



FUFA WOMEN COMPETITIONS RULES [FWCR]

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CHAPTER 1 ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Article 1 Abbreviations

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

CAF	Confederation of African Football
CDP	Competitions Disciplinary Panel
CECAFA	Council of East & Central Africa Football Associations
FDC	FUFA Disciplinary Committee
FCC	FUFA Competitions Committee
FCR	FUFA Competitions Rules
FLC	FUFA Licensing Committee
FCC	FUFA Competitions Committee
FWC	FUFA Women 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
FWEL	FUFA Women Elite League
FWSL	FUFA Women Super League
FWC	FUFA Women Cup
LOC	League Organizing Committee
TOC	Tournament Organising Committee

CHAPTER II. INTERPRETATION, STRUCTURE AND ROLES

Article 2 Interpretation

1) Unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) Words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa;
- b) Referees shall mean Centre and Assistant Referees and 4th Officials
- c) Words importing any particular gender shall include all other genders;
- d) The headings in these Rules are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation;
- e) These Rules shall remain in force until another set of rules are put in place by FUFA

Article 3 Leading Opinion

- 1) The spirit behind these rules is aimed at the ten golden rules of FIFA Fair Play
- 2) FUFA Judicial Bodies shall apply and enforce these rules upon receiving a report, complaint, or a petition filed by any party offended and may apply and enforce these rules upon their own finding of any infringements.

Article 4 FUFA Competitions Rules (FCR)

- 1) The FCR are the supreme competitions rules in Uganda.
- 2) These FWCR are subject to the FCR except for areas explicitly stated in these rules.

Article 5 Structures

- 1) FUFA is the FIFA recognised MA mandated to run and oversee all association and authorised football activities in Uganda.
- 2) FCC is a standing committee of FUFA that is responsible for organising and supervising football competitions. It also advises the FUFA executive committee with matters concerning football competitions in Uganda.
- 3) FUFA Women Committee is responsible for supervising women Competitions and advises the EXCOM with matters concerning women football in Uganda.

CHAPTER III THE LEAGUES

Article 6 Naming

- 1) The Top Tier shall be Called the FUFA Women Super League
- 2) The second tier shall be called the FUFA Women Elite League:
- 3) The Cup shall be called the FUFA Women's Cup.

Article 7 Women Football Competitions Structures

- 1) The Women Uganda League System shall comprise of the following leagues;
 - a) FUFA Women Super League
 - b) FUFA Women Elite League
 - c) FUFA Women Regional League
- 2) FUFA also organises other football competitions, namely:
 - a) FUFA Women's Cup
 - b) FUFA Primary Competitions -girls (Odilo)

a) FUFA Women Super League

- i. The FUFA Women Super League shall be the top tier league in Uganda. This competition shall be managed as provided for by the FUFA Statutes
- ii. The FUFA Women Super League shall be run as a National Professional league Competition.
- iii. This shall be the 1st Division and composed of 8 clubs that participated in the outgoing season of FWSL and were not relegated plus 2 clubs that were promoted from the outgoing season of FWEL subject to Club Licensing.
- iv. Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the FWSL shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

b) FUFA Women Elite League

- i. The FUFA Women Elite League shall be the second-tier league in Uganda. This competition shall be managed by the FCC as the TOC.
- ii. The FUFA Women Elite League shall comprise of 16 teams legible to play and shall be comprised of two (2) groups.
- iii. The FCC shall name each of the groups as Elizabeth and Victoria.
- iv. FUFA ExCom may determine the number of teams in the FWEL in a particular season.
- v. One team at the top of the final table standing of each of the two (2) groups shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the FUFA Women Super League of the next season.
- x. Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the FUFA Women Elite League shall be eligible to participate in this competition

c) FUFA Women Regional League

- i. Each of the RFA shall organise a league played over a football season in order to determine a club that is promoted to the FUFA Women Elite League. Each Women Regional League shall be run by the respective RFA or its designee as the TOC.
- ii. The minimum number of teams in the FUFA Women Regional League shall be five (5)
- iii. In order to determine the Women Regional League teams that are sportingly eligible for club licensing to play in the FUFA Women Elite League the following season, the Women Regional League Winners from the 8 FRAs will be paired as following and will play on a home-away knock-out basis to determine the 4 teams as follows;
 1. 3rd Division League Winners (Buganda RFA) vs. 3rd Division League Winners (Kampala RFA)
 2. 3rd Division League Winners (Kitara RFA) vs. 3rd Division League Winners (Western RFA)

3. 3rd Division League Winners (West Nile RFA) vs. 3rd Division League Winners (Northern RFA)
 4. 3rd Division League Winners (North East RFA) vs. 3rd Division League Winners (Eastern RFA)
- iv. FCC will be TOC for the above matches and will conduct draws to determine which team plays home first.
 - ii. Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the Women Regional shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

d) FUFA Women Cup

- i. The FUFA Women Cup shall be highest Cup competition in Uganda
 - ii. The Women Cup is compulsory for all clubs in the FUFA Women Super League, FUFA Women Elite League and Optional for Women Regional League clubs and any other clubs.
 - iii. Any Club in the FUFA Women Super and Women Elite Leagues that does not participate in this competition shall be liable for disciplinary action.
 - iv. The Competition shall be played as a knock-out competition starting at the level of 64 Clubs but any other format may be used in the qualification stages with approval of the EXCOM.
 - v. This competition shall be run by the FCC as the TOC.
- f) Registration fees:
- i. FWSL& FWEL Ug Shs 100,000=
 - ii. Regional league Ug Shs 70,000=
 - iii. None League clubs/teams Ug Shs 150,000=

Article 8 Format of Play

- 1) The FWSL, FWEL shall be run on a league format basis where all teams shall play home and away basis
- 2) The Women Regional League will be home and away basis organised by the respective RFAs
- 3) The EXCOM may authorise any other format of play

CHAPTER IV. CLUBS

Article 9 Registration of Clubs

- 1) Registration of clubs in the FWSL and FWEL shall be done in a period stipulated by FUFA before the competition starts, Clubs shall only be considered registered after receiving a club license from FLC.
- 2) Club Licensing Regulations (CLR) and guidelines shall provide for a club's qualification to participate in the FWSL and FWEL.

Article 10 Club Officials

- 1) A club participating in the FWSL and FWEL shall be required to have a minimum of one (1) female official in the technical role at the Club

Article 11 Medical

- 1) Upon registration, each club shall register medical personnel with a minimum of first aid certification recognised by FUFA medical committee who will be responsible for the team's medical cases on the field.
- 2) Each club shall be required to provide its own medical team and the home club shall provide First Aid and emergency facilities including but not limited to an ambulance.
- 3) Each Club shall comply with Covid-19 SOPs and directives as advised by FUFA and or Government ministry of health in accordance to the FUFA Covid-19 Regulations.

Article 12 Promotion and Relegation

- 1) Promotion and Relegation will only provide eligibility for FUFA Club Licensing for a club to play in a respective football competition.
- 2) At the end of the FUFA Women Super League season, the bottom two (2) clubs of the final table standing relegated to the FUFA Women Elite League for the following season.
- 3) At the end of the season, one (1) top Club from each group off the FUFA Women Elite League shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for FUFA Women Super League for the following season
- 4) The 4 teams from the Women Regional Leagues as determined by Article 9 (c) above shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for FUFA Women Elite League for the following season.

CHAPTER V COACHES

Article 13 Coaches

- 1) For purpose of this article, a coach shall be an individual employed in a football specific occupation by a club whose employment duties consist of one or more of the following, training and coaching players, selecting players for matches and competitions, making tactical choices during matches and competitions t also includes an assistant coach.
- 2) Only coaches with valid FUFA Coaching License shall be authorised to coach and manage a women football club registered with FUFA.
- 3) A club in FWSL and FWEL shall employ a coach holding a minimum of CAF C license or its equivalent certified by FUFA. Any club in breach of this regulations shall be liable for disciplinary sanctions

Article 14 Trophy

- 1) The Trophy is the property of FUFA and shall be presented to the winning Club.
- 2) The club declared the champion shall be responsible for the safety of the trophy. The Champion of FWSL shall receive thirty (30) gold Medals.
- 3) The Champion in the FWEL shall receive thirty (30) gold medals and the runner up thirty (30) silver medals and six (6) gold medals for match officials
- 4) The trophy shall be returned to the FUFA Competitions department at least four (4) weeks towards the start of the new upcoming. 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.
- 5) Where a club loses, damages or destroys the trophy under their care and custody, the latter shall be fined for the replacement cost of the trophy at the prevailing market value.
- 6) A club shall only be registered for the following season if it has returned or replaced the trophy as specified in 14(4) and 14(5) above.

CHAPTER VI PERFORMANCE

Article 15 Ranking of Teams

- 1) The final table ranking of clubs in each group shall be determined in accordance with provisions of the FCR
- 2) The final table standing of the FWSL shall provide priority order of eligibility to represent Uganda in the CAF Women Club Championship and CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers.
- 3) The top club from each of the two (2) groups in the FWEL shall be involved in one-leg play off at the neutral ground determined by the TOC to determine the winner.

CHAPTER VII PLAYERS

Article 16 Status, Transfer and Registration of Players

Status

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

Player Licensing

- 2) All FWSL and FWEL Clubs shall be restricted to contract and or register a maximum of 30 players
- 3) All Women regional league Clubs are entitled to register a maximum of 25 players
- 4) Registration of players and officials of Clubs in FWSL, FWEL and Women Regional League shall be done under FUFA Web based electronic system called FUFA Football Connect and transfer shall be done through the Domestic Transfer Matching System (DTMS) within the registration window, unless otherwise as determined by FUFA in which case, sanctions and or fines may be imposed for any alternative means.

Article 17 Substitutions

- 1) Substitutions of up to three (3) players shall be allowed from the list of up to seven (7) reserves submitted to the Referee before commencement of the match.
- 2) FUFA may authorise variation of Article 17(1) above provided such variation is stipulated in the specific competition rules to the extent of such variation.

CHAPTER VIII. MATCH ORGANISATION

Article 18 Match Day Events

- 1) Clubs shall observe their obligation with RH as stipulated in the deed of adherence available or as amended from time to time.
- 2) Teams shall put on jerseys properly numbered and with shirt names for FWSL and FWEL, any club that contravenes this provision shall be liable for disciplinary action.
- 3) Subject to further instructions from the TOC, the clubs and all match officials shall comply with the official day match count down given to them by the TOC.

Article 19 Laws of the Game

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

Article 20 Colours, Jerseys and Strips/Kits

- 1) Each club shall register three kits; Home kit, away kit and alternative kit. If in the opinion of the Referee, the sets of both teams are similar in colours or clash, the visiting team shall change to their registered home sets or any other set that removes the clash.
- 2) Shirts shall be numbered in sequence from 1 to 35
- 3) Where only a home team goal keepers' colour clashes with the outfield players' jersey of the visiting team, the home team goal keeper shall change to another colour as approved by the referee.
- 4) Other details about the Club Jerseys and Strips shall be specified in the respective FUFA Competition Rules Article 29.

Article 21 Cautions and Send offs

- 1) All cautions and send offs shall be handled in accordance with provisions in Article 30 of the FCR.

CHAPTER IX DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS

Article 22 Misconduct and Sanctions

- 1) FUFA may act against a participant, player or official in respect of any "Misconduct", which is defined as being a breach of the following:
 - a) The Laws of the Game;
 - b) The Statutes, Regulations, Directives and Decisions of FIFA, CAF and FUFA

- 2) A Participant, player or official shall at all times act in the best interests of the game and shall not act in any manner which is improper or brings the game into disrepute or use any one, or a combination of, violent conduct, serious foul play, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour. Any participant in breach of this section, shall be charged and if found in breach shall liable for disciplinary actions of a suspension or a ban not exceeding fifteen competition matches or specified period with or without a fine depending on the discretion of CDP, TOC or appropriate FUFA judicial bodies
- 3) For purposes of this Article, a “Participant” means a Member Association, Competition, Club, Club Official, Intermediary, Player, Official, Match Official, Management Committee Member, Member or Employee of an affiliated Club, member Association or FUFA and all such persons who are from time to time participating in any activity sanctioned either directly or indirectly by FUFA;
- 4) **Misconduct of players and officials:**
 - i) Subject to the automatic suspension by the referee in accordance with the laws of the game, the suspensions shall apply to the player or official for competitions matches and suspensions /ban and or fine shall be subjected in the accordance with the FCR
- 5) **Misconduct against Match officials.**
 - ii) Subject to the automatic suspension by the referee in accordance with the laws of the game, the following suspensions shall apply to the player or official for competitions matches and suspensions /ban and or fine shall be subjected in the accordance with the FCR

Article 23 Fines and Petitions

- 1) FWSL and FWEL League disputes, protests, petitions, complaints and appeals shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of FCR and FUFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code and shall be administered by respective FUFA judicial Bodies.

CHAPTER X FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

Article 24 Finance

- 1) The FCC shall draw budgets to manage the women competitions indicating the expenditure and projected income.
- 2) The sources of income shall include
 - a) Players and Club registration fees
 - b) Fines and Petitions upon infringement of these rules
 - c) Budget support by the Clubs
 - d) Budget support contribution by FUFA
 - e) Any other lawful source of income

Article 25 Ticket Prices

- 1) The ticket prices shall be determined by the home club(s)
- 2) Where two matches are to be played in the same venue on the same day, a meeting involving stakeholders will be 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

CHAPTER XI RIGHTS, MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP

Article 26 Sponsorship, League/Competitions Promotions and Marketing

- 1) Refer to The FUFA Regulations for Rights, Marketing and Sponsorship

CHAPTER XII FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 27 Bye-Laws

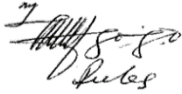
- 1) With the approval of the FUFA Executive Committee, the TOC shall have powers to make Bye-laws deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the Women Competitions.
- 2) Such bye-laws shall not be enforceable until they have been approved by the FUFA CEO in writing
- 3) From time to time, FUFA 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.

Article 28 Matters not provided for and Force majeure

- 1) All matters not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the FUFA Executive Committee.
- 2) A club, member or official (the "Affected Party") prevented from carrying out its obligations hereunder shall give notice to FUFA of an Event of Force Majeure upon it being foreseen by, or becoming known to, the Affected Party.

Article 29 Declaration

1) FUFA declares that these FUFA Women Competitions Rules shall come in force on the 1st February 2022 Unless amended, these regulations shall remain in force.



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