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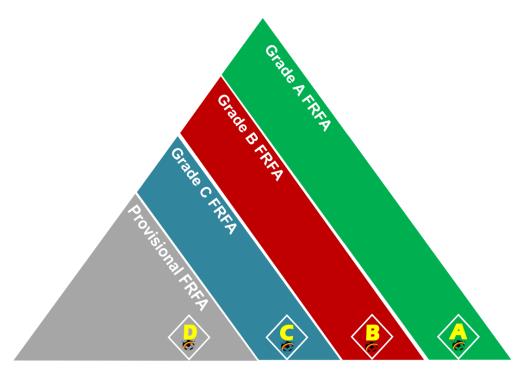
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# REGULATIONS ON LICENSING OF FOOTBALL ACADEMIES



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#### **FUFA President Foreword**



Ugandan football has been undergoing revolutionalisation to regain and surpass its previous heights and in the recent past FUFA has been undergoing strategic reforms in various areas of focus as detailed in the FUFA Strategic Plan and the consequent sporting and business results are premeditated.

In order to achieve our vision through our mission, development of the entire human resource behind the game cannot be emphasized enough. Player development is consequently very strategic and a core activity for the future.

It is on this basis that FUFA decided to deregister all football academies and there is a requirement for all those institutions and individuals interested in operating football schools (academies) to apply to FUFA for the License. It is also going to be a requirement to participate and organise youth football competition to obtain a competition license from FUFA

FUFA has also developed a player development curriculum which will be a mandatory syllabus in the player overall education and development.

In addition to the mandatory requirements, the licensees will be graded as evaluated depending on the following criteria;

- i) Infrastructure, Facilities and Equipment
- ii) Governance

- iii) Administration and Personnel
- iv) Sporting
- v) Finance

It is our objective that licensed academies will share with FUFA the data about their players which will be recorded in the FUFA master player database and each player issued with a unique number. This will help to capture the proper bio data inclusive of the age for the players at the right time and also provide FUFA with records for player training compensation of all the academies the player went through from the age of 12 years as provided for in the FIFA and FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of the Players.

It is paramount and strategic that all professional clubs operate proper academies and engage in the FUFA Youth Competitions. It will not only provide quality players with the club culture inculcated in them but also a possible source of revenue to the clubs.

The regulations are also addressing the processes of Authorization for engaging youth players in competitions outside Uganda. The National Council of Sports will require approval of FUFA for immigration clearances and only licensed academies will be authorized to travel with only players registered to them or if permitted by the academies to which they belong.

With improved player identification and development conveyor belt oiled, it will be a matter of time for Ugandan football to achieve our vision thus:

### "To become the number one football nation in Africa on and off the field"

I call upon all the stakeholders to understand this licensing not as an inconvenience or repressive agenda but a tool of development towards producing quality footballers in some of the top most leagues in the world.

It is Our Game, It is Our Country



Eng. Moses Magogo Hassim

#### **Terms and Phrases**

Youth Players; shall mean a young person aged between six (6) and eighteen (18) years old.

**FUFA Youth Coach**; shall mean a FUFA trained grassroots and or youth football educator with a valid renewable license issued upon certification

**Youth Football Competition;** shall mean a competition organized by FUFA or authorized by FUFA into which youth players participate.

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. To provide a platform and an opportunity for young boys and girls (6-18 years) to play football
- 2. To teach football to intending elite footballers
- 3. To inculcate professionalism amongst intending elite football players
- 4. To provide an environment to identify and nurture various talents required for the game of football.
- 5. To provide a safe learning environment leading to self-knowledge on fair play; laws of the game; health and fitness; leadership; tactics through fun
- 6. To safeguard and protect children's' rights.
- 7. Talent identification within the lines of FUFA player development curriculum and recruitment policies will be addressed and elaborated.
- 8. To foster the holistic player development approach through implementing the FUFA player development curriculum

#### **Chapter One: Definitions and Structures**

### FUFA Registered Football Academy Licensing Regulations

#### 1.

The FUFA Registered Football Academy (FRFA) licensing regulations shall be the rules governing licensing of football academies and authorization to organize Youth Football Competitions in Uganda.

#### 2.

These rules shall apply to association football inclusive of beach soccer and futsal for men and women

#### **3.**

These rules shall also govern the authorization of international travels for teams of young players

#### 4.

These rules shall remain in force until amended or replaced by the FUFA Executive Committee

### **2** General Provisions

#### 1.

Only Natural or Legal Person(s) may own a FRFA. A FUFA Registered Club playing in the 1st and 2nd Division League shall operate its football academy under the structures of the Club and consequently the owners of the Club are the Owners of the FRFA

#### 2.

If an entity engages in the training and developing and organizing competitions comprising of young players from a minimum age of 6 years to 18 years then it shall be required to obtain a FRFA License to operate as a FRFA

#### 3.

Any entity that engages in the training, developing and organizing football competitions comprising of young players from a minimum age of 6 years to 18 years without a FRFA License shall not be protected by the provisions of these or any FUFA Rules. Violation of this provision may cause disciplinary sanctions up to refusal to grant a FRFA License

#### 4.

Any person that engages in the training, developing and participating in football competitions undertaken by an entity without a FRFA License shall not be protected by the provisions of these or any FUFA Rules

5.

Where the Applicant is an intending FRFA belonging to a FUFA Registered Football Club in the 1st and 2nd Division League Club, unless specified in these regulations, the Applicant shall submit the same requirements like those of the Parent Football Club

6.

Upon granting of a license, the FRFA management shall be liable for all costs associated to running of the activities related to training, competitions, travel and any other associated costs.

7.

FUFA shall maintain a List of FRFA Academies and will publish the list for the benefit of the public.

### $3_{\text{Scope}}$

1.

These regulations shall establish binding rules and procedure to issuance, rejection to issuance, and regulation of a FRFA License.

2.

A FRFA License shall be issued for a specific period and expires without notice at the end of the term. FUFA may also qualify the same license for other Football Competitions and activities.

### 4 Structures

1

FUFA is the FIFA recognized Member Association mandated to run and oversee all football activities in Uganda.

2.

UYFA is a member association of FUFA responsible for registration and regulations of activities of football academies in accordance with its own statutes and FUFA Statutes and relevant FUFA Rules.

**3.** 

A FRFA shall be an affiliated member of the UYFA

# 5 FUFA Player Development Curriculum

1.

FUFA will issue and manage the FUFA Player Development Curriculum (FPDC)

2.

The FPDC will stipulate the topics and methodologies to be applied to the players in development at various age groups

3.

It is a mandatory requirement for every FUFA Registered Academy to implement the FPDC as it is.

4.

FUFA may conduct Spot-Checks and impromptu visits to FRFAs and any observation of variation from the FPDC may lead to sanctions up to the withdrawal of the FRFA License

#### **Chapter Two: Licensing**

# **6** Application for a License

1.

FRFA License shall mean the authorization and recognition by FUFA to engage in the training, developing and organizing football competitions comprising of young players from a minimum age of 6 years to 18 years

2.

ONLY Natural or Legal Person(s) may own a FRFA

3.

Any entity desirous to operate as a FRFA, hereafter referred to as Applicant shall submit its application to FUFA in accordance with these rules

4.

Entities registered as members of the UYFA are eligible to apply for the FRFA License

5.

The Applicant shall be required to provide the following;

- a) Filled Application Form
- b) Proof of Payment of Application Fee as set by FUFA
- c) Current Membership Certificate from the UYFA
- d) List of Players and their details as required in the relevant forms
- e) List of Coaches, Teachers and managers and their details as required in the relevant forms
- f) Names, Address and Signatures (Natural Persons)/Authorized Signatures (Legal Person(s) of the Owners of the Applicant
- g) Other Licensing requirements as required by these or other FUFA Rules

### **Classes of Licenses**

1.

There shall be 4 classes of FRFA Licenses thus;

- a) Class A;
- b) Class B;
- c) Class C;
- d) Class D (Provisional)
- 2.

A license expires without prior notice at the end of two years for which it was issued.

3.

A license cannot be transferred

4.

<u>Grade A:</u> This shall be the highest grade of the FRFA. The Applicant that is assessed to have **ALL** the mandatory requirements and scores 70 points and above in the Classification criteria shall be issued with FRFA License of Class A

5.

**Grade B:** This shall be the second highest grade of the FRFA. The Applicant that is assessed to have **ALL** the mandatory requirements and scores 60 points and above in the Classification criteria shall be issued with FRFA License of Class B

**6.** 

<u>Grade C:</u> This shall be the third grade of the FRFA. The Applicant that is assessed to have <u>ALL</u> the mandatory requirements and scores 40 Points and above in the Classification criteria shall be issued with FRFA License of Class C

7.

**Grade D (Provisional)**: This shall be the lowest grade of the FRFA. The Applicant that is assessed to have **ALL** the mandatory requirements and scores below 40 Points in the Classification criteria shall be issued with a provisional License of Class D for one (1) year. This is to allow the Applicant fulfill the requirements so as is able to obtain a full license. If after one (1) there is no submission of the requirements to get a full license, the Provisional Class D license will automatically expire

# 8 Entities eligible to operate FRFA

1.

The following entities may apply and FUFA may grant a FRFA License;

- a) 1st Division League Club
- b) 2nd Division League Club
- c) 3rd Division League Club
- d) 4th Division League Club
- e) FUFA
- f) FUFA Regional Football Association
- g) School licensed by the Ministry of Education and Sports
- h) Natural and Legal Persons (These must affiliate to a FUFA Registered Club)

# 9 Scorecard for Grading using Classification Points

1

The Table below will guide on the points allocated for the various classification (non-mandatory) requirements for licensing football academies by FUFA

Points		Item		
15		Governance		
	5	Affiliation to Club		
		5 UPL		
			FBL	
			Other	
	3	Evidence of meetings		
	2	Parents Forum		
	3	Organogram		
	2	Policies		
30		Sport		
	5	_	ty of Coaches	
	3		Agreements	
	3			
	3	Paren	ts' Consent	
	3	Goal	Keeper Training	
	3		ational engagement	
	4	Schoo		
	3	Scout	ing	
	3	Nutrit	ion & Medical	
15		Personnel & Administration		
	3	Office Extra (ICT, Internet, Staff)		
		3	All Three	
		2	Any Two	
		1 Any One		
	4	Fleet		
	2	Filing		
	2	Written History & Profile		
	4	Branding		
		2	Social Media	
		1	Logo	
		1	E-mail Address	
15		Finan		
	3	Book Keeping		
	3	Income & Expenditure Statement		
	2	Audited Book of Accounts		
	3	Cash	Payment Percentage	

	4	Sponsorship		
25		Infrastructure, Facilities & Equipment		
		Training Ground		
	5	Ownership		
		3 Owned		
		2 Leased		
		1 Rented		
	3	Pitch Quality		
	3	Other Sporting Facilities		
		Stadium		
	4	Ownership		
		3 Owned		
		2 Leased		
		1 Rented		
	3	Pitch Quality		
	2	Other Sporting Facilities		
		More		
	3	Sports Gear and Uniforms		
	2	Medical Facilities		

### 10 Issuance of the License

#### 1.

The FUFA Licensing Committee will be the first instance body (FIB) to take the decision to issue or not issue a FRFA License on behalf of FUFA

#### 2.

The FUFA Licensing Appeals Committee will be the appellant body of the decision of the FIB

#### 3.

FUFA will examine the application and it is to the sole discretion to issue or not to issue a FRFA License to such an entity

#### 4.

After evaluation of the application, FUFA will offer a class of License or rejection of Licensing to the applicant.

#### 5.

In the process of evaluation, FUFA may conduct on-site physical visit to the applicant. If the applicant accepts the offer, FUFA will go ahead and issue the license of the class offered. If the applicant chooses to provide the missing requirements to be issued with the desired class of

license, FUFA will offer a period of 60 days from the date of the offer for the applicant to upgrade. In event that after 60- days the applicant fails to fulfill the requirements for the upgrade, FUFA will issue a rejection of the application

#### **6.**

In event of a provisional rejection of application, FUFA will offer a period of 90 days from the date of the rejection to the applicant to upgrade. In event that after 90 days the applicant fails to fulfill the requirements for the upgrade, FUFA will issue a rejection of the application

#### 7.

In event of a rejection of application, the Applicant may make an appeal to the FUFA Licensing Appeals Committee (FLAC) and the decision of the FLAC will be the final decision of FUFA on the matter of the application

#### 8.

After issuance, FUFA may withdraw the FRFA License anytime for the following reasons;

- a) If any of the conditions for the issuing of a license are no longer satisfied; or
- b) The licensee violates any of its obligations under these Rules
- c) The Licensee violates provisions of other FUFA Rules

#### 9.

After issuance of the FRFA License, the Applicant is thereafter referred to as the Licensee for the purposes of interpretation of these Rules

### Obligations of the Licensee

#### 1.

The following obligations shall be expected of the Licensee at all times;

- a) Fulfilling the FUFA Rules
- b) Maintaining the Criteria Standards again which the FRFA License was issued
- c) To ensure that the following entities of the Licensee do not violate provisions of these rules and FUFA Rules;
  - i) owners.
  - ii) officials,
  - iii) members,
  - iv) employees,
  - v) 3rd party associates,
  - vi) players,
  - vii) parents to players,
  - viii) schools to which the players go

#### 2.

Violation of these rules or FUFA rules by the Licensee or its entities in article 11 (c) above may lead to corrective measure up to withdrawal of the FRFA License

#### **Chapter Three: Criteria**

# **12** Criteria for Issuance and classification of the FRFA License

#### 1.

The following Criteria shall be used to evaluate the application

- a) Legal and Structure
- b) Sporting
- c) Administration and Personnel
- d) Finance
- e) Infrastructure, Facilities and Equipment

#### 2.

There shall be mandatory and classification requirements to be fulfilled by the Applicant.

#### **3.**

Where the Applicant is the Youth Football Academy of the FUFA Club Licensed 1st or 2nd Division League Club, the Applicant may submit the same requirements for the Club Youth Football Academy unless when the specific items are required. The FIB will determine what the Applicant should submit different from what the club submitted for the FUFA Club Licensing

#### 4.

Failure to fulfill any of the mandatory requirements shall lead to rejection to issuance of a FRFA license

#### 5.

Classification Requirements will be used to grade the classification of the license to be issued

# 13 Legal and Structure

#### **Mandatory**

#### 1.

The following shall be Legal and Structure mandatory requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

- a) Submission of Certificate of Registration (COR) issued by FUFA
- b) In event that some or all the owner(s) are Legal Persons, verified by the Authorities Legal documents will be required for submission

- c) In event that some or all the owner(s) are Natural Persons, the National ID will be required for Ugandan Nationals and Passport will be required for Non-Ugandan Nationals will be required for submission
- d) At least one if not all the Owners will be Ugandan Certified Legal Person or Ugandan National
- e) Participation in Mandatory Football Competitions
- f) The FUFA Registered Statutes of the Applicant
- g) The license applicant must submit a declaration (FUFA Form F901) confirming that It recognizes as legally binding the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF, the FUFA as well as the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne as provided in the relevant articles of the FIFA Statutes and will also ensure inclusion into the Licensee Statutes the declaration that the Licensee shall
  - i) Recognize as legally binding the statutes, rules, regulations and decisions of FIFA, CAF, FUFA and UYFA
  - ii) Declare that it shall pay fines, dues, subscriptions to UYFA, FUFA, CAF, FIFA organs if required to do so as per decisions made
  - iii) Accept exclusive jurisdiction of CAS
  - iv) Prohibit recourse to ordinary courts
  - v) Not make contact with persons and bodies that have been banned by UYFA, FUFA, CAF and FIFA
  - vi) Participate in only competitions recognized and endorsed by FUFA, CAF and FIFA
  - vii) Abide by and observe the club licensing regulations
  - viii) Abide by and Observe the Uganda National Laws of Children
  - ix) Submit documents as complete and correct
  - x) Authorize FUFA to examine documents and seek information
  - xi) Authorize FUFA to undertake physical inspection of applicant for licensing purposes
  - xii) Acknowledge that UYFA, FUFA (through any of its composite bodies), CAF and FIFA can execute spot check at any given time

#### Classification (Maximum of 15 Points)

1.

The following shall be Legal and Structure classification requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

- a) The Applicant is owned as an academy of a FUFA Registered Football Club or is affiliated to a FUFA Registered Football Club. Points will be awarded dependent on the level of the club owning the Applicant. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **5 Points**
- **b)** Submission of proof (minutes) of holding a statutory annual general meetings and adherence to the governance statues. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points**

- c) Submission of proof of existence of a Parents Forum inclusive of evidence meetings of parents and/Guardian of the players. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **2 Points**
- d) Submission of the Applicant's Organogram and the details of roles of various Persons and offices thereat. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points**
- e) Submission of Written Policies managing the various activities of the Applicant. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **2 Points**

# 14<sub>Sporting</sub>

#### **Mandatory**

#### 1.

The following shall be sporting mandatory requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

- a) A register of all Coaches employed by the Applicant with details as required in the Registration Album Template Provided by FUFA.
- b) A minimum of 1 Contracted Head of Coaching who is also a certified FUFA Youth Coach will liaise with FUFA on FUFA Player Development Curriculum implementation across age groups.
- c) A register of all players registered with the Applicant with details as required in the Registration Album Template Provided by FUFA as submitted to UYFA
- d) The FUFA Players Regulation for Status and Transfer will apply for the purposes of players' status, ownership and transfer
- e) For every 20 registered players with the Applicant, there shall be at least one FUFA Youth Coach
- f) If the Applicant is not an Academy owned by a 1st and 2nd Division FUFA Registered Club, then an Affiliation Agreement with a FUFA Registered Club in the Template provided by FUFA will be mandatorily required
- g) The FUFA Age-Categorization shall be
  - i) U11
  - ii) U13
  - iii) U15
  - iv) U17
  - v) U20
- h) Players registered with the Applicant will be trained in accordance with the Age Category where they belong and in line with FUFA Player Development Curriculum

- i) Violation of paragraph h above may cause Corrective Measure
- j) Applicants shall submit a written Memorandums of Understanding between the Applicant and school(s) signed by Authorized Persons for collaborations
- k) The Applicant shall submit written understanding with a FUFA Licensed Intermediary to represent the FRFA in player and coach registration and transfer

#### Classification (Maximum of 30 Points)

#### 1.

The following shall be Sporting Classification requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

- a) The Coaches may be Volunteers or Contracted Employees. Points will be awarded in consideration of the quality and quantity of the Coaches. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **5 Points**
- b) The Other Complimentary Educators may be Volunteers or Contracted Employees. Points will be awarded in consideration of the quality and quantity of the Complimentary Educators. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points**
- c) For each of the players above 12 years but below 18 Years, there will be a Youth Agreement (Template provided by FUFA) signed by the Guardian and the Authorized Person at the Applicant. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points**
- d) In order to provide the parent/guardian consent, for each of the players at and below 12 Years, there will be a Guardian/Parent Enrolment agreement (Template provided by FUFA) signed by the Guardian/Parent and the Authorized Person at the Applicant. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points**
- e) The Applicant may submit trainers and staff in areas of Goal Keeping, nutrition, medical or any other with proof of individual's certification. FUFA may verify the certification with awarding entity. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points**
- f) The Applicant may submit documentary evidence (Agreement or MoU) of Collaboration with an International Academy or Club Arrangement. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 3 Points
- g) The Applicant may submit documentary evidence (Agreement or MoU) of Collaboration with a school to provide Bursaries to the Academy Players. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **4 Points**
- h) The Applicant may submit written understanding with a FUFA Licensed Scout to identify players for the FRFA. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points**

i) The Applicant may submit written Medical Plan and Nutrition Agenda. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points** 

# 15 Administration and Personnel

#### **Mandatory**

1.

The following shall be Administration and Personnel mandatory requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

- a) The applicant shall submit the long term academy development plan for a minimum of 3 years
- b) There shall be a fulltime employment of a Manager of the FRFA at all times. The manager shall be the Chief Administration Officer of the FRFA
- c) Where the Applicant is part of a FUFA Registered Club, there shall be dedicated club personnel to work as the Chief Administration Officer of the FRFA
- d) The Applicant shall submit the details and contracts of all coaches, team managers and volunteers
- e) The FRFA shall operate an office that is exclusive to the business of the FRFA and that shall be its physical address and there shall be signage to indicate the office as that of the FRFA

#### Classification (15)

1.

The following shall be Administration and Personnel Classification requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

- a) The Applicant may submit Office Extras that include ICT Services, Broadband Internet, and fulltime staff. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **3 Points**
- b) The Applicant may operate a fleet and in consideration of the level of ownership and management. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **4 Points**
- c) The Applicant may keep records of the academy history, picture and video archives, statistics of sports, business and administration. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of **4 Points**
- d) The Applicant may submit proof of social media accounts, logo in high resolution and domain email address **4 Points**

### 16 Finance

#### **Mandatory**

#### 1.

The following shall be Finance mandatory requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

- a) The Applicant shall submit proof of payment of the Application Fees of an amount and onto a bank account as set by FUFA.
- b) The FRFA shall pay license fees of an amount and onto a bank account as set by FUFA.
- c) The applicant shall submit a bank account in the registered names of the academy.
- d) The Bank Account shall have the Chief Administrative Officer as a Principal Signatory
- e) The Applicant shall submit the intended Annual Budget

#### Classification (Maximum of 15 Points)

#### 1.

The following shall be Finance classification requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License. In order to classify on the Finance Criteria, the Applicant shall submit;

- a) Evidence of booking keeping records of its financial transactions of its preceding Financial Year. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 3 Points
- b) The Income and Statement its preceding Financial Year. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 3 Points
- c) The Audited books of accounts of its preceding Financial Year. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 2 Points
- d) The current Bank Statement of for period starting one (1) year back. The percentage of cash transaction out of the overall sanctions will guide to earn bonus points. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 3 Points
- e) The evidence of direct Sponsorship to the FRFA. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 4 Points

# 7 Infrastructure, Facilities and Equipment

#### **Mandatory**

#### 1.

The following shall be Infrastructure, Facilities and Equipment mandatory requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

- a) FRFA shall undertake its on-pitch training operations at a registered Training Ground. The Tenancy Agreement or authorization from the owners the training shall be mandatory requirement. Change of training Ground shall only be approved by FUFA. Changing of the FRFA Training Ground without written Authorisation of FUFA may lead to application of corrective measure up to withdraw of the FRFA License
- b) The FRFA shall have a fitting training pitch
- c) The FRFA Training Ground shall have a Classroom environment for teaching off the pitch. It shall cause application of corrective measures if the FRFA changes its training ground without authorization of FUFA
- d) The FRFA shall have an inventory minimum requirement of Training Equipment in the proportionate quantities and sizes
- e) The Club shall submit;
  - i) High Resolution Logo in Electronic format
  - ii) The academy Motto/Slogan
  - iii) One Page History of the academy
  - iv) Graphics of the home and away kit
  - v) Physical Address of the academy Offices
  - vi) E-mail Address
  - vii) Official Digital Platform; Website, Facebook, Twitter and any other social Media Platform

#### Classification (Maximum of 25 Points)

#### 1.

The following shall be Infrastructure, Facilities and Equipment Classification requirements for consideration to issue or to continue to hold a License

a) The Applicant shall submit an authorization letter, tenancy or ownership documentation for the Training Ground of the FRFA. The matters to consider evaluating the playground shall include ownership, pitch and other sporting facilities. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 11 Points

- b) The Applicant shall submit an authorization letter, tenancy or ownership documentation for the stadium or playground for the matches of the FRFA. The matters to consider evaluating the stadium or playground shall include ownership, pitch and other sporting facilities. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 9 Points
- c) The Applicant shall submit to demonstrate availability Sports quality and quantity equipment and medical gear at Training and matches. This will earn the Applicant a maximum of 5 Points

#### **Chapter Four: Final Provisions**

# 18 License to Organize a Youth Football Competition

#### 1.

Only the following entities may apply and FUFA may grant a License to organise a Youth Football Competition;

- a) UYFA
- b) FRFA
- c) USSSA
- d) USFA
- e) School licensed by the Ministry of Education and Sports
- f) Association
- g) Natural and Legal Persons (These must affiliate to a FUFA Registered Club)

#### 2.

Any entity interested to organise a competition involving players of the age of 6 years to 17 years will apply for the license to organise the competition and the FUFA Licensing Committee may or may not grant the license.

#### **3.**

FUFA will consider the following items to grant or not grant the licence to organise a Youth Football Competition;

- a) The Proposed Rules and Regulations of the Competition
- b) The Proposed Schedule of the Competition
- c) The Proposed Facilities to be used for the Competition
- d) The Managerial, Financial and Technical ability of the applicant entity

#### 4.

FUFA may require modification of the proposed items submitted as the application to get the license to organise a Youth Football Competition

#### 5.

FRFAs, Players and officials registered by FUFA shall not participate in any youth football competitions that is not organised in accordance with these regulations. Any violation of this provision may lead a disciplinary action by FUFA

# 19 Player status registration and transfers

#### 1.

Players' registration, status and transfer shall be governed as per FUFA regulations on status and transfer of players

#### 2.

It is prohibited for FRFA to tap players from another FRFA without the consent of the FRFA to which the Player is registered

#### 3.

It is prohibited to promise, give or receive financial benefits by Players, Parents or any other person for the purpose of influencing the decision of the player to be registered with a particular FRFA. Failure to comply with this provision may cause application of Corrective measure up to Transfer Ban to FRFA found at fault.

#### 4.

Any player on the FRFA Register without the Youth Agreement does not necessarily belong to the respective FRFA

#### 5.

Any player on the FRFA Register without the Enrolment Agreement does not necessarily belong to the respective FRFA

#### 6.

After the 16th Birthday of the player, a FRFA may sign a professional contract with the player as approved by the Guardian but in any case not exceeding 4 years. A player without a Youth Agreement after the 18th Birthday shall be free to sign for a club of his choice

#### 7.

The FRFA shall not be obligated to pay the player more than he/she spends to play football until after the 18th Birthday

#### 8.

Youth Agreement shall mention the Status of the player at the time he/she becomes 18 years old.

#### 9.

FUFA will issue a financial compensation framework to compensate the FRFAs for the development of players from the age of 12 years to 18 years.

# 20 Children Protection

#### 1.

The Applicant shall acknowledge that it is its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.

#### 2.

FRFA shall fully uphold the 2016 Children's' Act of the Ugandan Law and its amendments thereafter

#### **3.**

The Applicant shall acknowledge that child protection is everyone's responsibility in the academy at all level whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. This includes those who are volunteers, club officials; helpers on club tours/match days, football coaches, or medical staff.

#### 4.

Any FRFA that wishes to travel out of Uganda shall seek authorization from FUFA using International Travel Application Form. FUFA may accept, pend or reject this Application. Any un approved travel with registered players and officials to trips outside Uganda by FRFA is prohibited and may cause application of corrective measures up to withdrawal of the license

### **21** Competent Decision Making Bodies

#### 1.

The FUFA Licensing Committee has the jurisdiction to

- a) issue a License to an Applicant
- b) pend issuance of a License to an Applicant
- c) reject issuance of a License to an Applicant,
- d) suspend a License from FRFA
- e) withdraw a License from FRFA

#### 2.

The FUFA Judicial Bodies have the jurisdiction to enforce any violation of these rules apart from what is reserved for the FUFA Licensing Committee and the FUFA Licensing Appeals Committee

#### 3.

Corrective measures for failure to comply with the provisions of the regulations and/or the FUFA Rules shall include;

- a) The Sanctions common to natural and legal persons
  - i) warning;
  - ii) reprimand;
  - iii) One;
  - iv) return of awards.
- b) Sanctions applicable to natural persons
  - i) caution;
  - ii) expulsion;
  - iii) match suspension;
  - iv) ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' bench;
  - v) ban from entering a stadium;
  - vi) ban on taking part in any football-related activity.
- c) Sanctions applicable to legal persons
  - i) transfer ban;
  - ii) playing a match without spectators; c
  - iii) playing a match on neutral territory;
  - iv) ban on playing in a particular stadium;
  - v) annulment of the result of a match;
  - vi) expulsion;
- vii) forfeit;
- viii) deduction of points;
- ix) relegation to a lower division.
- x) withdrawal of the FRFA License

# 22 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.

# $23_{\text{Matters not provided for}}$

1.

The FUFA Executive Committee shall make the final decision on any matters not provided for in these regulations or in Cases of force majeure.

## 24 Enforcement

1.

These regulations were passed and adopted into enforcement commencing April 2020 by the FUFA Executive Committee convened on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and shall remain into force until new or amendments are passed by the same FUFA Executive Committee.

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FUFA PRESIDENT

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