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The StarTimes Uganda Premier League season 2020/21 has kicked off amidst such abnormal conditions as dictated by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Protecting the health and well-being of all football stakeholders remains of paramount importance to the Uganda Premier League and FUFA.

FUFA has a responsibility and mandate to provide appropriate guidance and recommendations to its members in our case the Uganda Premier League and its stakeholders to both mitigate the consequences of disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure that any response is harmonized in the common interest.

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic FUFA released the [FUFA COVID-19 REGULATIONS 2020](#) which are the guidelines to ensure that directives by H.E the President, the guidelines by the Ministry of Health, the National Council of Sports, and other government agencies are adhered to and fully complied with.

- i) Football without spectators (fans)
- ii) Testing all players, coaches and essential staff
- iii) Observing all Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as guided and directed
- iv) Maintaining sporting merit and discipline as regulated by FUFA/CAF/FIFA

Chapter Four: Organizational Aspects of [\(FUFA COVID-19 REGULATIONS 2020\)](#) Number 13: provides for Number of authorized persons allowed in the stadium.

These regulations have been developed for a common good to address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in a football environment; let us embrace and abide by them.

Also following the just concluded 2 DAY FIRST CAF REGIONAL SAFETY & SECURITY WORKSHOP (Promoting Stadium Safety and Security) new protocols have been set into motion.

- a) The directive by CAF to member associations to appoint with immediate effect Premier league Safety and Security Managers; and appointment of individual club Safety and Security Officers brings with it the added responsibility to specifically the New Club Safety and Security Officers to strictly reorganize the Safety and Security protocols at their Clubs in addition to the already in place FUFA Covid-19 Regulations.
- b) Debriefing Club Stewards, Club Media Officers, Sports Media and Club Supporters Groups to implement these New Safety and Security Protocols.

Until a remedy is developed (vaccine or cure) for COVID-19, a new normal has been introduced. Every person involved in a football team or game now has a responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We look forward to your continued support in an effort to change the Safety and Security Culture, build, promote and protect the UPL Brand.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely



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