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Regulations

*FUFA JUNIORS
LEAGUE*

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CHAPTER I ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Article 1 Abbreviations

CAF	Confederation of African Football
CDP	Competitions Disciplinary Panel
CECAFA	Council of East & Central Africa Football Associations
DC	FUFA Disciplinary Committee
DFA	District Football Association
FCC	FUFA Competitions Committee
FCR	FUFA Competitions Rules
FBL	FUFA Big League
FLC	FUFA Licensing Committee
FCC	FUFA Competitions Committee
FCR	FUFA Competition Rules
FIFA	Federation of International Football Associations
FRSC	FUFA Referees Standing Committee
FUFA	Federation of Uganda Football Associations
RH	Rights Holder
FRSC	FUFA Referees Standing Committee
UA(s)	Unit(s) of Accounts
FJL	FUFA Juniors League
TOC	Tournament Organizing Committee

Article 2 Terms and phrases

The terms given below denote the following:

Association Football

Means football competitions organised under the auspices of FIFA, CAF, CECAFA, and all FIFA member Associations

Closed Stadium

Means allowing only the match crew during game time into the stadium. Even to the entitled match crew, entry shall be for a specified period and at the expiry of that period, the stadium shall be closed to all.

Club

Means any football club which is a registered member of the league. Football Club shall comprise of players, officials, employed staff, and fans.

Club Official

Any person registered by the club as an official or employee or such a person acting as an official of the club within the technical area, the dressing room and or the playing arena

Days

Means only working days

Forfeiture

Means a team being considered to have lost the match by 3-0 but if the goal difference at the end of the match in question is greater than 3-0, the result on the pitch is upheld.

FUFA Rules

Means the Statutes, Regulations, Decisions and Directives of FIFA, CAF and FUFA

FUFA Juniors League Entity

This shall mean the following persons and entities

- Players of FUFA Juniors League teams
- Registered Owners, Officials, Directors, Staff,
- The participating Clubs
- Contracted Service Providers by any of the above

Game Time

Means duration of the game starting three (3) hours before kick-off of the match to three (3) hours after the last whistle

Home Club

Means the club hosting the match which shall always be named first in the fixture

Ineligible Player

Any player outlawed by any of the provisions of these rules and/or any other rules of association football in regard to the FUFA Juniors League.

League format

Means a football competition played on a home-away basis for all clubs involved over a period of time

Match Crew

The following persons shall compose the match crew:

- Registered Staff, Players, and Officials of the day's participating teams,
- Staff and personnel of the FUFA Juniors League,
- Staff, and Officials of the stadium/ground hosting the match
- Staff, and Officials of FUFA
- Referees and match Commissioners of the day's match
- One assigned representative from each media house

Match-Fixing

When a match is played to a completely or partially pre-determined result

Media Rights

Electronic audio-visual, visual or audio coverage or reproduction of the FUFA Juniors League matches, training session or player interviews including without limitation a live television and/or radio signal and/or recordings in any form of audio and/or audio-visual medium and the right to transmit and/or make available and/or license third parties to transmit and/or make available any such coverage or reproduction.

Neutral Ground

A neutral ground shall mean a ground that does not, in the opinion of the TOC, give undue advantage to either of the competing Clubs

Player

Means a football player registered with FUFA as a player

Region

As per FUFA Statutes.

Season

Means the period between registration of Clubs and the last match of the tournaments organized by FCC

Season Tickets

Tickets that allow bearers to watch the all FUFA Juniors League matches for the rest of the season from the time of acquisition

Spectator

Any other person in the stadium during game time who is not a member of the match crew

The League

Means the FUFA Juniors League

Units of Accounts

Currency units equivalent to One thousand Uganda Shillings (1,000 UGX)

CHAPTER II DEFINITIONS, STRUCTURES & ROLES

Article 3 STRUCTURES

- 1) FUFA is the FIFA recognised Member Association mandated to run and oversee all football activities in Uganda.
- 2) FCC is a standing committee of FUFA that is responsible to organise and supervise football competitions. It is the think tank, hands, ears and eyes of the FUFA executive committee with matters concerning football competitions in Uganda.
- 3) The Tournament Organizing Committee of FJL shall be FCC with Competitions Department , the Chairman of Uganda Youth Football Association (UYFA) shall be co-opted.

Article 4 INTERPRETATION

- 1) Unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) Words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa;
 - (b) Words importing any particular gender shall include all other genders.
 - (c) The headings in these Rules are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.
 - (d) These Rules shall remain in force until another set of rules are put in place by the FUFA Executive Committee
 - (e) The FUFA Executive Committee may from time to time amend and/or clarify these regulations even during the course of the league through communication by circulars signed by both the FUFA President and FUFA CEO or their written delegated authorities.

LEADING OPINION

- 2) The spirit behind these rules and regulations are aimed at the ten golden rules of FIFA Fair Play
- 3) The Judicial Units shall apply and enforce these rules and regulations upon a report by any party offended and may apply and enforce these rules and regulations upon their own finding of any infringements.

FUFA COMPETITIONS RULES (FCR)

- 4) The FCR is the supreme competition rules in Uganda.
- 5) These FJL Rules are subject to the FCR expect for areas as explicitly stated in these rules

Article 5 COMPOSITION OF TOC

1. The Tournament Organizing Committee shall be FUFA Competitions Committee as dully structured in these regulations.

FRSC

- 1) The FRSC shall;
 - a) Shall designate match officials in charge of all FJL matches.
 - b) The solo appointing authority for match official in all FJL matches in accordance with FCR and FUFA Referees Manual in force from time to time.
 - c) Disciplinary matters related to match officials upon notice by other entity or their own observation.
 - d) Appointing, Assessing, Developing and Disciplining (Where Applicable) Match Officials
 - e) Receiving Funds from FUFA for match Officiation and eventual payment to match officials handling the FJL matches

FLC

- 2) The FLC shall be responsible for;
 - a) Drawing or approving the drawn minimum criteria for the club licensing for participation in the FJL.
 - b) Issuance of Certificate permitting entry into the competition upon meeting minimum criteria set in club licensing for the FJL
 - c) Inspection of pitches and play ground as may be requested by TOC.

FCC

- 3) The FCC shall be responsible for;
 - a) Enforce timelines for club and player registration
 - b) Registration of clubs by issuing Form 101-Application for Club Registration and 905-Compliance Declaration form.
 - c) Registration and Licensing of all players.
 - d) Regulations for approval of FUFA Executive Committee.
 - e) Managing fixtures and communicating changes in accordance with the FUFA Rules
 - f) Enforcing these regulations as first instance body
 - g) Observing and bringing to the attentions of the competent bodies any infringement of these rules or FUFA Rules by FJL entities for the penalties specified for enforcement by relevant bodies.
 - h) Managing the communications of the FJL programmes to the public
 - i) Managing the communications between the RH and the Clubs
 - j) Managing branding at Television Matches as guided by the FUFA Rules
 - k) Preparing and Hiring Stadiums as per requirement of RH

CHAPTER III TEAMS

Article 7 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

- 1) Registration of clubs for a competition shall be done in a period stipulated by FCC before the league begins. Clubs shall only be considered registered after receiving a Club License from FLC.
- 2) For a club to be registered, payment of registration fee of 250,000UGX must be effected with clearance from FUFA Finance Department.
- 3) Club/team Statutes shall mean a document describing a system of laws and principles governing the functionality of a club.
- 4) FLC shall draw specific or include in the Clubs Licensing Regulations (CLR) the minimum procedure for a club's qualification to participate in the women elite League, address and identity.
- 5) Club Ownership Regulations shall provide the procedure and guidelines in management of the Club Ownership.
- 6) Each club shall register a home ground for all its home matches, observing any eventualities that may interrupt with the scheduled matches. Any home club that fails to designate and monitor events at the stadium and such omission causes abandonment of the match shall lose the match by forfeiture.
- 7) Upon registration, each Club shall register medical personnel with a minimum of first aid certification recognized by FUFA medical committee who will be responsible for the team's medical cases on the field of play.

CHAPTER IV THE LEAGUE

Article 8 NAMING

This football competition shall be called the FUFA Juniors League. At the time and in event of acquisition of title sponsorship, the name of the league may be changed to include the title sponsor.

FUFA reserves the right in all aspects of league naming.

Article 9 COMPOSITION

This shall be the Juniors League and composed 13 Youth Football clubs. Participation in the league is subject to compliance and Club Licensing.

Article 10 FORMAT

- 1) The 13 teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups by the TOC. One group shall be called **Nile** and the other shall be called **Marchson**.
- 2) Nile Group shall be comprised of 6 teams and 7 teams for Marchision Group.
- 3) Each Group may play on a home-away league basis depending on schedules released by the TOC.

Play offs

- 4) Play offs will be staged at end of group home-away or single round league matches for first and second round or completed round, for determination league champions, runners and second runners up.

Play offs format

Match No	Home	vs	Away
Mat # PO1	1 st Nile Group		2 nd Marchson Group
Mat # PO2	1 st Marchson Group		2 nd Nile Group
Third place			
M# PO1 & PO2	Looser Mat # PO1		Looser Mat # PO2
Champion & Runners up			
M# PO3	Winner Mat # PO1		Winner Mat # PO2

Article 11 PROMOTIONS AND RELEGATION

This competition being a maiden edition, FUFA shall communicate through a circular, the details of promotion and relegation.

In the event of any unforeseen circumstance related to number of teams in the league, the TOC reserve the final decision on further playing format as well as promotion and relegation of teams to FJL.

Article 12 TROPHY AND OTHER AWARDS

- 5) The club declared the champion shall receive the championship trophy which shall be kept in its safe custody. The Champion Club shall also receive thirty (30) gold Medals.
- 6) A club that wins this trophy three (3) consecutive times shall retain it for keeps
- 7) The trophy shall be returned to FUFA at least four (4) weeks to the end of the season. However, a club failing to return the trophy as spelt out in this paragraph shall be fined a fee to be determined by the TOC.
- 8) Where a club loses the trophy, it shall be fined the replacement cost of the trophy at the prevailing market value.
- 9) A club shall only be registered for the following season if it has returned or replaced the trophy as specified and required in rules C6 and C7.
- 10) TOC may institute other measures deemed necessary against any club that fails to return the trophy.
- 11) TOC shall in event of need to use the trophy, within 7 days, writes to the holding club to avail it for functional use. The holding must comply to the request with request within the given time. Failure to comply shall lead to disciplinary action taken against the club.

Article 13 MANAGEMENT

The League shall be managed as the functions are allocated in these regulations.

Article 14 THE RANKING OF TEAMS

The final table ranking of clubs in each group during the home-away basis of the FJL shall be determined in accordance with the FCR.

CHAPTER V PLAYERS

Article 15 ELIGIBILITY ,STATUS, TRANSFER AND REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

Eligibility

- a) All players must be under age of 17 with maximum date of birth being January 1, 1998.
- b) Player's birth certificate shall be part of the proof of age category.
- c) Any other national or Fufa released official documents containing player's details shall be used.
- d) The TOC reserves all rights over further screening of players in determination of eligibility in relation to age factor.
- e) If after establishment investigations by the TOC, the player fielded is over age bracket above, the defaulting team shall lose the match by forfeiture and may be fined by the TOC.

Status, transfer and registration.

- 1) The Registration of Players for the FJL shall be managed by FCC as stipulated in the FCR
- 2) All players must be registered under the FUFA e-License Plus as provided for in FCR
- 3) The Status and Transfer of players shall be done in accordance with the FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players
- 4) A total of not more than 30 players shall be registered and licensed for each team.

CHAPTER VI COACHES

Article 16 REGISTRATION

- 1) It is mandatory for each FJL Club to register one or more Coaches with a FUFA practising license.
- 2) FUFA reserves the rights to withdraw a FUFA practicing license at any time it deems fit.
- 3) No clubs shall take more than four (4) weeks during a season without a valid coach as specified in. Upon observation of this contravention and subject to provisions of these rules, the defaulting club shall be subjected to disciplinary action
- 4) Coaches shall conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Coaches
- 5) Clubs shall conduct themselves in relation to Coaches in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Clubs

- 6) Any failure by Coaches or Clubs to conduct themselves in accordance with their respective codes of conduct shall constitute a breach of this Rule.

Article 17 **PREREQUISITES FOR A FJL COACHES PRACTISING LICENSE**

- 1) The Applicant must be a member of and not under any sanctions of the Uganda Football Coaches Association (UFCA)
- 2) Foreign Coaches shall be subjected to clearance by the UFCA upon fulfilment of membership prerequisites
- 3) The applicant for the license shall either
 - a) hold, or have commenced and actively engaged on requisite course to obtain a minimum of CAF-C Coaching License
- 4) The Applicant must have signed a FUFA Coaches Code of Conduct
- 5) Upon satisfaction of the above conditions, the applicant shall fill form F801 and submit to FUFA for consideration
- 6) Upon satisfaction of the procedures and prerequisites, FUFA shall issue an annual practising license to the applicant.
- 7) TOC will sanction or de-register any coach upon notice of breach of the FUFA Coaches Code of Conduct or upon requirement of sanctions and de-registration by the Uganda Football Coaches Association or upon withdrawal of the FUFA Coaches Practising License by FUFA.
- 8) For a Coach that shall have engaged into training to obtain the minimum requirement of CAF-C as indicated in Rule 3 a) above but fail to accrue the requirements for its award, TOC shall cancel his registration

Article 18 **CARETAKER COACHES**

Caretaker Coaches shall be FUFA registered coaches not necessarily holding a FUFA Coaches Practising License. This exemption shall expire after four (4) weeks from the date of their appointment as such. TOC shall have power to grant an extension of the four (4) weeks period only if reasonably satisfied with the reasons for the absence of the FUFA Coaches Practising License holder.

CHAPTER VII FIXTURES

Article 19 FIXTURES MANAGEMENT

- 1) Fixtures and fixture changes shall be drawn by the TOC in accordance with FUFA Calendar and approved by FUFA in writing.
- 2) The fixture schedules shall be notified to the clubs by TOC at the beginning of first and or second rounds of the league.
- 3) The TOC has power to rearrange any fixture provided such rearrangement is notified to the affected teams at least 48 hours in advance.
- 4) The TOC shall draw a television schedule from FJL fixtures comprising only clubs that have complied to requirements of the FUFA and the RH.
- 8) The TOC may change the venue of FJL match;
 - a) for avoiding likely fixture congestion,
 - b) in order to ensure fair play
 - c) for health, safety and security reasons
 - d) In order to fulfil the RH obligations
 - e) to a neutral ground where in the opinion of TOC is deemed necessary

CHAPTER VIII MATCH ORGANISATION

Article 20 MATCH DAY EVENTS

Before Game time

- 1) Clubs shall observe their obligations with RH as provided for in relevant regulation.
- 2) It shall be obligatory for Match officials, Participating Clubs, Stadium Management and TOC to attend pre-match meetings for certain matches selected by the TOC. FUFA may attend such meetings.

During Game time

- 3) Clubs shall register only FUFA-registered club officials on team sheet and any decisions by the head official shall be representative of the club decision during game time.
- 4) It shall be the obligation of the home club to provide a gazetted premium club sitting arrangement for specific matches as may be required by the FUFA , TOC,RH, League Sponsors, and Club Sponsors or upon the discretion of the club to consider such a match of that category
- 5) At the discretion of the home club, it shall be its obligation to provide hospitality services to any ticket holders or invited guests that may attend a match.
- 6) In event of televised matches, before the final whistle, the match commissioner (his absence the centre referee), will be informed by the head of production team of the persons to appear for a post match press conference, interview, or prize award.
- 7) After the final whistle, the match official will inform the selected person to appear as required. Any contravention of this provision shall cause disciplinary action to the defaulting person.
- 8) All team shall follow and ascertain from centre referee all cautions and send offs showed by the referee towards their match, as their primary mandate however any team may seek clarification from FUFA in case of any doubt.

Article 21 COLOURS, JERSEYS, STRIPS AND PLAYER EQUIPMENT

1. All clubs shall appear for League matches in shirts, shorts and stockings that shall have been approved by the TOC as the design for both the home and away games of the clubs. Any club that contravenes this rule shall be liable to disciplinary action.
2. It shall be a duty of each club to equip its players with playing boots and other players mandatory requirements as stipulated by in FIFA Laws of the game.
3. A set of shirts and shorts used by a player shall be numbered in sequence from Number 1 to 25.
4. Each club shall register with TOC a squad number selected from 1-30 for each player and it shall be obligatory for the respective player to use only the assigned squad number for the entire season while still with the club. Any club and / or player that contravene this provision shall be liable for disciplinary sanction.
5. The back of the shirt of each player shall bear the registered surname and squad number of the player in eligible font, font size and colour in accordance to deed of adherence.
6. The referee shall validate the sets of uniforms to be used by clubs before kick-off of the match if it conforms to registered specimen set of the club and if it meets the required standards. The referee shall have absolute powers to refuse the set of uniform presented by a club if it does not meet the required standards and this shall be included in the referees report. The offending club shall be allowed to use any other set acceptable in the opinion of the referee but shall be liable to disciplinary action.
7. Clubs and players that contravene any provisions of this rule shall be liable to disciplinary action.

CHAPTER IX JUDICATURE

Article 22 JUDICATURE

FJL disputes, protests, petitions, complaints and appeals shall be administered in accordance to provisions of FCR

CHAPTER X FINANCE

Article 23 BUDGET

- 1) The TOC shall draw a budget to manage the FJL indicating expenditure and projected income.
- 2) The sources of income to the FJL budget shall include;
 - (a) Budget Support Contribution by FUFA
 - (b) Gate collection of FJL matches
 - (c) Fines and petition fees upon infringement of these rules and the Deeds of Adherence
 - (d) Registration fees from clubs
 - (e) Sale of commercial rights of FJL
 - (f) Any other lawful source of income
- 3) TOC shall draw the FJL budget while FUFA shall approve the budget
- 4) TOC will manage the budget

Article 24 CASH AWARDS

1. FUFA may give cash prize depending on the availability.
 2. In the event sale of commercial rights of the league, cash awards may be amended to include all clubs.
 3. Other Individual awards shall be given to excelling entities as determined by TOC and FUFA.
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Article 25 MANAGEMENT OF INCOME

Gate Collections

- 1) All League matches will be organised by the Home Club, Stadium and TOC or services of FUFA registered match agents will be hired where part or all responsibilities of the three (3) will be taken care of by the match agent

With services of a Match Agent

- 2) A contract shall be signed between the match agent as one party with both TOC and the Home Club as the other party.
- 3) The contract shall indicate the obligations, rights and privileges of all parties.
- 4) Rules governing operations of FUFA registered match agents shall be outlined in the FUFA Match Agents Regulations.

Without services of a Match Agent

- 5) The tickets for all league matches shall be printed and delivered to stadium by the Home Club
- 6) No spectator shall enter the stadium during game time for any League match unless the person is a holder of a valid and lawfully obtained ticket.
- 7) Issuing of an entry ticket shall not in any way be deemed to render the entities, Staff and Officials of TOC, FUFA, Match day Clubs or Stadium management and Sponsors liable for any injury, damage or loss caused while in the stadium to a person(s) in respect of whom the ticket was issued.
- 8) Members of the match crew will be entitled to free access to the stadium.
- 9) Media practitioners upon presentation of accreditation cards shall be entitled to free entrance. Accreditation of the media personnel shall be managed by TOC.
- 10) The home club reserves the right to avail free-entry privilege of an individual or an entire category for any duration of the season or for a particular match in an exclusive effort to promote themselves
- 11) The home Club or FUFA or Stadium management reserve the right of admission and may issue persona non grata status to an individual, or a category of people. Any person(s) who enters the stadium during game time after being declared persona non grata status shall be considered to have trespassed and shall be sued for trespass.

Article 26 **TICKET PRICES**

- 1) The ticket prices shall be determined by the home club(s)
 - 2) Where two matches are to be played in the same venue on the same day, a meeting involving stakeholders will be organised to agree on the modalities of sharing the revenue. In event of disagreement, the TOC shall decide on the modus operandi and the percentage shares of each party
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Article 27 **ENTITLEMENT AND SHARING**

With Match Agent

- 1) When a match agent works for a percentage, his fees shall be considered an operational expense of the match and after deduction of operational expenses, the revenue collected from sale of match tickets shall be as follows;

TOC	15%
FUFA	05%
Home Club	80%

- 2) When a match agent pays a fee for all, the revenue collected from sale of the match shall be as follows;

TOC	15%
FUFA	05%
Home Club	80%

Without Match Agent

- 3) Total deductions from the gross ticket sales shall include the operational costs

The net value thereafter shall be shared as follows

Home Club	80.0%
TOC	15.0%
FUFA	05.0%

Article 28 **FINES AND PETITIONS**

The fees shall be as indicated in the circulars and/or as established in these rules and shall be paid to FUFA Finance Department, the paying club shall present receipt of payment to the TOC.

Article 29 **MEDIA AND COMMERCIAL RIGHTS**

1. Shall be administered in accordance with FCR
 2. In the event of acquisition of RH, FUFA shall amend these regulations to include RH requirements with immediate effect.
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Article **30** **MANAGEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

- 1) The expenditure by the TOC shall be as outlined in the budget.
- 2) Any club that is dismissed or demoted from the FUFA Juniors League as a disciplinary action or on the club's own decision to be dissolved shall not be entitled to receive its prize money. For avoidance of doubt, clubs demoted because of their final positions in the final table standing shall receive their entitled prize money

Article **31** **POWER TO DEDUCT**

- 1) If any Club/team or Relegated Club ("the debtor Club") fails to make any payment due to any creditor of the description set out in 2 below, upon being reasonably satisfied to that effect, the TOC shall be empowered to deduct the amount in instalments or wholesomely of any such payment from any funds that the debtor club is entitled and immediately pays the same to the creditor to which the amount is due.
- 2) The creditors to which Rule K26 applies are:
 - a) CECAFA, CAF & FIFA and any other parties owed by participation in international competitions
 - b) Another Club in the FUFA Juniors League or Lower League
 - c) FUFA
 - d) FCC
 - e) FUFA Regional Associations
 - f) FUFA District Football Association
 - g) any Associated Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking of the Club
 - h) Individuals or companies proven to have provided football related services and/or goods to a club

Article 32 DECLARATION

- 1) With the approval of the FUFA, the TOC shall have powers to make Bye-laws deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the league.

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

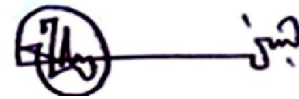
- 2) All matters not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by TOC or FUFA Executive Committee in line with the FUFA Statutes, the CAF/FIFA Statutes.

DECLARATION

- 3) By signing, FUFA declares that these are the rules and regulations that shall be used for the FUFA Juniors League .



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