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## **Definitions**

<b>Academy</b>	means a FUFA Licensed Football Academy. Club Academy means an Academy operated and owned by a Club
<b>FUFA Official Matches</b>	Means football matches organised by FUFA or its delegated entity
<b>Professional League Club</b>	means a club licensed to play in the 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division leagues for men or the 1 <sup>st</sup> division league for women. It shall also be called the Club for these regulations
<b>Twin License</b>	means the license issued to a player to be eligible to play FUFA official matches for two (2) different clubs for a half-season
<b>Single License</b>	means the license issued to a player to be eligible to play FUFA official matches for one club for the season
<b>Double Player</b>	means a player registered by a club on a Twin License
<b>Single Player</b>	means a player registered by a club on a Single license
<b>Foreign Player</b>	Means a player who does not have a Ugandan nationality
<b>Minor Player</b>	means a player who is below 18 years
<b>Youth Player</b>	means a player who is below 23 years
<b>National Team Youth Player</b>	means a Youth Player who has been capped before by any of the National Teams
<b>Match Day List</b>	means the list of players eligible to play for a specific match
<b>Representative</b>	means an Adult Person of Sound Mind who is one of the Parents or Guardian or another Person appointed by Powers of Attorney registered with FUFA by the Parent or Guardian to represent a Minor Player by negotiating and signing a Youth Agreement on his/her behalf
<b>Loaner Club</b>	means a club that has a contract with a player but opts (with the player consent) to loan such a player to another club
<b>Loanee Club</b>	means a club to which a player is loaned
<b>Player Passport</b>	means the FUFA Record indicating the Bio Data of the player, the FUFA Registered Scout who identified the player, the various Clubs and Academies at which the player is registered while in development
<b>Primary Owner</b>	means one of the two (2) clubs for which a Double Player is eligible to play that has a contractual obligation with the player



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<b>Secondary Owner</b>	means the other club for which a Double Player is eligible to play that is not the Primary Owner
<b>Youth Agreement</b>	means the agreement between the minor player and an Academy signed by his/her Representative on behalf of the minor player

## **Regulations**

### **Player Registration**

- 1) Only a player of 18 years and above may be contracted. Any contract signed on behalf of the player by the club, player and representative before 18 years of age is invalid and FUFA will recognise only contracts signed on or after the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of the player
- 2) In one season, each Club may contract not more than a total of 40 players who are 18 years or above and the Club Academy may register with FUFA not more than 50 minor players
- 3) Each Club playing in the CAF Club Competitions shall be eligible to register up to 40 players each season from those contracted. Among the 40 players, there shall not be more than 8 foreign players
- 4) Each Club not playing in the CAF Club Competitions shall be eligible to register up to 30 players each season from those contracted. Among the 30 players, there shall not be more than 8 foreign players
- 5) Among every six (6) players registered, there shall be registered one (1) Double Player. For clarity, the registration will be as follows:
  - a) for the 1<sup>st</sup> player to be registered as a Single Player, there shall also have to be the 1<sup>st</sup> player registered as a Double Player
  - b) for the 5<sup>th</sup> player to be registered as a Single Player, there shall also have to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> player registered as a Double Player
  - c) for the 9<sup>th</sup> player to be registered as a Single Player, there shall also have to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> player registered as a Double Player
  - d) for the 13<sup>th</sup> player to be registered as a Single Player, there shall also have to be the 4<sup>th</sup> player registered as a Double Player
  - e) for the 17<sup>th</sup> player to be registered as a Single Player, there shall also have to be the 5<sup>th</sup> player registered as a Double Player



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- f) for the 21<sup>st</sup> player to be registered as a Single Player, there shall also have to be the 6<sup>th</sup> player registered as a Double Player
  - g) for the 25<sup>th</sup> player to be registered as a Single Player, there shall also have to be the 7<sup>th</sup> player registered as a Double Player
  - h) for the 29<sup>th</sup> player to be registered as a Single Player, there shall also have to be the 8<sup>th</sup> player registered as a Double Player
- 6) A Single Player may be a Youth Player

### **Match Day**

- 7) The match day lists shall be composed as follows:
- a) For the 1<sup>st</sup> Division (Men) league, at most 5 players will be foreign players and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (Men) and 1<sup>st</sup> Division (women) leagues at most 3 players will be foreign players
  - b) 1<sup>st</sup> Division (Men & Women) league
    - i) Match day list of 16 players: At least 3 players will be Youth Players
    - ii) Match day list of 18 players: At least 4 players will be Youth Players
    - iii) Match day list of 23 players; At least 5 players will be Youth Players where one must be a goalkeeper of Ugandan Nationality
  - c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (Men) league
    - i) Match day list of 16 players: At least 6 players will be Youth Players
    - ii) Match day list of 18 players: At least 7 players will be Youth Players
    - iii) Match day list of 23 players; At least 8 players will be Youth Players where one must be a goalkeeper of Ugandan Nationality
- 8) Whenever available for selection, Secondary Owners shall include all acquired Double Players on the Match Day
- 9) Whenever a club plays a FUFA Official match, at any one time during that match, there shall be at least 1 Youth Player among the players on the pitch
- 10) Whenever a Secondary Owner plays a FUFA Official match, at any one time during that match, there shall be at least 2 Double Players among the players on the pitch



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- 11) Secondary owners of Double Players shall be expected to field these players for at least 70% of their matches.
- 12) A player, who qualifies to be registered as a Double Player and is on loan, may be registered among the Double Players by the loanee club as his/her Primary Owner Club.

**Shirt Numbers**

- 13) The players shirt numbers shall be from 1-30 and shall not change for the season unless the player changes a club. The exception to this rule shall be for the Clubs playing in the CAF Club Competitions
- 14) Shirt numbers 25-30 shall be for Double Players only. In event that a Secondary Owner is also a Primary Owner of some other Double Players with other clubs, the Shirt numbers shall be 31-35. The exception to this rule shall be for the Clubs playing in the CAF Club Competitions
- 15) Players registered in the Academy shall have shirt numbers 41-90 and these numbers shall be maintained throughout the season even when they play for the Senior Team.

**Loan Player**

- 16) Only a contracted player may be loaned
- 17) It shall be the obligation of the Professional League Club to find loan arrangements for all contracted players of 21 years and below who will not be registered for the season
- 18) A loaned player shall be registered among the 30 or 40 players of the loanee club.
- 19) A Loaner Club shall not at the same time be a Secondary Owner Club

**Double Players**

- 20) A Club shall register not more than five (5) player Double players as a Secondary Owner
- 21) The Primary and Secondary Owners shall not belong to the same league division
- 22) Whenever the Primary Owners and Secondary owners are to play each other in FUFA Official Match, the Double Players shall be ineligible to play for either side



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- 23) Only a player, whose 21st or earlier than 21st birthday takes place during the season for which he is intended to be licensed, is eligible for duo-licensing
- 24) FUFA may accept to register a player on a double license in a special and exceptional circumstance to paragraph (21) above upon request by the intending Primary Owner
- 25) A Double License shall be issued for a minimum of half a season and shall automatically expire at the beginning of the next player registration window unless renewed. Renewal shall only be permitted to the same secondary club within a season
- 26) Foreign Players shall not be eligible for a Double License registration

**Youth Players**

- 27) Each Club shall operate academies as follows;
  - (a) 1<sup>st</sup> Division men's football club shall operate an Academy of a minimum of FUFA Grade-2 Licensed Academy.
  - (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Division men's football club shall operate an Academy of a minimum of FUFA Grade-3 Licensed Academy.
  - (c) 1<sup>st</sup> Division women's football club shall operate an Academy of a minimum of FUFA Grade-3 Licensed Academy.
- 28) Only an Academy may sign a Youth Agreement with the Representative of a Minor Player
- 29) In event that the two (2) Parents of minor act contrary to each as Representatives of the player, FUFA shall mediate to procure a common position for the parents and if this is not reached, FUFA shall decide considering the balance between the opinion of the player and the parent acting in the best sporting interest of the Player and consequently the decision of such parent shall be deemed right
- 30) An Academy may sign a Youth Agreement with the Representative of a Minor Player not exceeding three (3) years.
- 31) The Youth Agreement shall be deemed served and completed at either the end of its term or on the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Minor Player whichever comes earlier
- 32) An Academy shall not sign Youth Agreements for more than 50 Minor Players at any one time.



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- 33) All players at an Academy shall be registered with FUFA and a player passport for each player shall be held by FUFA
- 34) A Minor Player may transfer from one Academy only if he has no valid Youth Agreement or if there is written mutual agreement to terminate the Youth Agreement by the Representative of the Minor Player and the respective Academy
- 35) FUFA may under special circumstances declare a Youth Agreement invalid if the decision is in the benefit of the development of the Minor Player upon application by the Representative or the Academy.
- 36) FUFA may under special circumstances declare a Youth Agreement invalid if the decision is to the benefit of the development of a National Team Youth Player

**Training Compensation**

- 37) In event of sale of the player while he is still a Double Player or at most one year after being a Double Player, the Primary Owner shall be entitled to 80% of the Proceeds and the Secondary Owner 20% of the sale and resale values
- 38) In event that there are 2 Secondary Owners in a period on one year, the 20% of the proceeds will be equally shared between the 2 secondary owners
- 39) In exception to par (37) above, the shares of the proceeds from the Double Player on loan shall be agreed between the loaner and loanee clubs. This provision supersedes any other provision in these rules on sharing proceeds.
- 40) Whenever a formerly Youth Player graduates and signs a contract with a professional football club, a training compensation fee of 2,000 Units of Account or 20% of the sum of the signing and transfer fees (whichever is higher) shall be paid by the acquiring professional football club to FUFA on registration of the professional contract

- 41) The Training Compensation shall be shared as follows:

FUFA Youth Football Fund		15%
Academy to which the player is registered on 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> birthday		70%
14 <sup>th</sup> birthday	15%	



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	15 <sup>th</sup> birthday	15%	
	16 <sup>th</sup> birthday	20%	
	17 <sup>th</sup> birthday	20%	
	FUFA Registered Scout who identified the player		15%
	Total		100%

- 42) In event that there is no Academy to which the player is registered for one or many years for the period 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the share for such training compensation shall be for the FUFA Youth Football Fund

**Corrective Measures**

- 43) Failure to abide by the above regulations may lead to one or a combination of the following sanctions and fines:
- (a) Warning
  - (b) Fines
  - (c) Points deductions
  - (d) Deny Club License
  - (e) Loss of training compensation fees
  - (f) Annulment of results
  - (g) Annulment of a youth agreement
  - (h) Loss by forfeiture
  - (i) Replay
  - (j) Inward player transfer ban
  - (k) Out player transfer ban
  - (l) Total Player Transfer ban
  - (m) Relegation