

# Lira City gears up for National boys football championship

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Preparations are gathering pace in Lira City as the area gets ready to host the 2026 Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association National Boys Football Championship. The tournament will take place at Lira Town College, located in the East Division of the city, with teams expected to arrive on May 10 before the competition runs through to May 20.

To ensure the successful organisation of the championship, a number of working committees have been established to handle key aspects of the event. These include technical, welfare, security and safety, water and power, as well as health and sanitation committees, among others.

Last Friday, stakeholders convened at Lira Town College for a planning meeting that also involved an inspec-



A team inspecting Lira Town College in line with football event

tion of the facilities to assess the level of preparedness in line with the requirements of the national tournament. During the exercise, several playing fields within the city were inspected and evaluated.

According to P'Bitek Okot, the second vice president of USSSA, the host school has already achieved about 70 percent of the required preparations. He explained

that the school has sufficient accommodation facilities, including dormitories that will house the participating teams, and a number of playgrounds that meet the standards for national competitions.

Okot revealed that they require 11 grounds for the championship but the inspection team identified close to 25 fields within the city that meet the standards.