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SECTION I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Rule 1: Abbreviations

1) Abbreviations in full:

CAF	Confederation of African Football
CECAFA	Council of East & Central Africa Football Associations
DFA	District Football Association
FBL	FUFA Big League
FAC	FUFA Authorised Competitions
FCC	FUFA Competitions Committee
FCR	FUFA Competitions Rules
FDP	FUFA Disciplinary Panel
FEDC	FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
FIFA	Federation of International Football Associations
FJC	FUFA Judicial Commission
FLC	FUFA Licensing Committee
FRSC	FUFA Referees Standing Committee
FOC	FUFA Organised Competitions
FUFA	Federation of Uganda Football Associations
FWEL	FUFA Women Elite League
FWSL	FUFA Women Super League
GoU	Government of the Republic of Uganda
MA	Member Association
NADO	National Anti-doping Organisation
NSA	National Sports Arbitration Mechanism as established in the National Sports Act, 2023
PFA	Provincial Football Association
RADO	Regional Anti-doping Organisation
LOC	League Organising Committee
RH	Rights Holder
RFA	Regional Football Association
SCR	Specific Competition Regulations
Sports Act	National Sports Act, 2023
TOC	Tournament Organising Committee
UA(s)	Unit of Account equivalent to 1000 Uganda Shillings

Rule 2: Terms and Phrases

The terms and phrases herein shall have the meanings defined in the FUFA Rules unless a specific definition has been made for the FCR

1)	Academy	Means a football academy licensed by FUFA for the training and development of young players.
2)	Apex Competitions	Means the Uganda Premier League, FUFA Big League, FUFA Women Super League, Uganda Cup (on and after the Round of 64), FUFA Drum Final, FUFA Super 8, and FUFA Super Cup.
3)	Ball crew	means the Persons deployed on matchday around the pitch for return of balls (formerly known as ball boys/girls).
4)	Continuation of Play	means an unfinished match continues to be played for the remaining minutes until the previously expected end of the match
5)	Club	means the players, officials, and fans of one of the teams in a football competition or match.
6)	Double Header	a fixture where 2 matches of 4 different teams are arranged on the same day at different times at the same match venue.
7)	Double Player	means a player registered by a club on a Twin License.
8)	Digital	Shall mean electronic exchange of information, data, or messages.
9)	Fan	means the registered or unregistered person present at a match or within a 1km radius of the centre of the pitch at the venue of the match who verbally, physically, and logically expresses support for a participating team.
10)	First Match	means the match organised before the main match of the day between the junior, reserve or women teams belonging to the teams of the main match.
11)	Foreign Player	means a player who does not have a Ugandan nationality.
12)	FUFA Authorised Competitions	means competitions or matches organised by entities outside FUFA Membership and drawing the use of FUFA resources inclusive of registered players, FUFA certified match officials, owned and registered venues by FUFA and its Members or members of FUFA Member associations.
13)	FUFA Official Matches	Means football matches organised by FUFA, its members, or members of FUFA or respective designees (delegated entity).

14)	FUFA Organised Competitions	means Competitions or matches played under the direct auspices of FUFA and its member clubs and associations or members of FUFA member associations in decentralised structures including RFAs, Provinces and DFAs.
15)	FUFA Rules	means the Statutes, Regulations, Relevant Circulars and Decisions of FIFA, CAF and FUFA.
16)	FUFA Judicial Commission	All FUFA Judicial bodies in their respective order.
17)	Game Time	means the duration of the game, starting three (3) hours before kick-off of the match and ending three (3) hours after the last whistle.
18)	Goal Aggregate	means the aggregate sum of the goals scored and goals conceded for each of the 2 teams in a 2-leg or 4-leg competition. In the event of a tie of goals for both teams, Goal Aggregate will also mean that the team with more goals away from home shall get one extra goal (Away goal).
19)	Hydration Break	means two (2) hydration breaks of 3 minutes each in a match, around the 24 th Minute (First Half) and around the 67 th Minute (Second Half)
20)	Loanee Club	means a club to which a player is loaned.
21)	Loaner Club	means a club that has a contract with a player but opts (with the player's consent) to loan such a player to another club.
22)	Lower Football Judicial Units	The independent 1st-instance Judicial Units of the RFA, PFA, and DFA created in accordance with these regulations.
23) 24)	Match Crew	means the following persons and shall comprise: Registered Staff, Players, and Officials of the day's participating clubs, Staff and personnel of the TOC, Staff and Officials of the stadium/ground hosting the match Staff and Officials of FUFA Match Officials of the day's match Host Broadcast team member Official representatives of sponsors and commercial partners
25)	Match Day List	means the list of players eligible to play for a specific match.
26)	Minor Player	means a player below 18 years of age.

27)	National Sports Arbitration (NSA)	means the arbitration mechanism established in the National Sports Act, 2023.
28)	National Team Youth Player	means a Youth Player who has been capped before by any of the National Teams.
29)	FUFA Official Match Ball (FOMB)	means the authentic JANZI ZAKAYO ball
30)	Player Passport	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.
31)	Primary Owner	means one of the two (2) clubs for which a Double Player is eligible to play that has a contractual obligation with the player.
32)	Professional League Club	means a club licensed to play in the 1st or 2 nd Division leagues for men or the 1st division league for women.
33)	Representative	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.
34)	Secondary Owner	means the other club for which a Double Player is eligible to play that is not the Primary Owner.
35)	Single License	means the license issued to a player, making them eligible to play FUFA official matches for one club for the season.
36)	Single Player	means a player registered by a club on a Single License.
37)	Twin License	means the license issued to a player to be eligible to play FUFA official matches for two (2) different clubs for a half-season.
38)	Youth Agreement	means the agreement between the minor player and an Academy signed by his/her Representative on behalf of the minor player.
39)	Youth Player	means a player whose 21st birthday or earlier is in the same year of commencement of the competition.

Rule 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 gender shall include all other genders

- c) Referees shall mean Centre and Assistant Referees and 4th Officials and any other appointed official as per the Laws of the Game
- d) The headings and any formatting style in these Rules are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation
- e) These Rules shall remain in force until amended, repealed or replaced by FUFA.

Rule 4: Leading Opinion

- 1) The spirit behind these rules is aimed at promoting Fair Play as per Annex 1 of these rules
- 2) The FJC shall apply and enforce these rules upon receiving a report, complaint, or a petition filed by any party offended and may apply and enforce these rules upon its own finding of any infringements.
- 3) Infringements of these regulations that are also prohibitions under the Sports Act shall be prosecuted in accordance with these regulations, with violations and sanctions issued as prescribed herein. Any information sought and/or the final case report will be shared with the Government Authorities for further action.

Rule 5: Scope

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

Rule 6: Structures

- 1) FUFA is the FIFA-recognized MA mandated to run and oversee all association and authorised football activities in Uganda.
- 2) FCC is a standing committee of FUFA that is responsible for organising and supervising football competitions. It also advises the FUFA executive committee on matters concerning football competitions in Uganda.

Committees and their Competition Functions

3) FUFA Licensing Committee (FLC)

The FUFA Standing Committee is responsible for managing licences issued by FUFA to clubs, competition organisers, academies, coaches, agents, etc. It is mandated to collect and compile licensee data, evaluate it, and award, withhold, or revoke licences in accordance

with FUFA Licensing regulations.

4) FUFA Referees Standing Committee (FRSC)

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

5) FUFA Safety and Security Committee (FSSC)

The FUFA Standing Committee is in charge of Safety and security and is mandated to advise on security matters for FUFA Competitions and international matches organised in Uganda. It may recommend to the TOC the level of security required for a particular competition or match.

6) FUFA Dispute Resolution Chamber (FDRC)

It is a judicial body mandated to handle all contractual disputes between clubs, players and coaches in accordance with the FUFA Rules. This Committee shall also be responsible for the status and transfer of both male and female players in accordance with the FIFA and FUFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

7) FUFA Disciplinary Panel (FDP)

The FDP is mandated to enforce the FUFA Competition Rules and all other FUFA Regulations in respect of On-Field breaches that do not require investigation, are urgent, or raise no difficult factual or legal issues. In case of doubt as to whether the breach in issue is On-Field or whether the FDP has jurisdiction, the Chairman of the FUFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee (Adjudicatory) shall make a ruling on the issue, and their decision shall be final.

The FDP shall have jurisdiction over all FUFA Competitions provided for in the FUFA Statutes and the FUFA Competition Rules. Regional Member Associations may have their own First Instance Disciplinary panels or TOC as first-instance bodies.

8) FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Committee (FEDC)

The FUFA Judicial Body is mandated to investigate and adjudicate on field matters of misconduct, offensive behaviour, threats, force, and violence, and to investigate and adjudicate matters related to Ethics & Integrity in sports administration, doping, forgery and falsification, bribery, corruption, non-discrimination, the offering and acceptance of gifts and other benefits, and the integrity of matches and competitions. The FJC shall also serve as an Appeal Body for decisions made by lower competition judicial units.

9) FUFA Appeals Committee

The FUFA Judicial Body serves as an Appeal Body for decisions of the FDP, Dispute Resolution Chamber, FUFA Referees Disciplinary Panel, and FUFA Licensing Committee. Only FAC decisions listed as final in the FUFA Rules may not be appealed. The remaining FAC decisions may be appealed in accordance with the CAF Statutes, FIFA Statutes, and

the NSA. For the avoidance of doubt, Club Licensing decisions may be appealed only to the Club Licensing Appeals Committee.

Rule 7: Duties

- 1) In addition to the other roles specified in the FCR and the rest of the FUFA Rules, it is the duty of the clubs or teams in a competition to undertake the following responsibilities in competitions:
 - a) Identification of the persons at their respective matches when required.
 - b) Enforcing the FUFA Rules upon their constituent members, thus players, officials and the fans.
 - c) Preparation and representation of the teams for matches as required by the FUFA Rules.
 - d) Provision of Medical Services to their respective players and officials at matches and at all times.
- 2) In addition to the other roles specified in the FCR and the rest of the FUFA Rules, it is specifically the duty of the Home Team to undertake the following responsibilities at matches:
 - a) Provision of Security Services
 - b) Provision of a fully equipped Ambulance with trained personnel (For the Professional Leagues and where the specific competition rules require)
 - c) Ensuring that the Television Crew and Equipment have the required security and logistics
 - d) Provision of Ball Crew.
 - e) Provision of Match Balls.
 - f) Ensuring that the required technical equipment and match standards are in line with the Laws of the Game.
 - g) Provision of reliable internet services to all match officials to fulfil their match-day duties
- 3) Failure to undertake the duties in Rule 7(1) and (2) above may lead to disciplinary action in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 4) The SCR may specify the duties of the TOC for specific Competitions that may include the duties in Rule 7(1) and (2) above.

Rule 8: FUFA Club License

- 1) FUFA CLUB LICENCE is the licence issued by the FUFA Licensing Committee to all clubs/teams that apply, are evaluated, and are found to meet 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 TOC that violates Rule 8(1) and (2) shall be liable to disciplinary action. Sanctions may include FUFA withdrawing the Football Competition Organising license/Authority from such TOC.

Rule 9: Club's Name and Ownership

- 1) The name of the club shall be as indicated on the Certificate of Registration issued by FUFA.
- 2) The owners of the Club shall be as indicated in the FUFA Clubs Owners' 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 Club Ownership Regulations
- 5) Any matter not provided for herein shall be guided by the FUFA Club Ownership Regulations

SECTION II: COMPETITIONS PROVISIONS

Rule 10: Formats of Football Competitions

- 1) **Single Round Robin:** This is a competition format where teams shall play against each other on a one-leg basis over a period of time
- 2) **Double Round Robin:** This is a competition format where all participating teams shall play against each other on a two-leg (home-away) basis over a period of time.
- 3) **Mixed-Format:** This is a competition format composed of two stages, thus:
 - a) Group stage where participating teams are drawn into groups, with group teams playing against each other in a Single or Double round-robin format
 - b) Knockout stage where teams that qualified from the group stage play on a pair-knockout basis to progress to the next level
- 4) **Knock-Out:** This is a competition format where the winning team of each pair of teams competing qualifies to the next round of the competition.
- 5) **Classification:** This is a competition format where the participating teams are paired and play one-leg or two-leg matches on a knock-out basis, and winners play winners and losers play losers to determine the ranking and classification of the teams
- 6) **Split League:** This is a competition format where teams play in several rounds and groups in single or double round robin format with or without accumulation of points and goals to determine the final table standings.
- 7) Any other format as may be approved by the FUFA Executive Committee

Rule 11: Number of Teams in a Competition

The 1st to the 5th Division Leagues may be played in a single or more groups but shall not:

- a) commence with less than six (teams)
- b) continue with less than five (5) teams in one group
- c) commence with less than seven (7) teams in one group
- d) have more than sixteen (16) teams in one group
- e) have more than twenty-six (26) teams

Rule 12: Competition Winners

Official Titles of Winners and Trophy Protocols

- 1) The winners of the following competitions shall be declared by FUFA, and the trophy for such winners shall be handed over by the FUFA President or his designee:
 - a) 1st Division League (Men)
 - b) 2nd Division League (Men)
 - c) 1st Division League (Women)
 - d) The Uganda Cup
 - e) The FUFA Drum
- 2) The winners of the competitions below shall officially be referred to as follows:
 - a) ONLY 1st Division League (Men) as the Ugandan Champions.
 - b) ONLY 2nd Division League (Men) as the Ugandan Victors.
 - c) ONLY 1st Division League (Women) as the Ugandan Empresses.
 - d) ONLY Uganda Cup as the Ugandan Cup Holders.
 - e) ONLY FUFA Drum as the Ugandan Giants.
- 3) All other winners of other competitions organised and/or authorised by FUFA shall be officially referred to as respective competition winners. The winner of such competitions shall be declared by the TOC.

Rule 13: Ranking Teams

- 1) The award of points for each match played shall be three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a loss for the following formats:
 - a) Single Round Robin Format
 - b) Double Round Robin Format
 - c) Group Matches of Mixed Format
- 2) The award of points for each match played in the Split League Format shall be as follows:
 - a) For Round-1, it shall be two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a loss

- b) For Round-2, it shall be two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a loss
 - c) For Round-3, it shall be three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a loss
- 3) The ranking of teams playing the formats in Rule 13 (1) and 13(2) for the positions on the table standing at all times shall be in the following priority order from top to bottom:
- a) Total Number of Points Accumulated.
 - b) If Rule 13(3)(a) does not separate the teams, then the ranking of teams shall consider all matches in all the rounds between the tying teams and will be determined as follows:
 - i) Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the tying teams;
 - ii) Goal difference resulting from all the matches between the tying teams;
 - iii) Greater number of goals scored in all the matches between the tying teams;
 - iv) Greater number of away goals scored in all the matches between the tying teams.
 - c) Rule 13(3)(b)(iv) does not apply for single round robin format competitions
 - d) If Rule 13(3)(b) does not separate the teams, then the better team, between the tying teams, by virtual points will be ranked above the other(s). For purposes of this provision, virtual points shall be the one (1) extra point earned by the teams (for all matches played in all the rounds) that win their match by a 2-goal or more goal margin
 - e) If Rule 13(3)(d) does not separate the teams, then the better team, between the tying teams, by the difference between the Goals Scored and the Goals Conceded for all matches played in all the rounds will be ranked above the other(s).
 - f) If Rule 13(3)(e) does not separate the teams, then the better team, between the tying teams, with a superior number of Goals Scored for all matches played in all the rounds will be ranked above the other(s).
 - g) If Rule 13(3)(f) does not separate the teams, then the better team, between the tying teams, with an inferior number of fair-play points for all matches played in all the rounds will be ranked above the other(s). For the purpose of this provision, fair-play points will be calculated as 3 points for a red card and 1 point for a yellow card and totalled up per team throughout the competition.
 - h) If Rule 13(3)(g) does not separate the teams, then the FUFA Executive will take a decision

to rank such teams, including but not limited to tossing a coin for a tournament played with on a single round-robin league format or a full replay between the tying teams for the double round-robin format.

- 4) The table standings at all times shall be determined as follows:

Single Round Robin Format;

- a) Teams shall be ranked in consideration of results from all matches played in Round-1 as guided by Rule 13(3)
- b) The top-ranked team of the final table, as determined by Rule 13(4)(a), shall be declared the winner of the Single Round Robin Competition

Double Round Robin Format;

- c) Teams shall be ranked in consideration of results from all matches played in Round-1 and Round-2 as guided by Rule 13(3)
- d) The top-ranked team of the final table as determined by Rule 13(4)(c) shall be declared the winner of the Double Round Robin Competition

Split League Format;

- e) For the Split League Format, the competition shall be played in three (3) rounds marked as Round-1, Round-2 and Round-3
- f) Round-1 shall be played as follows:
 - i) It shall be composed of one (1) Group marked as Group-1
 - ii) It shall be played on a single round robin
- g) At the end of Round-1, teams shall be ranked in consideration of points and goals from all matches played in Round-1 as determined by Rules 13(2) and 13(3)
- h) Round-2 shall be played as follows:
 - i) It shall be composed of two (2) Groups, each marked as Group-2 and Group-3
 - ii) It shall be played in a single round-robin
 - iii) For each pair of matches in Round-2, the team that played home in Round-1 shall play away, while the team that played away in Round-1 shall play at home for parity
- i) At the end of Round-2, teams shall be ranked in their respective Groups in consideration of cumulative points and goals from all matches played in Round-1 and Round-2 as determined by Rules 13(2) and 13(3)

- j) Round-3 shall be played as follows:
 - i) It shall be composed of three (3) Groups, each marked as Group-4, Group-5 and Group-6
 - ii) It shall be played on a double round robin
- k) At the end of Round-3, all teams shall have obtained the cumulative points and goals, as shall have been awarded in consideration of Rule 13(2), for all matches played in Round-1, Round-2 and Round-3
- l) In order to determine positions of the final table standing, Rule 13(3) shall be applied for each group in consideration of the cumulative goals and points of Rule 13(4)(k) for each team
- m) After consideration of Rule 13(4)(l), the positions of the final table standing shall be ranked as follows in the priority order of top to bottom:
 - i) teams in Group-4
 - ii) teams in Group-5
 - iii) teams in Group-6

Knock-Out (Cup) Format Competition

- n) If the TOC Rules indicate that the knockout competition is played over one (1) leg;
 - i) The team with more goals at the end of the one leg will be declared the winner of that match.
 - ii) If the teams are still tied by 13(4)(n)(i) 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.
 - iii) If the teams are not separated by 13(4)(n)(ii) above, the winner of the Penalties (penalty shoot-out) mark shall be the winner.
 - iv) If the teams are not separated by 13(4)(n)(iii) above, a coin may be tossed to determine the winner where time cannot allow for Penalties (penalty shoot-out) or their continuation.
- o) If the TOC Rules indicate that the knockout competition is played over two legs;

- i) The team with a better goal aggregate at the end of the second leg match shall be the winner of the tie.
- ii) If teams are still tied by rule 13(4)(o)(i) above, the team with the greatest number of away goals scored in the matches between the concerned teams shall determine the winner
- iii) If the teams are not separated by 13(4)(o)(ii) above, the winner of the Penalties (penalty shoot-out) mark shall be the winner.
- iv) If the teams are not separated by 13(4)(o)(iii) above, a coin may be tossed to determine the winner where time cannot allow for Penalties (penalty shoot-out) or their continuation.

Rule 14: Football Competition Structures

1) The Uganda League System shall comprise 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
- f) FUFA 6th Division League
- g) FUFA Women Super League
- h) FUFA Women Elite Conference

2) FUFA also organises other football competitions, namely:

- a) FUFA Uganda Cup
- b) The FUFA Drum
- c) FUFA Super 8
- d) FUFA Super Cup
- e) FUFA Women's Cup
- f) FUFA Juniors League
- g) Any other competition that the FUFA Executive Committee may approve or formulate in accordance with FUFA Regulations for Authorised competitions, FUFA or a Member of FUFA may take part in authorised competitions.

1st Division League

- 3) The 1st Division League shall be the highest men's Club Competition in Uganda. This competition shall be managed as provided for by the FUFA Statutes and in accordance with these rules. The Body authorised or delegated by FUFA to manage the 1st Division League shall be the TOC.
- 4) The 1st Division League shall be organised as a double round-robin format with all teams in one Group
- 5) Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the 1st Division League shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

2nd Division League

- 6) The 2nd Division League shall be the second tier (men) league in Uganda. The FCC shall manage this competition as the TOC.
- 7) The 2nd Division League shall be organised as a double round-robin format with all teams in one Group
- 8) The two teams at the top of the final table standing of the 2nd Division League shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 1st Division League of the next season.
- 9) Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the 2nd Division shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

3rd Division League

- 10) Each RFA shall organise the highest Men's Club Competition in the RFA, played over a football season, in order to determine the club that is eligible for promotion to the 2nd Division League. The league shall also be known as the 3rd Division League.
- 11) Each 3rd Division League shall be run by the respective RFA or its designee as the TOC.
- 12) If the RFA fails to execute its mandate in 14(10) above, FUFA shall determine the course of action.
- 13) The 3rd Division League for the eight (8) FUFA Regional Football Associations shall be

organised as a double round-robin format

- 14) The 3rd Division League Winner from each of the 8 RFAs shall be sportingly eligible for club licensing to play in the 2nd Division League the following season.

4th Division League

- 15) There shall be Nineteen (19) 4th Division Leagues in Uganda with their respective TOCs grouped as follows:

#	4th Division League	TOC
1	West Nile RFA	West Nile RFA
2	Kampala RFA	Kampala RFA
3	Buganda Zone-1	Zone-1 Executive Committee
4	Buganda Zone-2	Zone-2 Executive Committee
5	Buganda Zone-3	Zone-3 Executive Committee
6	Buganda Zone-4	Zone-4 Executive Committee
7	Acholi Province	Acholi Province Football Association
8	Lango Province	Lango Province Football Association
9	Karamoja Province	Karamoja Province Football Association
10	Teso Province	Teso Province Football Association
11	Sebei Province	Sebei Province Football Association
12	Bugisu Province	Bugisu Province Football Association
13	Bukedi Province	Bukedi Province Football Association
14	Busoga Province	Busoga Province Football Association
15	Bunyoro Province	Bunyoro Province Football Association
16	Tooro Province	Tooro Province Football Association
17	Rwenzori Province	Rwenzori Province Football Association
18	Ankole Province	Ankole Province Football Association
19	Kigezi Province	Kigezi Province Football Association

- 16) There shall be a 4th Division league as indicated above to be played over a football season to determine the clubs that are eligible for promotional play-offs to the 3rd Division League.

- 17) Each 4th Division League shall be run by the respective entity as stipulated in Rule 14 (15) or its designee as the TOC and supervised by the RFA.

- 18) If the PFA fails to execute its mandate in 14(17) above, the RFA, in consultation with FUFA, shall determine the course of action.

- 19) Only Clubs Licensed by FUFA for the season for the 4th Division shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

5th and 6th Division Leagues

- 20) FUFA shall issue special regulations for the Fifth (5th) and Sixth (6th) Division Leagues.

FUFA Uganda Cup

- 21) The Uganda Cup shall be the highest Cup competition in Uganda
- 22) The Uganda Cup is compulsory for all clubs in the 1st and 2nd Divisions at the round of 64 and 3rd Division League clubs at lower rounds and optional for other clubs.
- 23) 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;
- a) Deduction of League Points
 - b) Monetary Fines
 - c) Future Exclusion from the Competition
 - d) Suspension from the respective League
 - e) Demotion to Lower League
- 24) 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.
- 25) The Uganda Cup Rules will detail other provisions for this competition.
- 26) This competition shall be run by the FCC as the TOC.

All Other Competitions Organised and/or Authorised by FUFA

- 27) 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.

Rule 15: Friendly Matches and International tournaments

- 1) Clubs and teams participating in FUFA Competitions are not permitted to play in international friendly matches or tournaments less than ten (10) days before the first match of their respective FUFA Competition and during the entire period of the competition, except with specific approval at the discretion of the FUFA Executive Committee.
- 2) Participating Teams are permitted to play international Friendly Matches or tournaments at any other time in the off-season.
- 3) Concerned teams shall ensure strict adherence to FIFA International Match Organization Regulations.

Rule 16: Representation in International Club Competitions

- 1) Subject to Club Licensing decisions and/or disciplinary reasons, FUFA reserves the final authority to determine which club will represent Uganda in all international club competitions without compromising sporting integrity.
- 2) The club 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 thousand only) to FUFA before its 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 standings of the 1st Division League (Men) shall determine the priority order of eligibility to represent Uganda in the CAF Club Champions League and CECAFA Club Championship.
- 5) The final table standings of the 1st Division League (Women) shall provide the priority order of eligibility to represent Uganda in the CAF Women Club Champions League
- 6) The final position of the Uganda Cup Competitions shall provide the priority of eligibility to represent Uganda in the CAF Confederation Cup.
- 7) Subject to Rule 16(4), (5) and (6), the FUFA Executive Committee shall decide the club to represent Uganda in any other International Club Competitions.
- 8) If a club wins both the Uganda Cup and tops the 1st Division League Table, FUFA shall nominate only that club to represent Uganda in the CAF Club Champions League, and shall nominate the runners-up of the 1st Division League to represent Uganda in the CAF

Confederation Cup.

- 9) Where a qualified club as provided for in Rule 16(4) to (8) above is interested in playing and fails the Club Licensing to play in CAF Competitions, FUFA may choose another team to represent Uganda in order of Sporting Merit of both the 1st Division and the FUFA Uganda Cup
- 10) FUFA shall set a local deadline for clubs to confirm their representation of Uganda in international competitions, and that date shall be at least one month from the deadline set by the organizers of the respective international competition.
- 11) Any club(s) that confirm(s) participation in the international competition as specified in Rule 16 but withdraws after the deadline set by FUFA or that set by the respective international competition shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Authority to play on foreign land

- 12) When the situation does not allow football to be organized within Uganda, the FUFA Executive Committee, with approval from the FIFA Member Association CAF and/or FIFA, may arrange for a FUFA-registered club with a deserving cause to participate in the regular competitions of another FIFA member association.
- 13) When the situation does not allow football to be organized within the territory of a FIFA Member Association, the FUFA Executive Committee, with approval from that FIFA Member Association, CAF, and/or FIFA, may accept and arrange for a club from that association with a deserving cause to participate in the FUFA Competitions.

Rule 17: Promotion and Relegation

- 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 First (1st) Division League season, the top fourteen (14) clubs in the final table standings shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 1st Division League in the following season, and the remaining club(s) will be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 2nd Division League in the following season.
- 3) At the end of the season, two (2) clubs from the 2nd Division League shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 1st Division League for the following season.
- 4) At the end of the 2nd Division League season, the next ten (10) clubs, after the top two (2) clubs, in the final table standings shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 2nd Division League of the following season, while the 13th club and any remaining clubs below

it in the final table standings will be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 3rd Division League for the following season.

- 5) The 8 teams from the 3rd Division Leagues, as determined by Rule 14 (14), shall be eligible for FUFA Club Licensing for the 2nd Division League in the following season.
- 6) The Lower League Rules shall set out the formats and guidelines for the 4th Division League and for relegation between the 4th and 5th Division Leagues.

Rule 18: Failure to Complete the Competition

- 1) Where the competition is played in a Double Round Robin format but due to circumstances of force majeure fails to be completed within the season, the winner shall be determined as follows:
 - a) Before each Club has completed its first-round fixture, the competition shall be declared null and void.
 - b) Where all the Clubs in the competition have completed the first-round fixture but less than 75% of the games have been played, the table standings at the end of the first round shall be considered as the final table standings of the league.
 - c) Where at least one club has played 75% or more of the games, the table positions for the respective group shall be ranked by the Corrected Points, Goals, instead of the points earned as follows:
 - d) Corrected Points shall mean the 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 already played.
- 2) Where the competition is played in a Split League format but, due to circumstances of force majeure, fails to be completed within the season, the winner shall be determined as follows:
 - a) Before each Club has completed its Round-1 fixtures, the competition shall be declared null and void.
 - b) Where all the Clubs in the competition have completed the Round-1 fixtures but have not completed Round-2, the table standings at the end of the Round-1 shall be considered as the final table standings of the league.

- c) Where all the Clubs in the competition have completed Round-2 but have not completed the first half of Round-3, the table standings at the end of Round-2 shall be considered as the final table standings of the league.
- d) Where all the Clubs in the competition have completed Round-2 and the first half of Round-3, the table standings at the end of the first half of Round-3 shall be considered as the final table standing of the league

SECTION III MATCH DAY TECHNICAL DETAILS

Rule 19: Match Day Lists and Substitutions

- 1) There shall be the following Match Day Lists:
 - a) 26 Player-Match Day List: This shall comprise a maximum of 26 players and 9 officials.
 - b) 23 Player-Match Day List: This shall comprise a maximum of 23 players and 9 officials.
 - c) 18 Player-Match Day List: This shall comprise a maximum of 18 players and 6 officials
 - d) 16 Player-Match Day List: This shall comprise a maximum of 16 players and 4 officials
- 2) The 26 Player-Match Day List shall be used for the following competitions:
 - a) 1st Division League (Men)
- 3) The 23 Player-Match Day List shall be used for the following competitions:
 - a) 2nd Division League (Men)
 - b) 1st Division League (Women)
 - c) Uganda Cup (From the Round of 64)
 - d) FUFA Drum
- 4) For the rest of the competitions, the Specific Competition Rules must specify which Match Day list is adopted for the respective competitions.
- 5) Up to five (5) substitutions of players, made in four (4) intervals, inclusive of the half-time break before resumption of the second half, shall be allowed.
- 6) In the event of matches going into extra time, one (1) extra substitution shall be allowed at the end of the 90-minute (after the added time) regular match time or any time during the extra time.

Rule 20: Duration of Matches

- 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) Continuation of Play may ONLY be applied in the following circumstances:

- a) Where a match is abandoned because of force majeure,
 - b) Where FUFA decides on a continuation of play
- 3) Where the abandoned match is decided to proceed as Continuation of Play, the following principles shall apply to the recommencement of the match:
- a) the same score as at the minute of abandonment
 - b) the restart of play shall be the same as when it was called by the referee at the time when the match was abandoned
 - c) the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned
 - d) no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet
 - e) the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned
 - f) players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced
 - g) any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match
 - h) the kick-off time, date (foreseen for the following day) and location shall be decided by the TOC;
 - i) any other matters requiring further decision shall be dealt with by the respective TOC.
- 4) Under-age FUFA Competitions Rules shall specify the duration of the matches.
- 5) All matches shall have half-time intervals not exceeding fifteen minutes.
- 6) A match or competition may have hydration breaks

Rule 21: Laws of the Game

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

the Game.

- 2) Where a FUFA Cat-1 Stadium has an artificial surface, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf, unless special dispensation is given by FUFA

Rule 22: Cautions and Send-Offs

- 1) Cautions and send-offs earned in a particular FUFA Competition shall only be served in that FUFA Competition.
- 2) Extra punishment in addition to the statutory punishment may be extended to another competition.
- 3) FJC may decide, in addition to the statutory punishment, to impose an extra punishment depending on the gravity and/or recurrence 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, with exceptions as provided for in these 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 be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 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 from send-offs.
- 9) A player who accumulates three (3) bookings (cautions) in a Double Round Robin 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 Single Round Robin or knock-out competition or mixed format shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next one physically played match.
- 11) A player who accumulates three (3) bookings (cautions) in a Split League Format competition shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next one physically played match.

- 12) Cautions that have not yet accumulated to cause suspension shall not be carried from one Round to the other. This provision shall only be applicable in the Split league and mixed format competitions
- 13) A player who is sent off the field of play by accumulating two (2) cautions during the same Double Round Robin or Split League format 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.
- 14) A player who is directly sent off the field of play during a Double Round Robin or Split League format competition match shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next two (2) physically played matches.
- 15) A player who is sent off the field of play by accumulating two (2) cautions during the same Single Round Robin and knock-out competition match or directly sent off the field of play during a Single Round Robin Competition or knock-out competition match shall automatically become an ineligible player for the next one (1) physically played match subject to Rule 22(3) above.
- 16) Rules 22(9) to 22(14) above exclude matches not physically played where outcomes are decided by the TOC or FJC because of contravention of these rules by any club.
- 17) The player shall remain ineligible for the match(es) until a suspension as stipulated above is served.
- 18) Send-offs earned in a Double Round Robin competition or in a promotion mixed format or Single Round Robin 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 or his club is promoted or demoted to another league.
- 19) Send-offs and accumulated Cautions (amounting to suspension) earned in group/preliminary and/or qualification stages of a cup competition shall be served in the knock-out stage of the competition.
- 20) 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's competition even if the player changes clubs.
- 21) Cautions earned (not leading to suspension) but not served in group stages/ preliminary or qualification stages in a season shall not be carried to the following stage or season.
- 22) Cautions and send-offs earned by a Double Player in a particular FUFA Competition shall only be served in that FUFA Competition.

Match Officials Disciplinary Matters:

- 23) Match Officials' technical offences shall mean errors in the interpretation and application of the FIFA Laws of the Game. Such technical offences shall be adjudicated by the FUFA Referees Disciplinary Panel, and appeals shall be made to the Appeals Committee.
- 24) Match Officials' non-technical offences shall mean offences committed by match officials that are not technical. Such non-technical offences shall be adjudged by the rest of the FJC.
- 25) Any match official who is proved to have knowingly or unknowingly incorrectly reported or concealed incidents about a match he officiated shall be liable to disciplinary action.
- 26) Any Club refusing to play its 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.
- 27) Delaying a match and/or protesting the appointment of a referee in a manner that hinders the progress of a match that has already started shall be punishable. Any individual or club that contravenes this provision shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

SECTION IV: MATCH EVENT ORGANISATION

Rule 23: Fixture Management and Fulfilment

- 1) The fixtures and their management shall be the preserve of the TOC and shall be stipulated in the respective competition rules.
- 2) To effectively manage the football calendar, all fixtures for all FUFA authorized and/organized competitions shall be approved by the FUFA.
- 3) If a team or both teams in a scheduled fixture turn up for the match but either one of the teams or both teams refuse(s) to play, such team that refuses to play shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
- 4) A club(s) failing to turn up for any competition match or turns up but refuses to play the match shall submit a written explanation, evidence, or proof detailing the reasons for failure to turn up, turning up late, or refusal to play the match to the TOC within forty-eight hours from the time the game was scheduled
- 5) A club that fails to submit a written explanation as provided for in Rule 23(4) above, or submits a written explanation that is rejected by the TOC or the FJC, shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
- 6) Any Club that repeats such a breach of Rule 23(4) and 23(5) shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
- 7) In respect of Rule 23(5) above, lack of funds and a mechanical breakdown of the team vehicle, without any injuries or deaths to players or officials, shall not be considered an acceptable reason by the TOC or the FJC.
- 8) If the TOC or the FJC accepts such an explanation, the TOC may re-fix the match and may direct the defaulting club to reimburse such expenses as computed by the TOC. However, if both teams' explanations are accepted, both teams shall meet the costs of the match.
- 9) Any team in a Double Round Robin format or Split League that infringes Rule (23)(4) for three (3) fixtures in a season and whose explanation under Rule 23(5) is not accepted in all three (3) instances shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
- 10) If a team withdraws or is dismissed /demoted from a competition of the Double Round Robin format when all the teams have played:
 - a) less than 50% of the competition, the results involving the withdrawn or dismissed team

shall be nullified.

- b) more than 50%, the results of the team in the 1st Round shall be sustained while all the results of matches in the 2nd Round shall be nullified.
- 11) If a team withdraws or is dismissed /demoted from a competition of the Split League format when it has not completed any Round of the competition, the results involving the withdrawn or dismissed team for that Round shall be nullified.
- 12) Where some or all the players of a team walk off the field of play such that the remaining players are less than seven (7) while the referee's decision is to continue with play for a period of more than five (5) minutes, that club shall be deemed to have lost the match by forfeiture to the opposing team and the club shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 13) Where one of the teams refuses to continue with play while the referee's decision is to continue with play, that club shall be deemed to have lost the match by forfeiture to the opposing team and the club shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 14) When the number of players of a team in a Competition match that are able to continue with play is less than seven (7) because of injuries and other reasons yet substitutions have been exhausted or are not available causing match officials to terminate the match, that club shall be deemed to have lost the match by forfeiture or by the standing result of the match (whichever is sportingly better) to the opposing team unless a prudent justification can be determined by the FJC.
- 15) In the event of withdrawal and/or deliberate refusal to continue honouring competition engagements, the club shall be confirmed as demoted and may be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Deaths

- 16) When death of a registered club player(s) or a registered club official(s) occurs;
- a) All players of all teams appearing for matches of the competition where the deceased was a player or an official in that week will wear black armbands 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. It is the duty of the Club to communicate to the TOC the burial arrangements

- 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 before kick-off
- 17) Unless a tragedy causing death or major harm to several team players, no match shall be postponed when communication by the club referenced in Rule 23(16) (c) is received by the TOC less than 18 hours to kick-off.
- 18) The TOC shall communicate the postponement, where applicable in respect of this clause, in the shortest time possible to the opponent club and other parties of the match crew.
- 19) FUFA may direct the TOC to postpone a match for reasons of death or burial of a person considered to be important to football. FUFA may further seek the wearing of black bands by players of certain or all competitions for a day or period
- 20) Where a club deems it necessary to observe a moment of silence for the death of any other person deemed appropriate within club hierarchies, it shall formally seek the consent of the respective TOC. The consent shall be communicated to the match officials on duty.
- 21) The moment of silence in all FUFA competitions shall follow the standard script for announcements and procedures in Annex 2 of these regulations.

Rule 24: Organisation of double header fixture

- 1) In Apex Competitions, TOC may propose double headers on the fixture.
- 2) Under the guidance of TOC, the host clubs and the stadium, where applicable, shall discuss the modalities, including but not limited to access control, safety, security, and financial arrangements.
- 3) If the above parties do not agree within the given timeline, TOC shall determine the next course of action.

Rule 25: Organisation of first matches

- 1) In Apex competitions, FUFA/TOC may organise first matches ahead of the main match at the same venue.

- 2) The duties of match organisation for the first match shall rest with the home and away teams of the main match, as specified in these regulations

Rule 26: Match Day Events

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. A Club that does not send the right persons, arrives 30 minutes late, or fails to attend the meeting shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 2) It shall be the obligation of clubs to reach out to club fans with any communication regarding the ticket prices and match schedules and any changes thereof.

During Game time

- 3) Clubs shall register only FUFA-registered club officials on the team sheet, and any decisions by the head official shall be the representative decision of the club during game time.
- 4) For the Apex Competitions, each club shall submit its match sheet online no later than two (2) hours before kick-off. A club that fails to submit the match sheet within the prescribed time shall be sanctioned under the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 5) For offline submission, reported failure to submit a match sheet within the specified timeline shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
- 6) FUFA will issue the following as FUFA Bench Permits for the various persons who may access the Team Technical Area.
 - a) Coaches will use the FUFA Coaching Licenses.
 - b) Medical Personnel will use the FUFA Medical Permits.
 - c) Substitute Players will use the Player's Licenses.
 - d) Other Staff will use the FUFA Bench Permits.
- 7) All persons who may wish to access the technical area of the Team Substitute bench will be required to show their respective FUFA Bench Permits to the Referees during inspection before kick-off of the match. Any person without the FUFA Bench Permit shall not be allowed to access the Team Technical Area during Game Time.
- 8) The Referee shall not start the match, and if the match has started, shall stop play until such a person without the FUFA Bench Permit vacates the Team Technical Area. The Referee who fails to enforce this provision shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and

Disciplinary Code.

- 9) A team that has a person without a FUFA Bench Permit accessing the Team Technical Area during Game Time shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 10) No FUFA Licensed Coach shall be entered as a team medic on 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.
- 11) A club shall be allowed to field a maximum of **six (6) foreign** players in any single match in a FUFA Competition
- 12) The TOC and the Home Club shall be responsible for managing and enforcing fair play, protocol, hospitality, sponsor obligations, and stadium access control. Minimum standards, responsibilities, and obligations may be specified in the rules of the respective Competition or in circular correspondence among FUFA, the TOC, and the Home Club for matches.

Match Day Data Report

- 13) There is an online application where each team or club participating in Apex Competitions shall submit match day data at most 30 minutes after the end of the match. Where the online application is not available, a physical match day report shall be filled, signed, scanned, and sent to FUFA at most 24 hours after the end of the match
- 14) A team or club that fails to submit the match day data report within the prescribed time shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code

Match Interruption Procedure

- 15) The referee can interrupt a Match if, in his/her opinion:
 - a) the Field of Play is not fit for play, or demarcations are no longer visible
 - b) there is suspicion of predetermination of match statistics and/or results
 - c) adverse weather conditions
 - d) the safety and security of any of the persons at the match is not guaranteed
- 16) The FUFA General Coordinator and/or any other designated official may, after consulting with the TOC or FUFA, advise the referee to suspend the Match. The referee will have discretion to accept that advice. If the referee does not accept the advice and the decision to continue the Match is later found to be illogical, the referee will be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
- 17) When the match is suspended, the referee will determine whether the players keep on the

pitch or retreat to the changing rooms

- 18) If a Match is suspended before the completion of normal playing time or Extra Time and normalcy returns in the opinion of the referee, or if instructed by FUFA through the other match officials present to continue, the Match shall restart at the same minute when it was suspended, and if the match resumes:
- a) between 0-15 minutes, the players will be required to continue to play immediately
 - b) between 16 and 30 minutes, the players will be required to continue playing after a warm-up of no more than ten (10) minutes. Five (5) minutes' notice of the start of the warm-up shall be given to all parties involved (e.g., Participating Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast Partners, Media).
 - c) between 31 and 45 minutes, the players will be required to continue playing after a warm-up of no more than 20 minutes. Five (5) minutes' notice of the start of the warm-up shall be given to all parties involved (e.g., Participating Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast Partners, Media).
 - d) between 46 and 60 minutes, the players will be required to continue playing after a warm-up of no more than 20 minutes. Five (5) minutes' notice of the start of the warm-up shall be given to all parties involved (e.g., Participating Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast Partners, Media).
- 19) If, in the referee's opinion, normalcy has not returned after sixty (60) minutes, the match shall be abandoned, and the TOC and FJC shall determine the next actions to be taken

Rule 27: Inspection of Licenses

- 1) For the Apex Competitions, the inspection of both teams' licenses shall be completed by the Captains of each Club, under the supervision of the match officials, at least eighty (80) minutes before kick-off. Club officials must present all players' licenses. A license (s) of player(s) whose eligibility is contested by the opposing team shall be retained by the match officials.
- 2)) In case the eligibility of the Player(s) is contested by the opposing team, the complaint with proof shall be registered with the general coordinator, referee's assessor, referee, or TOC. The general coordinator, referee's assessor, referee, or TOC shall cross-check the FUFA online platforms to verify the license and make a final decision on the complaint.
- 3)) In case the complaint or protest is not resolved before kick-off and the Club whose player is

contested insists on using the Player, the referee may allow the contested player to play the match, on condition that a clear photograph is taken of the captain of the contesting team, the referee, and the contested player.

- 4) If after the game, it is determined by the FJC or the TOC that the contested player did not have a valid license, the club shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
- 5) For all 3rd, 4th, and 5th Divisions, the inspection of both teams' licenses shall be completed by the Captains of each Club, supervised by the match officials, with at least 40 minutes to kick-off time. Club officials must present all players' licenses. A license (s) of player(s) whose eligibility is being contested by the opposing team shall be retained by the match officials.
- 6) All disputes in the 3rd, 4th and 5th Division concerning the regularity of the licenses may be subject to protest before the kick-off of the match and submitted to FUFA or the TOC by match officials for a decision. The copy of the licenses of the contested players must be sent by the commissioner or TOC of the match along with his/her official report.
- 7)) In the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Divisions, a player 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 the license is presented before the resumption of the second half of the match in question. If the license is not produced, the respective club officials shall delete the player's name from the match sheet.
- 8) All player licenses shall be as described in these rules.
- 9) In the event that all the player licenses are missing;
 - a) The defaulting team shall notify FUFA or TOC, and FUFA or the TOC will issue an electronic copy of the lost licenses to the general coordinator/ referees assessor/ Referee or TOC. The electronic copy will be used to identify the players. The defaulting club will further take and submit to FUFA or TOC (not later than 24 hours) photographs of the Players (Ones without Licenses), with Match Day Referees and one of the players or officials of the opponents
 - b) The defaulting team shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
 - c) The team that fails to provide licenses as indicated above shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code

Rule 28: Security of Persons and Property

- 1) It shall be the duty of the home team to ensure that adequate security and safety arrangements are in place for the match crew and their property, as well as for spectators. If the ground requires security to prevent spectators from interfering with the game, it shall be the duty of the home club to provide such security; if it is not provided, the referee shall not start the game, and 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 a defence for responsibility for the ensuing crowd violence.
- 3) The Home Club shall name the club security attaché who will work hand in hand with the FUFA Security Committee or its designee.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The TOC will formally communicate this minimum requirement to the club, and the club security attaché will be required to arrange accordingly.
- 6) Before kick-off, security adequacy shall be assessed by the following personnel in order of presence;
 - a) Agent from FUFA security committee working as Match Security Officer
 - b) General Coordinator
 - c) Match Assessor
 - d) Referees
- 7) The details of management of the security at matches shall be detailed in the respective TOC Rules

SECTION V: MATCH EQUIPMENT

Rule 29: Colours, Jerseys and Strips/Kits

- 1) Each club shall register three kits: home kit, alternative kit 1, and alternative kit 2. If, in the Referee's opinion, the kits of both teams are similar in colour or clash, the visiting team shall change to their registered home kit or to any other kit that resolves the clash.
- 2) Where only a home team goalkeeper's colour clashes with the outfield players' jersey of the visiting team, the home team goalkeeper shall change to another colour as approved by the referee.
- 3) Other details about the Club Jerseys and Strips shall be specified in the respective FUFA Competition Rules.

Rule 30: Referees' Kits

- 1) There shall be a type and make of the Referees Kit branded as the Official FUFA Referees Kit.
- 2) Unless authorised by FUFA in writing, only the Official FUFA Referees Kit shall be used for all FOC and FAC matches.
- 3) No FUFA Referee shall officiate a FOC or FAC match donning another kit other than the official Referees Kit. Unless TOC provides a written exception from FUFA.
- 4) The TOC or any person or Referee or Home Team who violates provisions 30(2) and 30(3) shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Rule 31: Flood Lights

- 1) Night Matches shall mean matches that start at or after 1700 Hours (Ugandan Time) or those that will still be in play by 1800 Hours (Uganda Time)
- 2) FUFA will inspect and issue a Flood Lights Certificate upon satisfaction that the lighting systems have the necessary standards for a night match
- 3) There shall be the following certificates:
 - a) FUFA Flood Lights Certificates (TV Matches); This shall be a certificate issued for a facility

that may host Night Matches scheduled for TV.

- b) FUFA Flood Lights Certificates (Non-TV Matches); This shall be a certificate issued for a facility that shall not host Night Matches scheduled for TV.
- 4) FUFA may withdraw the FUFA Flood Lights Certificate at any time upon satisfaction that the lighting standards have fallen below the FUFA Lighting Standards under which the certificate was issued.
- 5)) In the event of a failure of the lights, the referee shall suspend the match for up to 30 minutes, or until the lights are restored, whichever comes first. If the lights cannot be restored to the licensed standards within 30 minutes, the referee will abandon the match.
- 6) In the event of abandonment of the match and after the investigation proves that the failure of the lights was:
 - a) If the home team is at fault or benefits from the action, the home team shall lose the match by forfeiture, and further disciplinary action may be taken by the FJC.
 - b) a cause and benefit of the away team, the away team shall lose the match by forfeiture and further disciplinary action may be taken by the FJC.
 - c) an unavoidable circumstance
 - i) and the match had been played for less than 70 minutes, the match will be rescheduled by the TOC as a Continuation of Play Match
 - ii) and the match had been played for 70 minutes and more and the standing sporting results of the match was to the benefit of the home club, the two (2) captains of both clubs may agree in writing (as part of match reports) for the standing result at abandonment of the match to be considered the final result of the match but in case of no consent, the match will be rescheduled by the TOC to be continued for the remaining minutes of the match.
 - iii) and the match had been played for 70 minutes or more, and the sporting standing of the match was to the benefit of the away club, the match will be rescheduled by the TOC to be continued for the remaining minutes of the match.
 - iv) If, upon investigation, it is obtained that the cause of failure of the lights was influenced or facilitated by any club in the match or in the competition for a sporting or otherwise benefit, the FJC will determine the decision in order to uphold the integrity of the respective Competitions.

Rule 32: FUFA Official Match Ball

- 1) Unless authorised by FUFA in writing, only the FUFA Official Match Ball shall be used as the Match Day Ball for all FOC and FAC matches.
- 2) A FUFA Referee shall not officiate a FOC or FAC match in which any ball other than the FOMB is used unless TOC provides a written exception from FUFA.
- 3) The TOC or any person or Referee or Home Team who violates provisions 32(1) and 32(2) shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 4) For the 1st Division League (Men), there shall always be a minimum of 15 balls available with the ball crew for play, to maximise playing time. The Match Officials are required to report any incidents in which fewer than 15 balls are available for play with the ball crew. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in sanctions in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Rule 33: Stadium and Match Facilities

- 1) No stadium or match facility shall host a FUFA Competition Match unless it has been approved by FUFA.
- 2) A club intending to change the stadium or match facility designated to host a match shall submit a written request to FUFA not later than seventy-two (72) hours before the scheduled kick-off time. A request submitted less than seventy-two (72) hours before kick-off shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances approved by the TOC.
- 3) It shall be the responsibility of the home club to hire the stadium (if applicable) for match days (TV matches inclusive) and observe any eventualities that may interrupt 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.
- 4) The match and training facilities shall be subjected to inspection and approval by FUFA
- 5) The TOC may change the venue of a match;
 - a) to avoid likely fixture congestion,
 - b) to ensure fair play
 - c) for health, safety and security reasons
 - d) to fulfil the RH obligations
 - e) to a neutral ground where, in the opinion of the TOC, it is deemed necessary
 - f) where a double header arrangement of fixtures is decided

- 6) FUFA may order the closure of any venue where the safety of clubs, Match Officials or Spectators cannot be guaranteed.

Rule 34: Equipment for Training and Matches

- 1) Where FUFA provides electronic player performance tracking equipment to a club, it shall be an obligation of the club to ensure the equipment is used in training and matches by its players without fail. Contravention of this rule shall be punishable by the FJC.
- 2) Where the safety and security of any technical equipment provided by FUFA is compromised, the defaulting entity club shall be liable for disciplinary actions by the FJC.

SECTION VI PERSONNEL

Rule 35: Players

- 1) The status of each player shall be determined by the FUFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

Transfer

- 2) Players registered by a club shall only be replaced or transferred to another Club as provided for in the FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.

Contract Registration

- 3) A contract signed for a professional relationship involving a Player(s), Club(s), Agent(s), Academy, shall only be official and referenced once all parties to the agreement have submitted copies of their contracts to FUFA.
- 4) Each party to the contract shall be responsible for providing copies of the contract, either in person or electronically. The club that signed the contract with the player shall submit a copy of the contract to FUFA, either in person or electronically, within five (5) days of signing. A club that fails to submit the contract within the prescribed time frame shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 5) Provisions 35(3) and 35(4) shall also be applicable for Youth Agreements and Scholarship Agreements.

Player Registration

- 6) In one season, each Club may contract not more than a total of 40 players and the Club Academy may register with FUFA not more than 50 minor players.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Each Club not playing in the CAF Club Competitions shall be eligible to register up to 35 players each season from those contracted. Among the 35 players, there shall not be more than 8 foreign players.
- 9) Players shall only be considered as FUFA Licensed for a season upon being validated by FUFA on the FUFA Football Connect electronic registration system and issued a FUFA license, or when their license and registration forms are signed and stamped by FUFA for that season.

- 10) FUFA may issue provisional player licences for a specified period pending scrutiny of the documents submitted. If FUFA confirms that the player is not registered with that particular club, the provisional licence will be withdrawn, and the player will consequently become ineligible to play for that or any other club without a valid Player Licence.
- 11) Any player who is under contract with the Club but is not registered and/or licensed for the particular season shall have the right to apply to the FUFA Dispute Resolution Chamber for release from the contract.
- 12) 3rd, 4th, and 5th Division Clubs are entitled to contract and/or register a maximum of 25 Players.
- 13) Only the 1st Division League (Women) and 2nd Division League (Women) shall use Double Players
- 14) Once a player is named in a match day list of a Knock-out format competition, he/she shall be cup tied for that specific competition if he/she transfers to another club
- 15) A 1st Division League Club may use some of the players registered in its own FUFA Juniors League team for the 1st Division League and FUFA Uganda Cup Matches ONLY. The FUFA-validated license for the FUFA Juniors League of the player(s) in question shall be used.
- 16) Special Regulations for Players Registration, Transfer and Eligibility may be provided in the Specific Rules of the respective Competition.

FUFA Football Connect Online Registration System

- 17) Registration of players and officials of the clubs in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th division leagues shall be completed through FUFA's web-based electronic system, FUFA Football Connect, within one of the registration periods, unless otherwise determined by FUFA, in which case sanctions and/or fines may be imposed for any alternative means.
- 18) Every club shall acquire system access credentials from the FUFA Competitions Department.
- 19) In case of loss of the license, replacement shall cost 50UAs for each of the player license to be replaced.
- 20) The following documents shall be required for issuance of a Player License;
 - a) National ID issued by the Government of Uganda with an electronic copy uploaded on the system.
 - b) For the 1st Division League Club, a passport provided by the Government of the Player, with

an electronic copy uploaded on the system for the 1st Division League Club Players.

- c) For every foreign player, a passport issued by the government of the player, with an electronic copy uploaded onto the system.
- d) Any discrepancy in that player data may lead to failure to be issued with a license or to withdrawal of the license even if already issued.
- e) A club that provides incorrect or false information knowingly or unknowingly shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Youth Players

- 21) means a player whose 21st birthday or earlier is in the same year of commencement of the competition.
- 22) The Twin Licence system shall cease to apply in all men Professional League Competitions and shall be replaced by the Youth Player Regulations provided for under these Rules.

Youth Player Registration

- 23) Every Uganda Premier League Club shall register Youth Players at a ratio of one (1) Youth Player for every five (5) Senior Players registered.
- 24) Every FUFA Big League Club shall register Youth Players at a ratio of one (1) Youth Player for every six (6) Senior Players registered.
- 25) Every Club shall register at least one (1) Youth Player who is a goalkeeper.

Contracted but Unregistered Players

- 26) Where a Club has contracted a player but is unable to register such player due to the registration limits provided for under these Rules, it shall be the obligation of the Owner Club to secure a loan for that player to another Club.
- 27) Where the proposed loan provides terms and remuneration that are no less favourable than those in the player's employment contract, the player shall accept the loan.
- 28) A Club that fails to comply with the Youth Player registration requirements, Match Day Squad requirements, or Youth Player participation requirements shall be liable to sanctions prescribed under the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 29) A player registered under Rule 35 (26) and (27) shall participate in at least fifty per cent (50%)

of the official matches for which the player is available and shall accumulate a minimum of four hundred (400) playing minutes in each half of the football season.

Academies

30) Clubs shall operate academies as follows;

- a) 1st Division men's football club shall operate an Academy of a minimum of FUFA Grade-2 Licensed Academy.
- b) 2nd Division men's football club shall operate an Academy of at least FUFA Grade-3 Licensed Academy status.
- c) 1st Division women's football club shall operate an Academy of at least FUFA Grade-3 Licensed Academy status.

Loan Player

31) Only a contracted player may be loaned.

32) Both the Club and the Contracted Player shall consent to the Loan Registration, and a written Loan agreement shall be registered with FUFA. A loan agreement without the consent and signature of the Player and not registered with FUFA shall be null and void. Such a player shall remain under contract with the club to which he is contracted for the remaining period. Only Contracted Players shall be eligible for temporary or loan transfers. Any temporary or loan transfer shall be subject to the FUFA Regulations on the status and transfer of Players.

33) 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.

34) A loaned player shall be registered among the 35 or 40 players of the loanee club.

35) A FUFA Big League Club shall have three (3) special registration slots for players on loan who are under contract but unregistered with another Professional League Club.

36) A Loaner Club shall not at the same time be a Secondary Owner Club.

Match Day Lists

37) The match day lists shall be composed as follows:

- a) For the 1st Division (Men) League

- i) A maximum of twenty-six (26) players.
 - ii) At most 6 Foreign Players
 - iii) At least 5 Youth Players
 - b) For the 1st Division (Women) League
 - i) At most 3 foreign players
 - ii) At least 5 Youth Players, where one must be a goalkeeper of Ugandan Nationality
 - c) For the 2nd Division (Men) League
 - i) At most 3 foreign players
 - ii) At least 8 Youth Players, where one must be a goalkeeper of Ugandan Nationality
 - d) For the Other Competitions
 - i) At most 3 foreign players
 - ii) The SCR will provide further details
- 38) Each participating Club in the Men's First Division League must maintain a minimum of two (2) eligible Youth Players on the field of play at all times during any Official FUFA Match.
- 39) A Youth Player may only be substituted by another eligible Youth Player, unless the Club has already met or exceeded the minimum requirement on the field.
- 40) If a Youth Player is sent off (red card) or must leave the field due to injury after all permitted substitutions have been exhausted, the Club shall not be deemed in breach of this regulation for the remainder of that match.
- 41) Any failure to comply with Rule 35(38) and 35(39) shall result in an automatic forfeiture of the match (declared a 3-0 loss) and further disciplinary sanctions as determined by the FJC
- 42) Whenever available for selection, Secondary Owners shall include all acquired Double Players on the Match Day.
- 43) Whenever a Secondary Owner plays a FUFA Official match, at any one time during that match, there shall be at least 2 Double Players on the pitch.
- 44) Secondary owners of Double Players shall be expected to field these players for at least 70% of their matches.
- 45) 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

- 46) The players' shirt numbers shall be from 1-40 and shall not change for the season unless the player changes a club.
- 47) The numbers 1 and 18 shall be reserved for goalkeepers
- 48) Shirt numbers 41 – 50 shall be for Youth Players only.
- 49) Players registered in the Academy shall have shirt numbers 51 – 100, and these numbers shall be maintained throughout the season even when they play for the Senior Team.

Fielding an Ineligible Player

- 50) Only FUFA Licensed players shall be eligible to play in FUFA Competitions.
- 51) A Club that fields an ineligible player shall lose the match by forfeiture to the opposing team.
- 52) In the event that a player is licensed with more than one club within the same registration period, even if the clubs are registered with one or more FIFA Members, 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 or any other decision determined by the disciplinary body depending on the circumstances of each case.

FUFA Licensed Players' Participation in non-FUFA Competitions

- 53) FUFA Licensed Players shall only appear for FAC upon clearance by FUFA and shall not appear for any competition that is not authorised by FUFA.
- 54) A player registered by a club shall only appear for FAC at the discretion of the Player's Club. The Club may take disciplinary measures against its player for violation of this provision, and FUFA may uphold and/or extend the sanctions
- 55) FUFA may take corrective action against any FUFA Authorised Football Competition that allows a FUFA Licensed Player to play in its matches without the written authorisation of the Clubs where the Players are registered

Players on international duty

- 56) 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

- 57) Where both the national team and club have international and national engagements, the national team shall take priority.
- 58) If a club has three (3) or more players called to 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.
- 59) A club that has three (3) or more players with a national team may request in writing to continue with its fixtures without the player(s), and the respective TOC shall allow the fixture.
- 60) 6) a club that loses two or fewer than two (2) players to the national team shall honour the fixture. A club that fails to honour the fixture after losing two or fewer than two (2) players to the national team, whether in a gazetted FIFA calendar or not, shall be liable to sanctions specified in Rule 23(3), 23(4) and 23(5) of these Regulations.
- 61) A Club may request the use 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 selects the player on the day of the match and returns him/her no later than 1159 hours (Time in Uganda) on the day of the FUFA Competition Match. Contravention of this provision may result in disciplinary action.
- 62) The above provisions shall also apply to fixtures involving clubs participating in CAF or CECAFA Clubs competitions.

Players for the FUFA Drum

- 63) The Team Organising Bodies for each of the 16 FUFA Provinces will inform FUFA in writing 10 days before the FUFA Drum match day of the players they intend to use for the match from the various FUFA Licensed Clubs.
- 64) The FCC will compile the list and communicate by e-mail to each club the names of the players invited.
- 65) All clubs not participating in CAF Club Competitions shall release all the invited players if the invited players from that one Club are 10 or less. If the number of invited players is more than

10, the Club will determine which 10 players to release. If the Club fails to determine the 10 players within three (3) days of receipt of the invitation, all invited players will be required to play for their respective Provinces.

66) All clubs still participating in CAF Club competitions shall release all invited players if the number of invited players from that club is three or fewer. If there are more than three invited players, the club will determine which three players to release. If the club fails to determine the three players within three (3) days of receipt of the invitation, all invited players will be required to play for their respective provinces.

67) FUFA may decide to excuse a particular club from releasing its players for the FUFA Drum upon request by the Club for a particular match and based on FUFA-acceptable reasons.

68) A club is not obliged to release players for the FUFA Drum if the FCC has not communicated the request at least 7 days before the intended match day.

Rule 36: Technical Personnel

1) A club shall have the following Technical Personnel:

- a) Head Coach
- b) Assistant Coach
- c) GoalKeeping Coach
- d) Fitness Coach
- e) Youth Coach

2) Technical Personnel for the 1st Division League Club (Men and Women) and 2nd Division League Club (Men) must have a written contract with the Club executed on an individual basis. The contract shall include essential elements such as the rights and obligations of the parties, the status and occupation of the parties, the agreed remuneration, the duration of the contract, and the signatures of each party.

3) For purposes of this Rule, a Coach shall be an individual employed in a football-specific occupation by a club whose employment duties consist of one or more of the following: training and coaching players, selecting players for matches and competitions, making tactical choices during training sessions, matches and competitions, etc.

4) There shall be FUFA Coaching Licenses issued for persons who intend to practise as coaches for the FUFA Competitions. The following are the different FUFA Coaching Licenses:

a) General Coaching License (GCL) shall be issued to applicants:

- i) for a period of three (3) years and only renewed after undergoing an examinable refresher course.

- ii) who have a minimum coaching badge of FUFA Beginners Coaching Certificate
 - iii) who are valid members of the Uganda Football Coaches Association.
- b) Professional Coaching License (PCL) shall be issued to applicants:
 - i) for a period of two (2) years and only renewed after undergoing an examinable refresher course
 - ii) who has a minimum Coaching Badge of CAF B
 - iii) who is a valid member of the Uganda Football Coaches Association
- 5) The holder of the PCL shall only coach at one entity (Club, Team, Institution, etc.) at a time
- 6) FUFA shall appoint a Technical Council of Experts to examine, assess, grade and propose to the FUFA Executive Committee to award or cancel FUFA Coaching Badges and Licenses.
- 7) A license may be cancelled or suspended upon recommendation of the FUFA Technical Council for the following reasons;
 - a) on the recommendation of the UFCA.
 - b) because of a PCL holder coaching more than one entity (Club, Team, Institution, etc.) at a time, as required in Rule 36(5)
 - c) on the recommendation of the FUFA Judicial Commission.
 - d) failure to apply the coaching knowledge as educated

Head Coach and Assistant Coach

- 8) Subject to the FUFA Coaching Regulations, only coaches holding a valid FUFA Coaching Licence shall be authorised to coach and/or manage a football club registered with FUFA.
- 9) The coaching requirements for the different clubs and teams for the different competition levels shall be as follows:
 - a) 1st Division League (Men): Head coach and an assistant coach, each holding at least a CAF A License and a Professional Coaching License

- b) 2nd Division League (Men): Head coach and an assistant coach, each holding at least a CAF B License and a General Coaching License
- c) 1st Division League (Women): Head coach and an assistant coach, each holding at least a CAF B License and a General Coaching License
- d) 3rd Division League (Men): Head coach and an assistant coach, each holding at least a CAF C License and a General Coaching License

Goal Keeping Coach

- 10) Subject to the FUFA Coaching Regulations, only coaches holding a valid FUFA Goalkeeper Coaching Licence shall be authorised to coach and/or manage a football club registered with FUFA as a Goalkeeper Coach

Fitness Coach

- 11) Subject to the FUFA Coaching Regulations, only coaches holding a valid FUFA Fitness Coaching Licence shall be authorised to coach and/or manage a football club registered with FUFA as a Fitness Coach

Youth Coach

- 12) Subject to the FUFA Coaching Regulations, only coaches holding a valid FUFA Youth Coaching Licence shall be authorised to coach and/or manage a football club registered with FUFA as a Youth Coach
- 13) A club that breaches Rules 36(8) to 36 (12) shall be liable to disciplinary sanctions.

Rule 37: Match Officials

- 1) The match officials will comprise the General Co-coordinators, Technical Officer, Match Referees Assessor, Match Security Officer, Centre Referee, First Assistant Referee, Second Assistant Referee, and Fourth Official. If any of them is absent, the remaining officials shall still be considered the match officials.

General Coordinator

- 2) The FUFA General Coordinator (GC) shall be the FUFA or TOC official representative at the venue and shall oversee the entire venue administration.

- 3) FUFA shall issue FUFA GC badges each year.
- 4) The GC is responsible for ensuring that every match is perfectly organised and consistent with all the other venues.
- 5) FUFA shall issue the FUFA GC handbook to guide the GCs in executing their duties, which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a) Ensuring that every match is perfectly organised and consistent with all other venues, in respect of FUFA commitments in the matter of marketing, publicity and audio-visual broadcasts and/or retransmissions.
 - b) Inviting teams and other stakeholders to and conducting the Match Coordination Meeting (MCM).
 - c) Conducting pre-match rehearsal ceremonies.
 - d) Coordinating and supervising all activities and protocols related to the football match before, during and after the match.
 - e) Ushering match officials and the teams into the stadium.
 - f) Ensuring strict adherence of the teams to match day media requirements.
 - g) Ensuring prompt match kick-off.
- 6) The GC Report shall be considered as one of the official reports of a match.
- 7) All the duties hitherto undertaken by the General Coordinator shall be the responsibility of the Referees Assessor where the General Coordinator is not appointed.

Technical Officer

- 8) The Technical Officer shall be appointed by the FUFA Technical Committee, and he shall capture the technical information about the match as shall be required of him. He will make a templated report and submit it to FUFA.
- 9) The Technical Officer may require a conversation with the Club Technical Person. If the Technical Officer expresses such an interest, the Club Technical Person shall provide a

minimum of 20 minutes for a side meeting with the Technical Officer. A club that fails to provide the Club Technical Person, or a Technical Person appointed by the club who refuses to offer such time, shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Technical and performance data

- 10) Clubs in all FUFA competitions shall provide basic data on their final squads. The data shall be provided via FUFA electronic forms or online system.
- 11) FUFA shall require clubs to arrange a specific series of tests for player performance data; tests may be arranged in the presence of the FUFA technical team. The club shall arrange technical logistics. FUFA may provide specific technical equipment.
- 12) Clubs in the 1st Division Leagues (Men and Women) shall provide performance-monitoring equipment to at least 18 players on the Matchday list. The data collected using this equipment shall be uploaded to the online platform within 48 hours of the end of the match.
- 13) FUFA shall require each home club in the 1st Division Leagues (Men and Women) to provide performance monitoring equipment to the centre referee to be used during the match. The referee shall upload the data collected using this equipment to the online platform within 48 hours after matchday.
- 14) FUFA shall require all clubs that comprise 1st Division Leagues (Men and Women) to use the performance monitoring equipment during their training sessions. The data collected using this equipment shall be uploaded to the online platform within 48 hours after the training session.
- 15) Clubs that comprise 1st Division Leagues (Men and Women) shall have a duty to protect and maintain the provided performance monitoring equipment in the best condition possible and to report to the FUFA technical team in case of any technical issues.
- 16) Relegated Clubs from 1st Division Leagues (Men and Women) at the end of a regular season shall have an obligation to return the performance monitoring equipment to the FUFA Technical team within two weeks after their final match of the season.
- 17) All the data collected by the performance monitoring equipment is subject to the FUFA Data Policy.
- 18) Any club or individual who contravenes the provisions shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA ethics and disciplinary code.

Match Commissioner

- 19) FUFA Executive Committee may appoint a match commissioner for specific FOC and FAC with specified terms of reference.

Match Referees Assessor

- 20) The main responsibility of the Referees Assessor is to assess the performance of appointed referees before, during and after a football match in line with the application of the Laws of the Game.
- 21) A Referee Assessor must take an advantageous position in the stadium or match venue that will enable him to execute the duties as indicated above.
- 22) Where a general coordinator is appointed, Referee Assessor shall not undertake pre-match protocols.

Match Security Officer

- 23) The security officer is designated by FUFA or TOC to oversee the safety and security in the stadium under the authority of the General Coordinator. Club shall assist him and invite the persons in charge of the stadium and security to work with him.
- 24) After the end of the match, the security officer must send to FUFA or TOC Secretariat within the provided time following the match by express mail or by using a system in place, the detailed report.
- 25) In the absence of a FUFA- or TOC-appointed match security officer, the club-trained and accredited security officer shall undertake the duties related to safety and security matters.

Referees

- 26) All FUFA Competitions matches shall be officiated by only referees and assistant referees fully registered with FUFA for the current season.
- 27) All referees registered with FUFA shall be provided with referee badge. The referee shall display the badge during the match. Anybody that contravenes this rule shall be liable to disciplinary action.
- 28) FRSC shall manage appointment of match assessors and referees for all FUFA Competitions and FUFA authorized Competitions in accordance with FUFA Referees Manual.
- 29) FRSC shall appoint match assessors and referees for all FUFA Competitions.
- 30) FRSC may however delegate match assessors and referees' appointment responsibilities to a referee standing committee of a RFA or TOC for their respective competitions.
- 31) FRSC shall appoint a number of match assessors and referees for all FUFA authorized competitions. Such a list of appointed referees shall be passed onto the TOC of the FUFA Authorized 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 authorized competitions match assessors and referees appointing sub-committee.

- 32) FRSC may delegate its responsibilities in Rule 35 (28) to the referees standing committee of the RFA or FUFA authorized competitions in their respective competitions.
- 33) At the beginning of the season, FRSC shall categorize all match assessors and referees for various FUFA Competitions. Such Categorization shall be approved by the FUFA Executive Committee.
- 34) 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).
- 35) In the event that only two (2) of the appointed referees by the FRSC are present and a number of Specific Competition listed referees are present, the general coordinator, if available, shall request the consent of both clubs on the referee to be appointed. In the event of failure to agree by both clubs and/or the presence of only one (1) Specific Competition listed referee, the general coordinator shall appoint the referee, with or without the consent of one or both clubs. This shall be specified in the general coordinator and referee's report.
- 36) In event all the above cannot be applied, the match shall be postponed to a future day set by the TOC

Match Reports

- 37) All appointed match officials shall file respective match reports using FIFA Competition Management System (CMS) immediately after the match but in any case, not later than six(6) hours from the end of matchday.
- 38) In any case of acceptable inability to use the online reporting system above, a match officials may use offline match report acquired from FUFA or TOC and shall fill, scan and submit entire match report within six (6) hours from end of the match day. In this case, hard copy shall be delivered in not more than 72 hours from the time of completion of the match
- 39) For competition media development purposes, FUFA or TOC may introduce any other digital instant reporting mechanism of match results and data. Match officials shall be obliged to adhere to this reporting mechanism.
- 40) Any match official who fails to comply with the provisions shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code

- 41) 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.

SECTION VII: MEDICAL

Rule 38: Doping

- 1) Doping is the use of a substance(s) that could have the effect of artificially improving or reducing the player's physical and /or mental condition and so augmenting his athletic performance artificially.
- 2) Doping is strictly forbidden by the FUFA, CAF, FIFA and the GoU.
- 3) The NADO or RADO may randomly ask players without prior notice to provide their organic substance samples for the doping tests.
- 4) The FJC may only issue provisional sanctions for cases of violation of Doping Regulations.
- 5) Matters of violating Doping Regulations will be managed in accordance with the National Sports Act CAP 151

Rule 39: Medical

- 1) Each club shall be required to provide its own medical team, and the home club shall provide First Aid and emergency facilities including but not limited to an ambulance.
- 2) Upon registration, each Club shall register medical personnel who will be responsible for the team's medical cases on the field of play. The personnel must hold a minimum FUFA Medical Permit as provided for by the respective competition Rules. Any club that fails to present medical personnel at the stadium shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 3) It shall be the home team's duty to arrange medical facilities during FUFA competition matches. For 1st Division league matches, a fully equipped ambulance must be available before and during the match.
- 4) Match officials appointed shall inspect and ensure that an ambulance is present before and during the match. If, at any time, an ambulance is needed and none is available, the home team shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 5) The medical officer shall file player-related medical information with FUFA, specifically the injury surveillance data, on the forms provided by FUFA. Failure to submit the required medical information may result in sanctions for the club and the registered medical person in accordance with the FUFA Ethics Code.

Hydration Break

- 6) 6) Depending on the weather and field conditions, particularly on artificial turf, a cooling break may be implemented on a match-by-match basis. Team medical staff must submit a request for a cooling break during the pre-match meeting for the Apex Competitions, and to the referee's assessor or centre referee 40 minutes before kick-off for all other matches.
- 7) For the Apex Competitions, the Referee shall call for hydration breaks due to one of the following reasons:
 - a) Considering the adverse weather and field conditions, particularly artificial turf in the opinion of the referee
 - b) FUFA, by circular, may direct the TOC and FRSC to apply hydration breaks for a specific match or competition or period of time
 - c) If requested by one of the teams in writing at least 40 minutes before kick-off
- 8) The following rules shall apply to any hydration break:
 - a) the ball must be out of play for the break to commence;
 - b) the referee will signal the start of the break (informing both Participating Teams and the Match Officials)
 - c) all Participating Players will go to their respective team bench or technical area and use ice and cold towels to cool down
 - d) the time allowed for the cooling break shall be added as stoppage time

Insurance of the Players

- 9) It is obligatory for each 1st Division League club to provide medical insurance for all players owned by the club
- 10) Effective **1st October 2025**, for a period of 1 year, FUFA shall provide medical insurance to 25 players submitted by each 1st Division League club under the FUFA medical insurance scheme.

SECTION VIII MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND BROADCASTING

Rule 40: Communication

- 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 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).
 - e) When information is passed or delivered by digital means in form of an e-meeting with established proof of receipt
- 2) Each communicating party may endeavour to use more than one of the above means to communicate.

Rule 41: Pre-Match and Post Match Media Protocols

- 1) Official TOC Media engagements preceding, during and after matches include:
 - a) Pre-Match Press Conference
 - b) Post-Match Press Conference
 - c) Pitch Side Flash Interview
 - d) Mixed Zone Interview
- 2) Interviewees may use one of the following languages:
 - a) English
 - b) Luganda
 - c) Swahili
 - d) Luo
 - e) Lugbara
 - f) Runyakitara (Runyoro, Rutooro, Rukiga and Runyankole)
 - g) French
 - h) Another Ugandan language earlier requested by the interviewee and accepted by the TOC
- 3) Where translation is needed, the club will provide such services upon prior request and

notification to the TOC through the GC. The interviewer and interviewee may speak different languages if communication, questions and answers are delivered.

- 4) The TOC may organise Pre-Match Press Conferences for some matches of the Apex Competitions. The TOC will inform the Teams in writing at least 48 hours prior to the Pre-Match Press Conference of the schedule and venue. It shall be mandatory for the Head Coach (If not available the Assistant Coach) and one player chosen by the TOC to attend the Pre-Match Press Conference. The Club or Team shall facilitate the attendance of the Coach and the Player
- 5) The TOC may organise Post-Match Press Conferences for some matches of the Apex Competitions. The TOC will inform the Teams in writing at least 48 hours prior to the Post-Match Press Conference. The Post-Match Press Conference shall be conducted at the venue of the match and at most 30 minutes after the match for not more than 15 minutes. It shall be mandatory for the Head Coach and one player chosen by the TOC to attend the Post-Match Press Conference.
- 6) The Official Broadcaster may choose a player to appear for the pitch-side flash interview of not more than 3 minutes. It shall be mandatory for the chosen player to appear for the interview.
- 7) Where the venue does not have a designated area for press conference or when the designated press conference area is not accessible, the home team participating in the Apex Competitions shall designate an area at the matchday venue as an official press area where media interviews shall be held.
- 8) It is mandatory for all players to professionally respond to the media questions in the designated mixed zone. Each Player may not spend more than 3 minutes in the mixed zone. The entire team may not spend more than 15 minutes in the mixed zone
- 9) It shall be mandatory for the Head Coach of each team participating in the Apex Competitions to participate in the pre-match and post-match press interviews/conference requested by the TOC, designated official Match broadcaster or their assignee or agent.
- 10) The post-match interview shall be conducted within 15 minutes after the match ending in a language the interviewee chooses to use.
- 11) The Official match broadcaster may in addition to the Head Coach choose any other member of the team to participate in a post-match interview. Participation in the interview shall be mandatory for the selected person.
- 12) Branding of match day pre- and post-match interview shall be designed and submitted for approval of TOC before final printing and fixing.

- 13) Post-Match Representation-It is the duty of the Team's Media Officer/Media Attaché/Designee to present the persons required for media engagements around the match
- 14) Any person that contravenes these media provisions in this Rule 41 shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code and may lead to suspensions in the next physically played match

Rule 42: Giant Screen and Infotainment

- 1) Where it exists, the use of giant screens, including but not limited to any display, replay or announcement, must comply with the instructions of FUFA. The Host club/team shall ensure that no commercial, political, religious or personal message or slogan in any language or form is transmitted on the giant screen, unless otherwise expressly approved in writing by FUFA
- 2) The standard announcement script as set out in annexes shall be used in all Competitions and incorporated into match countdown English shall always be read first, followed by the local language where applicable.
- 3) Replays on giant screen
 - a) Replays of goals, shots on goal, impressive football skills or saves may be shown on the giant screens during play.
 - b) Replays of controversial situation, decisions, fouls or unsporting behaviour are not permitted to be shown.
 - c) In the event of any controversial situation on the Field of Play involving Participating Players, Participating Officials and/or Match Officials, and even spectators, the television feed shall not be shown.
- 4) Where the club fails to do so, it shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code

Rule 43: Media Statements

- 1) There is the FUFA Communications Code and every person and entity undertaking FOC and FAC are bound by this code.
- 2) Players, Coaches, Officials and Persons at a club are prohibited from talking about the match officials appointed for their match before, during and after the match and any contravention to

this provision shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

- 3) Making Media Statements that are contrary to the FUFA Communications Code shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

SECTION IX: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

Rule 44: Finance

- 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.
- 2) Each club shall provide such rights, facilities and services as are required to enable the TOC to fulfil its Commercial obligations to sponsors.
- 3) Any entity that requires information from the FUFA Secretariat shall pay a search fee of 50 UAs per item requested for.
- 4) FUFA shall set other statutory fees as will be included in the various circular communications from time to time.
- 5) Each Club shall provide such reasonable rights, facilities and services at each competition match taking place at the Stadium as are reasonably required to enable the Sponsor and visiting club to respect the terms of the sponsorship or commercial agreements. Any club that fails to comply with provision will be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Rule 45: Power to Deduct

- 1) FUFA or TOC shall have power to deduct from the finances held on behalf of the Clubs to comply with the Clubs financial obligations
- 2) 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 45(3) 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.
- 3) The creditors to which Rule 45(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) Judgement Creditors from decisions of the FJC
- i) Any Associated Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking of the Club Individuals or companies proven to have provided football related services and/or goods to a club

Rule 46: Sharing of match day gate takings

- 1) 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
- 2) There shall be a fixed amount to be spent as operations costs for every UPL match determined as follows:
 - a) 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
 - b) For the double header fixtures, in consultation with the Clubs, UPL shall determine and issue the amount to be considered for the operations costs.
- 3) When the mandatory taxes and operations costs have been deducted, the remaining amount shall be referred to as the Sharable Revenue
- 4) For single header fixtures, the shareable revenues shall be as follows:

Home Team	90%
UPL	5%
FUFA	5%
	100%

- 5) For double header fixtures:
 - a) There shall be a categorisation of teams in terms of fans following in accordance with the fans' data of the previous season. For the 2026/7 Season, the categorisation shall be as follows:

Cat-1	Cat-2	Cat-3
Vipers SC	BUL FC	Police
KCCA FC	Kigezi Home Boyz	URA

SC Villa	Mbarara City	UPDF
Kitara FC	Ntugasaze	Maroons
Express FC	Lugazi FC	UPPC
	Kataka	NEC
	Blacks Power	

b) The shareable revenue shall be as follows:

Home Team-1	A%
Home Team-2	B%
UPL	5%
FUFA	5%
	100%

c) The percentage shares by the two (2) home teams (A and B) shall be as follows:

Home-1	Cat-1 (A)	45%
Home-2	Cat-1 (B)	45%
Home-1	Cat-1 (A)	54%
Home-2	Cat-2 (B)	36%
Home-1	Cat-1 (A)	63%
Home-2	Cat-3 (B)	27%
Home-1	Cat-2 (A)	45%
Home-2	Cat-2 (B)	45%
Home-1	Cat-2 (A)	54%
Home-2	Cat-3 (B)	36%
Home-1	Cat-3 (A)	45%
Home-2	Cat-3 (B)	45%

6) The share of FUFA and UPL of the Gate Collections shall be deducted effective 2026/7 season, as provided for in these rules, but shall be donated back to the respective clubs for only the season 2026/7. For avoidance doubt, the funds collected from each club shall be donated back to the respective club in the same amount

SECTION X: RIGHTS, MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP

Rule 47: Sponsorship, League/Competition Promotions and Marketing

- 1) Refer to The FUFA Regulations for Rights, Marketing and Sponsorship.

SECTION XI: DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS

Rule 48: Misconduct and Sanctions

- 1) FUFA may act against a participant, player or official in respect of any “Misconduct”, which is defined as being a breach of the following:
 - a) The Laws of the Game;
 - b) The FUFA Rules
- 2) For purposes of this Rule, a “Person” 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;
- 3) All persons at a football match 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. Any person in breach of this section, shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 4) Players and/or officials who undertake acts of Misconduct may be further sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code in addition to the automatic suspension by a referee in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Brawl

- 5) Any person involved in a brawl shall be sanctioned in accordance with the Ethics and Disciplinary Code
- 6) Anyone who has tried merely to prevent a fight, shield others or separate those involved in a brawl shall not be subjected to punishment.

Unidentified aggressors

- 7) It is the duty of the two (2) clubs in a competition to identify persons in attendance at a football match once required to.

- 8) In the case of violence, it is the duty of the defaulting club to identify the perpetrator(s) within a period given by the FJC.
- a) In event that the club identifies the perpetrator(s), the individual perpetrator(s) shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
 - b) In event that the club fails to identify the perpetrator(s), the club or the entity to which the club belongs shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
 - c) In event that the individual perpetrator(s) were identified by the defaulting club and their acts were indeed in their own capacities, the FJC may at its independent discretion exonerate the club from the sanctions provided for in the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Hiding of Match Balls

- 9) It is prohibited to make match balls unavailable in order to waste time. A Club, which is found guilty that any of its players or any of its ball crew members or any person hides away a match ball, shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Access to the Stadium by Match Crew

- 10) 0) It shall be the responsibility of the home team to ensure that the visiting team has smooth access to the stadium. The home team shall be liable for any actions or omissions that hinder the visiting team's access to the home team's stadium 3 hours before kick-off. Failure to open access routes for visiting teams shall be subject to strict liability. If an individual or club is found liable, they shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 11) Delay or failure to provide access to the changing rooms and access to the items belonging to the Match Officials is prohibited, and if an individual or club is found liable, shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Hooliganism;

- 12) Clubs in a competition are responsible for order and security both inside and outside the stadium before, during and after matches.
- a) If, during game time, as defined in the FCR, acts of hooliganism and violence
 - i) are observed even if they did not cause the abandonment of the match, the defaulting club shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code
 - ii) cause the abandonment of a match, the defaulting club, if found liable by the FJC will lose the match by forfeiture. The defaulting club shall be sanctioned in accordance with the

FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

- b)) If the match officials report that individuals or groups have verbally insulted a member of the match crew, the defaulting club from which such individuals or groups are judged by the FJC to originate shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Damages caused to the Stadium, Football Ground, Persons and their properties

- 13) A club, which is found guilty of having in any way caused damage to any part of the stadium/football ground, shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 14) A club which is found guilty of having in any way caused damage to a person and/or their property shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Invasion of the Field of Play

- 15) Unauthorised persons are not allowed to access or invade the field of play during Game Time, and if an individual or club is found liable, shall be sanctioned in accordance with the FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Mascots

- 16) If a Club presents a Mascot, such Mascot shall also be subject to these regulations and shall be deemed to be a “Club Official” when determining any offences which may be committed by the said Mascot.

Centralisation of sanctions

- 17) The FUFA Competitions Department shall be the official central registry of Cautions, Send-Off, Fines and Sanctions.
- 18) It shall be required of the TOC of each FUFA Competition and those Competitions authorised by FUFA to submit new and updated information on the Cautions, Send-Offs, Fines and Sanctions of their respective competitions.
- 19) The real-time records at the FUFA Competitions Department shall be deemed the correct records of Cautions, Send-Offs, Fines and Sanctions for all Competitions organised and authorised by FUFA.

- 20) TOCs may require only in writing the sanctions against their own officials to be extended to a national or international level in writing, and it shall be the discretion of the FJC to accept or decline or only increase the extent of effect of this request

Protests and Petitions

- 21) Any protest or petition by entities, Clubs, officials or individuals relating to misconduct or breach of any of the FUFA Rules shall be filed in writing and delivered directly to the FUFA Secretariat or sent in PDF to fdp@fufa.co.ug or admin@fufa.co.ug. The petitions or protests relating to misconduct or breach of the FUFA Rules shall be free of charge.

Rule 49: Judicature

The Disciplinary Bodies

- 1) Actions and intentions that contravene these regulations shall be adjudicated upon by the FJC in accordance with the current FUFA Statutes, FUFA Ethics and Disciplinary Code, the relevant Competition regulations and any relevant FUFA circular.
- 2) If in the process of investigations, the FJC finds any FUFA Competitions entity to have contravened with these rules or any other rules as reported or as investigations may reveal, 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 thirty (30) days before the findings and in such a case, an alternative disciplinary action by the FJC shall be applied to the defaulting entity.
- 3) The magnitude of a disciplinary action (s) may be determined by FJC in line with the magnitude of the default. The disciplinary action may be increased for cases of repeated violations.
- 4) FJC may suspend the disciplinary action for the following reasons;
 - a) To be taken as a warning to deter recurrence, and once there is recurrence, the full Disciplinary action is enforced.
 - b) To be applied at a later stage in order not to affect the sporting competition.
- 5) Jurisdiction for application of FUFA Competition Rules
 - a) Any SCR made by the RFA and its members shall only be valid upon approval by FUFA, and

any contradictions between the SCR and these rules, these Rules will apply

6) Regional Football Association Competitions

- a) The RFA Executive Assembly shall compose the independent RFA 1st instance Judicial Body to interpret and apply these rules and the SCR that the RFA may enact.
- b) The executive committee members of the RFA shall not be members of the independent RFA 1st instance Judicial Body.
- c) The FJC shall be the appellant body to the decisions of the independent RFA 1st instance Judicial Body.

7) Provincial Football Association Competitions

- a) The PFA Executive Assembly shall compose the independent PFA First Instance Judicial Body to interpret and apply these rules and the SCR that the PFA may enact
- b) The executive committee members of the PFA shall not be members of the independent PFA 1st instance Judicial Body
- c) The independent RFA 1st instance Judicial Body shall be the appellant body to the decisions of the independent PFA 1st instance Judicial Body

8) District Football Association Competitions

- a) The DFA Executive Assembly shall compose the independent DFA First Instance Judicial Body to interpret and apply these rules and the SCR that the DFA may enact
- b) The executive committee members of the DFA shall not be members of the independent DFA 1st instance Judicial Body
- c) The independent PFA 1st instance Judicial Body shall be the appellant body to the decisions of the independent DFA 1st instance Judicial Body

9) Only FJC shall have the competence to issue the following disciplinary actions;

- a) Issuing a fine exceeding 1000 UAs
- b) Banning a person or an entity

10) The lower football Judicial Units shall;

- a) only issue cash fines of not more than 1000 UA
 - b) not ban a person or team
 - c) not demote a team as a disciplinary action unless by club licensing regulations or sporting merit
- 11) The Lower Judicial Units may forward recommendations for such sanctions for the consideration of the FJC, which is independent and competent to issue disciplinary actions above those reserved for the Lower Judicial Units.

SECTION XII: FINAL PROVISIONS

Rule 50: Specific Competition Rules (SCR)

- 1) With the approval of the FUFA Executive Committee, the TOC shall have powers to make By-laws called SCR deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the respective Competition
- 2) Such SCR shall not be enforceable until they have been approved by the FUFA in writing

Rule 51: Circulars

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.

Rule 52: Matters Not Provided for

- 1) All matters not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the FUFA executive committee.
- 2) Neither Party will be liable for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under these regulations that is due to circumstances of force majeure. Force majeure shall refer to act of God (such as, but not limited to, fires, explosions, earthquakes, drought, tidal waves and floods); pandemics, war, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), invasion, act of foreign enemies, mobilization, requisition, or embargo; riot, commotion, strikes, go slows, lock outs or disorder, unless solely restricted to employees of the Supplier or of his Subcontractors, acts or threats of terrorism
- 3) A club, member or official (the “Affected Party”) prevented from carrying out its obligations hereunder shall give notice to FUFA of an Event of Force Majeure upon it being foreseen by, or becoming known to, the Affected Party.

Rule 53: Declarations

FUFA declares that these FUFA Competitions Rules now known as FUFA Competitions Rules version 2026 shall come in force on the 24th July 2026. These regulations supersede and replace the FUFA Competitions Regulations that came into force on 18th October 2025 and shall remain in force until amended by a new set of regulations or as specifically guided by circulars.

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ANNEX-01: FAIR PLAY RULES

Rule 1: Play to Win

Winning is the aim of any game. Never set out to lose. If you do not play to win, you cheat your opponents, deceive those watching, and fool 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, Teammates, Referees, Officials and Spectators

Fair Play means respect. Without opponents, there can be no game. Opponents have the same rights as you, including the right to be respected. Your teammates 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 number one. Think of football's interests before your own. Think about 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 teammates 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 teammates 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.

ANNEX 02: MOMENT OF SILENCE/APPLAUSE SCRIPT

Time	Announcement Text	Note
-3min 00	We kindly ask you to stand to observe a moment of silence in memory for_____ (reason). Thank you.	Giant Screen (if available) shall display “Moment of Silence”.
	OR	
	We kindly ask you to take part in a moment of applause in celebration for_____(reason). Thank you.	Giant Screen (if available) shall display “Moment of Applause”.

Procedure of a moment of silence /applause

ANNEX 03: MATCH ANNOUNCER SCRIPT

Time	Names	Announcement Text	Giant screen if available
-30m 00	Introduction of match	Welcome to (Stadium name, City name) for today's match of the (Competition Name) between (Team A Name) and (Team B Name)	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the match information.
	Introduction of Team A	Here are the team line-ups, for (Team A Name). Number_____ (player number), (popular name) The substitutes are, number____(player number), (popular name) The Head Coach is(Head Coach name), from (country of origin)	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team A Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable)
	Introduction of Team B	Here are the team line-ups, for (Team B Name). Number_____ (player number), (popular name) The substitutes are, number (player number), (popular name) The Head Coach is (Head Coach name), from(country of origin)	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team B Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable)
	Introduction of Match Officials	The referee for this match is (name of referee)	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer Giant Screen shall display the Match

			Officials' name Only the names of the Match Officials as defined in this Manual shall be announced and displayed.
		The assistant referees are (name of assistant referee 1) and (name of assistant referee 2)	
		The fourth official is (name of Fourth Official)	
		The Referee's assessor is (name) The General coordinator is (name)	