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PRELIMINARY

DEFINITION OF TERMS

In these Stadium Regulations, capitalized terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise:

1. **Accommodation**
Any location approved by FUFA which provides accommodation to FUFA Delegation, Team Official Delegations, FUFA Commercial Rights Partner, and Official Licensees.
2. **Accreditation Card**
An access device of a physical item issued by FUFA or match organizer to grant access to holders to designated zones within the stadium or access-controlled area or part thereof
3. **FUFA Commercial Rights Partner**
The entity appointed by FUFA for the sale of Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) and the provision of services in relation thereto
4. **FUFA Committee**
Any Committee of FUFA as constituted in accordance with FUFA Statutes
5. **FUFA Competitions Committee**
FUFA's internal organizing committee for its Competitions which has been appointed in accordance with FUFA Statutes, and which has the ultimate authority over all matters relating to the organization of Competitions
6. **FUFA Delegation**
FUFA staff, Match Officials, Other officials appointed by FUFA, FUFA Committee members and FUFA guests
7. **Broadcast Licensee**
Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has been granted the Media Rights from FUFA or FUFA Commercial Rights Partner for the Competition
8. **Club**
A professional club or amateur club which participates in a League or Competition under the auspices of a Football Association
9. **Commercial Rights**
Advertising Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Media Rights, Merchandise Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights, and Travel and Tour Rights
10. **Competition**
Any FUFA competition for which Regulations have been promulgated by FUFA Executive Committee, which includes without limitation, all Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, all qualifying Matches, all activities on the Field of Play (other than Matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or Official Functions connected therewith

11. Competition Regulations

The binding regulations for any Competition, regulating the rights, duties, and responsibilities of all Participating Teams or Participating Clubs

12. Competition Marks

All design marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems, mascot or devices (in any application) owned and/or controlled by FUFA (in any language) relating to the Competition

13. Complimentary Tickets

Tickets which are supplied without charge

14. Controlled Access Area

any Stadium; any Official Training Site; any official hotel (public areas being excepted), subject to and to the extent agreed in any executed hotel agreement; any official exclusion zone encircling a Stadium on a Match Day; any official parking area, accreditation center, International Broadcast Compound, and/or hospitality area; the venue of any Official Function; any official FUFA fan park; Facility Areas; and/or any other location and/or facility designated by FUFA as a Controlled Access Area, associated with the Competition to which access is permitted only to those in possession of an Accreditation Card, Ticket, and/or other officially sanctioned entry permit

15. Field of Play

The area described in Law 1 of the Laws of the Game issued by the IFAB and administered by FIFA

16. FIFA

The Federation International de Football Association

17. FIFA Quality Concept

The FIFA Quality Concept is the certification of a particular field that has been found to fully meet the requirements of the Quality Concept accorded by FIFA

18. Facility Areas

The location of Official Functions, ceremonies, press centers, ticket offices, competition hotels, media areas (including without limitation areas used for viewing of any public exhibition), sponsor village areas (including without limitation fan zones areas, and areas used for the activation of the Commercial Rights), official hospitality areas (including without limitation areas used for the exploitation of the Hospitality Rights), and information centers controlled by or on behalf of FUFA and used in connection with the Competition whether at the Stadium or elsewhere at the Venues

19. Force Majeure

Any event affecting the performance or any provision of these Regulations arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, floods, lightning, storms, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riots, crowd disorder, strikes, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion

20. Hospitality Right

The opportunity to offer and sell hospitality and entertainment facilities at the Venues or within the Controlled Access Areas in combination with the Tickets as may be purchased from the Host

Association whether such facilities are in boxes, marquees or otherwise, but excluding those private facilities reserved for FUFA officials and its guests not forming part of the Commercial Rights

21. Host Broadcaster

The party appointed by FUFA to ensure and provide the production of broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Competition, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Media Rights granted to it

22. Host City

Any city and/or identifiable metropolitan area in which any Match is staged

23. IFAB

The International Football Association Board

24. League

A professional league and/or amateur league which consists of a combination of Clubs within the territory of a Football Association and which is subordinate to and under the authority of that Football Association

25. Match

A football match in its entirety (including a replayed and/or deferred football match, Extra Time and Penalty Kicks) which takes place as part of the Competition in accordance with the Match Schedule. For the avoidance of doubt, a Match formally commences when the Stadium is officially opened to spectators and formally concludes when the Stadium is officially closed to spectators

26. Match Officials

Anyone appointed by FUFA to officiate a match e.g. Match Commissioners, General Coordinators, Referees, Assistant Referees, Referee Assessors, Safety and Security Officers, Medical Officers, Media Officers, TSG etc.

27. Match Schedule

The official schedule which sets out, without limitation, the dates and time on which Matches will be played, the Stadia at which the Matches will be played, and the names of the Participating Teams

28. Media

Any individual entitled to a Media Accreditation Card as determined by FUFA

29. Member Association

A Football Association which is a member of FUFA

30. Official Function

Any event which is officially organized or sanctioned by FUFA in connection with a Competition

31. Official Licensee

Any entity to which FUFA and the FUFA Commercial Rights Partner has granted the right to exercise and exploit the Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) in respect of the Competition

32. OB VAN

OB Van is essentially a mobile studio. Cameras, vision control, sound mixing, vision mixing and everything else needed to produce a television production are all housed within this vehicle

33. Training Site

Any site designated by a Host Member Association or Host Club and approved by FUFA for use by Participating Teams throughout the duration of a Competition for training purposes

34. Official

Any official who is registered to participate in the Competition

35. Player

Any player who is registered to participate in the Competition

36. Team

Any representative team affiliated to a Member Association or club that is approved to participate in a Competition

37. Regulations

These Stadium Regulations

38. RRA

Referee Review Area

39. Stadium

Any Stadium at which a Match is played. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes: the entire premises (to the extent that a valid Accreditation Card or Ticket is required in order to gain access) of a stadium facility inside the outer stadium perimeter fence and (on Match days and any day on which any official Team practice session takes place within the stadium), the aerial space around such stadium premises; parking facilities; VIP and hospitality areas (including any hospitality village); the media tribune; concessions areas; commercial display areas; buildings; the Field of Play; any broadcast compound or stadium media centre; any stands; and, any areas beneath the stands

40. Venue Operation Center (VOC)

A room strategically positioned with a clear view of the stadium bowl, big enough to accommodate all safety and security representatives with operational command responsibility for safety and security services on match day. The VOC should have the detailed stadium plan, emergency evacuation plan, cctv monitors, landline, fire / electrical alarm system monitors, spectator's attendance recording system, list of prohibited items

CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Scope of Application

- (a) These regulations apply whenever expressly referred to by specific regulations governing a FUFA competition.
- (b) They govern the minimum structural criteria to be fulfilled by a stadium/ground in order for it to be classified (in ascending rank order) as FUFA Category 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- (c) The higher the category is, the stricter and more numerous the criteria. The structural criteria applicable to specific categories are presented in the form of tables showing the criteria gradation between the different categories. Structural criteria that are not presented in the form of tables apply to all categories.
- (d) These regulations further set out the responsibilities for monitoring compliance with the structural criteria for the required stadium category and specify the conditions under which FUFA administration may grant an exception to a specific structural criterion.
- (e) These regulations do not affect the legal obligations arising from national law applicable to stadium facilities.
- (f) The relevant Competition Regulations or Competition Manual (Manual) may make references to matters which are inconsistent with these Regulations. In such cases, the relevant Competition Regulations or Manual shall prevail, and these Regulations shall be deemed amended accordingly.

Article 2

Connection with Club Licensing Regulations

- (a) The relevant FUFA Club Licensing Regulations; specifies the minimum category of stadium required for matches in the competition concerned; may define further and/or stricter structural criteria for the required category than those set out in these regulations.

Article 3

Roles and Responsibilities

- (a) FUFA Club Licensing Committee shall be in charge of implementing these regulations on matters of stadium classification.
- (b) FUFA Club Licensing Committee may inspect stadiums at any time before and during FUFA competitions in which they are used, to check whether the required structural criteria are met.

(c) FUFA Club Licensing Committee may grant an exception to a specific structural criterion in cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, for instance owing to the current national legislation. Such decisions are final.

(d) FUFA stadium inspectors shall be individuals certified by FUFA and approved by FUFA Executive Committee. The inspectors shall be designated by the Licensing Committee to undertake their duties and shall report back to the committee.

Article 4

Types of stadium approval

Following a stadium assessment or inspection, the FUFA Club Licensing Committee is responsible to issue one of the following decisions:

1. Stadium Approval

The stadium meets all the established minimum requirements defined in these regulations to host matches in a specific competition, therefore is approved.

2. Stadium Temporary Approval

The stadium generally meets the established minimum requirements defined in these regulations to host matches in a specific competition, with exception of certain requirements.

A specific timeframe is given for the stadium management to implement all the necessary FUFA stadium inspection comments and remarks.

FUFA will define the duration of the stadium temporary approval.

At any time, FUFA may decide to cancel or extend the temporary approval of a stadium.

3. Stadium One-match Approval

The stadium does not meet the established minimum requirements defined in these regulations to host matches in a specific competition, however due to unforeseen circumstances considered by FUFA, FUFA may decide to grant a one-match approval which is followed by an automatic non-approval of the stadium.

4. Stadium Not Approved

The stadium does not meet the established minimum requirements defined in these regulations to host matches in a specific competition, consequently is not approved.

In that event, the club in question must play its match in an approved stadium outside its territory, and the venue must be selected from among the stadiums approved by FUFA.

At any point, should a stadium no longer comply with FUFA standards, FUFA may reject the selection of the stadium concerned.

Article 5

Stadium Categorization

Each stadium shall be categorized by type of competition. The introduction of stadium categorizations is to provide a framework that can be applied and scaled to a range of football stadiums in FUFA competitions.

The stadiums for FUFA competitions are classified into 4 categories (in ascending ranking)

FUFA Cat-1	<i>Uganda Premier League</i> <i>Uganda Cup semi final to final</i> <i>FUFA Super 8 tournament</i> <i>FUFA Super Cup</i> <i>FUFA Drum Final</i>
FUFA Cat-2	<i>FUFA Big League</i> <i>FUFA Juniors League (FJL)</i> <i>FUFA Women Super League</i> <i>Uganda Cup Round of 32 to Round of 8</i> <i>FUFA Women Cup Round of 4 (semifinal) to Final</i> <i>The FUFA Drum preliminaries to semi final</i> <i>FUFA Academies League</i>
FUFA Cat-3	<i>Uganda Cup round of 64</i> <i>FUFA Women Cup preliminaries to quarter finals</i> <i>FUFA regional leagues (3rd) division</i> <i>FUFA Women Elite League</i>
FUFA Cat-4	<i>FUFA 4th Division League</i> <i>FUFA 5th Division League</i> <i>FUFA 6th Division League</i>

CHAPTER 2: REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1 PITCH AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Article 6	Field of play (as per the IFAB laws of the game) and Warm-up Area	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	The field of play must be leveled and flat with a payable surface	✓	✓	✓	✓
(b)	The surface must be green and marked in white with paint	✓	✓	✓	✓
(c)	The stadium must be equipped with either a natural grass, hybrid, or artificial turf. The field of play must contain only the lines and markings for football as per the IFAB laws of the game	✓	✓	✓	✓
(d)	Artificial Turf should be certified by FIFA	✓	-	-	-
(e)	Length: Minimum 100m and maximum 110m	✓	✓	✓	✓
(f)	Width: Minimum 64m and maximum 75m	✓	✓	✓	✓
(g)	The field of play must be equipped with a drainage system with in and around the pitch to reduce on flooding during the rainy season	✓	-	-	-
(h)	The Field of play should be equipped with manual or electronic pitch boards	✓	-	-	-
Article 7	Goals, spare goals, and corner flags	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	Goalposts and crossbars must be following the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), which means, in particular, that: i. the distance between the posts must be 7.32m ii. the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground must be 2.44m iii. the goalposts and crossbars must be white iv. They must not pose any danger to players	✓	✓	✓	✓
(b)	A set of Corner Flags post must be available. The corner flag post must be at least 1.5m high, with a non- pointed top. Flag shall be placed at each corner	✓	✓	✓	✓
Article 8	Teams substitutes and match officials' benches	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	Two (2) covered benches at pitch level with a transparent or any other appropriate material and positioned at appropriate distance of at least 5meter from the touchline.	✓	-	-	-
(b)	Each with seating room for at least fourteen (*) persons and positioned at least five (5) meters from the touchline	21pax	14pax	14pax	14pax
(c)	One (1) covered bench at pitch level with seating room for four (4) match officials with a transparent or any other appropriate material at pitch level	✓	-	-	-
Article 9	Floodlighting	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	For matches that will not be played during daylight and which will be played under floodlight:				
(b)	The floodlight is a critical element for the quality of high-definition TV coverage. The floodlight system should be				

designed to avoid glare for players and officials and to minimize shadows as much as possible. (c) A Minimum horizontal illuminance of (*) Lux should be provided all over the pitch. (d) The floodlights must uniformly cover every area of the playing field. (e) In order to ensure that the match can proceed in the event of a power failure, an independent backup power supply system that is able to provide the equivalent light-intensity values instantaneously and without interruption must be available. (f) The floodlight should be available on match eve for the installation and rehearsal of the TV Production team.	800 Lux	600 Lux	500 Lux	500 Lux
Article 10 Power Supply	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a) The main source	✓	✓	✓	✓
(b) A generator that is able to provide the equivalent light-intensity values instantaneously and without interruption must be available with a minimum of 250KVA	✓	✓	✓	✓

SECTION 2: TEAMS AND FUFA OFFICIALS

Article 11 Teams dressing rooms	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a) (2) Team Dressing Rooms. permanently built structure or established semi-permanent structures like portacabin capable to accommodate 21 seating and lockers	✓	✓	✓	-
(b) (*) Showers	3	2	1	-
(c) (*) Individual toilets	3	2	1	-
(d) (*) Seating and lockers	21	14	14	-
(e) Good ventilation or air-conditioning	✓	✓	✓	-
(f) Trash Can	✓	✓	✓	-
(g) The stadium must guarantee direct, private and secure access for the teams from their dressing rooms to the playing area. It must ensure their safe arrival at/departure from the stadium.	✓	-	-	-
Article 12 Referees dressing rooms	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a) Referees Dressing Room. permanently built structure or established semi-permanent structures like portacabin, the room should be lockable with a provision for hanging match officials clothing.	1	1	1	-
(b) (*) Shower	1	1	1	-
(c) (*) Individual toilets	1	1	1	-
(d) (4) Seats	✓	✓	✓	-
(e) (1) desk	✓	✓	✓	-
(f) Good ventilation or air-conditioning	✓	✓	✓	-
(g) Electronic/Manual Substitution boards to be used during the match	✓	✓	✓	-
(h) Pump and Pressure gauges for the match balls	✓	✓	✓	-
(i) The stadium must guarantee direct, private and secure access for the referees from their dressing rooms to the playing area. It must ensure their safe arrival at/departure from the stadium.	✓	-	-	-

Article 13	FUFA office	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	One (1) For the General Coordinator/Match Commissioner equipped with a chair and a desk	✓	-	-	-
Article 14	Meeting room	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	It is preferable to have a meeting room to accommodate (10) persons. The tables and chairs to be arranged in a U-shape. This room would be used for meeting	✓	-	-	-
Article 15	Parking areas	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	Parking space for a minimum of two (*) buses must be available for the teams and officials	✓	✓	✓	-
(b)	This parking space must be located in a safe and secure area in the immediate vicinity of the players' and officials' areas	✓	✓	✓	-

SECTION 3: SPECTATOR RELATED AREAS

Article 16	Stands and spectators facilities	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	In case of fixed individual seats, must be fixed (e.g. to the floor), separated from one another, shaped, numbered, made of an unbreakable and non-flammable material, and have a backrest of a minimum height of thirty (30) cm when measured from the seat	✓	-	-	-
(b)	There should be a dedicated entry / exit gates for the visiting supporters	✓	✓	-	-
(c)	The VIP and VVIP seats must be covered or provide a tent, in the grandstand and as close to the halfway line as possible, between the two penalty areas	✓	✓	-	-
(d)	There shall be an internal permanent Perimeter Fence of a minimum height of 2 meters from the ground and surrounding the vicinity of the field of play at appropriate length that will prevent non-authorized persons to interfere with the proceedings of the game	✓	✓	-	-
(e)	There shall be stadium external perimeter fence for access, safety and security considerations of the stadium	✓	✓	-	-
(f)	Separation of home and away fans with a barrier	✓	✓	-	-
Article 17	Public address system	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	The stadium must be equipped with a public address system, this can be either mobile or permanent at the stadium	✓	-	-	-
Article 18	Sanitary facilities for spectators	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	A minimum of 3 toilets for visiting fans and a minimum of 3 toilets for home fans for both sexes must be distributed throughout all sectors of the stadium. Toilets and urinals must be equipped with flushers. Sinks and amenities such as toilet paper and soap must be available.	✓	✓	✓	-
Article 19	Facilities for spectators with disabilities	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a)	The stadium must have dedicated access, seats and sanitary facilities for spectators with disabilities and their helpers	✓	-	-	-

SECTION 4: MEDIA RELATED AREAS

Article 20	Mixed Zone	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
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(a) A Mixed Zone must be available between the dressing rooms and the parking area reserved for the team buses	✓	-		
Article 21 Photographers' area	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a) An area must be available at either end of the Goalposts for Photographers	✓	-	-	-

SECTION 5: TV AND BROADCASTING RELATED AREAS

Article 22 Camera positions	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a) One (1) main camera platform must be provided in the grandstand on west side. It must be centrally situated, at a height above the pitch which guarantees optimum picture quality	✓	✓	-	-
Article 23 OB VAN	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a) The OB van area must be located as close as possible to the stadium, ideally on the same side as the main camera platform, on even and solid ground and with a power supply available	✓	✓	-	-

SECTION 6: MEDICAL FACILITIES

Article 24 First-aid and treatment facilities for players and officials	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a) Dedicated room or mobile tent for first-aid and medical treatment of players and officials	✓	-	-	-
(b) 2 stretcher carriers	✓	-	-	-
(c) Parking space identified for 2 ambulances	✓	✓	-	-
(d) The ambulances should be well equipped throughout the match	✓	✓	-	-

SECTION 7: TRAINING FACILITIES

Article 25 Training sites minimum requirements	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
(a) The field of play must be smooth and level	✓	✓	-	-
(b) Two (2) movable goals	✓	-	-	-
(c) At least one (1) dressing room equipped with 23 seats	✓	-	-	-
(d) A minimum of one (1) shower, and one (1) toilet at the training ground	✓	-	-	-
(e) Secured fencing around the training site	✓	-	-	-
(f) Secured Entrance(s) and exit(s)	✓	-	-	-

CHAPTER 3: FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 26 Additional Considerations

1. If the Stadium is re-classified or damaged during the season to a standard lower than that of the respective league, the Club shall be stopped from using the Stadium for the specific competition matches and shall be required to submit another Stadium of the required standards.
2. If the Club fails to submit the required stadium in the specified period, the TOC will subject an already approved stadium for the specific Club to host matches.
3. The Stadium with the natural grass pitch shall not be used for training. FUFA may issue exceptions to this provision and for a limited period. Contravention of this provision shall lead to a sanction including a fine or deduction of points or both.
4. Not more than 2 Clubs of all league divisions may share a Stadium with natural grass pitch for matches. Not more than 5 Clubs of all league divisions may share a Stadium with Astro turf pitch for matches and/or training.
5. A Club shall not be allowed to host their matches from any venue other than those registered at the beginning of the season and cleared by the FUFA Club Licensing Committee as their home grounds for that specific season.
6. A Club may change its home ground only at the end of the first round of the ongoing season but in accordance with the Club Licensing Regulations.
7. However, the above guidance may not apply in the following circumstances:
 - a. Where the concerned fixture is a double header as defined in the FUFA Competitions Rules and determined by the Tournament Organizing Committee (TOC).
 - b. The status of the registered home ground has deteriorated to the extent that it no longer meets the Club Licensing Regulations and has been verified by the Club Licensing Committee.
 - c. When the Club is serving sanctions by a decision of any of the FUFA Judicial Bodies.
 - d. In the case of force majeure.
8. If a club requests for a stadium re inspection, the cost will always be borne by the club.

Article 27 Disciplinary Measures

All disciplinary measures in relation to these Regulations shall be undertaken in accordance with the current FUFA Statutes, FUFA Rules, and any relevant FUFA circular.

Article 28 Decisions

All decisions made in accordance with these Regulations, except where expressly identified otherwise, and are final and binding and not appealable in accordance with the FUFA Statutes.

Article 29 **Amendments**

FUFA reserves the right to make amendments to any part of these Regulations for any reason whatsoever. Such amendments shall be duly communicated in due course.

Article 30 **FUFA 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.

Article 31 **Matters Not Provided For**

Matters not provided for and force majeure will be decided by the FUFA Executive Committee and their decision shall be final.

Article 32 **Enforcement**

These regulations are approved by the FUFA Executive Committee

These rules come into force upon being signed as provided below. Unless amended, these regulations shall remain in force.



Moses Magogo Hassim
FUFA President



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