



**To: All Football Academies
Stakeholders and to whom it may concern**

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PILOT FUFA ACADEMIES LEAGUE - KAMPALA & BUGANDA REGIONS (GRADE 2 & 3)

We hereby inform you that the FUFA Academies League shall kickoff on 22nd March 2026. The league will serve as a pilot competition for Kampala and Buganda Regions, specifically for **Grade 2** and **Grade 3** academies that will meet the Competitions requirements.

Please note the following in regards to objectives of the league, playing format and player eligibility

1. Objectives of the League

The Pilot FUFA Academies League has been introduced with the following objectives:

- a) Provide a structured and competitive platform for Grade 2 and Grade 3 academies.
- b) Enhance player development through consistent and organized match exposure.
- c) Standardize competition regulations and academy operations.
- d) Strengthen talent identification and monitoring or long-term player progression.
- e) Enhance youth coaching capacity.
- f) Improve academy player, coaches and administrators' data base.

2. League Structure and Format of Play

- a) Each region (Kampala and Buganda) will comprise 10 academies.
- b) The league will be played over 2 rounds.
- c) All matches will be played at a **central venue on each matchday**, which will be communicated in advance.
- d) A detailed fixture list and matchday schedule will be shared prior to kickoff.

3. Age Eligibility

An Academy shall register maximum of 25 Players born in 2011 and 2012 to participate in the league.

4. Mandatory Player Licensing documents

All participating academies must ensure that every player submitted for registration provides the following on the system:

- a) A fully completed and signed Minor Consent Form by the player's parent or legal guardian.
- b) A copy of the parent/guardian's National ID (attached to the consent form).
- c) An authentic National ID or Birth Certificate of the player for age verification.

5. Draft Roadmap

SN	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
1	Publish list of approved Academies by Experts Panel	3/6/2026
2	FUFA academies League Launch (Press Conference)	3/16/2026
3	Release of Regulations	3/9/2026
4	Release of Fixtures	3/10/2026
5	Player registration and Licensing start	3/12/2026
6	Coaches and Academy Managers Workshop	3/17/2026
7	Player registration and Licensing end	3/18/2026
8	Kick Off	3/22/2026

Academies intending to participate in this league are required to formally confirm their participation before end of business on **Tuesday 10th March 2026**.

FUFA wishes you the best in your endeavors towards developing youth football in Uganda

Yours sincerely,



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