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Request for Clarification on Player Clearance Procedures Kira, Uganda — August 27, 2025

JT Jaguars Basketball Club has formally written to the FUBA Competitions Council (CC) seeking clarification regarding the recent clearance of City Oilers players, who were reportedly allowed to participate in the ongoing season without fulfilling the mandatory registration requirements.

Reference to FUBA Rules

The FUBA Competition Rules and Regulations Handbook 2025 clearly outlines the following:

- **Section 2.01(a):** Clubs must submit a duly signed original hard copy of the club bio-data form to FUBA offices before the season begins.
- **Section 2.02(k):** A player is considered registered only when they have physically signed the team's registration form during the registration window.
- **Section 3.05(h):** For international transfers, players must physically append their signature on the hard copy of the club bio-data form within 14 days of receiving a Letter of Clearance (LOC).

Our Interpretation and Understanding of the Term “Original Hard Copy”

The term “**Original Hard Copy**” in Section 2.01(a) refers to the physically printed and signed document. A scanned copy, whether signed digitally or printed after scanning, is a new document and not the original hard copy. It is therefore not permitted under the rules.

Furthermore, the hard copy referred to in **Section 3.05(h)** is explicitly the same original hard copy described in Section 2.01(a). This means:

- The player must sign the physically printed original document.
- Any scanned or digital version does not meet the requirement and cannot be authenticated.
- This interpretation reflects the intention of the drafters to ensure authenticity, accountability, and integrity in the registration process.

Precedent: Akon Brenda Case

JT Jaguars BBC respectfully reminds the Competitions Council of its previous interpretation and enforcement of these same rules in the case of Brenda Akon, a player of JKL Lady Dolphins BBC, who physically complied with the registration requirements. Her clearance was only granted after she signed the original hard copy of the club bio-data form in person, as required.



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We also note that over 99% of the teams, including JT Jaguars BBC, Namuwongo Blazers BBC, and JKL Lady Dolphins BBC, complied with these provisions by physically presenting their players to FUBA offices for verification, as directed. Relatedly, Rin Tueny of Rez Life BBC and many other players were not allowed to play until they physically appeared at the FUBA offices to sign the original document, in full compliance with the rules. **Why is City Oilers an exception?**

Call for Transparency & Equal Enforcement

JT Jaguars BBC believes in fair play, consistency, and equal enforcement of the rules. We await an official response from the Competitions Council and will keep our fans and stakeholders informed.

We thank you for your continued support and commitment to integrity in Ugandan basketball.

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