



To: All Clubs, Member Associations And Stakeholders

Circular No. 1202
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RE: COMPETITION REFORMS EFFECTIVE 2025/2026 SEASON

This is to inform all stakeholders of the FUFA Executive Committee decision to reform FUFA Competitions.

The following reforms for the 1st Division League are effective for the 2025/6 season:

A. LEAGUE FORMAT

- 1) The 1st Division League shall comprise of a maximum of 16 Teams
- 2) The 1st Division League shall be played over a season in three (3) rounds

Round-1

- 3) All the teams shall play a one-leg league format to determine the ranking of positions. There shall be a draw conducted to determine which teams play against the others at home and away in Round-1
- 4) The top 8 ranked teams at the end of Round-1 shall qualify for Group 1 at Round-2
- 5) The bottom teams at the end of Round-1 shall qualify for Group 2 at Round-2

Round-2

- 6) Group-1 and Group-2 teams shall play a full league format on the basis of home and away
- 7) The top 6 ranked teams of Group-1 shall qualify for Round-3 to play in Group-3 while the bottom 2 teams shall end the season in positions 7 and 8 of the season respectively
- 8) The bottom 6 ranked teams of Group-2 shall qualify for Round-3 to play in Group-4 while the top 2 ranked teams shall end the season in positions 9 and 10 of the season respectively

Round-3

- 9) All the teams in Group-3 shall play a one-leg league format to determine the ranking of positions. For each pair of matches, the team that played home in Round-1 shall now play away while the team that played away in Round-1 shall now play home for parity
- 10) The ranking of teams at the end of Round-3 for Group-3 shall take positions 1-6 of the competition for the season.

11) All the teams in Group-4 shall play a one-leg league format to determine the ranking of positions. A for each match, the team that played home in Round-1 shall now play away while the team that played away in Round-1 shall now play home for parity

12) The ranking of teams at the end of Round-3 for Group-4 shall take positions 11 downwards of the competition for the season

Champions and Relegation

13) The team ranked top of Group-3 at the end of Round-3 shall be declared the Champions of the Season

14) The top 3 teams ranked 11, 12 and 13 at the end of Round-3 shall remain sportingly eligible to be licensed for the 2026/7 Season for the 1st Division League

15) The team ranked 14th at the end of Round-3 shall play on a home and away basis against the 3rd ranked team from the 2025/6 2nd Division League. The team that wins this fixture over the two (2) legs shall sportingly be eligible to be licensed for the 2026/7 Season for the 1st Division League while the team that loses this fixture over the two (2) legs shall sportingly be eligible to be licensed for the 2026/7 Season for the 2nd Division League

B. PLAYERS REGISTRATION FOR THE 1ST DIVISION LEAGUE

16) Only players whose contracts with their respective clubs have two (2) or more years remaining shall be eligible to be licensed for the 2025/6 1st Division League. The exception to this provision shall only be for the player whose 31st birthday shall happen during the 2025/6 Season

17) All the other provisions of player registration shall remain in force until changed

C. DATA

18) It is obligatory that each club in the 1st division to share sporting and business data after every specified period. Corrective Measures shall be applied for failure to comply with this provision

19) FUFA may develop web-based applications to collect this data

Sporting Data

20) At the end of each 1st division league match, each club shall be required to submit FORM (F601) that shall specify the sporting data of the match as recorded by the club. This submission shall not be more than 48 hours after the match

21) Each club playing in the 1st division league shall be required to use the Catapult Technology during the match. The referee shall require that the vests are utilised. In event of failure, the referee will report on the matter.

Business Data

22) At the end of each 1st division league match, each club shall be required to submit FORM (F605) that shall specify the business data of the match as recorded by the club. The business data among others shall include the Match Day Attendances, Revenues Generated from Match Day Attendances. This submission shall not be more than 48 hours after the match

D. FIXTURES

- 23) 1st Division League matches shall be played as single-header or double header fixtures
- 24) Double Header Fixture shall mean when matches of 2 UPL Clubs are hosted in one venue with 2-3 hours between the kick-off times of both matches
- 25) The UPL will determine which matches may be played as Double-Headers
- 26) The UPL may change the venue of a match in order to organise a Double-Header
- 27) UPL has exclusive decisions on which fixtures shall be single-headers or double headers
- 28) Matches for Double Header will be determined and communicated with the release of the fixture. UPL may within a period of 14 days combine single-header fixtures into Double Header Fixtures and vice versa

E. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Prize Monies

- 29) FUFA shall provide 500m UGX as Prize Monies for the 1st Division League shared as follows:

	Round-1	Round-2	Round-3
1	20,000,000	30,000,000	50,000,000
2	18,000,000	25,000,000	35,000,000
3	16,000,000	22,000,000	25,000,000
4	14,000,000	20,000,000	22,000,000
5	12,000,000	18,000,000	20,000,000
6	8,000,000	16,000,000	18,500,000
7	8,000,000	14,000,000	0
8	6,000,000	12,000,000	0
9	5,000,000	11,000,000	0
10	4,500,000	9,500,000	0
11	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
12	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,000,000
13	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
14	2,500,000	2,500,000	0
15	1,500,000	2,000,000	0
16	1,000,000	1,000,000	0

- 30) The 2,000,000 UGX shall be for the club that wins the play-off for relegation and promotion

Gate Collections

- 31) Gross takings of the match shall be declared. Any failure to comply or falsification of the information submitted shall cause application of corrective measures by the FUFA Judicial Commission
- 32) There shall be a fixed amount to be spent as operations costs for a very UPL match.
- 33) For the single header fixtures, the home club shall apply to UPL for amount to be considered for the operations costs. UPL will confirm or amend the proposed amount and will communicate the final amount to be considered for operations costs

34) For the double header fixtures, UPL shall determine and issue the amount to be considered for the operations costs.

35) When the mandatory taxes and operations costs have been deducted, the remaining amount shall be referred to as the Sharable Revenue

36) For single header fixtures, the shareable revenues shall be as follows:

Home Team	85%
UPL	5%
FUFA	5%
Winner	5%
	100%

37) For double header fixtures, the shareable revenues shall be as follows:

Home Team-1	35%
Home Team-2	35%
Away Team-1	5%
Away Team-2	5%
UPL	5%
FUFA	5%
Winner-1	5%
Winner-2	5%
	100%

38) Where a fixture ends in a draw, the 5% hitherto allocated to the match winner shall revert to the home team

Thanking you for taking note of the above and please do not hesitate to contact the FUFA Competitions Director (Aisha Nalule +256 772 419180) for further clarification on the implementation accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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