first book in the series, *Our Football is Broken: How to Fix South African Football's Dispute Resolution System*, is a critical assessment of the dispute resolution system of the football association. It is an examination of the applicability of the global sports law (the *lex sportiva*), with a particular emphasis on the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and FIFA jurisprudence. It delves into the complex rules and regulations that govern the sport and serves as a helpful guide for administrators who need to familiarise themselves with the intricacies of the disciplinary and appeals procedures of the football association – with an emphasis on the rights of individuals and other affiliate structures.

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The second book, *Managing Football Part One*, is a primer for anyone who wants to learn how a football association works. It covers the 20 typical mandates that any football association is tasked with and methodically guides the reader on how to use the many tools presented in the book in order to become an effective administrator. It covers a wide range of cross-functional responsibilities, guides how to govern effectively, and how to administer a football association efficiently.

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The third book, *Managing Football Part Two*, explores various governance and administration models. The book explores the principles of good governance and the different models that can be adopted by a football association to ensure transparency, accountability and effective decision-making. It takes a look at the role of the executive committee and how it can be structured to ensure that it operates efficiently and effectively.

The administration of a football association is equally important, and the book delves into the role of the secretariat and how it can support the executive committee in carrying out its functions. It proposes an all-inclusive development paradigm and how it can be used to set goals and objectives to enhance the association's capacity to serve its members better.

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The fourth book, *Red Card for a Stolen Victory*, takes a critical look at how the 2022 elections of the South African Football Association were conducted and explains in meticulous detail the rules governing elections in a football association. It shows how the SAFA leadership purposefully went around manufacturing consent by hindering opposition to their preferred regional candidates, blocked complaints on spurious grounds, modified the constitution to benefit themselves, and ignored standard legal and ethical principles of governance.

This book provides readers with a moral and ethical lens through which to scrutinise the behaviour of officials. Without such a lens, the prevailing poor governance practices in football could be viewed as acceptable and routine. But the book insists that this moral decay must not be normalised. It is a must-read for those yearning for equity and decency in the governance and management of the sport.

These books serve as invaluable resources for individuals interested in the intricacies of football governance and administration. It is hoped that the books would contribute to the enhancement of ethical and moral conduct among policymakers, thereby redirecting focus towards improving the quality of the players produced through the association's development programmes.