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To: Azam Uganda Premier League Clubs, Big League, 4th and 5th Division
And All Football Stakeholders concerned

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Regulation to curb Violence and Hooliganism during football competition matches

At the 7th FUFA Executive Committee meeting that sat on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at FUFA House, there was concern and observation of increasing violence and hooliganism at football competitions of all levels. The Executive Committee as mandated by the FUFA Statutes passed new regulations to prevent and punish instigators of these acts

The Regulations that come into force at the date of this letter will be additional to and part of the FUFA Competitions Rules (FCR) and all other existing rules and regulations in place;

- 1) For the purpose of this regulation and without prejudice to any other definitions;
 - a) Club shall mean any of the two (2) teams that are engaged in a football match under question.
 - b) Club shall comprise of its players and officials as registered on the match report and/or as registered with FUFA or the Tournament Organising Committee (TOC)
 - c) Club shall also comprise of the fans that support the club during the match by colours and insignia of the club or by actions of logic
- 2) For avoidance of doubt, acts of hooliganism and violence may include but are not limited to any of the following;
 - (i) The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse;
 - (ii) The use of threatening behaviour or racist, homophobic or foul, abusive and discriminative language;
 - (iii) The chanting of anything of an indecent or racist and discriminative nature;
 - (iv) Causing damage to, or interfering or tampering with any equipment, furniture, fitting or fixture within the Ground
 - (v) Persistent standing in a seated area whilst play is in progress
 - (vi) Being in possession of any intoxicating liquor, or bottle, can or other portable container and which could cause damage or personal injury when entering the Ground or in a public area of the Ground from which the event can be directly viewed
 - (vii) Entering a part of the ground reserved for supporters of the opposing team.
 - (viii) The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places.
 - (ix) Possession of an authorised fire arms and dangerous tools.



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- 3) If during game time, as defined in the FCR, that acts of hooliganism and violence cause the abandonment of a match, the defaulting club as found guilty by the Respective Disciplinary Committee will lose the match by forfeiture. For a league format competition, the defaulting club will further lose three (3) Points and three (3) Goals from those already accumulated while for a knock-out format the defaulting club will be eliminated from the competition and excluded from that particular competition the following season.
- 4) If during game time, as defined in the FCR, that acts of hooliganism and violence are committed but the match is completed, the results of the match will be upheld. For a league format competition, the defaulting club as found guilty by the Respective Disciplinary Committee will lose two (2) Points and two (2) Goals from those already accumulated while for a knock-out format the defaulting club will be fined 1,000,000 UGX or excluded from that particular competition the following season or both sanctions. If the defaulting club is the winner of the match and does not pay the fine of 1,000,000 UGX before the next knock-out match, it will be eliminated from the competition.
- 5) If the match official(s) report(s) that individuals or groups have verbally insulted a member of the match crew, the defaulting club from whom such an individual or groups are judged by the Respective Disciplinary Committee to come from will lose one (1) Point and one (1) Goal from those already accumulated for a league format competition while for a knock-out format the defaulting club will be fined 500,000 UGX paid to FUFA and will lose to the opponents its next hosting rights in the competition. If the defaulting club is the winner of the match and does not pay the fine of 500,000 UGX before the next knock-out match, it will be eliminated from the competition.

FUFA advises clubs to urgently educate their fans that acts of violence and hooliganism are not only and criminal under Ugandan Laws but also affect the brand of the clubs to get more resources and therefore to earn them more sporting success. FUFA will not hesitate to apply these regulations for the betterment of our game.

We thank you for taking note of the above and for your anticipated valuable cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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