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## FUFA Competitions Rules



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## CHAPTER I ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

### **Article 1** *Abbreviations*

As defined in the terms and phrases for FUFA Rules

### **Article 2** *Terms and phrases*

As defined in terms and phrases for FUFA Rules

## CHAPTER II INTRODUCTION

### **Article 3** *Interpretation*

- 1) Unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a) Words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa;
  - b) Words importing any particular gender shall include all other genders;
  - c) The headings in these Rules are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation;
  - d) These Rules shall remain in force until another set of rules are is put in place by the FUFA Executive Committee.

### **Article 4** *Leading Opinion*

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

### **Article 5** *Scope*

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

### **Article 6** *Structures*

- 1) FUFA is the FIFA recognised MA mandated to run and oversee all football activities in Uganda.

2) FCC is a standing committee of FUFA that is responsible to organise and supervise football competitions. It is the think tank, hands, ears and eyes of the FUFA executive committee with matters concerning football competitions in Uganda.

3) Committees and their Competitions Functions

**a) FUFA Licensing Committee**

The FUFA Standing Committee that is required to manage the licences issued by FUFA to clubs, competition organisers, academies, coaches, agents etc. It is mandated to collect and compile the licensee data, evaluate the data and award or not award the licence based on regulations drawn by FUFA.

**b) FUFA Players Status Committee**

The FUFA Standing Committee in charge of the status of players and that adjudge on contractual disputes of players with their clubs, their agents and coaches with the employers.

**c) FUFA Referees Standing Committee**

The FUFA Standing Committee responsible for development, appointment and technical discipline of Referees and Match Assessors.

**d) FUFA Security and safety Committee**

The FUFA Standing Committee in charge of Safety and Security that is mandated to advice on security matters of FUFA Competitions and FUFA Competitions Matches.

**e) Committee for match organisation**

The FUFA Standing Committee in charge of investigation and that may cause prosecution on matters of

- i) Malicious Actions and False Allegations that bring football into disrepute
- ii) Fans interference of Match Proceedings
- iii) Actions of violence that lead to risk of or damage to property and persons at matches
- iv) Predetermination of Match Results

It may recommend to the TOC the level of security required for a particular competition or match.

**f) First instance Bodies**

These are bodies appointed by FUFA Executive Committee to enforce matters of infringement of the laws of the game and FUFA Competitions Rules that are not reserved for any committee or body of FUFA. For avoidance of doubt, FIB shall be the TOC or a committee appointed by the TOC of that particular competition.

**g) FUFA Disciplinary Committee**

The FUFA Judicial Body that is mandated to investigate and adjudge on field matters of misconduct, offensive behaviour, threats, force, violence. The FDC shall also work as an AB for decisions made by lower judicial units.

**h) FUFA Ethics Committee**

The FUFA Judicial Body that is mandated to investigate and adjudge matters of doping, forgery and falsification, bribery, corruption, non-discrimination, offering and acceptance of gifts and other benefits, integrity of matches and competitions etc.

**i) FUFA Appeals Committee**

The FUFA Judicial Body that works as an AB for the decisions of the FDC, FUFA Players Status Committee, FRSC and FUFA Licensing Committee. The Decision of the FAC is final.

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**Article 7**     *Doping*

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

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**Article 8**     *Communication*

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- 1) The following means of communication shall be the accepted official communication means:
  - a) When written communication is received and signed for by any of the registered officials of the recipient;
  - b) When delivered to the premises of the recipient and signed for;



- c) When posted and proof of post is acquired;
  - d) When faxed and positive fax transmission report is obtained; and
  - e) When an e-mail of the official document is sent to the Chairman's and/or the CEO's and/or Club's registered e-mail addresses. (For avoidance of doubt, not checking e-mail boxes shall not be an accepted reason for not receiving a communication).
- 2) Each communicating party may endeavour to use more than one of the above means to communicate.

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**Article 9** *Media Statements*

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Refer to FUFA Communications Code

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**Article 10** *FUFA Club Licence*

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- 1) FUFA CLUB LICENCE is the licence issued by the FUFA Licensing Committee to all clubs/teams that apply and are evaluated to be appropriate and to acceptable standards to participate in FUFA Competitions in accordance with the FUFA Club Licensing Regulations.
- 2) All Clubs/Teams Participating in FUFA Competitions shall be required to present a FUFA Club Licence to the TOC before they are included in the competition.
- 3) Any organised FUFA Competition that includes a team without a FUFA Club Licence shall be null and void.
- 4) Any TOC that violates Rule 10(3) shall be liable to disciplinary action. The sanctions may include FUFA withdrawing the Football Competition Organising Licence/Authority from such TOC.

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**Article 11** *Club Name and Ownership*

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- 1) Name of the club shall be as indicated on Certificate of Registration.
- 2) The owners of the Club shall be as indicated in the FUFA Clubs register.
- 3) No individual or group of individuals or legal person(s) shall have control in more than one club.
- 4) Change of ownership shall be in accordance with FUFA Regulations for Club Ownership and Registration



## CHAPTER III COMPETITIONS PROVISIONS

### **Article 12** *Types of Football Competitions in Uganda*

#### **1. League**

This shall be a competition where all participating teams shall play against each other on a home-away basis over a period of time.

#### **2. Mini-League**

This shall be a competition where teams shall play against each other in groups in over one leg basis .

#### **3. Mixed-Format Competition**

This is a competition where participating teams are drawn into groups and group teams playing against each other on league or mini-league basis with top teams qualifying for knock-out. First team in each group qualify directly without knock-outs or the first two teams in each group qualify for knock-out stages

#### **4. Knock-Out Competition**

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

### **Article 13** *Number of Teams in a Competition*

- 1) For a league format, the competition shall not have less than five (5) teams and not more than twenty (20) teams.

### **Article 14** *Determining the Winner*

- 1) Only the winner of the 1st division league shall be officially referred to as Champion. The winner of the 1st Division League shall be declared by FUFA. The trophy for the champions shall be handed over by the FUFA President or his designee.
- 2) Only the winner of the FUFA Uganda Cup shall be officially referred to as Cup Holder. The winner of the FUFA Uganda Cup shall be declared by FUFA. The trophy for the Cup Holders shall be handed over by the FUFA President or his designee.

- 3) All other winners of other competitions organised and/or authorized by FUFA shall be officially referred as respective competitions winners. The winner of such competitions shall be declared by the TOC.

### **1. League, Mini League and group stage of Mixed-Format Competition**

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

### **2. Knock-Out (Cup) Format Competition**

- 8) If the TOC Rules indicate that the knockout competition is played over one (1) leg;
  - a) the team with more goals at the end of the one leg will be declared the winner of that match.
  - b) If the teams are still tying by 14(8)(a) above at the end of the match, the TOC Rules shall detail if extra time shall be played to determine the winner and the team with more goals after extra time will be the winner of the match.
  - c) If the teams are not separated by 14(8)(b) above, the winner of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be the winner.

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

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**Article 15** *Football Competitions Structures*

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- 1) The Uganda League System shall comprise of the following leagues;
  - a) FUFA 1st Division League
  - b) FUFA 2nd Division League
  - c) FUFA 3rd Division League
  - d) FUFA 4th Division League
  - e) FUFA 5th Division League
- 2) FUFA also organises other football competitions, namely:
  - a) Uganda Cup
  - b) FUFA Women Elite League
  - c) FUFA Women Cup
  - d) FUFA Juniors League
  - e) FUFA Inter Region
  - f) Any other competition that the FUFA Executive Committee may approve
  - g) In accordance with FUFA Regulations for Authorized competitions, FUFA or Member of FUFA may take part in authorized competitions

**1. 1st Division League**

- a) The 1st Division League shall be the highest league in Uganda. This competition shall be managed as provided for by the FUFA Statutes and in accordance with the 1st division rules. The Body authorised by FUFA shall be the TOC.
- b) The 1st Division League shall be run as a league competition.
- c) Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the 1st Division shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

## 2. 2nd Division League

- a) The 2nd Division League shall be the second-tier league in Uganda. This competition shall be managed by the FCC as the TOC.
- b) If the clubs comprising the 2nd Division League are more than 16 before the start of the season, the competition shall be comprised of two (2) groups.
- c) The FCC shall name each of the groups.
- d) In accordance with Article 15.4(b) above, the league will be composed and structured as per Article 12 (3) of these rules.
- e) If the clubs comprising the 2nd Division League are less than 17, the competition shall be run on a league format basis.
- f) Where the 2nd Division League comprises of a single group the three clubs at the top of the final table standing shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 1st Division League of the next season.
- g) Where the 2nd Division League comprises of two (2) groups the club at the top of the final table standing of each of the two (2) groups shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 1st Division League of the next season.
- h) The third club that shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 1st Division League of the next season as promoted from the 2nd Division League shall be determined through play-offs
- i) The First Runners Up and Second Runners Up in each group shall be involved in a one-leg play off under the format below;
  - 1. The First Runners Up club in first group will play host to the second Runners Up club in the second group at a neutral ground determined by the FCC.
  - 2. The First Runners Up club in the second group will play host to the second Runners Up club in the first group at a neutral ground determined by the FCC.
  - 3. The winning teams in Article 15(4)(i)(1) and 15(4)(i)(2) above shall play a one-leg final at a neutral ground determined by FCC.
- j) The winner in Article 15(4)(i)(3) above shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 1st Division League of the next season.
- k) Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the 2nd Division shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

### **3. 3rd Division League**

- a) Each of the RFA shall organise a league played over a football season in order to determine a club that is promoted to the 2nd Division League. The league shall also be known as the 3rd Division League. Each 3rd Division League shall be run by the respective RFA or its designee as the TOC.
- b) In the event that RFA fails to execute its mandate in 15(5)(a) above, FUFA shall determine course of action.
- c) If the clubs comprising a particular 3rd Division League are more than twelve (12)(ie 12 and above) at the start of the season, the competition shall be comprised of two (2) groups and each group will be run as a league competition in accordance with Article 12(i)(3) of these regulations.
- d) The maximum number of group teams in a 3rd Division League shall be 13.
- e) The FUFA CEO shall approve the name of each of the group as proposed by the RFA Executive.
- f) If the clubs comprising a particular 3rd Division League are less than thirteen (13), the competitions shall be run on a league format basis.
- g) Where the 3rd Division League comprises of a single group the club at the top of the final table standing shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 2nd Division League of the next season
- h) Where there are two (2) groups in a particular 3rd Division League the club that shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 2nd Division League of the next season shall be determined through play-offs.
- i) The top Club in each group shall be involved in a one-leg play off to determine the 3rd Division League winner at a neutral ground determined by the TOC.
- d) Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the 3rd Division shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

### **4. 4th and 5th Division Leagues**

- a) The 4th and 5th Division leagues played over a football season and comprising of clubs from the respective DFA shall be organised by the respective DFA or its designee under supervision of the respective RFA.
- b) The 4th and 5th Division Leagues format shall be specified in FUFA Regulations on lower league competitions.

- c) Only DFAs that are full members of the respective RFA shall be eligible to organise the 4th Division leagues.
- d) DFAs that are full or suspended or provisional RFA Members shall be eligible to organise the 5th Division League.
- e) A new Club joining the Uganda League System shall only be eligible to join the 5th Division League.
- f) One DFA that is a full member of RFA may authorise a club to transfer from that DFA to another in writing maintaining the same level of the league within the same Region and upon consent in writing by the receiving DFA.

## **5. FUFA Uganda Cup**

- a) The Uganda Cup shall be highest Cup competition in Uganda
  - b) The Uganda Cup is compulsory for all clubs in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Division Leagues.
  - c) Any Club in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Division Leagues that does not participate in this competition shall be liable for disciplinary action. The corrective measure or disciplinary action may include one or a combination of the following;
    - i) Deduction of League Points
    - ii) Monetary Fines
    - iii) Future Exclusion from the Competition
    - iv) Suspension from the respective League
    - v) Demotion to Lower League
  - d) The Competition shall be played as a knock-out competition starting at the level of 64 Clubs but any other format may be used in the qualification stages.
  - e) The Uganda Cup Rules will detail other rules provisions for this competition.
  - f) This competition shall be run by the FCC as the TOC.
6. All Other Competitions Organised and/or Authorised by FUFA
- Such Competitions shall be authorised as per FUFA Regulations on Authorised Competitions and managed as detailed in the respective competition rules with written authority from FUFA.

### **Match Facilities**

- 1) It shall be the responsibility of the home club to hire the stadium (if applicable) for match days (TV matches inclusive) 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.

- 2) The TOC may change the venue of a match;
  - a) for avoiding likely fixture congestion,
  - b) in order to ensure fair play
  - c) for health, safety and security reasons
  - d) In order to fulfill the RH obligations
  - e) to a neutral ground where in the opinion of TOC is deemed necessary
- 3) FUFA may order the closure of any venue where the safety of clubs, Match Officials or Spectators cannot be guaranteed.

## **MEDICAL**

- 4) Each club shall be required to provide its own medical team and the home club shall provide First Aid and emergency facilities.
- 5) Upon registration, each Club shall register medical personnel with a minimum of first aid certification recognized by FUFA medical committee who will be responsible for the team's medical cases on the field of play.

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## **Article 16** *Representation in International Club Competitions*

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- 1) For Club Licensing and/or disciplinary reasons, FUFA reserves the final authority to determine the club to represent Uganda in all International club competitions without compromising sporting integrity.
- 2) The club that is selected to represent Uganda in the CAF Club Champions League or the CAF Confederation Cup shall pay a refundable security deposit of US \$ 10,000 (US Dollars ten thousands only) to FUFA before their participation application is forwarded to CAF.
- 3) Dues accrued by the Club as provided for in FUFA,CAF and FIFA Statutes and Regulations shall be deducted from this security deposit.
- 4) The final table standing of the 1st Division League shall provide the priority order of eligibility to represent Uganda in the CAF Club Champions League and CECAFA Club Championship.
- 5) The final positions of the Uganda Cup Competitions shall provide the priority order of eligibility to represent Uganda in the CAF Confederation Cup.
- 6) Article 16(3) and (4) notwithstanding, the FUFA Executive Committee shall decide the club to represent Uganda in any other International Club Competitions.
- 7) Where a club wins both the Uganda Cup and tops the 1st Division League Table, FUFA shall only nominate such club to represent Uganda in the CAF Club Champions League.



- 8) FUFA shall set a local deadline date for clubs to confirm representing Uganda in international competitions and such date shall be one month from the deadline date set by the organisers of the respective international competition.
- 9) Any club(s) that confirm(s) participation in the international competition as specified in Article 16(7) above but withdraws after the FUFA-set local deadline but before the deadline date set by the organisers of the respective international competition, shall be suspended from representing Uganda for two (2) other times the club(s) get(s) the option to represent Uganda and shall pay a fine of 2,000 UAs.
- 10) Any club(s) that confirm(s) participation in the international competition as specified in Article 16(6), 16(7) and 16(8) above but withdraws after the deadline date set by the organisers of the respective international competition, shall be suspended from representing Uganda for three (3) other times the club(s) get(s) the option to represent Uganda and shall pay a fine equivalent to the fine the organisers of such competition would subject to FUFA for such an action.

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### **Article 17 Promotion and Relegation**

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- 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 1st Division League season, the top thirteen (13) clubs of the final table standing shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for 1st Division League for the following season and the rest of the club(s) will be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for 2nd Division League for the following season
- 3) 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.
- 4) The 2nd Division League Rules shall prescribe the formula for relegation to the respective 3rd Division Leagues.
- 5) The winners of the respective 3rd Division Leagues shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for 2nd Division League for the following season.
- 6) The Lower League Rules shall detail the respective 3rd Division League formats and guidelines for relegation to the 4th Division Leagues.
- 7) The Lower League Rules shall detail the respective formats and guidelines for promotion and relegation for the 4th Division Leagues and the 5th Division Leagues.

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**Article 18** *Failure to Complete the League*

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

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

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

## CHAPTER IV PLAYERS

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**Article 19** *Status, Transfer, and Registration of Players*

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1. Status
  - 1) The status of each player shall be defined by the FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
2. Registration
  - 2) Players shall only be considered as FUFA Licensed for a season upon being validated by Competitions department on the FUFA e-License Plus electronic registration system or when their licence and registration forms being signed and stamped by either the Chairman or Secretary of the FCC for that season.
  - 3) Registration of players for FUFA Competitions shall be held as specified in the FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
  - 4) Each Club shall register the number of players in accordance with FUFA Regulations on Status and Transfer of Players.
3. FUFA e-LICENSE PLUS ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM
  - 5) Registration of players and officials of the clubs in 1st to 3rd division leagues shall be done under FUFA web-based electronic system called FUFA e-License Plus.

- 6) Every club must sign and stamp FUFA License plus Data Protection and Compliance Agreement Form to be provided with the credentials to access the system.
  - 7) In case of loss of the license, replacement shall cost 50UAs for each of the player license to be replaced.
  - 8) A club shall be fined 500UAs for filling false information or false attachments; in addition more punitive measures may be imposed.
4. Transfer
- 9) Players registered by a club shall only be replaced as provided for in the FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.

#### **5. Playing an ineligible player**

- 10) Only FUFA Licensed players shall be eligible to play in FUFA Competitions.
- 11) A Club that fields an ineligible player shall lose the match by forfeiture to the opposing team.
- 12) In event that a player is registered with more than one club, even if the clubs are registered with one or more FIFA Member, the club that rightfully owns this player shall not suffer any penalty for double registration. The defaulting club shall lose the match by forfeiture to the opposing team.

#### **6. FUFA Licensed players' participation in non-FUFA Competitions**

- 13) FUFA Licensed Players shall only appear for FUFA authorised competitions upon clearance by FUFA and shall not appear for any competition that is not authorised by FUFA.
- 14) A player registered by a club shall only appear for FUFA authorised competitions at the discretion of the player's club.

#### **7. Players on international duty**

- 15) Utilisation of the player for international duty by either National Team or Club shall be in accordance with the following priority order:
  - a) FIFA Competitions
  - b) CAF Competitions
  - c) CECAFA Competitions
  - d) FUFA Competitions
  - e) Other Competitions
- 16) Where both the national team and club have international engagements, the national team shall take priority.

- 17) If a club has at least one (1) player in the national team, the fixtures involving such a club may be called off three (3) days before and three (3) days after the national team engagement if it is to be played in Uganda and may be called off three (3) days before departure and three (3) days after return from an engagement outside Uganda.
- 18) A club with a player(s) in a national team may request in writing to continue with its fixtures without that player(s) and the respective TOC shall allow the fixture.
- 19) A Club may request for utilisation of a national team player in camp for a FUFA Competition Match and FUFA may grant such a request on condition that a FUFA Registered Club Official picks the player on the day of the match and returns him atmost before 1159 hours on the day of the match. Contravention of this provision may cause disciplinary action.
- 20) The above provisions shall also apply to fixtures involving clubs participating in CAF or CECAFA clubs competitions.

## CHAPTER V MATCH OFFICIATION

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### **Article 20** *Match officials*

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- 1) The match officials will comprise of Match Commissioner, Match Referees Assessor, Match Security Officer, Centre Referee, First Assistant Referee, Second Assistant Referee, and Fourth Official. In event of the absence of any of them, the present team shall still be considered the match officials.
- 2) The TOC may appoint a match commissioner who shall be the official TOC representative at the match. His report shall be considered as one of the official reports of a match.
- 3) In absence of a match commissioner, the referee assessor will perform the duties of the match commissioner and shall compile both reports for referee assessor and Match commissioner.
- 4) All FUFA Competitions matches shall be officiated by only referees and assistant referees fully registered with FUFA for the current season.
- 5) All referees and assistant referees registered with FUFA shall be provided with REFEREE BADGE. The referee shall display the badge during the match. Any body that contravenes this rule shall be liable to disciplinary action.

- 6) FRSC shall manage appointment of match assessors and referees for all FUFA Competitions and FUFA authorised Competitions in accordance with FUFA Referees Manual.
- 7) FRSC shall appoint match assessors and referees for the Uganda Cup, 1st Division League and 2nd Division League.
- 8) FRSC may however delegate match assessors and referees appointment responsibilities to a referees standing committee of a RFA or TOC for their respective competitions.
- 9) FRSC shall appoint a number of match assessors and referees for all FUFA authorised competitions. Such a list of appointed referees shall be passed onto the TOC of the FUFA Authorised Competition and no other referee not on that list shall be used for that particular competition unless in unavoidable circumstances as shall be approved by FRSC. An FRSC named representative (s) shall be included on the FUFA authorised competitions match assessors and referees appointing sub-committee.
- 10) FRSC may delegate its responsibilities in Article 21(9) above to the referees standing committee of the FRA or FUFA authorised competitions in their respective competitions.
- 11) At the beginning of the season, FRSC shall categorise all match assessors and referees for various FUFA Competitions. Such Categorisation shall be approved by Fufa executive committee.
- 12) FUFA Competitions matches shall be officiated by appointed match officials in the following descending priority order; Centre Referee, Fourth Official, First Assistant Referee, and Second Assistant Referee. Where any of the above official(s) is(are) absent, the next present official(s) in the same priority order shall take over the higher vacant responsibility(ies).
- 13) In event that only two (2) of the appointed referees by the FRSC are present and a number of League listed referees are present, the match commissioner if available, shall request for the consent of both clubs on the referee to be appointed. In event of failure to agree by both clubs and/or presence of only one (1) League listed referee, the match commissioner shall appoint the referee, with or without the consent of one or both of the clubs. This shall be specified in the referees report.
- 14) In event all the above cannot be applied, the match shall be postponed to a future day set by the TOC
- 15) Referees and Commissioners shall send;
  - a) SMS messages to TOC central telephone number indicating the fulltime scores, scorers, players cautioned and sent-off and big incidents if any immediately after the match but in any case not later than 30 minutes from the end of the match.

Any match official who fails to comply with this provision shall be fined 100UAs. which shall be paid before he officiates another FUFA Competition match.

b) A detailed match report to the TOC and a copy to the match assessors and referees appointing authority within 48 hours from the date and time of the match. Any match official who fails to comply with this provision shall be fined 100 UAs and may not be appointed for any FUFA Competition match unless he/she has submitted such a report and is cleared by the FRSC.

16) The TOC may decline to utilise a match official appointed by the FRSC or its designee on established bias, indiscipline or other explainable reason for a FUFA Competition. Such decline shall be communicated in writing to the FRSC. If the FRSC is not satisfied with the written explanation the appointed referees shall be sustained.

#### **Match Officials Disciplinary Matters:**

17) Match Officials technical offenses shall mean errors on interpretation and application of the FIFA laws of the game. Such technical offenses shall be adjudged by the FRSC and appeals shall be made to the FDC and higher judicial units as the case may be

18) Match Officials non-technical offenses shall mean offenses committed by match officials that are not technical. Such non-technical offenses shall be adjudged by the TDC and appeals shall be made to the FDC and higher judicial units as the case may be.

19) Any match official who is proved to have knowingly or unknowingly incorrectly reported or conceals incidents about a match he officiated shall be liable to disciplinary action.

20) Any Club refusing to play their match due to that Club's objection to any match official appointed as specified in these rules shall lose the match by forfeiture to the opposing Club.

21) It shall be punishable to delay a match and/or to protest against the appointment of a referee in a manner that hinders the progress of a match that has already started. Any individual or club who contravenes this provision shall be fined (300UAs) and any other sanction as deemed appropriate by the TOC.

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**Article 21 Substitutions**

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- 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 22(1) above provided such variation is stipulated in the specific competition rules to the extent of such variation.

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**Article 22 Duration of Matches**

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



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**Article 23** *Laws of the Game*

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

## CHAPTER VI MATCH ORGANISATION

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**Article 24** *Fixtures Management and fulfilment*

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- 1) The fixtures and their management shall be a preserve of the TOC and shall be stipulated in the respective competition rules.
- 2) In order to effectively manage the football calendar all fixtures for all FUFA authorized and/organized competitions shall be approved by the FUFA.
- 3) In the event that a team or both teams in a scheduled fixture turn(s) up for the match but refuse(s) to play, either team or both shall be docked 3 points and 3 goals from those already accumulated or those to be accumulated. Additional sanctions may be imposed on the team(s).
- 4) A club failing to turn up for any league/competition match shall submit a written explanation to the TOC within forty eight hours from the date of the match.
- 5) A club that fails to submit a written explanation as provided for in Article 25(4) above shall be demoted to the immediate next level.
- 6) In respect of Article 25(4) above, lack of finances shall not be considered an acceptable reason by the TOC.
- 7) If the TOC or any other judicial body accepts such explanation, the TOC may refix the match and may direct the defaulting club to reimburse such expenses as computed by the TOC. However, in the event both teams' explanations are accepted, both teams shall meet the costs of the match.
- 8) If such explanation is not accepted, the defaulting club shall be fined by the TOC and shall in addition:
  - a) lose the match by forfeiture and shall be docked six (6) points and six (6) goals from those already accumulated or to be accumulated in event that the defaulting club is the home club;
  - b) lose the match by forfeiture and shall be docked three (3) points and three (3) goals from those already accumulated or to be accumulated in event that the defaulting club is the away club.

- 9) Any club in a league format that does not turn up for three (3) fixtures in a season and their explanation, under Article 25(4), is not accepted in all the three(3) incidences shall be:
- a) Demoted to the respective 3rd Division League if the defaulting club plays in the 1st Division league;
  - b) Demoted to the respective DFA 4th Division League if the defaulting club plays in the 2nd Division League;
  - c) Demoted to the respective 5th Division if the defaulting club plays in the 3rd Division League;
  - d) Suspended from the FUFA league system for one (1) sub sequent season if the defaulting club plays in the 4th Division League; and
  - e) Suspended from the FUFA league system for two (2) sub sequent seasons if the defaulting club plays in the 5th Division League.
- 10) If a club withdraws or is dismissed /demoted from a competition of the league format when it has played less than 50% of the league, the results involving the withdrawn or dismissed club shall be nullified.
- 11) If at the time of withdrawal the club has played 50% and above of the league, the results of the first round shall be sustained while all the results of matches in the second round shall be nullified.
- 12) In case of withdraw and/or deliberate refusal to honour engagements the club shall be confirmed demoted and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

### **Deaths**

- 13) When death of a registered club player(s) or a registered club official(s) occurs;
- (a) All players in matches organised and sanctioned by FUFA in that week shall wear black arm bands and may observe a minute of silence before kick-off.
  - (b) If death occurs more than 48 hours to the scheduled kick-off time and burial is not on the date of the match, the match shall be played as scheduled
  - (c) If death occurs less than 48 hours but more than 18 hours to the scheduled kick-off time, the affected club may request the TOC in writing to postpone the match. Such communication must be submitted to the TOC at least 18 hours to kick off
- 14) Unless a tragedy causing death of a number of team players, no match shall be postponed when communication referenced in Article 25(13)(c) above is received by TOC less than 18 hours to kick-off.
- 15) The TOC shall communicate the postponement where applicable in respect to this clause in the shortest time possible to the opponent club and other parties of the match crew.

- 16) Where burial of a FUFA Executive or TOC member is taking place on the day of the match, TOC will inform the affected clubs of the postponement within 18 hours before the burial.

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### **Article 25** *Match Day Events*

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1. Before Game Time
  - 1) TOC may require certain specific Competition matches to have a pre-match meeting for Match officials, Participating Clubs, Stadium Management and the TOC.
  - 2) It shall be the obligation of clubs to reach out to club fans of any communication regarding the ticket prices and match schedules and any changes thereof.
2. During Game time
  - 3) Clubs shall register only FUFA-registered club officials on team sheet and any decisions by the head official shall be representative of the club decision during game time.
  - 4) No FUFA Licensed Coach shall be entered as a team medic of the team sheet. Any person entered as a team medic shall not have been licensed by FUFA as a coach for the last two years and shall not be licensed by FUFA as a coach for the two years after the said match.
  - 5) A club shall be allowed to field a maximum of five (5) foreign players in any single match in a FUFA Competition Match.
  - 6) It shall be the responsibility of the TOC and the home club to manage and enforce fair play, protocol, hospitality, sponsors obligations, stadium access control. Various minimum standards responsibilities and obligations may be specified in the rules of the respective Competition or through various circular correspondences between FUFA, TOC and the Home Club for particular matches

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### **Article 26** *Inspection of Licences*

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- 1) There shall always be an inspection of the licenses by the Captains of each club supervised by the referee and match commissioner/assessor if appointed before the kick off of the matches. All players' licenses must be presented by the club officials.
- 2) A player(s) whose license cannot be presented by club officials at the time of inspection, shall be ineligible to play in the respective FUFA Competition Match unless such a license(s) are presented before resumption of the second half of the match in question and failure to produce such missing license(s), the respective club officials shall consequently delete the players name from the match sheet.
- 3) All player licenses shall be as described in Article 19(2) of these rules.
- 4) In event that all the player licenses are missing;

- a) Such cases should be reported to the nearest Police Station 4 hours before kick off and the matter shall be referred to the TOC for appropriate action.
- b) The club that defaults in application of Article 27(3)(a) in totality shall lose the match by forfeiture.
- c) If the team defaulting Article 27(3) is the home team, the match shall not be played that team shall lose the match by forfeiture on top of a fine of 1000 UAs.
- d) Article 27(3) shall apply in case both teams did not have licenses but both teams shall be fined

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**Article 27** *Security of Persons and Property*

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- 1) It shall be the duty of the home team to ensure that adequate security and safety arrangements are made for the match crew and their property and that of the spectators. If the ground requires security protection to prevent spectators from interfering with the game it shall be the duty of the home club to provide such security and if proved not provided, the referee shall not start the game, the home club shall lose the match by forfeiture.
- 2) If security has been assessed as adequate and violence erupts thereafter, absence of security shall not be presented as defence for responsibility of the ensuing crowd violence.
- 3) Where it is proved that individual spectators behaved violently, the clubs to which they belong shall not be penalized for individual acts if such clubs present the violent persons to the TOC within seven (7) days from the date of requesting by the TOC
- 4) The Home Club shall name the club security attaché who will work hand in hand with the FUFA Security Committee or its designee.
- 5) The FUFA security committee or its designee will advise the TOC of the minimum level of security required at least three (3) days before each competition match.
- 6) The TOC will formally communicate to the club this minimum requirement and the club security attaché will be required to arrange accordingly.
- 7) Before kick-off, security adequacy shall be assessed by the following personnel in order of presence;
  - a) Agent from FUFA security committee
  - b) Match Commissioner
  - c) Match Assessor
  - d) Referees

- 8) The details of management of the security at matches shall be detailed in the respective TOC Rules

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**Article 28** *Colours, Jerseys and Strips/Kits*

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- 1) Each club shall register three kits; Home kit, alternative kit 1 and alternative kit 2. If in the opinion of the Referee, the sets of both teams are similar in colours or clash, the visiting team shall change to their registered home sets or any other set that removes the clash.
- 2) Other details about the Club Jerseys and Strips shall be specified in the respective FUFA Competition Rules.

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**Article 29** *Cautions and Send-offs*

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- 1) Cautions and send offs earned in a particular FUFA Competition shall only be served in only that particular FUFA Competition.
- 2) Extra punishment in addition to the statutory punishment may be extended to another competition.
- 3) The TOC may decide on top of the statutory punishment to impose an extra punishment depending on the gravity and/or reoccurrence of the matter.
- 4) All cards (cautions and send-offs) shown to players from dismissed/dissolved clubs shall remain in force till fully served as per the rules.
- 5) All cards (cautions and send-offs) shown to players from abandoned and/or uncompleted matches shall remain in force till fully served as per the rules.
- 6) If a club/team accumulates four (4) or more cautions and/or send-offs served within a single match, it shall pay a fine of 100UAs to the TOC. In event that the fine is not paid, such players shall be ineligible to play in subsequent matches irrespective of the number of cautions/send offs so far earned.
- 7) A player sent off the field of play must be confined in the dressing room or in any other appropriate place behind the perimeter fence until the match is concluded.
- 8) Accumulated cautions cannot be served by sanctions earned out of send-offs.
- 9) A player who accumulates three (3) bookings (cautions) in a league and mixed-format competition shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next one physically played match.

- 10) A player who accumulates two (2) bookings (cautions) in a mini league and knock-out competition shall automatically become an ineligible player for the one next physically played match.
- 11) A player who is sent-off the field of play by accumulating two (2) cautions during the same league competition match shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next two (2) physically played matches. The 2 cautions shall be served simultaneously with the send off.
- 12) A player who is directly sent off the field of play during a league competition match shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next two (2) physically played matches.
- 13) A player who is sent-off the field of play by accumulating two (2) cautions during the same mini league and knock-out competition match or directly sent off the field of play during a mini league and knock-out competition match shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next one (1) physically played match subject to Article 20(3) above.
- 14) Provisions 8 to 12 above exclude matches not physically played where outcomes are decided by FCC or any other FUFA Judicial body as a result of contravention of these rules by any club.
- 15) The player shall remain ineligible for the match(es) until a suspension as stipulated above is served.
- 16) Send-offs earned in a league competition or in a promotion mixed-format or mini league competition but not served in the season they are earned, they shall automatically be carried forward to the next season competition even if the player changes clubs or his club is promoted or demoted to another league.
- 17) Send-offs and Cautions earned in preliminary and/or qualification stages of a cup competition shall be served in the knock-out stage of the competition.
- 18) Send-offs earned in a knock-out competition but not served in the season they are earned, shall automatically be carried forward to the next season competition even if the player changes clubs.
- 19) Cautions earned but not served in one season shall not be carried to the following season.

## CHAPTER VII DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS

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### **Article 30** *Misconduct and Sanctions*

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1. FUFA may act against a participant 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 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.
3. For purposes of Article 30, 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;
  1. Suspension for two competition matches or specified period for serious foul play
  2. Suspension for two competition matches or specified period for participating in a match when suspended or otherwise ineligible to play;
  3. Suspension for three competition matches or specified period for assaulting (deliberate pushing, pulling, striking, butting, elbowing, punching, kicking etc touching is not an assault) another player or another person (participant) present at the match other than a match official;
  4. Suspension for six matches or specified period for spitting on another player or a person other than a match official;
  - i. A suspension may be combined with a fine
  - ii. In the event of a serious offence, a suspension may be extended to cover all competition categories
1. Misconduct against Match officials
  1. Including the Automatic suspension by a referee in accordance with Law 12 of the laws of the Game, the following suspensions apply to any person( player or officials) for competition matches, for avoidance of doubt, suspension includes expulsion in case of any participant other than a player;
    - i. Suspension for atleast four competition matches or a specified period for acting with obvious intent to cause a match official to make an incorrect



decision or supporting his error of judgement and thereby causing him to make an incorrect decision;

- ii. Suspension for atleast two competition matches or specified period for Pestering a match officials;
  - iii. Suspension for at least four competition matches or specified period for unsporting conduct towards a match official
  - iv. Suspension for atleast eight competition matches for threatening Behaviour:i.e words or actions that cause the match official to believe that he/she is being threatened;
  - v. Suspension for atleast ten competition matches or specifeid period for Physical Contact or Attempted Physical Contact: e.g. participant pushes the referee, pulls the referee (or his clothing/equipment), barges, or kicks the ball at, the official causing no injury and/or attempts to make physical contact with the official e.g. attempts to strike, kick, butt, barge or kick the ball at the match official;
  - vi. Suspension for atleast twelve competition matches or specifies period for Assault : especially if participant acts in a manner which results in an injury to the match official;
  - vii. Suspension for atleast fifteen competition matches or specified period for spitting at a match official;
- a) A suspension may be combined with a fine
  - b) In the event of a seroius offence, a suspension may be extended to cover all competition categories
  - c)A right is reserved to punish an infringement in accordance with Artilce 30 (4) (c).

## **2. Brawl**

1. Any participant or (match crew) who i nvolve in a brawl is sacntioned with a suspension for atleast six matches.
2. Anyone who has tried merely to prevent a fight, shield others or separate those involved in a brawl is not subject to punishment.

## **3. Unidentified aggressors**

If, in the case of violence, it is not possible to identify the perpetrator(s), the body will sanction the club or member association to which the club belong

#### 4. hooliganism;

1. Clubs in a competition are responsible for order and security both inside and outside the stadium before, during and after matches.
2. If during game time, as defined in the FCR, that acts of hooliganism and violence cause the abandonment of a match, the defaulting club as found guilty by the FUFA Disciplinary Committee will lose the match by forfeiture. For a league format competition, the defaulting club will further lose three (3) Points and three (3) Goals from those already accumulated while for a knock-out format the defaulting club will be eliminated from the competition and excluded from that particular competition the following season.
3. If during game time, as defined in the FCR, that acts of hooliganism and violence are committed but the match is completed, the results of the match will be upheld. For a league format competition, the defaulting club as found guilty by the FUFA Disciplinary Committee will lose two (2) Points and two (2) Goals from those already accumulated while for a knock-out format the defaulting club will be fined 1,000 UAs or excluded from that particular competition the following season or both sanctions. If the defaulting club is the winner of the match and does not pay the fine of 1,000 UAs UGX before the next knock-out match, it will be eliminated from the competition,
4. If the match official(s) report(s) that individuals or groups have verbally insulted a member of the match crew, the defaulting club from whom such an individual or groups are judged by the FUFA Disciplinary Committee to come from will lose one (1) Point and one (1) Goal from those already accumulated for a league format competition while for a knock-out format the defaulting club will be fined 500 UAs paid to FUFA and will lose to the opponents its next hosting rights in the competition. If the defaulting club is the winner of the match and does not pay the fine of 500 UAs before the next knock-out match, it will be eliminated from the competition.
5. For avoidance of doubt, acts of hooliganism and violence may include but are not limited to any of the following;
  - i) The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority;
  - ii) The use of threatening behaviour or racist, homophobic or foul and abusive language;
  - iii) The chanting of anything of an indecent or racist nature;
  - iv) Causing damage to, or interfering or tampering with any equipment, furniture, fitting or fixture within the Ground
  - v) Persistent standing in a seated area whilst play is in progress
  - vi) Smoking in any area inside the stadium;
  - vii) Attempting to enter the Ground or being inside the Ground whilst drunk;

- viii) Being in possession of any intoxicating liquor, or bottle, can or other portable container and which could cause damage or personal injury when entering the Ground or in a public area of the Ground from which the event can be directly viewed
- ix) Entering a part of the ground reserved for supporters of the opposing team.
- x) The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places
- xi) Invading the field of play to disrupt progress of the match by official(s) and or the fans that support the club during the match by colours and insignia of the club or by action of logic.

6. For the purpose of this regulation and without prejudice to any other definitions;
- a) Club shall mean any of the two (2) teams that are engaged in a football match under question.
  - b) Club shall comprise of its players and officials as registered on the match report and/or as registered with FUFA or the Tournament Organising Committee (TOC)
  - c) Club shall also comprise of the fans that support the club during the match by colours and insignia of the club or by actions of logic

## 5. Centralization of sanctions

The TOC for FAFA Competitions and authorized competitions shall be obliged to communicate any disciplinary sanction against the players, officials or any other entity under its jurisdiction to FUFA Secretariat.

FUFA may decide to extend the sanction to bear a national effect

Where deemed necessary, FUFA shall write to CAF and or FIFA requesting for extension of the sanction to bear a continental or world wide effect.

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## **Article 31** *Judicature*

### 1. The disciplinary Bodies

- i. If in the process of investigations, any of disciplinary body(ies) finds any FUFA Competitions entity to have contravened with these rules or any other rules as reported or as investigations may reveal, these these or any other rules shall be evoked as the case may be but in any case shall not alter the results of any match that was played more than seven (7) days before the findings and in such a case, an alternative disciplinary action by the disciplinary body(ies) shall be applied to the defaulting entity
- ii. The disciplinary power of FUFA shall be exercised by the disciplinary bodies which shall consist of ;

- a) Match Officials
- b) The TOC as the First Instance Body (May elect an independent committee as FIB for the respective competition)
- c) The FUFA Disciplinary Committee
- d) The FUFA Ethics & Integrity Committee
- e) The FUFA Appeals Committee
- f) Any other body as may be established by the FUFA Executive Committee.

## **1. JURISDICTION OF THE DISCIPLINARY BODIES**

### **1. Match Official;**

- a) Decisions taken by the referee on the field of play are final and may not be reviewed by the FUFA disciplinary bodies.
- b) In cases where a decision by the referee involves an obvious error (such as mistaking the identity of the person penalized), only the disciplinary consequences of that decision may be reviewed by the disciplinary bodies. In cases of mistaken identity, disciplinary proceedings may, in accordance with these regulations, be opened only against the person who was actually at fault.
- c) A protest against a caution or expulsion from the field of play after two cautions is admissible only if the referee's error was to mistake the identity of the player.
- d) In cases of serious misconduct, disciplinary action may be taken even if the referee and his assistants did not see the event in question and were therefore unable to take any action.
- e) The provisions of these regulations relating to protests against match results affected by a referee's decision that was an obvious violation of a rule remain applicable

### **2. Tournament Organizing Committee (TOC)**

- a) The TOC (FIB) is empowered to apply an Automatic Penalty Sanctions. Under this process the TOC prescribes minimum penalties to be imposed for Send Off and / or Caution offences committed under the Laws of the Game and as proscribed in the Rules and Regulations.
- b) TOC shall as soon as possible after receipt of notification of a Send Off or Caution offence, notify in writing, the participant of the penalty to be imposed under the Automatic Penalty /Sanctions System.

- c) A Participant who has been notified under the Automatic Penalty/ Sanctions System shall have the right within seven (7) days of receipt of such notice to apply in writing for investigation and or a hearing of the Disciplinary Committee to re-determine the penalty imposed. A fee of 500UAs must accompany this application. Where the Participant is a Player, Official or Club then the written request must be forwarded on behalf of the Member Club
- d) A Disciplinary Committee shall then convene either to investigate or to determine the matter. In event of dispute of a decision is applied for, and investigations reveal that the initial decision was right, then further sanctions and fines shall be applied

### **3. FUFA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- a) FDC has jurisdiction to sanction any breach of FUFA Statute and Regulations on on-field matters which do not come under the Jurisdiction of another body.
- b) The proceedings of FDC shall be in accordance with the FUFA Disciplinary Code
- c) The FDC is responsible though not limited to;
  - i. Sanctioning serious infringements which may or may not have escaped match official's attention;
  - ii. Sanctioning all offences which occur prior to, during, or after a fixture;
  - iii. Rectifying obvious errors in disciplinary decisions based on referee's match reports;
  - iv. Extending the duration of the match suspension incurred automatically by an expulsion;
  - v. Pronouncing additional sanctions to those imposed by a referee, such as a fine.
  - vi. Hearing appeals form TOC/FIB

### **4. The FUFA Ethics and Integrity Committee**

- a) The Ethics and Integrity Committee has jurisdiction on Off-field matters specifically though not limited to; to ensure the integrity of match results, the fight against discrimination and doping by the players, elimination of the financial impropriety and inculcating ethical and moral values to the players, coaches, referees, officials and generally members and employees of Association football family
- b) The proceedings of the Ethics and Integrity Committee shall be governed by the FUFA Ethics and Integrity Code.

## 5. The FUFA Appeals Committee.

The FAC is responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Disciplinary Committee's decision that FUFA regulations do not declare as final or referable to another body.

## CHAPTER VIII FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

### **Article 32 Finance**

- 1) Each TOC shall pay to FUFA 10% of its gross gate collection. It shall be the obligation of the TOC to file gross amount received for the various matches and submit to FUFA the records and make the payment every quarter of each calendar year
- 2) Each TOC shall pay to FUFA 10% of any commercial and media revenue for any FUFA Competition and FUFA Authorised Competition. It shall be the obligation of the TOC to make the payment every time such revenue is received by the TOC
- 3) FUFA shall charge 5% of the Transfer Fees for all players who need to be issued with or request for an ITC for their inbound and outbound transfer
- 4) Any entity that requires information from the FUFA Secretariat shall pay a search fee of 50 UAs per item requested for.
- 5) FUFA shall set other statutory fees as will be included in the various circular communications from time to time.
- 6) Only FUFA Licensed intermediaries shall be authorised to buy rights of organising football matches. Any TOC or Club that sells its match rights to intermediary(ies) without a FUFA License shall be fined 5,000 UA and results from such matches shall be null and void.
- 7) The FUFA shall raise monthly invoices for Elite league, FBL and Uganda Cup Match Officials Costs to the TOC.
- 8) FUFA shall by circular communicate to the TOC the minimum allowances and facilitation costs for the Match officials for the various FUFA Competitions.
- 9) It is the responsibility of the TOC to obtain funds for the payment of Match Officials Costs. The TOC may obtain a part or all such funds from the participating clubs.
- 10) Members of the match crew will be entitled to free access to the stadium.

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**Article 33** *Financial Reporting of TOC*

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

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**Article 34** *Powers to Deduct*

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

## **CHAPTER IX MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP**

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**Article 35** *Sponsorship, League/Competition Promotions and Marketing*

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### **1. Media Rights**

- 1) The media rights of all FUFA Competition Clubs shall be amalgamated with the respective TOC media rights to form the FUFA Competition Media Rights. No club shall thereafter own individual club media rights.
- 2) FUFA or the TOC shall trade the FUFA Competition media rights to a RH on behalf of FUFA and all clubs comprising the competitions at agreeable terms with the clubs.in case of the elite league, This provision doesnot apply for the elite league.



- 3) FUFA or the TOC (as the case may be) and the clubs shall thereafter sign a MOU that shall be binding throughout the term of sale of rights and such MOU shall stipulate the rights, obligations and benefits of all parties.
- 4) For avoidance of doubt, Rule 35(1) shall not apply for the case of Uganda Cup and any other competition as FUFA may decide as the participating clubs may not be known at all times. In such cases, the media rights shall belong to FUFA and upon FUFA's discretion; it (FUFA) may share such revenue with the clubs in an equitable or such agreeable manner.

## 2. Commercial Rights

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

- 9) Clubs shall reserve the right to acquire their own sponsorship provided that such sponsorship shall not in any way infringe with the earlier MOUs, contracts and agreements in place and recognised by the TOC or FUFA.
- 10) Such sponsorship contracts when concluded shall be immediately filed with the FUFA CEO.
- 11) For avoidance of doubt, contractual provisions of older contracts will prevail over contractual provisions of newer contracts in event of any clashes of clauses. FUFA shall enforce this provision in event of any disputes arising.
- 12) It shall be mandatory for each club to fulfil all FUFA Competitions promotions strategies as required by the club sponsor, TOC, FUFA and/or RH.

## CHAPTER X FINAL PROVISIONS

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### **Article 36** *Bye-Laws*

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

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### **Article 37** *FUFA Circulars*

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- 1) From time to time, FUFA may issue circulars to clarify or even amend any content of these rules and the circular content shall supersede the content of these rules. Clarifications of the existing rules may be communicated before, during or after any incident and they may be used for the particular incident while amendments will only come into force after they are issued.

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### **Article 38** *Matters not provided for*

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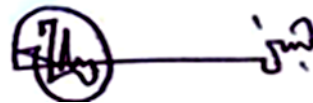
- 1) All matters not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the FUFA executive committee.

**Article 39 Declaration**

FUFA declares that these are the FUFA Competitions Rules that shall be used for the 2016/17 Season. These rules come into force upon being signed as provided bellow. Unless amended, these regulations shall remain in force.



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Eng Moses Magogo  
**FUFA PRESIDENT**



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Mr. Edgar Watson  
**FUFA CEO**

**Federation of Uganda Football Associations(FUFA)**

## **ANNEX-01: 10 GOLDEN RULES OF FIFA FAIR PLAY**

### **Rule 1: Play to Win**

Winning is the object of playing any game. Never set out to lose. If you do not play to win, you are cheating your opponents, deceiving those who are watching, and also fooling yourself. Never give up against stronger opponents but never relent against weaker ones. It is an insult to any opponent to play at less than full strength. Play to win, until the final whistle.

### **Rule 2: Play Fair**

Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Cheating is easy, but brings no pleasure. Playing fair requires courage and character. It is also more satisfying. Fair Play always has its reward, even when the game is lost. Playing fair earns you respect, while cheats are detested. Remember: It's only a game. And games are pointless unless played fairly.

### **Rule 3: Observe the Laws of the Game**

All games need rules to guide them. Without rules, there would be chaos. The rules of football are simple and easy to learn. Make an effort to learn them, so you understand the game better. This makes you a better player. It is just as important to understand the spirit of the rules. They are designed to make the game fun to play and fun to watch. By sticking to the rules, you will enjoy the game more.

### **Rule 4: Respect Opponents, Team-mates, Referees, Officials and Spectators**

Fair Play means respect. Without opponents there can be no game. They have the same rights as you have, including the right to be respected. Your team-mates are your colleagues. You form a team in which all members are equal. Referees are there to maintain discipline and Fair Play. Always accept their decisions without arguing, and help them to help you enjoy the game more. Officials are also part of the game and must be respected accordingly. Spectators give the game atmosphere. They want to see the game played fairly, but must also behave fairly themselves.

### **Rule 5: Accept Defeat with Dignity**

Nobody wins all the time. You win some, you lose some. Learn to lose graciously. Don't seek excuses for defeat. Genuine reasons will always be self-evident. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Don't blame the referee or anyone else. Determine to do better next time. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.

### **Rule 6: Promote the Interests of Football**

Football is the world's greatest game. But it always needs your help to keep it as Number One. Think of football's interests before your own. Think how your actions may affect the image of the game. Talk about the positive things in

the game. Encourage other people to watch it or play it fairly. Help others to have as much fun from football as you do. Be an ambassador for the game.

Rule 7: Reject Corruption, Drugs, Racism, Violence and other Dangers to our Sport Football's huge popularity sometimes makes it vulnerable to negative outside interests.

Watch out for attempts to tempt you into cheating or using drugs. Drugs have no place in football or any other sport or in our society. Say No to Drugs. Help Kick Racism out of Football. Treat all players and everyone else equally, regardless of their skin colour or origin. Show that football does not want violence, even from your own fans. Football is Sport, and Sport is Peace.

Rule 8: Help Others to Resist Corrupting Pressures

You may hear that team-mates or other people you know are being tempted to cheat in some way. They need your help. Don't hesitate to stand by them. Give them the strength to resist. Remind them of their commitment to their team-mates and to the game itself. Form a block of solidarity, like a solid defence on the field of play.

Rule 9: Denounce those who Attempt to discredit our Sport

Don't be ashamed to show up anybody who you are sure is trying to make others cheat. It's better to expose them and have them removed before they can do any damage. It often takes more courage to denounce what is wrong, than to go along with a dishonest plan. Your honesty will be admired but your complicity will not. Don't just say no. Denounce the culprits who are trying to spoil our sport before they can persuade somebody else to say yes.

Rule 10: Honour those who Defend Football's Good Reputation

The good name of football has survived because the vast majority of people who love the game are honest and fair. Sometimes somebody does something exceptional that deserves our special recognition. They should be honoured and their fine example made public. This encourages others to act in the same way. Help promote football's image by publicising its good deeds.

