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FUFA COMPETITIONS RULES

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CHAPTER I ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Article 1 Abbreviations

The terms given below denote the following:

AB	Appellant Body
CAF	Confederation of African Football
CAS (TAS)	Court of Arbitration for Sport (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne (Switzerland)
CECAFA	Council of East & Central Africa Football Associations
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DFA	District Football Association
FAC	FUFA Appeals Committee
FBL	FUFA Big League
FCC	FUFA Competitions Committee
FDC	FUFA Disciplinary Committee
FIB	First Instance Body
FIFA	Federation of International Football Associations
FLC	FUFA Licensing Committee
FRL	FUFA Regional League
FRSC	FUFA Referees Standing Committee
FUFA	Federation of Uganda Football Associations
ITC	International Transfer Certificate
MA	Member Association
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
RFA	Regional Football Association
RH	Rights Holder
TDC	Tournament Disciplinary Committee
TOC	Tournament Organising Committee
UA	Unit of Account
UFRA	Uganda Football Referees Association

Article 2 Terms and phrases

1. Association Football

Football competitions organised under the auspices of FIFA, CAF, CECAFA, FUFA, and all FIFA MAs.

2. Closed Stadium

Only the match crew are allowed into the stadium during game time. 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.

3. Club

This is any football club which is a registered member of a FUFA Competition. Football Club shall comprise of players, officials, employed staff, and fans.

4. 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.

5. Elite League

The first division league brand named Uganda Premier League.

6. Days

Only working days

7. Extra Time

This is the duration of at least 5 minutes and at most 15 minutes of each half to be played after the normal regulation time of a knock-out format competition. In consideration of the time available, the referee shall determine if less than 15 minutes and how many minutes of each half may be played. . If the TOC rules are silent on the extra time, it shall mean that no extra time shall be played.

8. Fair Play

Fair play in football means that everyone connected with football:

- a) Shows understanding of and respect for the Laws of the Game;
- b) Supports the belief that the game should be played in an entertaining and positive way; and
- c) Behaves on and off the field in a sporting manner towards all others involved, be they players, officials or spectators, irrespective of results.

9. Forfeiture

This is when a team is considered to have lost a league or mini-league 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 and for a knock-out competition match, forfeiture shall mean a team being considered to have been eliminated from the competition.

10. FUFA Competitions

Means the following football competitions

- (i) Elite League (First Division)
- (ii) FUFA Big League (Second Division)
- (iii) FUFA Regional Leagues (Third Division)
- (iv) DFA Fourth Division Leagues
- (v) DFA Fifth Division League
- (vi) Uganda Cup
- (vii) FUFA Inter Region
- (viii) FUFA U-16 Youth Competition
- (ix) FUFA Women League/Competition
- (x) Any other competition that FUFA may organise or delegate another body to organise

11. FUFA Competition Entity

The following persons and institutions:

- i) Registered Players of Participating Clubs
- ii) Registered Owners, Officials, Directors, Staff,
- iii) Participating Clubs
- iv) Contracted Service Providers by any of the above

12. FUFA Rules

These are statutes, regulations, decisions and directives of FIFA, CAF and FUFA.

13. Game Time

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

14. Goal Aggregate

This is the sum of the goals scored by each team over two legs. In event that the goals still tie after the second leg, the team that scored more goals while playing as an away team gets an extra goal added.

15. Goal Difference

This is the difference between goals scored and goals conceded.

16. Home Club

This is the club hosting the match which shall always be named first in the fixture.

17. Ineligible Player

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

18. Match Crew

The following persons shall compose the match crew:

- (i) Registered Staff, Players, and Officials of the day's participating clubs,
- (ii) Staff and personnel of the TOC,
- (iii) Staff, and Officials of the stadium/ground hosting the match
- (iv) Staff, and Officials of FUFA
- (v) Referees, Match Assessors and Commissioners of the day's match
- (vi) One assigned representative from each media house

19. Match-Fixing

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

20. Media Rights

Electronic audio-visual, visual or audio coverage or reproduction of the FUFA Competitions 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.

21. Player

A football player registered with FUFA as a player.

22. Region

As per FUFA constitution (as amended), a set of FUFA DFAs clustered for administrative convenience.

23. Rights Holder

The legal entity that buys the commercial or media rights of a FUFA Competition.

24. Season

This is the period between registration of Clubs and the last match of FUFA Competitions.

25. Season Tickets

Are tickets that allow bearers to watch a specified number of matches of a particular competition for the rest of the season from the time of acquisition.

26. Spectator

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

27. The Uganda System of Leagues

The following comprise the Uganda System of Leagues:

- i) Elite League (First Division)
- ii) FUFA Big League Second Division)
- iii) FUFA Regional Leagues (Third Division)
- iv) DFA Fourth Division Leagues
- v) DFA Fifth Division Leagues

28. Unit of Account

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

CHAPTER II INTRODUCTION

Article 3 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.

Article 4 Leading Opinion

- 1) The spirit behind these rules is aimed at the ten golden rules of FIFA Fair Play.
 - 2) FUFA Competitions Judicial Units shall apply and enforce these rules upon a report by any party offended and may apply and enforce these rules upon their own finding of any infringements.
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Article 5 Scope

- 1) These Regulations establish binding rules concerning the process, management, and control of Football Competitions in Uganda. In any event of contradiction, these rules shall prevail over TOC Rules.
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Article 6 Structures

- 1) FUFA is the FIFA recognised MA 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) Committees and their Competitions Functions
 - a) **FUFA Licensing Committee**
The FUFA Standing Committee that is required to manage the licences issued by FUFA to clubs, competition organisers, academies, coaches, agents etc. It is mandated to collect and compile the licensee data, evaluate the data and award or not award the licence based on regulations drawn by FUFA.
 - b) **FUFA Players Status Committee**
The FUFA Standing Committee in charge of the status of players and that adjudge on contractual disputes of players with their clubs, their agents and coaches with the employers.
 - c) **FUFA Referees Standing Committee**
The FUFA Standing Committee responsible for development, appointment and technical discipline of Referees and Match Assessors.
 - d) **FUFA Safety and Security Committee**
The FUFA Standing Committee in charge of Safety and Security that is mandated to advice on security matters of FUFA Competitions and FUFA Competitions Matches. It may recommend to the TOC the level of security required for a particular competition or match.
 - e) **FUFA Disciplinary Committee**
The FUFA Judicial Body that is mandated to adjudge FUFA Competitions matters of forgery, bribery, doping, match fixing. The FDC is also mandated to act on FUFA Competitions matters brought before it by any other FUFA organ or upon its own observation of defaulting inclusive of media stories. The FDC shall also work as an AB for decisions made by lower judicial units.
 - f) **FUFA Appeals Committee**
The FUFA Judicial Body that works as an AB for the decisions of the FDC, FUFA Players Status Committee, FRSC and FUFA Licensing Board. The Decision of the FAC is final.
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Article 7 Doping

- 1) Doping is the use of a substance(s) that could have the effect of artificially improving the player's physical and /or mental condition and so augmenting artificially his athletic performance.
 - 2) Doping is strictly forbidden by the FUFA, CAF & FIFA and any person found to have indulged in doping shall be sanctioned according to the FIFA regulations.
 - 3) The FUFA medical committee shall randomly ask players without prior notice to provide their organic substance samples for the doping tests.
 - 4) Any player who refuses to instantly provide such samples shall be liable for disciplinary action.
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Article 8 Communication

- 1) The following means of communication shall be the accepted official communication:
 - a) When written communication is received and signed for by any of the registered officials of the recipient;
 - b) When delivered to the premises of the recipient and signed for;
 - c) When posted and proof of post is acquired;
 - d) When faxed and positive fax transmission report is obtained; and
 - e) When e-mail of the official document is sent in pdf to the club registered e-mail address. (For avoidance of doubt, not checking e-mail boxes shall not be an accepted reason for not receiving a communication).
 - 2) Each communicating party may endeavour to use more than one of the above means to communicate.
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Article 9 Media Statements

- 1) Once a FUFA Competitions entity or a member of the match crew or a football registered official is alleged to have made a comment to the media it shall be deemed to be true if such official does not make a public withdrawal or dissociate himself or provide the correct version of the comment within 7days of the statement getting public.
 - 2) Any club official, club employee, member of standing committees, player, match official, who is proved to have given his comment or opinion to the print or electronic media for an incident in a FUFA Competition match where decisions have not yet been taken or matters are under investigations or matters that are before the FAC shall be individually fined 100 UAs.
 - 3) Any club official, club employee, member of standing committees, player, match official, who is proved to offer material to print or electronic media that is proved to be intentionally or unintentionally distorted and/or incorrect and/or malicious shall be fined 100 UAs.
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Article 10 FUFA Club Licence

- 1) FUFA CLUB LICENCE is the licence issued by FUFA Licensing Board, on behalf of FUFA, to all clubs/teams that apply and are evaluated to be appropriate and to acceptable standards to participate in FUFA Competitions in accordance with the FUFA Club Licensing Regulations.
- 2) All Clubs/Teams Participating in FUFA Competitions shall be required to present a FUFA Club Licence to the TOC before they are included in the competition.
- 3) Any organised FUFA Competition that includes a team without a FUFA Club Licence shall be null and void.

- 4) Any TOC that violates Rule 10(3) shall be liable to disciplinary action by the FDC. The FDC may implore FUFA to withdraw the Football Competition Organising Licence/Authority from such TOC.
- 5) Clubs that fail to fulfil the minimum requirement to play in a particular competition shall be subjected to the next lower league's requirements until such a level that they satisfy. In event that they do not satisfy any level of requirements, such club will be dismissed from the FUFA League System.

Article 11 Change of Club Name

- 1) Change of club name shall be in accordance with FUFA regulations on club ownership.
- 2) A Club competing in any one of the FUFA Competitions as defined in Art 2(9) shall not be permitted to change its playing name (i.e. the name under which the Club competes in a Competition), as recorded in Form F101 and Form F901, save with prior written permission of the FUFA Executive Committee.
- 3) Any application for a change of playing name must be received by the FUFA CEO before 1st April in any calendar year in order for it to be considered for adoption in the following season. The FUFA Executive Committee will use its discretion in deciding whether to approve a change in a Club's playing name.
- 4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Art 11(2) above, no change of name shall be permitted in situations of an acquisition or takeover that compromises the sporting integrity of football competitions.

CHAPTER III COMPETITIONS PROVISIONS

Article 12 Types of Football Competitions in Uganda

1) League

- I. This shall be a competition where all participating teams shall play against each other on a home-away basis over a period of time either in a single format or groupings.
- II. Where groupings are established, stage one competition shall involve teams in each group playing on league format over a period of time with play-offs in stage two of the competition.

2) Mini-League

This shall be a competition where all participating teams shall play against each other over one leg.

3) Mixed-Format Competition

This is a competition where participating teams are drawn into groups and group teams playing against each other on a mini-league basis with topping team(s) per group qualifying for a knock-out stage to determine the competition champion.

4) Knock-Out Competition

This is a competition where the winning team of each pair of teams competing qualifies to the next competition.

Article 13 Number of Teams in a Competition

- 1) For a league format, the group/competition shall not have less than five (5) teams and not more than twenty four (24) teams.

Article 14 Determining the Winner

- 1) The winner of the competition shall be declared by the TOC.
- 2) Only the winner of the league format competition shall be called a champion, the winner of cup format shall be called a Cup Winners/ Holder.
- 3) Such declaration of the winner shall only stand if upheld by written confirmation from FUFA.

League, Mini League and group stage of Mixed-Format Competition

- 4) Each team participating in a league or mini-league match shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a loss.
- 5) The TOC shall determine the winner from the top of the final table standing.
- 6) The positions on table standing at all times throughout the league or mini league shall be determined on the following priority order considering cumulative statistics from the first to last recognised matches of the league/competition:
 - a) The Team which has earned the highest number of points.
 - b) If Rule14(6)(a) does not separate the teams, the Club with highest goal difference.
 - c) If Rule14(6)(a) and 14(6)(b) do not separate the teams, the Club with highest number of goals scored.
- 7) In event that rule 14(6) above does not separate the table standing positions of two or more teams, the following shall be considered:
 - a) Head-to-Head count in the same competition (Using the goal aggregate system); and
 - b) Replay match(es) on home away basis of the teams tying and a new table drawn considering the above clauses and in event of only two(2) still tying, the FIFA Spot-Kicks shall be applied in the return leg match if necessary.
 - c) A coin may be tossed to determine the winner where time cannot allow for a replay or FIFA spot kicks.

Knock-Out (Cup) Format Competition

- 8) If the TOC Rules indicate that the knockout competition is played over one (1) leg;
 - a) the team with more goals at the end of the one leg will be declared the winner of that match.
 - b) If the teams are still tying by 14(8)(a) above at the end of the match, the TOC Rules shall detail if extra time shall be played to determine the winner and the team with more goals after extra time will be the winner of the match.
 - c) If the teams are not separated by 14(8)(b) above, the winner of the FIFA spot kicks shall be the winner.
 - d) A coin may be tossed to determine the winner where time cannot allow for FIFA spot kicks or their continuation.
- 9) If the TOC Rules indicate that the knockout competition is played over two legs;
 - a) The team with more aggregate goals at the end of the second leg match shall be the winner of the tie.
 - b) If the teams are not separated by 14(9)(a) above, FIFA spot kicks shall be taken. The winner of the FIFA spot kicks shall be the winner.
 - c) A coin may be tossed to determine the winner where time cannot allow for FIFA spot kicks or their continuation.

Article 15 Football Competitions Structures

- 1) The Uganda League System shall comprise of the following leagues;

- a) Elite League (First Division League)
- b) FUFA Big League (Second Division League)
- c) FUFA Regional Leagues (Third Division League)
- d) DFA Fourth Division Leagues
- e) DFA Fifth Division League

2) FUFA also organises other football competitions, namely:

- a) Uganda Cup
- b) FUFA Inter Region
- c) FUFA U-16 Youth Competition
- d) FUFA Women League
- e) FUFA U17 Competition
- f) FUFA U14 Competition
- g) Any other competition that the FUFA Executive Committee may approve
- h) In accordance with FUFA Regulations for Authorized competitions, FUFA or Member of FUFA may take part in authorized competitions

3) Elite League

- a) The Elite League shall be the highest league in Uganda also known as the 1st division league and branded Uganda Premier League. This competition shall be managed as provided for by the FUFA Constitution. The Body authorised by FUFA shall be the TOC.
- b) Notwithstanding provisions of 3(a) above, the league shall be run by a Special Committee approved by FUFA and as provided for in relevant regulations for a specified period of time.
- c) The Elite League shall be run as a league competition.
- d) Only Clubs that participated in the Elite League in the previous season and were not relegated and clubs promoted from the FBL of the previous season shall be sportingly eligible to play in the Elite League

4) FUFA Big League

- a) The FBL shall be the second-tier league in Uganda also known as the 2nd division league. This competition shall be managed by the FCC as the TOC.
- b) If the clubs comprising the FBL are more than 16 before start, the competition shall be comprised of two (2) groups and each group will be run as a league competition.
- c) The FCC shall name each of the groups.
- d) In accordance with art 4(b) above, the league will be composed and structured as per art 12 1(II) of these rules.
- e) However, if the clubs comprising the FBL are less than 17, the competition shall be run as a single group league competition.
- f) Where the FBL comprises of a single group the three clubs at the top of the final table standing shall sportingly qualify to play in the Elite League of the next season.
- g) Where the FBL comprises of two (2) groups the club at the top of the final table standing of each of the two (2) groups shall sportingly qualify to play in the Elite League of the following Season.
- h) The third club that shall sportingly qualify to play in the Elite League of the following Season as promoted from the FBL shall be determined through play-offs
- i) The First Runners Up and Second Runners Up in each group shall be involved in a one-leg play off under the format below;

- i) The First Runners Up club in first group will play host to the second Runners Up club in the second group at a neutral ground determined by the FCC.
 - ii) The First Runners Up club in the second group will play host to the second Runners Up club in the first group at a neutral ground determined by the FCC.
 - iii) The winning teams in Rule 15(4)(h)(i) and 15(4)(h)(ii) above shall play a one-leg final at a neutral ground determined by FCC.
 - iv) The winner in Rule 15(4)(h)(iii) above shall sportingly qualify to play in the Elite League of the following Season.
- j) The following clubs are sportingly eligible to play in the FBL:
- i) Clubs that participated in the Elite League in the previous season and were relegated
 - ii) Clubs that participated in the FBL in the previous season and were not relegated to the regional or lower leagues
 - iii) Clubs that participated in the FBL in the previous season and were not promoted to the Elite League.
 - iv) Clubs that are promoted from the FRLs
 - v) Clubs that have been promoted/relegated as a result of decision by the Executive Committee

5) FUFA Regional Leagues

- a) Each of the RFA shall organise a league competition played over a FUFA season in order to determine the clubs that are promoted to the FBL. The league shall also be known as the 3rd division league. Each regional league competition shall be run by the respective RFA or its designee as the TOC
- b) If the clubs comprising a particular FRL are more than twelve (12) at the start of competition, the competition shall be comprised of two (2) groups and each group will be run as a league competition in accordance with art 12(11) of these regulations.
- c) The maximum number of group teams in a FRL shall be 12.
- d) The Regional Executive Committee shall approve the name each of the group as proposed by the TOC.
- e) However, if the clubs comprising a particular FRL are less than thirteen (13), the competitions shall be run as a single group league competition.
- f) Where the FRL comprises of a single group the club at the top of the final table standing shall sportingly qualify to play in the FBL of the next season.
- g) Where there are two (2) groups in a particular FRL the club that shall sportingly qualify to play in the FBL of the following Season shall be determined through play-offs:
- h) The top club and the Runners Up in each group shall be involved in a one-leg play off under the format below:
 - i) A one-leg knock-out format competition will be played between the top and runners Up clubs in both groups
 - ii) The Runners Up club in the first group will play first as hosts to the top club in the second group;
 - iii) The Runners Up club in the second group will play first as hosts to the top club in the first group;
 - iv) The winning teams in Rule 15(5)(g)(ii) to (iii) above shall play a one-leg final at a neutral ground determined by TOC
 - v) The winner in Rule 15(5)(g)(v) above shall sportingly qualify to play in the FBL of the following Season.
- i) The following clubs are sportingly eligible to play in the FRL
 - i) Clubs that participated in the FBL in the previous season and were relegated
 - ii) Clubs that participated in the FRL in the previous season and were not relegated to the third division or lower leagues
 - iii) Clubs that participated in the FRL in the previous season and were not promoted to the FBL
 - iv) Clubs that are promoted from the DFA League(s)

- v) Clubs that have been demoted from the ELITE LEAGUE or FBL as a result of club Licensing or disciplinary measure within the provisions of these rules or by a decision of the Exexecutive Committee

6) District Football Association Leagues

- a) The fourth and fifth division leagues played over a FUFA season and comprising of clubs from the respective DFA shall be organised by the respective DFA Executive Committee or its designee under supervision of the respective RFA.
- b) The DFA leagues format shall be specified in FUFA Regulations on lower league competitions.
- c) Only DFAs that are full members of the respective RFA shall be eligible to organise the fourth division league.
- d) DFAs that are full or suspended or provisional RFA Members shall be eligible to organise the fifth division league.
- e) A new Club joining the Uganda League System shall only be eligible to join the DFA Fifth Division League.
- f) One DFA that is a full member of RFA may authorise a club to transfer from that DFA to another in writing maintaining the same level of the league.

7) Uganda Cup

- a) The Uganda Cup shall be highest Cup competition in Uganda
- b) The Uganda Cup is compulsory for all clubs in the Elite league, FBL and FRLs.
- c) Any Club in the Elite League, FBL and FRL that does not participate in this competition shall be liable for disciplinary action by the FDC. The corrective measure or disciplinary action may include one or a combination of the following;
 - i) Deduction of League Points
 - ii) Monetary Fines
 - iii) Future Exclusion from the Competition
 - iv) Suspension from the respective League
 - v) Demotion to Lower League
- d) The Competition shall be played as a knock-out competition starting at the level of 64 Clubs but any other format may be used in the qualification stages.
- e) The Uganda Cup Rules will detail other rules provisions for this competition.
- f) This competition shall be run by the FCC as the TOC.

8) All Other Competitions Organised and/or Authorised by FUFA

Such Competitions shall be authorised as per FUFA Regulations on Authorised Competitions and managed as detailed in the respective competition rules with written authority from FUFA.

TRAINING AND MATCH FACILITIES

Training Ground

- 1) Each Club shall declare its training ground in the registration form
- 2) It shall be the responsibility of the club to foot the cost of hiring the stadium for match days and observing any eventualities that may interrupt with the scheduled matches. Any home club that fails to monitor events at the stadium and such omission causes abandonment of the match shall lose the match by forfeiture.

- 3) Where a club owns/leases a ground, copies of documents to certify such status shall be registered with the FLB
- 4) The TOC may change the venue of a 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 fulfill the RH obligations
 - e) to a neutral ground where in the opinion of FCC is deemed necessary

MEDICAL

- 5) 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.
- 6) Each club shall be required to provide its own medical team and the home club shall provide First Aid facilities

Article 16 Representation in International Club Competitions

- 1) For Club Licensing and/or disciplinary reasons, FUFA reserves the final authority to determine the club to represent Uganda in all International club competitions without compromising sporting integrity.
- 2) The club that is selected to represent Uganda in the CAF Club Champions League or the CAF Confederation Cup shall pay a refundable security deposit of US \$ 10,000 (US Dollars ten thousands only) to FUFA before their participation is forwarded to CAF. The FUFA executive committee may revise this figure as deemed appropriate.
- 3) The final table standing of the ELITE LEAGUE shall provide the priority order of eligibility to represent Uganda in the CAF Club Champions League and CECAFA Club Championship.
- 4) The final positions of the Uganda Cup Competitions shall provide the priority order of eligibility to represent Uganda in the CAF Confederation Cup.
- 5) Where a club wins both the Uganda Cup and tops the ELITE LEAGUE Table, FUFA shall only nominate such club to represent Uganda in CAF Club Champions League.
- 6) FUFA shall set a local deadline date for clubs to confirm representing Uganda in international competitions and such date shall be one month from the deadline date set by the organisers of the respective international competition.
- 7) Any club(s) that confirm(s) participation in the international competition as specified in Rule 16(6) above but withdraws after the FUFA-set local deadline but before the deadline date set by the organisers of the respective international competition, shall be suspended from representing Uganda for two (2) other times the club(s) get the option to represent Uganda and shall pay a fine of 2,000 UAs.
- 8) Any club(s) that confirm(s) participation in the international competition as specified in Rule 16(5), 16(6) and 16(7) above but withdraws after the deadline date set by the organisers of the respective international competition, shall be suspended from representing Uganda for three (3) other times the club(s) get(s) the option to represent Uganda and shall pay a fine equivalent to the fine the organisers of such competition would subject to FUFA for such an action.

Article 17 Promotion and Relegation

- 1) Promotion and Relegation will only provide sporting eligibility of a club to play in a respective football competition but will be subjected to FUFA Club Licensing verification exercise. Sporting eligibility is only a minimum requirement for a club to participate in a respective football competition.
 - 2) At the end of the Elite league, the top thirteen (13) clubs of the final table standing shall be sportingly eligible to play in the Elite league of the following season and the rest of the club(s) will be relegated to the FBL.
 - 3) At the end of the season, three (3) clubs from the FBL shall be sportingly eligible to play in the Elite league as prescribed in Art 15(4) above.
 - 4) The FBL Rules shall prescribe the formula for relegation to the respective FRL.
 - 5) The winner of the respective FRL shall sportingly qualify for promotion to the FBL as prescribed in Art 15(5) above.
 - 6) The Lower League Rules shall detail the respective FRL formats and guidelines for relegation to the lower league.
 - 7) The Lower League Rules shall detail the respective formats and guidelines for promotion and relegation for the 4th Division Leagues and the 5th Division Leagues.
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Article 18 Failure to Complete the League

Where the league format due to circumstances of force majeure fails to be completed within the season, the league winner shall be determined as follows:

- 1) Before each and every Club has completed its first round fixture the league shall be declared null and void.
- 2) Where all the Clubs in each group have completed the first round fixture but less than 75% league games in either group have been played, the table standings at the end of the first round shall be considered as the final table standing of the league for the respective group/competition.
- 3) Where 75% or more league games in either group have been played, the following formula shall be used by TOC to determine the table positions for the respective group:

Total number of points earned from the number of games played multiplied by the total number of games supposed to be played divided by the number of games played.

CHAPTER IV PLAYERS

Article 19 Status, Transfer, and Registration of Players

Status

- 1) The status of each player shall be defined by the FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.

Registration

- 2) Players shall only be considered as FUFA Licensed for a season upon being validated by Competitions department on the FUFA e-License Plus electronic registration system or when their licence and

registration forms being signed and stamped by either the Chairman or Secretary of the FCC for that season.

- 3) Registration of players for FUFA Competitions shall be held as specified in the FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 4) Each Club shall register a maximum of 25 players for FUFA Competitions.
- 5) A club may however contract up to 32 players. Players not registered for FUFA Competitions may be loaned to other clubs participating in the Uganda League System or to a club registered with another FIFA MA.
- 6) It is mandatory to sign competition registration documents by a player under contract without any extra consideration outside the contract and any reported contracted player that delays and/or refuses to sign registration documents shall be fined 100 UA by FUFA once investigations confirm the same. Any player found guilty shall be sanctioned by the FDC.

FUFA e-LICENSE PLUS ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM

- 7) Registration of players and officials of the clubs in 1st to 3rd division leagues shall be done under FUFA web-based electronic system called FUFA e-License Plus.
- 8) Each club is obliged to equip club office with system mandatory equipment including a computer or laptop, printer, scanner and internet access.
- 9) Clubs must comply with deadlines set in the system in relation to primary and secondary registration periods.
- 10) Where general system technical failure has been established by FUFA Competitions department, physical submission of player applications shall be done within registration period.
- 11) Provisional player licenses duly approved by the Competitions Manager shall be issued to respective club(s) after system rectification such provisional licenses shall be nullified and permanent license are issued in replacement.
- 12) At the beginning of the season, FUFA Competitions department shall schedule a clubs workshop for all clubs for usage of the system. Any club that fail to attend the workshop shall be charged 150,000UGX for separate training arrangements.
- 13) A club failing to register players as a result of incompetence to use the system shall be charged 100,000UGX upon submission alternative hardcopy information for immediate assistance by Competitions department.
- 14) Every club must sign and stamp FUFA License plus Data Protection and Compliance Agreement Form to be provided with a link to production system.
- 15) FUFA shall print 25 player licenses, the data fed into system for coaches and officials are for official record purposes for each season.
- 16) In case of loss of the license, replacement shall cost 20,000UGX for each of the player license to be replaced.
- 17) A club shall be fined 100,000UGX for filling false information or false attachments; in addition FCC may impose other punitive measures as deemed necessary.

Transfer

- 18) Players registered by a club shall only be replaced as provided for in the FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.

Playing an ineligible player

- 19) Only FUFA Licensed players shall be eligible to play in FUFA Competitions.

- 20) A Club that fields an ineligible player in a FUFA Competition Match shall lose the match by forfeiture to the opposing team.
- 21) In event that a player is registered with more than one club, irrespective of the MA in which the other club is situated, the club that rightfully owns this player shall not suffer any penalty for double registration. The defaulting club shall lose the match by forfeiture to the opposing team.

FUFA Licensed players' participation in non-FUFA Competitions

- 22) FUFA Licensed Players shall only appear for FUFA authorised competitions upon clearance by FCC and shall not appear for any competition that is not authorised by FUFA. A player registered by a club shall only appear for FUFA authorised competitions at the discretion of the player's club. Any player who contravenes this provision, shall be suspended for two (2) FUFA Competition matches and shall be fined 100 UAs by the FCC.

Players on national team duty

- 1) If a club has at least one (1) player in the national team, the fixtures involving such a club shall be called off three (3) days before and three (3) days after the national team engagement if it is to be played in Uganda. This shall also apply to clubs participating in CAF or CECAFA clubs competitions except where the Club writes to the TOC showing willingness to continue with their fixtures. This communication must reach the FUFA Competitions department at least three (3) days before the fixture date.
- 23) If a club has at least one (1) player in the national team, the fixtures involving such a club shall be called off three (3) days before departure and three (3) days after return of the national team from an engagement outside Uganda. This shall also apply to clubs participating in CAF or CECAFA clubs competitions.
- 24) A club with a player(s) in a national team may request in writing to continue with its fixtures without that player(s) and the respective TOC shall allow the fixture.

Article 20 Cautions and Send-offs

- 1) Cautions and send offs earned in a particular FUFA Competition shall only be served in only that particular FUFA Competition. Extra punishment in addition to the statutory punishment as recommended by the TOC and approved by FCC may be extended to another competition.
 - 2) The TOC may decide on top of the statutory punishment to impose an extra punishment depending on the gravity and/or reoccurrence of the matter.
 - 3) All cards (cautions and send-offs) shown to players from dismissed/dissolved clubs shall remain in force till fully served as per the rules.
 - 4) All cards (cautions and send-offs) shown to players from abandoned and/or uncompleted matches shall remain in force till fully served as per the rules.
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- 5) If a club/team accumulates four (4) or more cautions and/or send-offs served within a single match, it shall pay a fine of 50 UAs to the TOC. In event that the fine is not paid, such players shall be ineligible to play in consequent matches irrespective of the number of cautions so far earned.
 - 6) A player sent off the field of play must be confined in the dressing room or in any other appropriate place behind the perimeter fence until the match is concluded.
 - 7) Sanctions earned out of send-offs cannot be served by serving sanctions for accumulation of cautions.
 - 8) A player who accumulates three (3) bookings (cautions) in a league competition shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next one physically played match.
 - 9) A player who accumulates two (2) bookings (cautions) in a mini league, mixed-format and knock-out competition shall automatically become an ineligible player for the one next physically played match.

- 10) A player who is sent-off the field of play (Send-off) by accumulating two (2) bookings (cautions) during the same league competition match or directly sent off the field of play during a league competition match shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next two (2) physically played matches
- 11) A player who is sent-off the field of play (Send-off) by accumulating two (2) bookings (cautions) during the same mini league, mixed-format and knock-out competition match or directly sent off the field of play during a mini league, mixed-format and knock-out competition match shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next one (1) physically played match.
- 12) Provision (8 to 11) above excludes matches that where not physically played where outcomes are decided by FCC or any other FUFA Judicial body as a result of contravention of these rule by any club.
- 13) The player shall remain ineligible for the match(es) until a suspension as stipulated above is served.
- 14) Send-offs earned in a league competition or in a promotion mixed-format or mini league competition but not served in the season they are earned, they shall automatically be carried forward to the next season competition even if the player changes clubs or his club is promoted or demoted to another league.
- 15) Send-offs and Cautions earned in preliminary and/or qualification stages of a cup competition shall be served in the knock-out stage of the competition.
- 16) Send-offs earned in a knock-out competition but not served in the season they are earned, they shall automatically be carried forward to the next season competition even if the player changes clubs.
- 17) Cautions earned but not served in one season shall not be carried to the following season.

CHAPTER V MATCH OFFICIATION

Article 21 Match officials

- 1) The match officials will comprise of Match Commissioner, Match Referee Assessor, Match Security Officer, Centre Referee, First Assistant Referee, Second Assistant Referee, and Fourth Official. In event of the absence of any of them, the present team shall still be considered the match officials.
- 2) The TOC may appoint a match commissioner who shall be the official TOC representative at the match. His report (Form F203) shall be considered as one of the official reports of a match.
- 3) In absence of a match commissioner, the referee assessor will perform the duties of the match commissioner and shall compile both reports for referee assessor Form F202 and Match commissioner Form F203.
- 4) All FUFA Competitions matches shall be officiated by only referees and assistant referees fully registered with the FRSC for the current season.
- 5) FRSC shall manage appointment of match assessors and referees for all FUFA Competitions and FUFA authorised Competitions in accordance with FUFA referees manual
- 6) FRSC shall appoint match assessors and referees for the Uganda Cup, Elite league and FBL. FRSC may however delegate its match assessors and referees appointment responsibilities to a referees standing committee of a FRA for their respective competitions.
- 7) FRSC shall appoint a number of match assessors and referees for all FUFA authorised competitions. Such a list of appointed referees shall be passed onto the TOC of the FUFA Authorised Competition and no other referee not on that list shall be used for that particular competition unless in unavoidable circumstances as shall be approved by FRSC. An FRSC named representative (s) shall be included on the FUFA authorised competitions match assessors and referees appointing sub-committee.
- 8) FRSC may delegate its responsibilities in Rule 21(7) above to the referees standing committee of a FRA FUFA authorised competitions in their respective competitions.

- 9) At the beginning of the season, FRSC shall categorise match assessors and referees for various FUFA Competitions. Such Categorisation shall be approved by FCC but in event of any disagreement the FUFA Executive Committee shall give the final approval on the list.
- 10) FUFA Competitions matches shall be officiated by appointed match officials in the following descending priority order; Centre Referee, First Assistant Referee, Second Assistant Referee, and Fourth Official. Where any of the above official(s) is(are) absent, the next present official(s) in the same priority order shall take over the higher vacant responsibility(ies)
- 11) In event that that only two (2) of the appointed referees by the FRSC are present and a number of League listed referees are present, the match commissioner if available, shall request for the consent of both clubs on the referee to be appointed. In event of failure to agree by both clubs and/or presence of only one (1) League listed referee, the match commissioner shall appoint the referee, with or without the consent of one or both of the clubs. This shall be specified in the referees report.
- 12) In event all the above cannot be applied, the match shall be postponed to a future day set by the TOC
- 13) Referees and Commissioners shall send;
 - a) SMS messages to TOC central telephone number indicating the fulltime scores, scorers, players cautioned and sent-off and big incidents if any immediately after the match
 - b) A fax of a short-form (Form F205) match report to the TOC central fax number indicating the fulltime scores, scorers, players cautioned and sent-off and big incidents if any immediately after the match. Any match official who fails to comply with this provision shall be fined 50 UAs which shall be paid before he officiates another FUFA Competition match
 - c) A detailed match report to the TOC and a copy to the match assessors and referees appointing authority within 48 hours from the date and time of the match. Any match official who fails to comply with this provision shall be fined 100 UAs which shall be paid before he officiates another league/competition match
- 14) The TOC may decline to utilise a match official appointed by the FRSC or its designee on established sub-standard performance, bias, indiscipline or other explainable reason for a FUFA Competition. Such decline shall be communicated in writing to the FRSC

Match Officials Disciplinary Matters:

- 15) Match Officials technical offenses shall mean errors on interpretation and application of the FIFA laws of the game. Such technical offenses shall be adjudged by the FRSC and appeals shall be made to the FDC and higher judicial units as the case may be
- 16) Match Officials non-technical offenses shall mean offenses committed by match officials that are not technical. Such non-technical offenses shall be adjudged by the TDC and appeals shall be made to the FDC and higher judicial units as the case may be.
- 17) Any match official who is proved to have knowingly or unknowingly incorrectly reported incidents about a match he officiated shall be liable to disciplinary action by the FDC.
- 18) Any Club refusing to play their match due to that Club's objection to any match official appointed as specified in these rules shall lose the match by forfeiture to the opposing Club.
- 19) It shall be punishable to delay a match and/or to protest against the appointment of a referee in a manner that hinders the progress of a match that has already started. Any individual or club who contravenes this provision shall be fined 50 UAs.

Article 22 Substitutions

- 1) Substitutions of up to three (3) players shall be allowed from the list of up to twelve (12) reserves handed to the Referee before commencement of the match.

- 2) If the number of reserves is more than seven (7), two (2) of the twelve (12) reserves shall be goal keepers.

Article **23** Duration of Matches

- 1) Any adult FUFA Competition match shall be played for forty-five minutes each half, but shorter duration's of not less than thirty five minutes each half may be played where a justifiable reason in the opinion of the referee exists. Explanation of the circumstance and reason for playing any FUFA Competition match for less than 45 minutes shall be included in the report.
- 2) In case a match is abandoned as a result of force majeure for any reason after it has already kicked off, the match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full.
- 3) The following principles shall apply to the recommencement of the match:
 - a) The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned;
 - b) No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
 - c) The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
 - d) Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
 - e) Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
 - f) The kick off time, date (foreseen for the following day) and location shall be decided by the TOC;
 - g) Any matters requiring further decision shall be dealt with by the respective TOC.
- 4) Under-age FUFA Competitions Rules shall specify the duration of the matches.
- 5) All matches shall have half time intervals not exceeding fifteen minutes.

Article **24** Laws of the Game

- 1) FUFA Competitions matches shall be played in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the game.

CHAPTER VI MATCH ORGANISATION

Article **25** Fixtures Management and fulfilment

- 1) The fixtures and their management shall be a preserve of the TOC and shall be stipulated in the respective competition rules.
- 2) In order to effectively manage the football calendar all fixtures for all FUFA authorized and/organized competitions shall be approved the FUFA CEO or an officer designated by the FUFA CEO.
- 3) A club failing to turn up for any league/competition match shall submit a written explanation to the TOC within forty eight hours (excluding Sundays and public holidays) from the date of the match.
- 4) A club that fails to submit a written explanation as provided for in Rule 25(3) above shall be demoted as provided for in Rules 25(7) and 25(8) below.
- 5) In respect of Rule 25(4) above, lack of finances shall not be considered an acceptable reason by the TOC.

- 6) If the TOC or any other judicial body accepts such explanation, the TOC may refix the match and may direct the defaulting club to reimburse such expenses as computed by the TOC.
 - 7) If such explanation is not accepted, the defaulting club shall be fined by the TOC and shall in addition:
 - a) lose the match by forfeiture and shall be docked six (6) points and six (6) goals from those already accumulated in event that the defaulting club is the home club;
 - b) lose the match by forfeiture and shall be docked three (3) points and three (3) goals from those already accumulated in event that the defaulting club is the away club.
 - 8) Any club in a league format that does not turn up for three (3) fixtures in a season and their explanation, under Art 25(4), is not accepted in all the three(3) incidences shall be:
 - a) Demoted to the respective FRL if the defaulting club plays in the Elite league;
 - b) Demoted to the respective DFA 4th Division if the defaulting club plays in the FBL;
 - c) Demoted to the respective DFA 5th Division if the defaulting club plays in the FRL;
 - d) Suspended from the FUFA league system for one (1) sub sequent season if the defaulting club plays in the DFA 4th Division League; and
 - e) Suspended from the FUFA league system for two (2) sub sequent seasons if the defaulting club plays in the DFA 5th Division League.
 - 9) If a club withdraws or is dismissed /demoted from a competition of the league format when it has played less than 50% of the league, the results involving the withdrawn or dismissed club shall be nullified.
 - 10) If at the time of withdrawal the club has played 50% and above of the league, the results of the first round shall be sustained while all the results of matches in the second round shall be nullified.
 - 11) In case of withdraw and/or deliberate refusal to honour engagements the club may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 2) When death of a registered club player(s) or a registered club official(s) occurs;
 - (a) All players in matches organised and sanctioned by FUFA in that week shall wear black arm bands and may observe a minute of silence before kick-off.
 - (b) If death occurs more than 48 hours to the scheduled kick-off time and burial is not on the date of the match, the match shall be played as scheduled
 - (c) If death occurs less than 48 hours but more than 18 hours to the scheduled kick-off time, the affected club may request the TOC in writing to postpone the match. Such communication must be submitted to the TOC at least 18 hours to kick off
 - 3) Unless a tragedy causing death of a number of team players, no match shall be postponed when communication referenced in Rule G3 (c) above is received by FUFA Competitions department less than 18 hours to kick-off.
 - 4) FUFA Competitions department shall communicate the postponement where applicable in respect to this clause in the shortest time possible to the opponent club and other parties of the match crew.
 - 5) Where burial of a FUFA executive or TOC member is taking place on the day of the match, TOC will inform the affected clubs of the postponement within 18 hours before the burial.

Article 26 Match Day Events

Before Game Time

- 1) FCC may require certain specific FUFA Competition matches to have a pre-match meeting for Match officials, Participating Clubs, Stadium Management and the TOC. FCC and FUFA Security Committee shall advise on such FUFA Competition Matches.

- 2) It shall be the obligation of clubs to reach out to club fans of any communication regarding the ticket prices and match schedules and any changes thereof.

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) No FUFA Licensed Coach shall be entered as a team medic of the team sheet. Any person entered as a team medic shall not have been licensed by FUFA as a coach for the last two years and shall not be licensed by FUFA as a coach for the two years after the said match.
- 5) A club shall be allowed to field a maximum of four (4) foreign players in any one FUFA Competition Match.
- 6) It shall be the responsibility of the TOC and the home club to manage and enforce fair play, protocol, hospitality, sponsors obligations, stadium access control, security and safety. Various minimum standards responsibilities and obligations may be specified in the rules of the respective FUFA Competition or through various circular correspondences between FUFA, TOC and the Home Club for particular matches.

Article 27 Inspection of Licences

- 1) There shall always be an inspection of the licenses by the Captains of each club supervised by the referee before the kick off of the matches. All players' licenses must be presented by the club officials. A player(s) whose license cannot be presented by club officials at the time of inspection, shall be ineligible to play in the respective FUFA Competition Match and the respective club officials shall consequently delete the players name from the match sheet.
- 2) All player licenses shall be as described in Rule 19(2) of these rules.
- 3) In event that all the player licenses are missing;
 - a) if the defaulting club is the visiting team, a photograph of the entire team together with the captain of the opposing team and the day's centre referee shall be taken at the arrangement and expense of the defaulting team and submitted to the TOC within 48 hours together with a fine of 200 UAs.
 - b) The club that defaults in application of Rule 27(3)(a) in totality shall lose the match by forfeiture.
 - c) If the team defaulting rule 27(3) is the home team, the match shall not be played that team shall lose the match by forfeiture on top of a fine of 400 UAs.
 - d) Rule 27(3) shall apply in case both teams did not have licenses but both teams shall be fined

Article 28 Security of Persons and Property

- 1) It shall be the duty of the home team to ensure that adequate security and safety arrangements are made for the match crew and their property and that of the spectators. If the ground requires security protection to prevent spectators from interfering with the game it shall be the duty of the home club to provide such security and if proved not provided, the referee shall not start the game, the home club shall lose the match by forfeiture.
- 2) If security has been assessed as adequate and violence erupts thereafter, absence of security shall not be presented as defence for responsibility of the ensuing crowd violence.
- 3) Where it is proved that individual spectators behaved violently, the clubs to which they belong shall not be penalized for individual acts if such clubs present the violent persons to the FCC within seven (7) days from the date of requesting by the FCC.
- 4) The Home Club shall name the club security attaché who will work hand in hand with the FUFA Security Committee or its designee.

- 5) The FUFA security committee or its designee will advise the TOC of the minimum level of security required at least three (3) days before each competition match.
 - 6) The TOC will formally communicate to the club this minimum requirement and the club security attaché will be required to arrange accordingly.
 - 7) Before kick-off, security adequacy shall be assessed by the following personnel in order of presence;
 - a) Agent from FUFA security committee
 - b) Match Commissioner
 - c) Match Assessor
 - d) Referees
 - 8) The details of management of the security at matches shall be detailed in the respective TOC Rules
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Article 29 Colours, Jerseys and Strips

- 1) Each club shall register two (2) sets of shirts, shorts, and stockings for home and away matches. Each club shall use its registered home set while playing at home but, if in the opinion of the Referee, the sets of both teams are similar in colours or clash, the visiting team shall change to their registered home sets or any other set that removes the clash.
- 2) Other details about the Club Jerseys and Strips shall be specified in the respective FUFA Competition Rules.

CHAPTER VII JUDICIAL PROVISIONS

Article 30 Judicature

- 1) TOC disputes, protests, petitions, complaints, and appeals shall be handled by the judicial units as specified in the FUFA Compliance Declaration (Form F901) and these rules;
 - (a) Referee
 - (b) TOC
 - (c) FUFA Competitions Committee (not applicable to and FBL)
 - (d) FUFA Disciplinary Committee
 - (e) FUFA Appeals Committee
 - (f) A judicial unit higher than the FUFA Appeals committee as specified in the FUFA Statutes
- 2) Decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the results of the match, are final.
- 3) Infringement of FUFA Rules shall be managed by the FUFA Judicial Process.
- 4) Infringement of TOC Rules shall be managed by the TOC Judicial Process.
- 5) An offence shall be any violation of FUFA Rules knowingly or unknowingly by persons and institutions involved in the League or competition authorized and/or organized by FUFA.
- 6) If in the process of investigations, any of the judicial unit(s) finds any FUFA Competitions entity to have contravened with these rules or any other rules as reported or as investigations may reveal, these these or any other rules shall be evoked as the case may be but in any case shall not alter the results of any match that was played more than seven (7) days before the findings and in such a case, an alternative disciplinary action by the judicial unit(s) shall be applied to the defaulting entity.

PROCEDURE OF REGISTERING PROTESTS, PETITION, DEFENCE, COMPLAINTS, AND APPEAL

- 1) Protest shall mean intent to petition infringement of these regulations that may require evidence of the instance (photographs, audio and video bytes)
- 2) For an infringement of these rules that require instant evidence for a particular match, such match shall be played under protest and for a match to be played under protest, the protest must be registered with the Match Commissioner, or in his absence, with the Centre Referee before the match kick off. Any protest raised during the match shall be null and void
- 3) Petition shall mean a formal and/or written follow up of a protest and for a protest to stand, a petition shall be filed with the TOC upon payment of 200 UAs and only within 48 (Forty eight) hours after the match. Any petition logged outside this regulatory period shall be null and void.
- 4) Complaint shall mean a formal and written infringement of these regulations that may not require evidence of the instance and has no consequence on a result of a match already played. A complaint shall be filed with the SVP seven (7) days before or after the incident of rules infringement.
- 5) Any complaint by a club against a match official shall be forwarded to the FUFA.
- 6) Depending on the merit of the complaint, the FUFA Competent bodies shall conduct investigations and actions, such a match official (s) may not officiate any in Match of respective competition until the matters are concluded.
- 7) Appeal shall mean a formal and written expression of discontent with a decision of any of the judicial units to a higher judicial unit
- 8) All appeals shall be made in writing to the next judicial body within forty- eight (48) hours from the date of receipt of the decision of the judicial unit by the concerned party. Such appeal shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of 200 UAs.
- 9) Failure to log an appeal within forty-eight (48) hours from date of receipt of the decision shall mean acceptance of the decision.
- 10) Appeal to final appellant body the FUFA Appeals Committee shall be determined within 30 days and its decision shall be final.
- 11) Any official, Coach, player or fan of a Club who causes to be published in the media or makes a statement to the media, on a matter of appeal or hearing before the any of the Judicial Units, shall be subjected to disciplinary action by FUFA and the judicial unit may consequently nullify the petition, complain or appeal.

PROCEDURE OF CHARGING, INVESTIGATIONS AND FILING DEFENCE

- 12) The procedure to enforce football regulations and administer football justice in accordance with these regulations and other football regulations in the bounds of the TOCs shall be as detailed here below;
 - (a) Upon notice of contravention of competition Rules by the TOC, the TOC shall charge the offender for contravention of the rules and shall ask the offender to file defence in seven (7) days.
 - (b) When a competition entity (offended) notices infringement of League/Cup Rules or FCR by another competition entity (offender), the offended shall file a protest as provided in these regulations to FUFA and shall serve the offender with a copy of the protest. If FUFA confirms contravention of League/Cup Rules or FCR by the offender, it shall charge the defaulting party for contravention of the rules and shall ask the party to file defence in seven (7) days.
 - (c) In respect of Rule H10a and H10b above, the defaulting party may choose to file a defence and failure to file defence in the specified time shall be considered acceptance of the charge.
 - (d) If the defaulting party chooses to file a defence, the party shall serve FUFA with a written defence and the FUFA Competent body shall adjudicate and rule on the charge. The FUFA Competent

Body may invite and interrogate persons and institutions/departments to assist in establishing the facts about the charge.

- 13) If in the process of investigations, any of the Judicial units finds any competition entity to have contravened with the League/Cup Rules or FCR as reported or as the investigations may reveal, these rules shall be evoked as the case may be but in any case shall not alter the results of any match that was played more than seven (7) days before the findings and in such a case, an alternative disciplinary action by the judicial unit shall be applied to the defaulting entity.
- 14) In cases of high magnitude that require long investigations and turf sanctions, the FCC shall forward them to FDC.

EVIDENCES AND WITNESSES

- 15) The following evidences may be considered if requested for by any of the judicial units;
 - (a) Still photographs
 - (b) Audio
 - (c) Photocopies of valid documents
- 16) The following evidences shall be considered by any of the judicial units
 - (a) FCC Registration documents
 - (b) Original copies of valid documents
 - (c) Un edited Video of the action
 - (d) Witnesses of persons of authority at events of dispute
 - (e) Any other as may be agreed upon by the relevant judicial unit
- 17) The relevant judicial unit reserves the authority to scrutinize and approve or dismiss any of the evidence defined in 14 and 15 above basing on authenticity.
- 18) Any party presenting false evidence shall be liable to disciplinary as per section L of these regulations

ARBITRATION

- 19) Where there is no infringement of these regulations, two (2) FUFA competition entities in dispute may opt for arbitration by each party appointing an arbitrator and TOC appointing the third arbitrator for to make a panel of three (3) . The decision of the arbitrators shall be binding to all and shall be final

COMPLIANCE

- 20) At point of registration, Compliance Declaration Form F901 will be filled by the club. No club shall be registered without filling and submission of F901.

Article 31 Occurrences

- 1) For the first occurrence of an offence, the fine shall be equal to 1.0 x fine stipulated
 - 2) For the second occurrence of the same offence, the fine shall be equal to 1.5 x fine stipulated
 - 3) For the third occurrence of the same offence, the fine shall be equal to 2.5 x fine stipulated
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Article 32 Proof of Offence

- 1) Incidents included in the match reports shall be considered as proof for committing indicated offences unless proved otherwise by other tangible evidence.
- 2) Video records shall be considered as proof for committing offences as portrayed in such videos.
- 3) Still photo records may be considered as proof for committing offences as depicted.

- 4) Sound bytes may be considered as proof for committing offences as heard.
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Article 33 Disciplinary Options

- 1) The respective bodies shall implement the fines and sanctions as stipulated in these rules for the offences they are set.
- 2) Where specific disciplinary action has not been specified in these rules, the respective judicial unit shall appropriately impose one or more of the following disciplinary actions to the offending party
 - a) Caution, warning, reprimand
 - b) Administer appropriate monetary fines
 - c) Return of awards
 - d) Match suspension
 - e) Ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench
 - f) Ban from entering a stadium
 - g) Ban on taking part in any specific football competition activity
 - h) Playing a match without spectators
 - i) Playing a match on neutral territory
 - j) Ban on playing in a particular stadium
 - k) Annulment of the result of a match
 - l) Deduction of points
 - m) Social work
- 3) In addition to the above only the FDC may impose the following disciplinary actions
 - a) Transfer ban
 - b) Exclusion from competition
 - c) Demotion to the next lower division
 - d) Suspension from taking part in any organised football activity
 - e) Ban on taking part in any organised football activity
- 4) Where applicable Each TOC shall appoint a FIB as a sub-committee to manage Disciplinary matters called TDC. The members of the TDC shall not exceed 5 and shall be composed of persons of high integrity, not members of the respective TOC and not known members of participating clubs.
- 5) The TDC shall report to the TOC.
- 6) As per (4) above, and for the Elite league and FCC as TOC, the TDC shall be chaired by a person with legal background.
- 7) Members of the TDC may only leave their office under the following circumstances;
 - a) Resignation, death or conviction for a period of more than 6 months
 - b) Being away from the Uganda for a period of more than 6 months
 - c) Proven failure to attend to duty
 - d) On expiry of a term of office
 - e) On proven exhibition of impartiality in the process executing the members duty
- 8) Where any member of the TDC considers themselves impartial, he/she shall excuse himself/herself from a particular matter.
- 9) Appeal shall mean a formal and written expression of discontent with a decision of any of the judicial units to a higher judicial unit.
- 10) All appeals shall be made in writing to the AB within forty- eight (48) hours from the date of receipt of the decision of the judicial unit by the concerned party. Such appeal shall be accompanied by a fee of 200 UAs. 80% of this fee shall be refunded in event that the AB rules in favour of the appealing party.

- 11) Appeals to decisions made by the FIB of the Elite league and FCC shall be made to the FDC and Appeals of decisions of the FDC shall be made to the FAC. FAC decision shall be final.
- 12) Any official, Coach, player or fan of a Club who causes to be published in the media or makes a statement to the media, on a matter of appeal or hearing before the any of the Elite league Judicial Unit, shall be subjected to disciplinary action by the FIB. The AB may decide not to proceed with the matter if the defaulting party is the appealing party.
- 13) The appeal shall be made of the decisions of the FIB to a higher judicial unit. The FIB shall be expected to defend their decision before the higher Judicial Unit.
- 14) In order to enforce and ensure justice, the Rules and Judicial Process shall be required to operate a disciplinary code with Specification of offences and penalties and Compliant with FUFA Disciplinary Code.
- 15) The entire judicial process shall ensure:
 - a) Rapid and impartial implementation
 - b) Strict adherence to rules
 - c) Strict application of penalties
 - d) Independence
 - e) Reward for Fair-play
- 16) Clubs shall be required to submit copies of their Codes of Conduct to FUFA. Any disciplinary action taken by the clubs on registered player(s), registered official(s), and registered employees shall be communicated to FUFA C.E.O immediately they are imposed for attention of FUFA judicial units.
- 17) FUFA Judicial units shall decide on whether the sanction take a nationwide effect and where necessary contact CAF or FIFA for a world wide effect.

Doping

- 18) All doping, forgery, fraud, bribery and match-fixing disciplinary matters regarding football competitions managed or authorised by FUFA at any football competition level shall be handled by no other body but the FDC that shall investigate and rule on the matter. This provision supersedes any other provisions of these rules on same matter.
- 19) An individual, player(s), match official(s), club employee(s), club official(s), club technical personnel(s) proven guilty of doping, forgery or fraud or bribery or match-fixing or any combination of these, shall be suspended for two (2) years from administering/playing FUFA Competitions or FUFA Authorised Competitions. Where appropriate and upon clearance by the FUFA Legal Committee, FUFA may cause police investigations and may seek redress in courts of law.
- 20) A club proven guilty of doping or forgery or fraud or bribery or match-fixing or any combination of these, shall be demoted to the lower league or may be banned from subsequent FUFA Competitions for a specified period.

Article 34 Offences and Disciplinary Actions

Physical Attacks

- 1) Any match crew member at a FUFA Competition match physically attacks another member of the match crew or a spectator, on top of damage costs as may be applied, shall be suspended from association football activities for three hundred and sixty five (365) days and shall be fined 500 UAs
- 2) Any Spectator while in attendance of a FUFA Competition match verbally attacks a member of the match crew on top of any other sanctions and costs as may be applied, shall be fined 500 UAs before he shall be allowed to attend FUFA Competition Matches again and where appropriate may be referred to police

Verbal Attacks

- 3) Any member of the Match Crew at a FUFA Competition match who verbally attacks another member of the match crew or a spectator on top of any other sanctions and costs as may be applied, shall be fined 300 UAs
- 4) Any Spectator while in attendance of a FUFA Competition match verbally attacks a member of the match crew on top of any other sanctions and costs as may be applied, shall be fined 300 UAs before he shall be allowed to attend FUFA Competition Matches again and where appropriate may be referred to police

Game into disrepute

- 5) Any club, club official, club employee, member of standing committees, player, match official, who is proved to have acted in a manner that brings the game of football in disrepute, shall be fined not less than 200 UAs depending on the gravity of the matter

Crowd Violence

- 6) Any person who incites the public by comments, gestures, and actions into violence while in attendance of a FUFA Competitions Match, on top of damage costs as may be applied, shall be declared persona non grata at FUFA Competitions Matches for three hundred and sixty five (365) days, shall be fined 500 UAs and may be handed over to the police for prosecution in courts of law.
- 7) Matches not completed because of crowd interference shall be decided upon as provided for in the respective TOC Rules.

Failure to continue with Play

- 8) When some or all the players of a club walk off the field of play such that remaining players are less than seven (7) while the referee's decision is to continue with play, that club shall be deemed to have lost the match by forfeiture to the opposing team. The club shall be fined not less than 300 UAs
- 9) When the number of players of a club in A FUFA Competition match that are able to continue with play is less than seven (7) because of injuries or whatever reasons yet substitutions have been exhausted or are not available, that club shall be deemed to have lost the match by forfeiture to the opposing team.

Failure to professionally declare or falsification of match proceeds

- 10) Any club or person that is proved to have wholly or partially failed to declare or is proved to have tampered with the finances reports figures contrary shall be liable to disciplinary action by the FDC

Enforcing these regulations

- 11) All clubs shall be obliged to implement disciplinary measures and decision passed by any of the FUFA Competitions judicial units upon their players, staff, fans and officials in totality. Failure to comply will subject a fine of 100 UAs to the club and this shall not relieve the intended recipient of the punishment.
- 12) If a club uses a banned official, such club shall lose the match by forfeiture to the opposing team no matter whether any club lodged a complaint/protest or not. The club shall also be fined 300 UAs for this act.

Club demotion, dissolution, and dismissal

- 13) Club official(s) who cause the club to be demoted, dissolved or banned as a result of misconduct shall be banned for a period of three (3) years.
- 14) Club players(s) who cause the club to be demoted, dissolved or banned as a result of misconduct shall be ineligible to play in ten (10) physically played matches in any of the FUFA Competitions referred to in Art 2(9).

CHAPTER VIII FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

Article **35** Finance

- 1) Each TOC shall pay to FUFA 5% of its gross gate collection. It shall be the obligation of the TOC to file gross amount received for the various matches and submit to FUFA the records and make the payment every quarter of each calendar year

- 2) Each TOC shall pay to FUFA 1% of any commercial and media revenue for any FUFA Competition and FUFA Authorised Competition. It shall be the obligation of the TOC to make the payment every time such revenue is received by the TOC
- 3) FUFA shall charge 5% of the Transfer Fees for all players who need to be issued with or request for an ITC for their inbound and outbound transfer
- 4) Any entity that requires information from the FUFA Secretariat shall pay a search fee of Shs 10,000 (Shillings ten thousands only) per item requested for.
- 5) FUFA shall set other statutory fees as will be included in the various circular communications from time to time.
- 6) Only FUFA Licensed Match Agents shall be authorised to buy rights of organising football matches. Any TOC or Club that sells its match rights to Match Agents without a FUFA License shall be fined 5,000 UA and results from such matches shall be null and void.
- 7) The FUFA or FRSC shall raise monthly invoices for Elite league, FBL and Uganda Cup Match Officials Costs to the TOC.
- 8) FUFA shall by circular communicate to the TOC the minimum allowances and facilitation costs for the Match officials for the various FUFA Competitions.
- 9) It is the responsibility of the TOC to obtain funds for the payment of Match Officials Costs. The TOC may obtain a part or all such funds from the participating clubs.
- 10) Members of the match crew will be entitled to free access to the stadium.

Article 36 Financial Reporting of TOC

- 1) Each TOC shall submit the projections of Income and Expenditure and shall also submit a copy of the audited books of account to FUFA or its designee.

Article 37 Powers to Deduct

- 1) If any Club or Relegated Club (“the debtor Club”) fails to make any payment due to any creditor of the description set out in Rule 37(2) below, upon being reasonably satisfied to that effect, the TOC and/or FUFA shall be empowered to deduct or direct another arm of Football entity in the jurisdiction of FUFA to deduct the amount in instalments or wholesomely of any such payment from any funds that the debtor club is entitled to and immediately pays the same to the creditor to which the amount is due.
- 2) The creditors to which Rule 37(1) applies are:
 - a) CECAFA, CAF & FIFA and any other parties owed by participation in international competitions
 - b) Another Club in the Uganda League System
 - c) FUFA
 - d) TOC
 - e) FCC
 - f) FUFA RFA
 - g) FUFA DFA
 - h) Any Associated Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking of the Club
 - i) Individuals or companies proven to have provided football related services and/or goods to a club

CHAPTER IX MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP

Media Rights

- 1) The media rights of all FUFA Competition Clubs shall be amalgamated with the respective TOC media rights to form the FUFA Competition Media Rights. No club shall thereafter own individual club media rights.
- 2) FUFA or the TOC shall trade the FUFA Competition media rights to a RH on behalf of FUFA and all clubs comprising the competitions at agreeable terms with the clubs. In case of the elite league, This provision does not apply for the elite league.
- 3) FUFA or the TOC (as the case may be) and the clubs shall thereafter sign a MOU that shall be binding throughout the term of sale of rights and such MOU shall stipulate the rights, obligations and benefits of all parties.
- 4) For avoidance of doubt, Rule 38(1) shall not apply for the case of Uganda Cup and any other competition as FUFA may decide as the participating clubs may not be known at all times. In such cases, the media rights shall belong to FUFA and upon FUFA's discretion; it (FUFA) may share such revenue with the clubs in an equitable or such agreeable manner.

Commercial Rights

- 5) TOC commercial rights shall include the following:
 - a) Competition Title and trademarks Designation Rights
 - b) Use of Competition Trophy
 - c) Use of composite clubs logos
 - d) Compound use of four (4) or more players from four (4) or more clubs
 - e) Advertising at the right hand sleeve of each player in action
 - f) Branding TOC vehicles, publications and stationery
 - g) Production and sale of respective FUFA Competition branded materials
 - h) Exclusivity of sale of services and/or products at FUFA Competition events
 - i) Branding of the TOC ICT infrastructure
 - j) Branding at TOC Press Conferences
- 6) Club commercial rights shall include the following:
 - a) Branding of club sports gear inclusive of the chest of the shirt
 - b) Advertising at the training pitch of the club
 - c) Branding at Club ICT infrastructure
 - d) Allocated Pitch boards at respective FUFA Competition Matches
 - e) Branding Club vehicles, publications and Stationery
 - f) Use of Competition Trophy by the current Champion Club
 - g) Production and sale of Club branded merchandise
 - h) Branding of Stadium (if owned/leased by Club). This does not include the pitch boards
 - i) Branding at Club Press Conferences
 - j) Compound use of two (2) or more club players. For a club to use a single player, there must exist an understanding between the club and the player on the sharing of the proceeds
- 7) FUFA shall define commercial rights not listed here to belong to clubs or to the TOC from time to time as need may arise.
- 8) Parties shall be required to only trade commercial properties that belong to them. Where a group of club commercial properties has to be traded by FUFA or the TOC, the clubs written consent shall be sought prior to trading
- 9) Clubs shall reserve the right to acquire their own sponsorship provided that such sponsorship shall not in any way infringe with the earlier MOUs, contracts and agreements in place and recognised by the TOC or FUFA.
- 10) Such sponsorship contracts when concluded shall be immediately filed with the FUFA CEO.

- 11) For avoidance of doubt, contractual provisions of older contracts will prevail over contractual provisions of newer contracts in event of any clashes of clauses. FUFA shall enforce this provision in event of any disputes arising.
- 12) It shall be mandatory for each club to fulfil all FUFA Competitions promotions strategies as required by the club sponsor, TOC, FUFA and/or RH.

CHAPTER X FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 39 Bye-Laws

- 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 FUFA Competition
 - 2) Such bye-laws shall not be enforceable until they have been approved by the FUFA CEO in writing
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Article 40 FUFA Circulars

- 1) From time to time, FUFA may issue circulars to clarify or even amend any content of these rules and the circular content shall supersede the content of these rules. Clarifications of the existing rules may be communicated before, during or after any incident and they may be used for the particular incident while amendments will only come into force after they are issued.
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Article 41 Matters not provided for

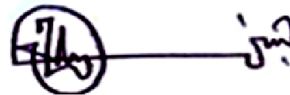
- 1) All matters not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the FUFA executive committee.
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Article 42 Declaration

FUFA declares that these are the FUFA Competitions Rules that shall be used for the 2014/15 Season. These rules come into force upon being signed as provided bellow. Unless amended, these regulations shall remain in force.



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Eng Moses Magogo
FUFA PRESIDENT



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Mr. Edgar Watson
FUFA CEO