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CHAPTER I DEFINITIONS & STRUCTURES

Article 1 ABBREVIATIONS

1) As defined in the terms and phrases for FUFA Rules

Eg.

CAF	Confederation of African Football
CDP	Competitions Disciplinary Panel
CECAFA	Council of East & Central Africa Football Associations
DC	FUFA Disciplinary Committee
DFA	District Football Association
FCC	FUFA Competitions Committee
FCR	FUFA Competitions Rules
FBL	FUFA Big League
FLC	FUFA Licensing Committee
FCC	FUFA Competitions Committee
FIFA	Federation of International Football Associations
FRSC	FUFA Referees Standing Committee
FUFA	Federation of Uganda Football Associations
RH	Rights Holder
FRSC	FUFA Referees Standing Committee
UA(s)	Unit(s) of Accounts equivalent to 1000 Uganda Shillings
LOC	League Organizing Committee

Article 2 **Terms and phrases**

Definitions in FCR and FUFA Statutes

Unless explicitly defined under these regulations, terms and phrases as used shall be as defined in the FUFA Statutes and/or the FUFA Competitions Rules. In the event of contradiction, definition in the FUFA Statutes shall be final Days

Week days excluding Sundays and Public Holidays

2nd Division League Entity

This shall mean the following persons and entities:

Players of 2nd Division League Clubs

Registered Owners, Officials, Directors, Staff,

2nd Division League Clubs

Sponsors

Contracted Service Providers by any of the above

Home Club

The club hosting the match which shall always be named first in the Fixture

Ineligible Player

Any player outlawed by any of the provisions of these rules and/or any other rules of association football in regard to the 2nd Division League

Match Crew

The following persons shall compose the match crew:

Registered Staff, Players, and Officials of the day's participating clubs

Staff and personnel of the 2nd Division League,

Staff and Officials of the stadium/ground hosting the match

Staff and Officials of FUFA

Referees and match officials of the day's match

Accredited media personnels

Neutral Ground

A ground that does not, in the opinion of the FLC, give undue advantage to either of the competing Clubs

Player

A football player registered with FUFA as a player

Region

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

Spectator

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

The League

The FUFA 2nd Division League also known as the StarTimes FUFA Big League

Units of Account

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

CHAPTER II STRUCTURES, INTERPRETATIONS AND ROLES

Article 3 Structures

1. FUFA is the FIFA recognized Member Association mandated to run and oversee all football activities in Uganda.
2. FCC is a standing committee of FUFA that is responsible to organize and supervise football competitions in line with FUFA Statutes

Article 4 Interpretation

Unless the context otherwise requires.

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

Article 5 Leading Opinion

1. The spirit behind these rules and regulations are aimed at the ten golden rules
2. The FUFA Judicial Units shall apply and enforce these regulations upon a report by any party offended and may apply and enforce these regulations upon their own finding of any infringements.
3. The FCR is the supreme competition rules in Uganda, FUFA 2nd division league rules shall be applied in supreme consideration and reference to FCR.

CHAPTER III CLUBS

Article 6 Registration of Clubs.

1. Registration of clubs for a competition shall be done in a period stipulated by FUFA before the league begins. Clubs shall only be considered registered after receiving a Club License from the FUFA Licensing Committee.
2. FUFA Clubs Licensing Regulations shall provide the procedure for a club's qualification to participate in the FUFA 2nd Division League

Article 7 Match venue

1. Each Club shall register its home venue during club licensing exercise which is certified
2. During play offs stage, FUFA shall determine the match venue.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the club to foot the cost of hiring the stadium/ground for match days and observing any eventualities that may interrupt with the scheduled matches. Any home club that fails to monitor events at the stadium and such omission causes abandonment of the match shall lose the match by forfeiture.
4. The FCC may change the venue of a 2nd division league match;
 - a) for avoiding likely fixture congestion,
 - b) in order to ensure fair play
 - c) for health, safety and security reasons
 - d) to a neutral ground where in the opinion of FCC is deemed necessary

Article 8 Medical

1. Upon registration, each Club shall register medical personnel with a minimum of first aid certification recognized by FUFA medical committee who will be responsible for the team's medical cases on the field of play.
2. Each club shall be required to provide its own medical team and the home club shall be responsible for First Aid facilities at the stadium.
3. Each Club shall comply with Covid-19 SOPs and directives as advised by FUFA and or government ministry of health.

CHAPTER IV THE LEAGUE

Article 9 Naming

1. This Football competition is the FUFA 2nd division league also known as the StarTimes FUFA Big League.

Article 10 Format

1. The FUFA Big League 2021/2022 season will have 12 teams legible to play in a single group on home and away basis.
2. At the end of the season, three (3) clubs from the 2nd Division League shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for 1st Division League for the following season
3. The bottom Four (4) teams on the final table standings at the end of the season shall be relegated to their respective 3rd Division Leagues.
4. The Winner of the Regional Leagues in each of the 8 FUFA regions shall be promoted to the FUFA Big League 2022-2023 season. The 2022/2023 FUFA Big League season will have 16 teams.
5. In case a club(s) is demoted or relegated before the start or end of league, the teams to be relegated for that particular season will be less the number of teams demoted or relegated before the start of end of the season.

Article 11 The Trophy.

1. The club declared the champion shall receive the championship trophy which shall be kept in its safe custody. The Champion Club shall also receive thirty-five (35) gold Medals
2. The trophy shall be returned to the FUFA Competitions department at least four (4) weeks towards the start of the new upcoming season. However, a club failing to return the trophy as spelt out in this paragraph shall be fined a fee to be determined by FCC. A club that wins this trophy three (3) consecutive times shall retain it for keeps.
3. Where a club loses the trophy, it shall be fined the replacement cost of the trophy at the prevailing market value.
4. A club shall only be registered for the following season if it has returned or replaced the trophy as specified in 2 and 3 above.

Article 12 The Ranking of Teams.

1. The final table ranking of clubs in each group shall be determined in accordance with provision the FCR

Relegation.

1. At the end of regular season for group home-away fixtures, with further consideration of demotion, withdrawal or any other form of exit of the team from the league before;
2. 4 teams at the bottom table shall be sportingly relegated to respective regional leagues.

CHAPTER VI PLAYERS

Article 13 Status, Registration and Transfer of Players

1. As per FUFA regulations on status and transfer of players
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Article 14 Medical and anti-doping

As per FCR and relevant FUFA/CAF and FIFA Rules and Regulations

CHAPTER VII COACHES.

Article 15 General Provisions

1. As provided for in FCR and relevant FUFA regulations on licensing of coaches
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CHAPTER VIII FIXTURES

Article 16 Management and Fulfillment

1. Refer to the FCR Article 25 on fixture management and fulfilment.
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CHAPTER IX MATCH ORGANISATION

Article 17 Before Game Time

1. Clubs shall observe their obligations with the Rights Holder as stipulated in the Memorandum of Understanding that may be signed between Clubs and FUFA at the time of acquisition of a Right Holder or a family of league sponsors.
 2. It shall be obligatory for Match officials, Participating Clubs, Stadium Management and FCC to attend pre-match meetings for matches selected by FCC
 3. It shall be the obligation of clubs to reach out to club fans of any communication regarding the ticket prices and match schedules and any changes thereof
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Article 18 During Game Time

1. As per FCR
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Article 19 Security of Persons and Property

1. It shall be the duty of the home team to ensure that adequate security and safety arrangements are made for the match crew and their property and that of the spectators. If the ground requires security protection to prevent spectators from interfering with the game it shall be the duty of the home club to provide such security and if proved not provided, the referee shall not start the game, the home club shall be liable to disciplinary action
 2. If security has been assessed as adequate and violence erupts thereafter, absence of security shall not be presented as defense for responsibility of the ensuing crowd violence.
 3. Where it is proved that individual spectators of one club behaved violently or disrupted match progress, the clubs to which they belong shall lose the Match 3-0 without prejudice to any other sanction(s) that may be imposed in accordance to FUFA Rules.
 4. Where it is proved that both sides of spectators' behaviour caused abandonment of the match, the match shall be played in accordance to decision of the FCC; both teams shall face disciplinary action.
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Article 20 Colours, Jerseys and Strips.

1. All clubs shall appear for League matches in shirts, shorts and stockings that shall have been registered and approved by FCC as the design for both the home and away games of the clubs. Any club that contravenes this rule shall be liable to disciplinary action.
2. Shirts shall be numbered in sequence from Number 1 to 35.
3. The referee shall validate the sets of uniforms to be used by clubs before kickoff of the match if it conforms to registered specimen set of the club and if it meets the required standards. The referee shall have absolute powers to refuse the set of uniform presented by a club if it does not meet the required standards and this shall be included in the referees report. The offending club shall be allowed to use any other set acceptable in the opinion of the referee but shall be liable to disciplinary action by FCC.
4. In the event of colour clash of the uniforms presented by both teams, the visiting team shall be obliged to change the colour.
5. In the event that the match cannot be played as a result of colour of jersey, the referee shall include it in incidences in the referees report. The visiting team without prejudice to any other sanction that may be imposed shall lose the match by 3 goals to 0.

CHAPTER X JUDICATURE

Article 21 2nd Division League Judicial Units

1. As per FCR

Article 22 Cautions and Send offs

During regular season for home/away fixtures

1. All cautions leading to suspension shall remain in force until fully served as per the FCR.
2. Cautions shall be handled in accordance with provisions of the FCR.

During play offs

2. Accumulation of cautions from regular season for home/away group fixtures shall not lead to suspension of the player(s).
3. A player who accumulates two cautions during play-offs shall automatically be suspended for the next physically played or replayed match of the 2nd division league of the same season.

Send-offs

4. Send-offs earned during regular season home/away group league matches shall be served at any stage of the league as per provisions of FUFA Competitions Rules.
5. Send-off earned during play-offs shall lead to suspension for one next physically played or replayed match. If not served within the 2nd division, it will be served in accordance with provisions of the FCR

Article 23 Registering Protests, Petitions, Defenses, Complaints, and Appeals

1. As per FCR

CHAPTER XI FINANCE

Article 24 Budget.

1. The FCC shall draw a budget to manage the 2nd Division League indicating expenditure and projected income.
2. The source of income to the league budget shall include;
 - a) Gate collection percentage.
 - b) Sale of Season Tickets.
 - c) Players and Clubs Registration fees
 - d) Fines and petition fees
 - e) Budget Support Contribution by 2nd Division League Clubs
 - f) Budget Support Contribution by FUFA
 - g) Sale of Media Rights
 - h) League Sponsorship and revenue from sale of league commercial properties
 - i) Revenue from Sale of players to International Clubs
 - j) Any other lawful source of income
3. After drawing the by FCC, it shall be forwarded to the FUFA Executive that shall pass it and there after shall become the working budget for the season
4. The FUFA secretariat will manage the budget in compliance with the FUFA Finance Manual.

Article 25 Management of Gate Collections.

1. All League matches will be organized by the Home Club, Stadium and FCC or services of FUFA registered match agents will be hired where part or all responsibilities of the three (3) will be taken care of by the match agent
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Article 26 With the Services of a Match Agent

1. A contract shall be signed between the match agent as one party with both FUFA and the Home Club as the other parties.
 2. The contract shall indicate the obligations, rights, privileges of all parties
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Article 27 Without the Services of a Match Agent

1. The home team shall be responsible for management of ticketing save for the play offs.
2. FCC shall be responsible for management of ticketing and accreditation for the play offs
3. No spectator shall enter the stadium during game time for any League match unless the person is a holder of a valid and lawfully obtained ticket.
4. Issuing of an entry ticket shall not in any way be deemed to render the FCC, FUFA, Match Day Clubs or Stadium management liable for any injury, damage or loss caused while in the stadium to a person(s) in respect of whom the ticket was issued.
5. Members of the match crew will be entitled to free access to the stadium
6. Media practitioners upon presentation of valid accreditation cards shall be entitled to free entrance. The home team shall be responsible for accreditation save for the play offs.
7. The FCC and/or the home club reserve the right to avail free-entry privilege of an individual or an entire category for any duration of the season or for a particular match in an exclusive effort to promote the league. The FCC shall authenticate the decision by clubs to declare a Group and/or an individual with free access as an effort to promote the league.
8. The home Club or FCC or Stadium management reserve the right of admission and may issue persona non grata status to an individual, or a category of people. Any person(s) who enters the stadium during game time after being declared persona non grata status shall be considered to have trespassed and shall be sued for trespass.

Article 28 Ticket

1. The ticket prices during the home/away group matches shall be determined by the home club(s)
2. The ticket prices during play offs shall be determined by FCC
3. Clubs shall declare and submit the number of people and ticket sales where possible.
4. Where two matches are to be played in the same venue on the same day, a meeting involving stakeholders will be organized to agree on the modalities of sharing the revenue. In event of disagreement, FCC shall decide on the modus operandi and the percentage shares of each party

Article 29 Entitlements and Sharing

1. Revenue collected from sale of season tickets shall be as follows;

Selling Agent (May be the Home or Away)	
a) Club itself	15%
b) FCC	15%
c) FUFA	05%
d) Home Club	65%

2. With a Match Agent and the match agent works for a percentage, his fees shall be considered an operational expense of the match and after deduction of operational expenses, the revenue collected from sale of match tickets shall be shared as follows;

a) FCC	15%
b) FUFA	05%
c) Home Club	80%

3. With a Match Agent and the match agent pays a fee for all, the revenue collected from sale of the match shall be as follows;

a) FCC	15%
b) FUFA	05%
c) Home Club	80%

4. Without a Match Agent, total deductions from the gross ticket sales shall include the operational costs and the net value thereafter shall be shared as follows

a) Home Club	80.0%
b) FCC	15.0%
c) FUFA	05.0%

5. Where the match is organized by FCC the share of net revenue shall be as follows

FUFA	05%
FCC	55%
Participating teams	20% each

Article 30 Registration Fees, Fines and Petitions

1. The fees shall be as indicated in the circulars and/or as established in these rules and shall be paid to FUFA bank account and a receipt issued to the paying entity.

Article 31 Media Rights

1. From the sale of Media and Commercial Rights, the RH will transfer funds to FUFA that shall in turn transfer to appropriate recipients as shall be agreed in the contract with the RH
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Article 32 Commercial Rights

1. In sale of the commercial rights of the 2nd division league, the sharing of the net revenue (cash revenue) received shall be as follows;

a) 2nd Division League Clubs	19%
b) FCC	80%
c) FUFA	1%
 2. In sale of the Clubs Commercial rights, the sharing of the net revenue (cash revenue) received shall be as follows;

a) Club	90%
b) FCC	9%
c) FUFA	1%
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Article 33 International Transfer of Players

1. All players transferring from clubs in the 2nd Division League to clubs belonging to other FIFA member associations shall require an ITC from FUFA. In the process of issuing the ITC, the losing club shall declare the amount received in the sale of the player and FUFA shall require the losing club to pay the percentages below before the ITC is released;

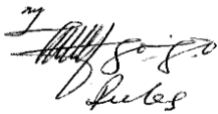
a) FUFA	2% of the Transfer Fees received from the Acquiring Club
b) FCC	3% of the Transfer Fees received from the Acquiring Club
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Article 34 Management of Expenditure

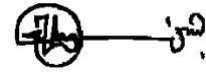
1. The expenditure by the FCC shall be as outlined in the finance regulations stipulated in Finance Manual
2. Any club that is dismissed or demoted from the 2nd Division League as a disciplinary action or on the club's own decision to be dissolved shall not be entitled to receive its prize money. For avoidance of doubt, clubs demoted because of their final positions in the final table standing shall receive their entitled prize money

Article 35 Declarations

1. With the approval of the FUFA Executive Committee, the FCC shall have the mandate to make Bye-laws deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the league.
2. All matters not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by FCC or appropriately FUFA executive Committee in line with the FUFA statutes, the CAF/FIFA Statutes with the approval of the FUFA.
3. By signing, FUFA declares that these are the regulations that shall be used for the 2nd Division League and take effect immediately.



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