

The Statutes of North East Regional Football Associations



(NERFA)

DEFINITIONS

The terms given below denote the following:

FIFA: Federation of International Football Associations.

CAF: is the Confederation of African Football

DFA: District Football Association

FUFA: Federation of Uganda Football Associations.

Arbitration Tribunal: private court of justice acting instead of an Ordinary Court.

Association Football: the game controlled by FIFA and organised in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

CAS (TAS): Court of Arbitration for Sport (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne (Switzerland).

Chairman of the Club: The top most decision making natural person at a club as elected or appointed in accordance with the Statutes of the respective Club. "He may be called the Chairman, or the president, or the Managing Director"

Club: A football club registered with and licensed by FUFA

Elective assembly: a collection of voters who can propose candidates, present candidatures and vote. Each member of an Elective Assembly has one vote, may vote and may be voted

Regional Executive Committee: the executive body of NERFA

FUFA Rules: shall mean the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF and FUFA

IFAB: the International Football Association Board.

Licensing: The action of granting an applying party the license to perform a football activity by the relevant football authority after a declaration by the applying to abide by the statutes, regulations, decisions and directives of FUFA, CAF and FIFA and after assessing the applying agent to be meeting the minimum specified requirements as set in the relevant regulations

League: is a collection of teams playing in a football competition organised by NERFA or a delegated entity in accordance with the ...RFA Rules

Match official: the referee, assistant referees, fourth official, match commissioner, referee inspector, the person in charge of safety, and any other persons appointed by FUFA to assume responsibility in connection with a match.

Member: a legal or natural person that has been admitted into membership of NERFA by the Regional General Assembly

Officials: all board members, committee members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at FIFA, CAF, FUFA, League, club or FUFA delegated and licensed entities.

Ordinary Courts: state courts which hear public and private legal disputes.

Player: a football player registered with FUFA.

Regional General Assembly: the supreme body of NERFA.

Special Interest Groups: shall include the NERFA Players Association, NERFA Women Football Association, NERFA Coaches Association, NERFA Referees Association, NERFA Schools Football Association, NERFA Youth Football Association

NB: References to natural persons include both genders. The singular case applies to the plural and vice-versa.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Name, headquarters, legal form

- 1) The name of the Association is NORTH EAST REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS
 - 2) NERFA is a private organization of an associative nature comprised of members as listed in Article 13 of these Statutes. This Statute is registered with the Registrar of documents for authenticity.
 - 3) The geographical territory of jurisdiction of NERFA is Soroti and Teso sub regions for North East Region
 - 4) The headquarters of NERFA are in Plot 4, Ongodia Rd, Senior Quarters, Western Division, Soroti Municipality.
 - 5) NERFA is a Member of FUFA.
 - 6) The flag of NERFA is Blue
 - 7) The emblem and Logo of NERFA is an image of a ball
 - 8) The flag, emblem, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with the Registrar of Trademarks for the territory of Uganda.
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Article 2 Supreme Law

The FUFA Statutes shall be the supreme law of association football in Uganda and shall have binding force on the Association. If any of the Association's resolution, decision, policy or any matter is inconsistent with any provisions of the FUFA Statutes or the Regulations emanating from the statutes, that resolution, decision, policy or matter shall be invalid and shall to the extent of its inconsistency, be void.

Article 3 Objectives

The objectives of NERFA are:

- 1) to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of NORTH EAST Region in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
- 2) to organise competitions in Association Football in all its forms at a regional level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various Leagues of which it is composed;
- 3) to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;
- 4) to protect the interests of its Members;

- 5) to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of CAF, FUFA and NERFA as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
- 6) to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of Association Football;
- 7) to control and supervise all friendly football matches in NERFA jurisdiction of all forms played throughout the territory of NERFA;
- 8) to manage inter regional sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
- 9) to host competitions at regional and other lower levels;
- 10) to co-operate with FUFA in all matters relating to international competitions or relating to the laws of the game of association football and generally to adhere to and comply with the FUFA Rules
- 11) To undertake other football activities as the regional assembly may from time to time determine.

Article **4** **Neutrality and non-discrimination**

- 1) NERFA is neutral in matters of party politics and religion.
- 2) Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, sex, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth, sexual orientation or any other status or any other reason is strictly.

Article **5** **Promoting friendly relations**

- 1) NERFA shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.
- 2) Every person and organisation involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations and the principles of fair play as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
- 3) NERFA shall abide by the FUFA provided necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between Members, Players and Officials of the NERFA and its members.

Article **6** **Players**

- 1) The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of FUFA within the territory of Uganda and in accordance and subject to the Current FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of player
- 2) Players shall be registered in accordance with the Regulations of FUFA.

Article **7** **Match Officials**

- 1) The Match Officials shall only be recruited, developed, appointed, monitored, appraised and disciplined (where applicable) by FUFA
- 2) The Members shall not participate, authorise or organise any matches where the match officials are not managed as in indicated in article 7 par 1
- 3) The NERFA shall not in any circumstance recruit, or develop, or appoint, or monitor, or appraise nor discipline persons who may act as match officials unless delegated by FUFA
- 4) FUFA shall draw regulations for remuneration of match officials
- 5) Any natural or legal person who contravenes article 7 shall be liable to disciplinary action by the FUFA Judicial bodies

Article **8** **association football Rules**

Laws of the Game

- 1) NERFA and each of its Members shall play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.
- 2) NERFA and each of its Members shall play Futsal and Beach Soccer in accordance with the the Futsal Laws of the Game and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Futsal Laws of the Game and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

FUFA Rules

- 3) NERFA and its Members shall adhere to and comply with FUFA Rules

Article **9** **Conduct of bodies and Officials**

The bodies and Officials of NERFA must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of CAF, of FUFA and of NERFA if applicable in their activities.

Article **10** **Governance**

- 1) The bodies and Officials of NERFA shall exhibit fair play, integrity, principles and best practices of good governance at all times.
 - 2) The Regional General Assembly shall be responsible to enforce good governance of its bodies and members
 - 3) The NERFA subjects itself to inspection or investigations by FUFA or its delegated authority in order to ascertain and ensure good governance
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Article **11** **Official languages**

- 1) The official language of NERFA shall be English. Official documents and texts shall be written in this language.
- 2) The official language at the Regional General Assembly shall be English.

CHAPTER II MEMBERSHIP

Article **12** Admission, Suspension and Expulsion.

- 1) The Regional General Assembly shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.
 - 2) Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfils the requirements of NERFA.
 - 3) Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards RFA or other Members of NERFA, but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to NERFA.
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Article **13** Admission

- 1) The Ordinary Members of NERFA are:
 - a) NERFA Regional League Clubs
 - b) The District Football Associations that were admitted by the NERFA Regional General Assembly subject to these statutes;
 - c) NERFA Regional Players Association.
 - d) NERFA Regional Women Football Association.
 - e) NERFA Regional Coaches Association.
 - f) NERFA Regional Referees Association.
 - g) NERFA Regional Schools Football Association.
 - h) NERFA Regional Youth Football Association.
 - i) The NERFA Regional League
- 2) The Associate Members of NERFA are:
 - a) NERFA Regional Tertiary Institutions Association
 - b) NERFA Regional Universities Association
 - c) NERFA Regional Beach Soccer Association
 - d) The NERFA Regional Women league.
- 3) The Associate Members may take part to the Regional General Assembly but are not entitled to vote.

- 4) Any Association, Club or League wishing to become a Member of NERFA shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of NERFA.
- 5) The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
 - a) a copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations;
 - b) a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of NERFA, FUFA, FIFA and CAF and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs and Officials
 - c) a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;
 - d) a declaration that during its membership shall not take matters of interpretation and application of the FIFA, CAF, FUFA and NERFA Statutes, Regulations, decisions and directives to Ordinary Courts of law
 - e) a declaration that it recognises the, Arbitration Court of Sport in Uganda and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes;
 - f) a declaration that it is located and registered [if legally required] in the territory of Uganda;
 - g) a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of Uganda;
 - h) a declaration to the effect that the composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independently of any external entity;
 - i) a list of Officials, specifying those who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - j) a declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of NERFA;
 - k) a copy of the minutes of its last Regional General Assembly or constitutional meeting;

Article **14 Request and procedure for application**

- 1) The procedure for admission shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the Regional Executive Committee of NERFA.
- 2) The Regional Executive Committee shall request the Regional General Assembly either to admit or not to admit an applicant. The applicant may state the reasons for its application to the Regional General Assembly.
- 3) The new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted. Its

Article **15Members' Rights**

- 1) The Members of NERFA have the following rights:
 - a) to take part in the Regional General Assembly of NERFA, to know its agenda in advance,
 - b) to be called to the Regional General Assembly within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights;
 - c) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Regional General Assembly;
 - d) to nominate candidates for all bodies of NERFA to be elected;
 - e) to be informed of the affairs of NERFA through the official bodies of NERFA;
 - f) to take part in activities organised by NERFA;
 - g) to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of NERFA and FUFA.

- 2) The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

Article **16** **Obligations**

Members' Obligations

- 1) The Members of NERFA have the following obligations:
 - a) To comply fully with the FUFA Rules and NERFA at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members. In event of contradiction, the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA prevail over those of CAF, FUFA and NERFA, those of CAF prevail over those of FUFA and NERFA and those of FUFA prevail over those of NERFA
 - b) to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
 - c) to take part in competitions [if applicable] and other sports activities organised by FUFA and NERFA;
 - d) to organise and participate in the mandatory FUFA football competitions
 - e) to pay their membership subscriptions;
 - f) to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision;
 - g) to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the FUFA Rules or NERFA shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Arbitration Tribunal of FIFA, CAF or FUFA and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;
 - h) to communicate to FUFA and NERFA any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - i) not to maintain any relations of a sporting, administrative or any other nature with entities that are not recognised or with Members and persons that have been suspended or expelled;
 - j) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
 - k) to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;
 - l) To comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, CAF, FUFA and NERFA.
- 2) Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes.

NERFA's' Obligations to FUFA

- 3) NERFA has the following obligations:
 - a) to comply fully with the FUFA Rules at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members. In event of contradiction, the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA prevail over those of CAF, FUFA and NERFA, those of CAF prevail over those of FUFA and NERFA and those of FUFA prevail over those of NERFA
 - b) to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
 - c) to take part in activities organised by FUFA;

- d) to pay annual subscription fees to FUFA;
- e) to submit an audit report by the Regional General Assembly Appointed Auditors including the management letter to FUFA
- f) to follow the FUFA Calendar
- g) to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision;
- h) to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the FUFA Rules or NERFA Regulations shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Arbitration Tribunal of FIFA, CAF or FUFA and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;
- i) to submit to FUFA any proposed amendment of its statutes and regulations for ratification as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
- j) not to maintain any relations of a sporting, administrative or any other nature with entities that are not recognised or with Members and persons that have been suspended or expelled by FUFA, or CAF or FIFA;
- k) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
- l) to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;
- m) To comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, CAF, FUFA and NERFA.
- n) not to change the name of NERFA without written approval of FUFA

Article **17** **Suspensions**

- 1) The Regional General Assembly is responsible for suspending members of NERFA. The Regional Executive Committee may, however, suspend a natural person who is affiliated to a Member of NERFA or a member of a member of NERFA that seriously violates the FUFA Rules and NERFA Regulations with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Regional General Assembly, unless the Regional Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
- 2) A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Regional General Assembly by a three-quarter majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.
- 3) A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
- 4) Members that do not participate in the sports activities of FUFA shall be suspended from the Regional General Assembly until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.

Article **18** **Expulsions**

- 1) The Regional General Assembly may expel a Member if:
 - a) it fails to fulfil its financial obligations towards NERFA;
 - b) it seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, CAF, FUFA and NERFA;

- 2) The presence of an absolute majority (50% + 1) of Members entitled to vote at the Regional General Assembly is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the valid votes cast.
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Article **19 Resignations**

- 1) A Member may resign from NERFA with effect from the end of a calendar year. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than six months before the end of the calendar year.
 - 2) The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards NERFA and the other Members of NERFA
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Article **20 Status of Clubs, Leagues, District Football Associations and other groups of Clubs**

- 1) NERFA and Members of NERFA shall be subordinate to and recognised by FUFA. These NERFA statutes and regulations must be approved by FUFA Executive before it becomes effective.
- 2) NERFA and Members of NERFA shall take all decisions on any matters regarding their membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their corporate structure.
- 3) In any case, no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) shall exercise control over more than one Club or group whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardised.
- 4) NERFA and Members of NERFA shall be subordinate to FUFA and shall comply with and adhere to FUFA Rules.
- 5) No provision of the Statutes or rules or the statutes of NERFA shall be of any force and effect until ratified by FUFA Executive
- 6) No amendments to the Statutes, rules or regulations of NERFA and Members of NERFA shall be of any force and effect until ratification by FUFA Executive

CHAPTER III ORGANISATION

Article **21 Bodies of NERFA**

- 1) The Regional General Assembly is the supreme and legislative body.
- 2) The Regional Executive Committee is the executive body.
- 3) The general secretariat is the administrative body.
- 4) The judicial bodies are NERFA Disciplinary Committee and the FUFA Judicial Bodies.
- 5) The standing committees

- 6) The bodies of NERFA shall be either elected or appointed by NERFA itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes.
- 7) The Members of the bodies of NERFA shall not have previously been found guilty of any criminal offence incompatible with their position.
- 8) Any Member of the bodies of NERFA shall withdraw from the debates and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest.

A. REGIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article **22** Definition and composition of the Regional General Assembly

- 1) The Regional General Assembly is the meeting at which all of the Members of NERFA regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of NERFA. Only a Regional General Assembly that is duly convened has the authority to make decisions.
- 2) A Regional General Assembly may be Ordinary or Extraordinary.
- 3) The Chairman shall conduct the Regional General Assembly business in compliance with the standing orders of the Regional General Assembly.
- 4) The Regional General Assembly may appoint observers who take part in the Regional General Assembly without the right to debate or to vote.
- 5) The Regional Executive Committee shall invite FUFA to all General Assemblies and shall provide all documents regarding the meetings. FUFA may attend the meetings and will be allowed to speak at the General Assemblies but without voting rights.
- 6) If FUFA is duly invited to the Regional General Assembly and fails to attend with or without apology, the decisions of the Regional General Assembly subject to these statutes will hold.

Article **23** Delegates and votes

- 1) The Regional General Assembly is composed of NERFA delegates. The number of delegates is allocated as follows:
 - a) for each of the NERFA Regional League Clubs: 1 delegate per club
 - b) for each of the NERFA District Football Associations: 2 delegates per District Football Associations
 - c) for the NERFA Players Association: 2 delegates
 - d) for the NERFA Women Football Association: 2 delegates
 - e) for the NERFA FA Coaches Association: 2 delegates
 - f) for the NERFA Referees Association: 2 delegates
 - g) for the NERFA Schools Football Association: 2 delegates
 - h) for the NERFA Youth Football Association: 2 delegates
- 2) The delegates from the Regional League Clubs shall either be the Chairman or Secretary of a Club playing in the Regional League

- 3) Each Delegate representing a Member has one vote in the Congress. Only the Delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
 - 4) Delegates must belong to the Member Association or Club that they represent and be appointed by the appropriate body of that Association or Club. The delegate must also be able to produce evidence of their appointment upon request
 - 5) FUFA, the Regional Executive Committee of NERFA, FUFA Delegates from NERFA, and the General Secretary of NERFA shall take part in the Regional General Assembly and may speak but without voting rights.
 - 6) During their terms of office, members of NERFA Regional Executive Committee and FUFA Delegates representing NERFA may not be appointed as delegates for any of the members to the Regional General Assembly
 - 7) The Chairman shall conduct the Regional General Assembly
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Article **24** **Areas of authority**

The Regional General Assembly has the following authority:

- a) Adopting or amending the Statutes, Regulations governing the application of the Statutes, the Standing orders of the Regional General Assembly.
- b) appointing 3 Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- c) electing the Chairman, the vice-Chairman and members of the Regional Executive Committee;
- d) approving the financial statements;
- e) Appointing Scrutineers
- f) approving the budget;
- g) approving the activity report;
- h) appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Regional Executive Committee;
- i) fixing the membership subscriptions on the recommendation of the Executive committee
- j) deciding, upon nomination of the executive committee, whether to bestow the title of the honorary member of the RFA
- k) Electing members of the RFA judicial body
- l) recommending expulsion of a Member over gross and repeated failure to adhere to NERFA statutes;
- m) revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of NERFA;
- n) dissolving NERFA;
- o) passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;
- p) shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Regional Executive Committee or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;

Article **25** **Quorum of the Regional General Assembly**

- 1) Decisions passed by the Regional General Assembly shall only be valid if the absolute majority (50% +1) of the Members who are entitled to vote are presented.
- 2) If a quorum is not achieved, a second Regional General Assembly shall take place 24 hours after the first, with the same agenda.
- 3) A quorum is not required for the second meeting unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of NERFA, the election of the Chairman and members of the Regional Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of NERFA, the recommendation for expulsion of a Member of NERFA or the dissolution of NERFA.

Article **26** **Decisions of the Regional General Assembly**

- 1) Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a simple majority (50% + 1) of the votes recorded and valid is sufficient. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the majority. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority.
- 2) A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favour of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.

Article **27** **Elections**

- 1) Elections of the Chairman and the Executive of NERFA shall be by list.
- 2) The List which receives the most votes shall be the one considered elected
- 3) Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- 4) Elections at NERFA shall be conducted in accordance with the FUFA Electoral Code.
- 5) For a person to be elected, a simple majority (50% + 1) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary in the first ballot.
- 6) In the event none of the candidates obtained the simple majority of the votes after the first ballot, the two lists of candidates obtaining the most number of votes will remain for the second ballot. In case of tied vote, new ballots shall be conducted until a candidate obtains the simple majority of the votes.

Article **28** **Elections of Delegates to the FUFA General Assembly**

- 1) Delegates to the FUFA Assembly shall be no older than 70 years and no younger than 25 years at the moment of the election. They shall have had football administrative experience as defined in the FUFA electoral code for a period of at least 3 years within the 5 years preceding the elections,

must not be serving a ban entered in force, must not have been previously found guilty of a felony offense and must not have been declared bankrupt.

- 2) 6 delegates will be voted to represent NERFA at the FUFA Assembly as follows;
 - a) The Chairman or Secretary of each of the Regional League Clubs shall compose an elective assembly to elect one delegate from amongst themselves to represent the Regional League Clubs to the FUFA Regional General Assembly. Each club is entitled to one vote.
 - b) The Delegates from the District Football Associations (DFA) that are members of NERFA, subject to these statutes, shall compose an elective assembly to elect five delegates from amongst themselves to represent the NERFA DFA Members to the FUFA General Assembly. Each DFA Delegate is entitled to one vote.
 - c) For purposes of fair representation, NERFA shall be represented by three delegates to the FUFA General Assembly from North East Sub-region and three delegates from North East Sub-Region.
 - d) The Special interest group Members of NERFA shall elect their delegates to the FUFA General Assembly through their respective FUFA-affiliated national and or Regional football associations

Article **29 Ordinary Regional General Assembly**

- 1) The Ordinary Regional General Assembly shall be held yearly by the NERFA at the latest.
- 2) The Regional Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least forty five days in advance.
- 3) The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least twenty one days before the date of the Regional General Assembly. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the Chairman's activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report and any other relevant documents.

Article **30 Ordinary Regional General Assembly agenda**

- 1) The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Regional Executive Committee and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Regional General Assembly shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least two months before the date of the Regional General Assembly.
- 2) The Regional General Assembly agenda shall include the following mandatory items:
 - a) a declaration that the Regional General Assembly has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of NERFA;
 - b) approval of the agenda;
 - c) an address by the Chairman;
 - d) an address by FUFA
 - e) appointment of Members to check the minutes;
 - f) appointment of scrutineers;
 - g) suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable);
 - h) approval of the minutes of the preceding Regional General Assembly;

- i) Chairman's activity report (containing the activities since the last Regional General Assembly);
 - j) presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statement;
 - k) approval of the financial statements;
 - l) approval of the budget;
 - m) admission for membership (if applicable);
 - n) votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Regional General Assembly (if applicable);
 - o) discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Regional Executive Committee;
 - p) appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Regional Executive Committee;
 - q) dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable);
 - r) election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Regional Executive Committee (if applicable);
 - s) Election of the Members of the NERFA judicial bodies
 - t) Any further items proposed by the Members or the Regional Executive Committee of NERFA, in compliance with paragraph 1 and 3 of this provision.
- 3) The agenda of an Ordinary Regional General Assembly may be altered, provided three-quarters of the Members present at the Regional General Assembly and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.
 - 4) The Regional General Assembly shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.

Article **31** **Extraordinary Regional General Assembly**

- 1) The Regional Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Regional General Assembly at any time.
- 2) The Regional Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Regional General Assembly if 50% of the Members of NERFA make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Regional General Assembly shall be held within twenty one of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Regional General Assembly is not convened, the Members who requested it may convene the Regional General Assembly themselves. As a last resort, the Members may request assistance from FUFA.
- 3) The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least two weeks before the date of an Extraordinary Regional General Assembly.
- 4) When an Extraordinary Regional General Assembly is convened on the initiative of the Regional Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary Regional General Assembly is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.
- 5) The agenda of an Extraordinary Regional General Assembly shall not be altered.

Article **32** **Amendments to the Statutes, regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Regional General Assembly**

- 1) The Regional General Assembly is responsible for amending the Statutes, the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Regional General Assembly.
- 2) Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Regional Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least 40% of the Members.
- 3) For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, an absolute majority (50% +1) of the Members eligible to vote must be present.
- 4) A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if three-quarters of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
- 5) Any proposal to amend the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Regional General Assembly must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Regional Executive Committee.
- 6) A proposal for an amendment to the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Regional General Assembly shall be adopted only if a simple majority of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
- 7) No amendment of these statutes, regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Regional General Assembly shall be of any force until approved by FUFA

Article **33** **Minutes**

The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the Regional General Assembly. The minutes shall be checked by those Members designated and finally approved at the next Regional General Assembly.

Article **34** **Effective dates of decisions**

Decisions passed by the Regional General Assembly shall come into effect for the Members 30 days after the close of the Regional General Assembly, unless the Regional General Assembly fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

B. REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article **35** **Composition**

- 1) The Regional Executive Committee consists of 11 members:
 - i. 1 Chairman
 - ii. 1st Vice- Chairman
 - iii. 2nd Vice-Chairperson, from Regional League Clubs (optional)

- iv. 2 members, representing District Football Associations
 - v. 1 member representing the special interest groups
 - vi. 1 member, being a woman
 - vii. 4 members elected from the General assembly
- 2) The Chairman, the 1st Vice-Chairman and the members of the Regional Executive Committee shall be elected by list system by the Regional General Assembly. The 2nd Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the Regional League Clubs - for a mandate of four years provided the club he represents continues to play in the Regional League and in accordance with the provisions of its statutes approved by FUFA. He shall be confirmed by the Regional General Assembly.
 - 3) The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the members of the Regional Executive Committee shall be elected by the members of NERFA at the ordinary Regional General Assembly for a mandate of four (4) years. They may be re-elected.
 - 4) The members of the Regional Executive Committee shall be no older than 70 years and no younger than 20 years at the moment of the election. They shall have had football administrative experience as defined in the FUFA electoral code for a period of at least 3 years within the 5 years preceding the elections, must not be serving a ban entered in force, must not have been previously found guilty of a felony offense and must not have been declared bankrupt.
 - 5) Candidatures must be sent to the general secretariat of NERFA. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of NERFA along with the agenda for the Regional General Assembly at which the Regional Executive Committee will be elected.
 - 6) A member of the Regional Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of NERFA.
 - 7) If a position or less than 50% of the positions of the Regional Executive Committee become vacant, the Regional Executive Committee shall fill that position until the next Annual Regional General Assembly, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate.
 - 8) If more than 50% of the positions of the Regional Executive Committee become vacant, the Electoral Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Regional General Assembly within two months in order to elect the replacements for the remaining term of mandate. If an Electoral Committee does not exist, the Emergency Committee shall convene the Extraordinary Regional General Assembly. In case the Emergency Committee lacks the required quorum, the General Secretary shall convene the Extraordinary Regional General Assembly within the prescribed period of time.

Article **36 Meetings**

- 1) The Regional Executive Committee shall meet at least once every three month.
- 2) The Chairman shall convene the Regional Executive Committee meetings. If 50% of the Regional Executive Committee members request a meeting, the Chairman shall convene it within 14 days. In the case the Chairman failed to convene the meeting, the requesting Regional Executive Committee Members may convene it themselves.
- 3) The General Secretary shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Regional Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Regional Executive Committee must submit the points they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least 14 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Regional Executive Committee at least 7 days before the meeting.
- 4) The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Regional Executive Committee in a consultative role.

- 5) The meetings of the Regional Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Regional Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Regional Executive Committee.

Article **37** Powers of the Regional Executive Committee

The Regional Executive Committee:

- a) Shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Regional General Assembly or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes:
- b) shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and or Extraordinary General Assemblies of NERFA
- c) shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of committees (if applicable); For avoidance of doubt, the Referees committee shall be appointed by the Regional Executive Committee but approved by FUFA
- d) May exploit commercial and media rights and properties of NERFA by signing contracts with third parties but only with a resolution of the Regional General Assembly
- e) May exploit commercial and media rights and properties of the members of NERFA, who through written consent have grouped their rights and properties for commercialisation by signing contracts with third parties
- f) The Regional Executive Committee shall not in relation to any dealings relating to television, broadcasting, sponsorship or like transactions or other matters materially affecting the commercial interests of the Members enter into any contract or agreement or conduct themselves in any way as would bind NERFA to any contract or agreement without the prior authority or approval by Resolution of the Members.
- g) may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;
- h) shall propose the independent auditors to the Regional General Assembly;
- i) shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;
- j) may recommend dismissal or suspension of a member or person to the Regional General Assembly;
- k) May delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of NERFA or third parties.

Article **38** Decisions

- 1) The Regional Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless the majority (50% + 1) of its members are present.
- 2) The Regional Executive Committee shall reach decisions by a simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- 3) Any member of the Regional Executive Committee must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interests.
- 4) The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.

- 5) The decisions taken by the Regional Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Regional Executive Committee decides otherwise.
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Article **39** Dismissal of a person or body

- 1) The Regional General Assembly may dismiss a person or body. The Regional Executive Committee may place the recommendation for dismissal of a person or body on the agenda for the Regional General person or body Assembly. The Regional Executive Committee may also dismiss a person or body provisionally. Any Regional Executive Committee member may submit a proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the Regional Executive Committee or Regional General Assembly.
- 2) The motion for dismissal must be justified. It will be sent to the Members of NERFA along with the agenda.
- 3) The person or body in question has the right to speak in his or its own defence.
- 4) If the motion for dismissal is upheld, the Regional General Assembly or Regional Executive Committee shall reach a decision by means of secret ballot. For the motion to be passed, a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes is required.
- 5) The person or body dismissed (provisionally) must be relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.

C. CHAIRMAN

Article **40** Chairman.

- 1) The Chairman is primarily responsible for:
 - a) implementing the decisions passed by the Regional General Assembly and the Regional Executive Committee through the general secretariat;
 - b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of NERFA in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
 - c) supervising the work of the general secretariat;
 - d) Relations between NERFA and its Members, FIFA, CAF, FUFA, political bodies and other organisations.
- 2) The Chairman shall preside over the Regional General Assembly, the Regional Executive Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.
- 3) The Chairman shall have an ordinary vote on the Regional Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
- 4) If the Chairman is absent or unavailable, the Vice-Chairman shall deputise, if the vice chairman is unavailable, the members of the Executive shall appoint the chairman from among themselves.

Article **41** Candidates for the office of the Chairman

- 1) The Chairman shall be elected by the Regional General Assembly for a period of four years. His mandate shall begin after the end of the Regional General Assembly which has elected him. A Chairman may be re-elected.
- 2) For the election of the Chairman, a simple majority (50% + 1) of the votes recorded and valid are necessary. In the event none of the candidates obtained the simple majority of the votes after the first ballot, the two candidates obtaining the most number of votes will remain for the second ballot. In case of tied vote, new ballots shall be conducted until a candidate is elected.
- 3) The Chairman shall be no older than 75 years and no younger than 25 years at the moment of the election. They shall have had football administrative experience as defined in the FUFA electoral code for a period of at least three years within the last five years preceding the elections, must not be serving a FUFA ban entered in force, must not have been previously found guilty of a felony offense.
- 4) Only Members of NERFA may propose candidates for the office of Chairman. Members shall notify the general secretariat in writing of the name of a candidate for the Chairmanship of NERFA at least twenty one days before the date of the Regional General Assembly.
- 5) The general secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of the proposed candidates at least fourteen days before the date of the Regional General Assembly.
- 6) If the Chairman is prevented from performing his official function for 3 months, the Vice-Chairman shall assume the chairmanship until the end of the term.

Article **42** **Representation and signature**

The Chairman represents NERFA legally and is entitled to sign for NERFA. The Regional Executive Committee may set up internal organisation regulations regarding the joint signature of officers, in particular, in case of the Chairman's absence and concerning all important business of NERFA.

D. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Article **43** **Emergency Committee**

- 1) The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Regional Executive Committee. The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the two Vice-Chairmen and 1 member chosen from amongst the members of the Regional Executive Committee and appointed by the Regional Executive Committee for a period of 4 years.
- 2) The Chairman shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The Chairman shall notify the Regional Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.
- 3) All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Regional Executive Committee at its next meeting.
- 4) If the Chairman is unable to attend a meeting, the 1st Vice-Chairman available shall deputise. A decision from the Emergency Committee shall be deemed valid if three members voted it.

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article **44** Standing Committees

- 1) The standing committees of NERFA are:
 - a) Finance Committee;
 - b) Audit and Compliance Committee;
 - c) Competitions Committee;
 - d) Football Development Committee;
 - e) Referees' Standing Committee;
 - f) Legal Committee;
 - g) Women's Football Committee;
 - l) Committee for Ethics and Fair Play;
 - n) Marketing and Communications Committee;
 - o) Security and Safety Committee
- 2) The chairmen of the standing committees shall be members of the Regional Executive Committee with the exception of those for the Audit and Legal Committee, who may not belong to the Regional Executive Committee. The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Regional Executive Committee on the proposal of the Members of NERFA or the Chairman of NERFA. The chairmen, deputy chairmen and the members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of two years.
- 3) Each chairman shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant regulations drawn up by the Regional Executive Committee.
- 4) Each chairman shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Regional Executive Committee.
- 5) Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Regional Executive Committee.

Article **45** Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Regional Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyse the budget of NERFA and the financial statements prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Regional Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article **46** Audit and Compliance Committee

The Audit Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the external auditors' report at the request of the Regional Executive Committee. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article **47** **Competitions Committee**

The Competitions Committee shall organise the competitions of NERFA in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations applicable to FUFA Competitions. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article **48** **Football Development Committee**

Football Development Committee shall undertake matters of policy and strategy and thereafter advise the RFA Executive Committee for decision making for youth football, Sports Medicine, Beach soccer, Futsal and Education of the Football Human Resource.. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article **49** **Referees' Committee**

The Referees' Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organised by NERFA, organise refereeing matters within NERFA and monitor the education and training of referees in collaboration with FUFA Referees Standing Committee. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article **50** **Legal Committee**

The Legal Committee shall analyse basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of NERFA and its Members. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article **51** **Women's Football Committee**

The Committee for Women's Football shall organise women's football competitions and deal with all matters relating to women's football. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article **54** **Committee for Ethics and Fair Play**

The Committee for Ethics and Fair Play shall deal with everything relating to ethics in football and the promotion of fair play. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article **56** **Marketing and Communications Committee**

The Marketing and Television Committee shall advise the Regional Executive Committee with regard to drafting and implementing contracts between NERFA and its marketing/television partners and analyse marketing and television strategies that have been devised. It shall also ensure the formulation and execution of the FUFA Communication Strategy. It shall also deal with working conditions for the media at FUFA E events and maintain relations with the media organisations. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 57 Security and Safety Committee

The Security and Safety Committee shall deal with matters of safety and security of the persons and property at NERFA premises, NERFA authorised or organised football venues and events. It shall work in tandem with the national security organs. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

Article 58 Ad-hoc committees

The Regional Executive Committee may, if necessary, create ad-hoc committees for special duties and a limited period of time. The Regional Executive Committee shall appoint a chairman, a deputy chairman and the members. The duties and function are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Regional Executive Committee. An ad-hoc committee shall report directly to the Regional Executive Committee.

F. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 59 General Secretariat

- 1) The general secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of NERFA under the direction of the General Secretaries. The members of the general secretariat are bound by the internal organisational regulations of NERFA and the FUFA Rules and shall fulfil the given tasks in the best manner.
 - 2) No person serving a ban entered in force shall be employed at the General Secretariat
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Article 60 General Secretary

- 1) The General Secretary is the chief executive of the general secretariat.
- 2) He shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by the employment act and shall have the necessary professional qualifications.
- 3) The Employment contract of the General Secretary shall include a clause that he will abide by the FUFA Rules
- 4) He shall be responsible for:
 - a) implementing decisions passed by the Regional General Assembly, Regional Executive Committee and FUFA;
 - b) attending the Regional General Assembly and meetings of the Regional Executive Committee and the standing and ad-hoc committees;

- c) organising the Regional General Assembly and meetings of the Regional Executive Committee and other bodies;
- d) compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Regional General Assembly, Regional Executive Committee and standing and ad-hoc committees;
- e) managing and keeping the accounts of NERFA properly;
- f) the correspondence of NERFA;
- g) relations with the Members, Committees, FIFA, CAF and FUFA;
- h) organising the general secretariat;
- i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat with the approval of the Regional Executive Committee
- j) Proposing managerial staff to the Regional Executive Committee.

- 5) The General Secretary shall not be a Regional General Assembly delegate or a member of any body of NERFA.

G. JUDICIAL BODIES

Article **61** **Judicial bodies**

- 1) The judicial bodies of NERFA are:
 - a) The Regional Disciplinary Committee as the first instance body;
 - b) FUFA Disciplinary Committee as the appellant body
- 2) The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of FUFA, which shall comply with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 3) The decision-making powers of other bodies remain unaffected.
- 4) The members of the Regional Disciplinary Committee shall not belong to any other body of NERFA at the same time.
- 5) The term of office shall be two (2) years.
- 6) The members of the Regional Disciplinary Committee shall only be removed in the following circumstances:
 - a) Resignation, death or conviction for a period of more than 6 months
 - b) On expiry of a term of office
 - c) Proven failure to attend to duty for five consecutive sittings
 - d) On expiry of a term of office

Article **62** **Regional Disciplinary Committee**

- 1) The Regional General Assembly of NERFA shall appoint Regional Disciplinary Committee of not more than five (5) Persons of high integrity, not members of Regional Executive Committee and not known to affiliate to any of the Members of NERFA.

- 2) The Regional Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and 3 members. The chairman and the deputy chairman may have legal background.
- 3) The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of FUFA. The Panel shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of FUFA.
- 4) The Regional Disciplinary Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, NERFA rules and the Disciplinary Code of FUFA on Members and officials of Members of NERFA
- 5) The Regional Disciplinary Committee shall not pronounce itself on matters that do not come under its jurisdiction
- 6) These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of FUFA, the Regional General Assembly and the Regional Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

Article **63** **Appeal Bodies**

Any party that is not satisfied with the decisions of the Regional Disciplinary Committee may appeal to the FUFA Disciplinary Committee

Article **64** **Disciplinary measures**

The disciplinary measures are primarily:

- 1) for natural and legal persons:
 - a) A warning;
 - b) A reprimand;
 - c) A fine;
 - d) The return of awards.
- 2) for natural persons:
 - a) A caution;
 - c) A match suspension;
 - d) A ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
 - e) A ban from entering a stadium;
 - f) A ban on taking part in any football-related activity.
- 3) for legal persons:
 - b) Playing a match without spectators;
 - c) Playing a match on neutral territory;
 - d) A ban on playing in a particular stadium;
 - e) Annulment of the result of the match;
 - g) A forfeit;
 - h) Deduction of points;

Article **65** **Arbitration**

- 1) FUFA shall create an Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal national disputes between FUFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents that do not fall under the jurisdiction of FUFA judicial bodies.
- 2) As long as within the Republic of Uganda no national sports Arbitration Tribunal has been installed and recognised by the Regional General Assembly of FUFA, any dispute of national dimension may only be referred in the last instance to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland).

Article **66** **Jurisdiction**

- 1) NERFA, its Members and Officials will not take any dispute to Ordinary Courts unless specifically provided for in the FUFA Statutes and Regulations. Any disagreement shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of FIFA, CAF or FUFA.
- 2) NERFA shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to NERFA. FUFA shall have jurisdiction on exterior disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different groups of clubs, members of FUFA and international disputes.

Article **67** **Court of Arbitration for Sport**

- 1) In accordance with the relevant Articles of the FIFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding FIFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on violations of the Laws of the Game, suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months, or decisions passed by an independent and duly constituted Arbitration Tribunal of FUFA
- 2) NERFA shall ensure its full compliance and that of its Members, and Officials with any final decision passed by a FUFA or CAF or FIFA body or CAS.

CHAPTER IV **FINANCE**

Article **68** **Financial Period**

- 1) The financial period of NERFA shall be one year and shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December
- 2) The revenue and expenses of NERFA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. NERFA's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.
- 3) The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of NERFA with its subsidiaries as at 31st December.

Article **69** **Revenue**

The revenue of NERFA arises specifically from:

- a) Members' annual subscriptions and any levies that may be imposed under these Statutes;
- b) Receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which NERFA is entitled;
- c) Fines imposed by the authorised bodies;
- d) Donations;
- f) FIFA, CAF and FUFA financial contributions;
- g) Other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by NERFA.

Article **70 Expenses**

NERFA bears:

- a) the expenses stipulated in the budget;
- b) Subscriptions, fines, dues, affiliation fees to FUFA
- c) contribution fee to FUFA for development against revenue from sponsorship, commercial and media rights
- b) other expenses approved by the Regional General Assembly and expenses that the Regional Executive Committee is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
- c) All other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by NERFA

Article **71 Independent auditors**

The independent auditors appointed by the Regional General Assembly shall audit the accounts approved by the internal auditor in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Regional General Assembly. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of two years. This mandate may be renewed.

It shall be the obligation of the Regional Executive Committee to submit the management letter by the external auditors to FUFA.

Article **72 Membership subscriptions**

- 1) Membership subscriptions are due yearly on 31stDecember. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the Regional General Assembly at which they are admitted.
- 2) The Regional General Assembly shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every four years on the recommendation of the Regional Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member and amount to Shillings one hundred thousand.

Article **73 Settlement**

NERFA may debit any Member's assets to settle dues that the member owes other natural or legal persons.

Article **74 Levies**

NERFA may demand that a levy be paid by its Members for matches.

CHAPTER V COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article **75 Competitions**

- 1) NERFA organises and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory in accordance with FUFA Regulations:

- The Regional League
- The FUFA District Football Association Leagues
- The FUFA Uganda Cup
- The Women Football Competition
- The FUFA Schools Competition

- 2) The Regional Executive Committee may delegate to NERFA's subordinate Leagues the authority to organise competitions. The competitions organised by the Leagues and or members of NERFA shall not interfere with those competitions organised by NERFA. Competitions organised by FUFA shall take priority.
- 3) No league, group of clubs, club or member of NERFA shall organise any football competition without the written authority of NERFA
- 4) No player, official, referee, licensed agents or Member of NERFA shall participate in any football competition not authorised by FUFA or its delegated authority
- 5) The FUFA Regional Executive Committee may issue special regulations to this end and NERFA shall enforce FUFA Special regulations to this end

Article **76 Licensing**

The Licensing will be enforced in accordance with the FUFA Licensing Regulations

Article **77 Media and Commercial Rights**

- 1) FIFA, CAF, FUFA, NERFA and its Members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audio visual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.
- 2) FUFA will issue special regulations regarding marketing, rights ownership and exploitation for the players, Members of NERFA, NERFA and FUFA itself

Article **78** **Authorisation**

FUFA and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorising the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.

CHAPTER VI MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article **79** **International and Inter-FUFA Members matches and competitions**

- 1 The authority for organising international matches and competitions between Association teams lies solely with FIFA and the Confederation(s). Matches and competitions shall take place in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches. In addition, permission from the relevant Confederation(s) may be required in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.
- 2 The authority for organising inter-FUFA Members matches and competitions between FUFA Members teams lies solely with FUFA. Matches and competitions shall take place in accordance with the FUFA Competitions Rules.
- 3 NERFA shall abide by the FUFA Calendar.

CHAPTER VII FINAL PROVISIONS

Article **80** **Contacts**

NERFA and its Members shall not make administrative, sporting or any other contacts with natural or legal persons that are serving a FUFA, CAF and FIFA ban entered in force.

NERFA and its Members shall not make sporting contacts with Associations suspended by FIFA or CAF or FUFA, and with provisional members of CAF without the approval of FIFA through FUFA.

Article **81** **Approval**

Members of NERFA cannot participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorization of the FUFA, the other Members of FUFA, the other Members of FIFA and of the respective Confederation(s) according to the FUFA Regulations Governing inter-FUFA Members Matches and FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

Article **82** **Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure**

FUFA shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in the Statutes or in cases of force majeure.

Article **83** **Winding-Up**

- 1 Any decision relating to the dissolution of NERFA requires a majority of two-thirds of all of the Members of NERFA, which must be obtained at a Regional General Assembly specially convened for the purpose.
 - 2 If NERFA is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to FUFA. It shall hold this asset in trust as “bonus pater familiae” until NERFA is re-established. The final Regional General Assembly may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority.
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Article **85** **Enforcement**

These Statutes were adopted at the Regional General Assembly in Soroti on 18th September 2019 and will come into force on the same date except otherwise stated by the General Assembly

Signed:



Chairman
Odongo John
Date: 18th September 2019

Signed:



General Secretary
Ekaju Daniel
Date: 18th September 2019