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Dear Sir,

Request for Clarification on Uganda’s Representation in the Basketball Africa League (BAL) 2025

I write to formally seek clarification regarding Uganda’s representation in the upcoming Basketball Africa League (BAL) 2025, in light of recent developments and prior commitments made by the Federation.

Reference is made to the FUBA letter dated 24th August 2023 (Ref: FUBA/ADM/2023), addressed to all National Basketball League (NBL) team managers. In that communication, you stated that the 2023 NBL Men’s Division Champions would not be considered for BAL representation in the 2024/2025 season. You further announced that the 2024 NBL season would commence earlier in January instead of the traditional March start.

As a club directly affected by this abrupt decision made without prior stakeholder consultation or transparency, we formally protested and submitted our concerns. Regrettably, no official response was received. Instead, senior Federation officials, including the General Secretary, President, and CEO, publicly explained the rationale behind the decision on various platforms, including the media. The justification provided was the need to align the NBL calendar with international standards to ensure timely conclusion of the league and selection of Uganda’s BAL



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representative. Stakeholders were assured that this would be a one-time anomaly and would not be repeated.

However, in 2024, the First Division playoffs were delayed due to a referees' sit-down strike over unpaid dues. This disruption pushed the playoffs into January 2025, overlapping with the expected start of the NBL season. Consequently, the 2025 NBL season was delayed by two months, commencing on 21st March 2025, to accommodate newly promoted teams from Division 1.

During a meeting held in early January 2025 at Serena Hotel between league managers and the FUBA President, which was attended by key stakeholders including **Dr. JT Nyanganya (JT Jaguars BBC)**, **Gordon Gumikiriza (Rezlife BBC)**, and **Grace Kwizera (City Oilers BBC)**, I personally raised this issue. I emphasized that the delay in the start of the league was a direct result of FUBA's failure to meet its obligations to referees. I further reminded the President of the assurances given in 2023 that such anomalies would not recur. The FUBA President acknowledged the delay, attributing it to internal challenges within the Federation rather than the clubs, and assured all present that the 2025 NBL Champion would represent Uganda in the BAL despite the season's late start.

Given these developments and the commitments made by FUBA leadership, we respectfully request formal clarification on the following:

1. **What is the official deadline for FUBA to submit Uganda's representative to the BAL for the 2025 season? Does the current NBL playoff calendar align with this deadline?**
2. **In the event that the playoffs are not concluded in time to meet the BAL submission deadline, what procedure will be used to determine Uganda's representative for the 2025 BAL?**

We trust that FUBA will uphold the principles of transparency, fairness, and stakeholder engagement in addressing this matter. Timely clarification will not only ensure proper planning by clubs but also reinforce confidence in the governance of our sport.

We look forward to your prompt and official response.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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