



Federation of Uganda Football Associations

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UGANDA CUP FINAL: STATEMENT FROM FUFA PRESIDENT

Following the abandonment of the final of the 2015 Uganda Cup in Ntungamo, in my capacity as the President of FUFA, I take the humility on behalf of FUFA to apologise to the entire football and general public that we should have managed the event better.

Whereas the FUFA Statutes provide for independence of certain FUFA committees and bodies and whereas as the President I have always allowed the committees and bodies to execute their roles independently, I still take the responsibility as the institution head to promote and exercise fair play, and sporting justice.

It is on this note that immediately after the abandonment of the match I caused to convene an Emergency Executive Committee meeting in accordance with the FUFA Statutes. The meeting sat at Quidproc Hotel in Ntungamo.

The Emergency Executive Committee of FUFA which is composed of the President, the 3 Vice Presidents and at least one member of the Executive committee takes decisions on behalf the Executive Committee in matters of emergency.

The Executive Committee has the mandate to take decisions for the betterment of the game for as long as they are not inconsistent with the FUFA, CAF and FIFA Statutes. Such decisions are communicated by Circulars. Statutes, Regulations, Decisions and Directives of FUFA, CAF and FIFA are an obligation and not an option to all parties.

The Emergency Committee observed that the environment under which the match was being played did not guarantee obtaining the best team sportingly.

A combination of the failure by security to bar the fans from interfering with play, the appointment of match officials, the assumption of unfairness of the Referee by KCC FC even before kick-off of the match, the performance of the match officials, the conduct of certain players and some fans brought the game of football into disrepute.

In the spirit of fair play and as FUFA has done, it is only better for the various parties at fault to issue an apology to the affected parties that had no hand in this.

Whereas FUFA, the sponsors, the Clubs, the Coaches, the officials, the players, the referees and the media have all worked hard to return the fans to the stadium, we believe there are still some challenges that need to be addressed. FUFA is going to address these challenges during the off season through various means in preparation for the new season.

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Yours Sincerely

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