

# Athletics event starts at Amahoro

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A contingent of Ugandan athletes encountered numerous hardships yesterday but finally made it to Kigali ahead of this year's edition of the East African Athletics' championships which start today at Amahoro Stadium.

Apparently, the Ugandan team led by National Council of Sports (NCS) assistant General Secretary Justin Ligyalangi was unprepared, encountering problems with Rwandan Immigrations, after 15 of their athletes lacked proper identification papers.

Most of the athletes on the trip had no passport, and officials had hurriedly arranged for temporary travel documents.

The team was cleared later,

on their way to defending the title in athletics and table tennis championship, in this tournament that brings together Kenya, Burundi, Tanzania and hosts Rwanda.

Two-time champions, Uganda have high hopes of getting their third triumph in this Championship that brings together East Africa Secondary Schools.

Besides yesterday's immigration battle, the Ugandan team had earlier been hit with financial hardships but officials were convinced the 26-man team that made the trip would post good result.

"We had picked about 40 athletes after the national championships in Kumi last month but some of them have

failed to make it from their respective upcountry in time," Chris Mugisha, one of the team officials, said Thursday before departure.

Athletes; Fred Alioni, Akulla Ramahe, Lazarus Inya, Solo Ojara, Osman Mudoola, Ali Ingaimoko, Justin Okot, Dennis Oryema, Peter Kassaja, Ismail Abdul, Edina Koskei, Faridah Chelenga, Negesa Annet, Vivian Babirye, Annet Opinia, Evelyn Amucu, Janet Achola, Gladys Draleru, Raymond Okumu, Isaac Cheruiyot

Table Tennis; Elias Mwanja, Ronald Nyaika, Dan Kajubi, Amina Lukaya, Linda Nalubanga, Rebecca Kamya.

Officials:- Justine Ligyalangi (Head of Delegation), Chris Mugisha, Justus Mugisha Raphael Kasaijja, Ibrahim Ssendawula

## Women league kick off set for Feb.

BY EUGENE MUTARA

The women football league is set to kick off in February next year, Ferwafa's in Charge of Women football Felicete Rwemalika revealed earlier this week.

Rwemalika said that the women football league will be geared at selecting a national team, the Muvubi.

"As far as I am concerned, I am going to look at how women football will develop in Rwanda. Early next year, I want to organise women football as we look for a way to forming a national women football team," said Rwemalika during an interview.

Rwemalika is the first female, to be elected on the federation's executive committee in the history of the thirty four year old soccer governing body.

Sources within the federation



Felicete Rwemalika

revealed that Rwemalika faced strong opposition during the former regime at the Remera headquarters.

"I don't see it wise to ask me about the past, if there is any information you need about the present, I will be glad, but I don't want to talk about the past," said Rwemalika in regard to the opposition she encountered during the past Ferwafa regime.