

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Doha, Qatar, with a large, modern stadium in the foreground. The stadium has a distinctive, curved, metallic-looking facade and a large, illuminated interior. The city lights are visible in the background, and the stadium is surrounded by parking lots and other facilities.

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*NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders.*

## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

# 1 FIFA Arab Cup™

- 1.**  
The FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021™ (“Arab Cup”) is a FIFA tournament.
- 2.**  
The Arab Cup will take place in December 2021. Participation in this tournament is by invitation.
- 3.**  
Participation in the Arab Cup is free of charge.
- 4.**  
The Arab Cup consists of a qualification competition and a final competition.
- 5.**  
Any rights that are not ceded by the Regulations for the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021™ (“Regulations”) to the Local Organising Committee or any Participating Member Association or to a confederation shall remain with FIFA.
- 6.**  
These Regulations regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all associations taking part in the Arab Cup and of the Local Organising Committee by forming an integral part of the Hosting Agreement (“HA”). The Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by FIFA are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Arab Cup.
- 7.**  
The FIFA Statutes and all FIFA regulations in force shall apply. Any reference in these Regulations to the FIFA Statutes and regulations refers to the FIFA Statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.

## **2** Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions

### **1.**

The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions (the “FIFA Organising Committee”), appointed by the FIFA Council, is responsible for organising the Arab Cup in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Governance Regulations.

### **2.**

The FIFA Organising Committee may, if necessary, appoint a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with emergencies.

### **3.**

The FIFA Organising Committee shall deal with any aspect of the Arab Cup that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or the FIFA Governance Regulations.

### **4.**

The decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee and/or its bureau/sub-committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

## **3** Local Organising Committee – responsibilities

### **1.**

The FIFA Council has appointed the Qatar 2022 Local Organising Committee LLC (“LOC”) as the host of the Arab Cup.

### **2.**

The LOC is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the Arab Cup, as well as the safety and security for the duration thereof together with the host country.

### **3.**

The obligations and responsibilities of the LOC with respect to the Arab Cup are stipulated in the HA and ancillary documents, these Regulations and other FIFA regulations, guidelines, directives, decisions, circulars or any other agreement reached between FIFA and the LOC.

**4.**

The LOC shall discharge FIFA from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against FIFA and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the Arab Cup.

**5.**

The LOC shall ensure that any decision taken by FIFA relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

## **4 Participating Member Associations – responsibilities**

**1.**

The associations participating in the Arab Cup (the “Participating Member Associations”) agree to comply with and ensure that every Delegation Member (players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives, guests and any other person carrying out duties throughout the Arab Cup, and for the entire duration of their stay in the host country, on behalf of a Participating Member Association) complies with these Regulations, the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes and FIFA’s regulations, in particular the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Equipment Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA circular letters, regulations, guidelines, directives and/or decisions.

In addition, the players and team officials notably agree to:

- a) respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence and non-discrimination and the authority of the match officials;
- b) behave accordingly;
- c) refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations.

**2.**

On entering the Arab Cup, the Participating Member Associations automatically undertake to:

- a) observe these Regulations and ensure that their Delegation Members, in particular but not only their players and team officials on the bench,



also observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play and non-discrimination;

- b) accept and obey all instructions and decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these Regulations;
- c) participate in all matches of the Arab Cup in which their team is scheduled to take part;
- d) accept all of the arrangements relating to the Arab Cup made by the LOC in agreement with FIFA;
- e) accept the use by FIFA and/or the issue of a sub-licence by FIFA to third parties, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of all Delegation Members that may appear in connection with the Arab Cup;
- f) ensure the provision of adequate insurance to cover their Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel in consideration of the relevant FIFA rules or regulations.

### **3.**

In addition, each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for:

- a) the conduct of its Delegation Members;
- b) paying for incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf during the course of their stay in the host country;
- c) paying for any costs of extending the stay, before or after the Arab Cup, of any Delegation Member or any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
- d) applying for visas in good time from the nearest consulate or embassy of the host country with the support of the LOC, if necessary;
- e) attending all media conferences and other media activities organised by FIFA in accordance with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, guidelines and circular letters;

- f) ensuring that every member of its delegation complies with the FIFA Statutes, the applicable FIFA regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars and decisions taken by FIFA bodies, in particular the FIFA Council, FIFA Organising Committee, Referees Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Ethics Committee and Appeal Committee.

**4.**

All Participating Member Associations shall confirm their participation by submitting the entry form and any other required documentation as communicated by FIFA via the corresponding circular(s), duly signed by the deadline(s) set by FIFA. The timely submission to FIFA of any such documents is of the essence. If a Participating Member Association fails to adhere to the time limits and/or fails to meet the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents, the FIFA Organising Committee shall pass a decision.

**5.**

All Participating Member Associations shall indemnify, defend and hold FIFA, the LOC, and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, any non-compliance with these Regulations by the Participating Member Associations, their Delegation Members, their affiliates and any third parties contracted to the Participating Member Associations.

## **5** **Withdrawal, unplayed matches, abandoned matches and replacement**

**1.**

All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the Arab Cup.

**2.**

Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the Arab Cup no later than 30 days before the first match of the Arab Cup shall be fined at least CHF 15,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the Arab Cup fewer than 30 days before the first match of the Arab Cup shall be fined at least CHF 20,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

**3.**

Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose additional disciplinary measures, including the expulsion of the Participating Member Association concerned from subsequent FIFA competitions.

**4.**

Any match which is not played or which is abandoned – except in cases of force majeure recognised by FIFA – may lead to the imposition of disciplinary measures against the relevant Participating Member Association(s) by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

**5.**

Any Participating Member Association that withdraws or whose behaviour is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered by the FIFA Organising Committee to reimburse FIFA, the LOC or any other Participating Member Association for any expenses incurred as a result of its behaviour. In such cases, the association concerned may also be ordered by FIFA to pay compensation for any damages incurred by FIFA, the LOC or any other Participating Member Association. The association in question will also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.

**6.**

If a Participating Member Association withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, FIFA shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

**7.**

Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles shall apply:

- a) The match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same scoreline.
- b) The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned.
- c) No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the start list.

- d) The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned.
- e) Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced.
- f) Any disciplinary measures imposed before the match was abandoned will be dealt with in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- g) The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by FIFA.

**8.**

If any Participating Member Association withdraws or is excluded from the Arab Cup, FIFA shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary. The FIFA Organising Committee may, in particular, decide to replace the withdrawn or excluded Participating Member Association in question with another member association.

## II. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

### 6 Disciplinary matters

**1.**

Disciplinary infringements are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code in force as well as with all relevant circulars and directives, with which the Participating Member Associations and Delegation Members undertake to comply.

**2.**

FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and measures for the duration of the Arab Cup. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Member Associations before the first match of the final competition at the latest.

### 7 Disputes

**1.**

All disputes in connection with the Arab Cup shall be promptly settled by mediation (with the exception of those falling under art. 6 above).

**2.**

In compliance with the FIFA Statutes, Participating Member Associations may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law but to the exclusive jurisdiction of FIFA.

**3.**

The Participating Member Associations acknowledge and accept that, once all stages of appeal have been exhausted at FIFA, their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, unless excluded or for final and binding decisions. Any such arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

## **8** Protests

### **1.**

For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs.

### **2.**

Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA Match Director within two hours of the match in question and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing and by registered letter to the FIFA headquarters in the host country within 24 hours of the end of the match, otherwise they will be disregarded.

### **3.**

Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA headquarters in the host country no later than five days before the first match of the Arab Cup and shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

### **4.**

Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items (e.g. goals, flag posts or footballs) shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the head of delegation of the team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA Match Director by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.

### **5.**

Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA Match Director by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.

**6.**

No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal, unless otherwise stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

**7.**

If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose disciplinary measures.

**8.**

If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the Arab Cup has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded. Notwithstanding the above, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee remains competent to prosecute any disciplinary infringement *ex officio* as established in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

**9.**

The FIFA Organising Committee shall pass decisions on any protests lodged, subject to the exceptions stipulated in these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or any other FIFA regulations.

## 9

### Yellow and red cards

**1.**

The referee has the authority to take disciplinary action from entering the field of play for the pre-match inspection until leaving the field of play after the match ends (including kicks from the penalty mark). If, before entering the field of play at the start of the match, a player or team official commits a sending-off offence, the referee has the authority to prevent the player or team official from taking part in the match (see the Laws of the Game, Law 12.3); the referee will report any other incidents of misconduct.

**2.**

Further details on yellow and red cards will be issued by FIFA by means of a circular letter.

## III. COMPETITION FORMAT

# 10

 Participating teams

## 1.

The number of teams taking part in the Arab Cup has been fixed at 23, as follows:

<i>Confederation</i>	<i>Teams</i>
AFC (11)	Bahrain Iraq Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Oman Palestine Saudi Arabia Syria United Arab Emirates Yemen
CAF (11)	Algeria Comoros Djibouti Egypt Libya Mauritania Morocco Somalia South Sudan Sudan Tunisia
Host (1)	Qatar



# 11

## Qualification competition

1.

The 14 participating teams that are not among the eight highest-ranked participating teams (plus the host country, Qatar) in the last FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking released prior to the draw shall enter the qualification competition to reach the final competition (seven slots available).

2.

The qualification competition shall comprise seven single-leg knockout matches between the 14 teams.

3.

FIFA will determine the match pairings by seeding.

# 12

## Final competition

1.

The representative team of the host country, Qatar, automatically qualifies for the final competition.

2.

The eight highest-ranked participating teams in the last FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking released prior to the draw automatically qualify for the final competition, and will be joined by Qatar and the seven winners of the qualification competition.

3.

The final competition of the Arab Cup will feature 16 teams in a group stage, followed by the quarter-finals and semi-finals, the play-off for third place and the final.

4.

The 16 participating teams will be divided into four groups of four teams. FIFA will divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, taking into account geographical and sporting considerations. The teams in the four groups will be designated as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

**5.**

The group matches will be played following the schedule below. Each team plays each of the other teams in the same group once, according to a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat).

MATCHDAY 1	MATCHDAY 2	MATCHDAY 3
A1 v. A4 A2 v. A3	A3 v. A1 A4 v. A2	A1 v. A2 A3 v. A4
B1 v. B4 B2 v. B3	B3 v. B1 B4 v. B2	B1 v. B2 B3 v. B4
C1 v. C4 C2 v. C3	C3 v. C1 C4 v. C2	C1 v. C2 C3 v. C4
D1 v. D4 D2 v. D3	D3 v. D1 D4 v. D2	D1 v. D2 D3 v. D4

**6.**

The two teams finishing first and second in each group will qualify for the quarter-finals.

**7.**

The eight teams that qualify from the group stage will contest the quarter-finals as follows:

- A: Winner A v. Runner-up B
- B: Winner B v. Runner-up A
- C: Winner C v. Runner-up D
- D: Winner D v. Runner-up C

*Note: the above configuration does not necessarily represent the chronological order in which the matches will be played.*

**8.**

The four winners of the quarters-finals will contest the semi-finals as follows:

- Semi-final 1: Winner A v. Winner C
- Semi-final 2: Winner B v. Winner D

*Note: the above configuration does not necessarily represent the chronological order in which the matches will be played.*

### 9.

The two winners of the semi-finals will contest the final. The two runners-up of the semi-finals will contest the play-off for third place as follows:

Play-off for third place:	Runner-up SF 1 v. Runner-up SF 2
Final:	Winner SF 1 v. Winner SF 2

## 13 Equal points and qualification for knockout stage

### 1.

If two or more teams in the same group are equal on points after the completion of the group stage, the following criteria, in the order below, shall be applied to determine the ranking:

- Step 1:
  - a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
  - b) superior goal difference in all group matches;
  - c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

- Step 2:

If two or more teams in the same group are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- d) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) superior goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- g) highest team conduct score relating to the number of yellow and red cards obtained:

- yellow card:	minus 1 point
- indirect red card (as a result of two yellow cards):	minus 3 points
- direct red card:	minus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card:	minus 5 points

Only one of the above deductions shall be applied to a player in a single match. The team with the highest number of points shall be ranked highest.

h) drawing of lots by FIFA.

With respect to the second step, all affected teams will be ranked by applying the criteria (d) to (g) in order. If one team qualifies for a higher or lower ranking pursuant to one criterion, but it is not possible to rank all teams on the basis of the same criterion, the remaining two or three teams will be ranked pursuant to the next criterion, and so on. In any case, the second step of the ranking does not restart for the two or three teams remaining after application of a criterion.

## 14 Extra time and kicks from the penalty mark

### 1.

In the knockout stages, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played. Extra time shall consist of two 15-minute periods, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time. The players shall remain on the pitch during both of these intervals.

### 2.

If the score is still level at the end of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure specified in the Laws of the Game.

### 3.

If the play-off for third place is not played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the match is played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

## IV. COMPETITION PREPARATION

### 15 Draw and Team Workshop

The draw for the final competition shall be organised by FIFA and the LOC and may be combined with a Team Workshop, team venue inspection visits and other related activities. Additional organisational information shall be provided by FIFA by means of a circular letter.

### 16 Venues and kick-off times

1. The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be proposed by the LOC, subject to approval by FIFA.
2. The dates and venues of the matches shall be set, allowing each team a minimum rest period of 48 hours between matches.
3. In principle, the last matchday matches of the group stage of the same group shall kick off simultaneously, unless there is a case of force majeure.
4. If necessary, FIFA may decide to change kick-off times after the draw.

### 17 Friendly matches

1. Each team is entitled to play friendly matches in the host country up until five days prior to its first match in the Arab Cup following the procedure for approval of friendly matches established in the Regulations Governing International Matches.
2. In addition, the following rules apply for matches played in the host country:

- a) Matches in stadiums selected for use during the final competition will be prohibited as of 14 days prior to the start of the final competition.
- b) In principle, the official training sites cannot be used for friendly matches as of 14 days prior to the start of the final competition.
- c) No Arab Cup competition marks shall be used in relation to friendly matches, nor shall any other connection be drawn with the Arab Cup in any marketing, promotional or advertising materials produced for friendly matches.
- d) No entrance fee may be charged.
- e) Each team must respect the Media and Marketing Regulations, the Equipment Regulations and any other relevant FIFA regulations or guidelines.
- f) Friendly matches shall not be broadcast.
- g) The Participating Member Associations are not entitled to TV or marketing rights.

**3.**

Each Participating Member Association playing friendly matches or organising a pre-tournament training camp in the host country shall be responsible for applying for visas for all members of its delegation as well as covering all related costs.

**4.**

FIFA may provide further information on friendly matches by means of a circular letter.

## **18** Team arrivals

**1.**

Each team participating in the Arab Cup shall arrive at the venue of its first group match at least four days before the team's first match.

**2.**

Only official team hotels under contract with either FIFA or the LOC shall be used for the teams' accommodation from four days before the team's first match and up to one day after its elimination.

## V. STADIUMS AND TRAINING SITES

# 19 Stadiums

### 1.

FIFA shall conduct stadium inspections prior to the Arab Cup to check whether the required structural criteria are met by the stadiums hosting the Arab Cup. The FIFA administration accepts or rejects each stadium on the basis of several structural and safety criteria observed during the inspection visits and any other information gathered by FIFA. Such decisions are final.

### 2.

The LOC shall provide FIFA with all documents confirming that the stadiums have been thoroughly inspected by the relevant public authorities and meet all the safety requirements laid down by the applicable national law and the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations.

### 3.

The stadiums shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least 14 days prior to the start of the final competition (or earlier if deemed necessary by FIFA if conditions require), unless FIFA gives special permission.

### 4.

Stadiums need to provide floodlighting installations that guarantee excellent illuminance conditions for all areas of the field of play and surrounding pitch area, in accordance with the FIFA Lighting Guide. An emergency independent power system shall also be available in each stadium which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees the intensity of light for the whole pitch and ensures emergency lighting in the whole stadium.

### 5.

The Arab Cup stadiums shall be tobacco-free and free of vapours from e-cigarettes, in accordance with to the Tobacco-Free Policy for FIFA Events. FIFA reserves the right to determine whether outdoor designated smoking areas shall be established for each stadium.

# 20 Pitches

**1.**

Matches may be played on natural surfaces, subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee.

**2.**

Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, the pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m, width 68m.

**3.**

The pitch-watering schedule and the height of the grass will be communicated by the FIFA Match Director at the Match Coordination Meeting. The FIFA Match Director, in consultation with the local pitch expert and match officials, shall define the grass height and watering schedule.

**4.**

Each stadium shall have sufficient space behind the goals to allow the players to warm up during the matches. A maximum of six players per team shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of two officials). Only the goalkeepers may warm up with a ball.

**5.**

If there is insufficient space behind the goals, both teams shall warm up in the designated area beside the team bench behind assistant referee no. 1. In this case, only a maximum of three players and one official per team may warm up at the same time and the goalkeepers may not use any balls.

**6.**

The field of play, the accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. All goals shall be equipped with white goal posts and white goal nets with dark support posts and padding. Each stadium shall have spare goals, nets and corner flags located in close proximity to the field of play for contingency purposes.



## 21 Stadium roof

### 1.

If a stadium has a retractable roof, the FIFA Match Director shall decide before the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced at the Match Coordination Meeting.

### 2.

If the match starts with the roof open and there is a serious deterioration in the weather conditions impacting the match, the referee, in consultation with the FIFA Match Director, has the authority to order its closure during the match. In such an event, the roof is to remain closed until the end of the match.

### 3.

If the match starts with the roof closed, it shall remain closed for the entire match.

## 22 Stadium clocks and giant screen

### 1.

Clocks in the stadium showing the length of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e. after 15 minutes of each half).

### 2.

Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, shall be used by the fourth official to indicate the substitution of players and the number of minutes to be allowed for time lost.

### 3.

FIFA shall determine the conditions governing all scoreboard and giant screen transmissions.

## 23 Training sites

### 1.

In principle, the LOC shall provide dedicated training sites for each participating team. The training sites shall be approved by FIFA.

### 2.

The training sites shall be made available at least five days before the first match in the venue until one day after the respective venue has hosted its last match in the final competition. In principle, the training sites shall be made available at any time requested by the teams for their exclusive use during the final competition.

### 3.

Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, all training site pitches shall have at least the minimum international standard dimensions: length 105m, width 68m.

### 4.

The training sites shall be situated within a reasonable driving distance by team bus from the team hotel, ideally within 20-30 minutes' drive.

### 5.

The training sites shall have the same surface as the match pitches and be in perfect condition, freshly mowed and fully marked in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

### 6.

The LOC shall provide pitch maintenance personnel and suitable pitch and training site equipment at all official training sites, including but not limited to cones and movable goals. Each training site shall be equipped with adequate facilities, such as one dressing room with toilets and showers.

### 7.

As from four days prior to their first match of the final competition and up to their elimination, the Participating Member Associations shall use only those training site(s) which have been officially designated for training by FIFA.

**8.**

Each training site should have floodlights (approx. 500 lux).

**9.**

Arab Cup training sites shall be tobacco-free and free of vapours from e-cigarettes, in accordance with the Tobacco-Free Policy for FIFA Events. FIFA reserves the right to determine whether outdoor designated smoking areas shall be established for each training site. Smoking, vaping, the use of any other tobacco-related products as well as the establishment of smoking areas are not allowed in the technical area, in the vicinity of the field of play or within the competition areas, such as the dressing rooms.

**VI. ENTRY**

# 24

## Entry form

Unless otherwise decided by the FIFA Council, the Participating Member Associations shall complete and submit the official FIFA entry form for the final competition as part of a dedicated extranet online registration process by the deadline stipulated in the relevant FIFA circular. Only the entry forms that are duly registered with FIFA by the stipulated deadline shall be valid and taken into consideration.

## VII. PLAYERS' AND OFFICIALS' LISTS

### 25 Eligibility of players

#### 1.

Each Participating Member Association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the Arab Cup:

- a) All players shall hold the nationality of their country and be subject to its jurisdiction.
- b) All players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes and other FIFA rules and regulations.

#### 2.

Each Participating Member Association is responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so will lead to the consequences stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

### 26 Release list

#### 1.

Each Participating Member Association that qualifies for the final competition shall provide FIFA with a list of no more than 35 players (hereinafter: the release list) whom it has called up in accordance with the relevant provisions of Annexe 1 of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

The release list shall contain information such as the player's full last name(s), all first names, popular name, name on the shirt, place and date of birth, passport number and expiry date, name and country of the club, height, weight, and number of caps attained, number of international goals scored. It shall be sent to FIFA. Further details of the release list, and the deadline by which the list shall be submitted to FIFA will be provided in the relevant circular letter.

**2.**

Each Participating Member Association shall include up to 70 team officials on the release list so that the relevant authorities can proceed with the background checks for visa and accreditation purposes. Each Participating Member Association shall adhere to the visa requirements and process.

**3.**

The release lists shall be published by FIFA.

## 27

### Final list

**1.**

Each association shall be required to provide FIFA with a final list of 23 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) and 20 officials (hereinafter: the final list) by the stipulated deadline in the relevant circular letter. The final list shall comprise only players that were on the release list. A signed copy of the final list shall also be sent by email to FIFA by the same deadline.

**2.**

The final list shall show the full last name(s), all first names, popular name, name and number on the shirt, position, place and date of birth, passport number and expiry date, name and country of the club, height, weight, number of caps attained, and number of international goals scored.

The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the release list. Only the 23 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the final competition.

**3.**

A player listed on the final list may only be replaced in the event of serious injury or illness up until 24 hours before the kick-off of his team's first match. Replacement players do not need to be named on the release list. The replacement players shall be nominated by the participating team, who shall inform FIFA accordingly (including all of the specific player information as well as a copy of his passport). Upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment in one of the four official languages of FIFA, FIFA Medical, represented by the FIFA General Medical Officer, will ascertain whether the injury or illness is sufficiently

serious to prevent the player from taking part in the Arab Cup. The replacement player must be assigned the shirt number of the injured player being replaced.

**4.**

Injured players who are replaced must return their accreditation to FIFA. Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered members of the Participating Member Association's final list.

**5.**

The final list of 23 players and 20 officials will constitute the official team delegation list.

**6.**

The final list shall be published by FIFA.

**7.**

Before the start of the Arab Cup, every player on the final list must prove his identity, nationality and age by producing his legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of birth). Any player who fails to submit his passport shall not be allowed to take part in the Arab Cup.

## **28** Accreditation

**1.**

FIFA shall issue each player and team official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph. Each Participating Member Association will receive 43 accreditations (23 for the players on the final list and 20 for the officials on the final list). For the sake of clarity, the LOC will only cover the costs of up to 35 delegates as stipulated in the financial provisions.

**2.**

FIFA shall provide a certain number of Supplementary Accreditation Devices (SADs) to each team in order to control and restrict access to the dressing rooms and the field of play on matchdays. Further details will be given to the teams at a later stage.

**3.**

FIFA reserves the right to revoke the accreditation of any official or player due to the misconduct of the individual concerned.

**4.**

The Participating Member Associations shall ensure that all accreditation data required by FIFA is submitted by the deadline stipulated by FIFA. Further details will be outlined in a circular letter.

**5.**

Players must wear their accreditations when entering the stadiums and training sites. Officials must wear their accreditations at all times in the stadiums and at the training sites. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the Arab Cup.



## VIII. KIT AND TEAM EQUIPMENT

# 29

### Kit and colours approval

#### 1.

The FIFA Equipment Regulations in force apply to all matches of the final competition, unless specified otherwise in these regulations. To the extent that these Regulations and/or the Equipment Regulations are inconsistent with any aspect of the Media and Marketing Regulations, the Media and Marketing Regulations for the Arab Cup shall take precedence over the terms of these Regulations and/or the Equipment Regulations.

#### 2.

Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light) for its official and reserve team kits (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colours for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be different and contrasting from each other as well as from the official and reserve team kits. This information shall be submitted online via the team colour form by the stipulated deadline. Only these colours, once reviewed and approved by FIFA as stated in art. 29 par. 3 below, may be worn during matches.

#### 3.

The Participating Member Associations will be asked to send samples of kits (playing kit and all other items used at the stadium and at the training sites) to FIFA, who will confirm the exact approval procedure. On the basis of this procedure, FIFA will issue a written team kit report, approving or rejecting the kit items.

## 30 Numbers and names

### 1.

Only the numbers 1 to 23 may be allocated to the players, with number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. These numbers must be displayed at chest height on the front of the shirts, and on the shorts, and the players' names must be added to the numbers on the back according to the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The numbers shall correspond to the numbers indicated on the final list.

### 2.

The player's last name or popular name (or abbreviation) shall be affixed above the number on the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The name on the shirt must bear a strong resemblance to the player's popular name as indicated on FIFA's official list of players and in any other official FIFA documentation. The name and number shall contrast strongly with the colour of the shirt. In case of doubt, FIFA shall have the final decision regarding the name that appears on the shirt.

### 3.

Each team shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers for the Arab Cup. These shirts will only be used in those special circumstances in which an outfield player must take the position of goalkeeper during a match. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three colours as the regular goalkeeper shirts.

## 31 Match colours designation

### 1.

Approximately two months before the start of the final competition, FIFA will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match of the group stage. As far as possible, each team shall wear its official colours as declared on the team colour form. If the two teams' colours and the match officials' colour might cause confusion, the following principles shall be applied by FIFA to allocate the match colours:

- a) Order of priority 1 to 5:
  1. Team A player kit
  2. Team B player kit
  3. Team A goalkeeper kit
  4. Team B goalkeeper kit
  5. Match officials (referees) kit
- b) If the above order of priority does not produce a clear colour contrast between the kits, the allocation shall continue step by step in reverse order (5-1) until an acceptable colour contrast is confirmed.
- c) If necessary, one or both teams may have to wear a combination of their official and reserve player or goalkeeper kits.

FIFA will endeavour to ensure that each team wears its official team kit at least once during the group stage.

In principle, FIFA will also consider the option of dark- and light-kit colour assignments to support people with colour blindness regarding kit contrast whenever reasonably possible.

## **2.**

FIFA shall confirm the match colours to the Participating Member Associations before the start of each match. The colours shall be reviewed during the Match Coordination Meeting by the referee assessor and the FIFA Match Director. The assignment of colours as decided by FIFA is final.

## **3.**

The official and reserve team kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts without names and numbers) shall be taken to every match.

## 32 Other equipment

### 1.

FIFA will supply a sufficient number of players' sleeve badges with the official competition logo of the Arab Cup, which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each shirt. A different FIFA campaign logo may be affixed on the left-hand sleeve. FIFA will communicate to the participating teams the instructions for use of the players' sleeve badges.

### 2.

FIFA will provide each participating team with a set of special equipment upon arrival to the host country (drinks bottles, drinks coolers, medical bags, captain's armbands, etc.). This equipment must be used at the stadium and official training sessions, to the exclusion of any similar items.

### 3.

The footballs used in the Arab Cup shall be selected and exclusively supplied by FIFA. Time permitting, each team will receive training footballs from FIFA prior to the Arab Cup after the successful submission of the required team entry details. Training footballs will be provided to the participating teams upon arrival in the host country. Only these footballs provided by FIFA may be used for training and warm-up sessions at the official stadiums and training sites.

### 4.

Only warm-up bibs provided by FIFA may be used during official training sessions and in the stadium on the team benches, the pre-match warm-up and the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

### 5.

Participating teams are allowed to use their own wearable tracking system, as long as the system has been tested and certified according to the Laws of the Game.

## IX. MATCH ORGANISATION

# 33

### Start list

#### 1.

Each team is responsible for arriving at the stadium at the latest 90 minutes before the kick-off of the respective match and for providing the completed start list to the FIFA Match Director upon arrival.

#### 2.

At the Match Coordination Meetings (before each match or group phase), the teams will receive a start list with all 23 players' full names and shirt numbers together with the full names of the officials eligible to be seated on the bench.

#### 3.

The start list should be duly completed by selecting the 11 players who will start the match, indicating the captain, selecting the officials to be seated on the bench (maximum of 11) and signed by the head coach or the authorised participating team official. Both teams must submit their completed start list to the FIFA Match Director at least 90 minutes before kick-off. If the start list is not submitted on time for any reason, the matter will be reported to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

#### 4.

The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond to the numbers indicated on the start list. Each team is responsible for ensuring that the start list is completed properly and that only the 11 selected players start the match.

#### 5.

If any of the 11 players submitted on the start list are not able to begin the match due to injury or illness, they may be replaced by any of the eligible substitutes as long as the FIFA Match Director is officially informed thereof prior to kick-off. Within 24 hours, the team concerned must also provide FIFA with a medical report issued by the team doctor responsible (in one of the four official languages of FIFA).

**6.**

Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the start list will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be selected as a substitute player at any time during the match. Such a change to the start list will not reduce the number of official substitutions that may be made by a team during the match. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list before kick-off may be seated on the substitutes' bench.

**7.**

Only the players who were identified on the official start list submitted to the FIFA Match Director, or who were confirmed as a warm-up injury/illness replacement player, may start the match. In the case of any discrepancies of players on the pitch at the beginning of the match, the matter will be submitted to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for a decision.

## **34** Technical area

**1.**

The technical area is the area which the coach, other team officials and substitute players are allowed to occupy during the match. It includes the dugout (if applicable), the team bench and a marked zone adjacent to the pitch.

**2.**

No more than 23 people (12 substitute players and 11 officials – one of these officials shall be the team doctor) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench.

**3.**

If there is sufficient space, additional technical seats in the stand shall be allocated for accredited officials providing technical support to the team during the match (kit manager, assistant physiotherapist, etc.). Staff occupying such seats shall have access to the dressing rooms, with a valid SAD.

**4.**

During the match, substitutes are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up. At the Match Coordination Meeting, the FIFA Match Director shall determine exactly where they may warm up.

**5.**

A maximum of six players per team shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of two officials). Only the goalkeeper may warm up with a ball. If there is not sufficient space behind the goals, both teams shall warm up in the designated area behind the first assistant referee. In this case, only a maximum of three players and one official per team may warm up at the same time and without any balls.

**6.**

Small, mobile, hand-held items of electronic equipment (e.g. microphones, headphones, earpieces, mobile phones/smartphones, smartwatches, tablets and laptops) are permitted in the technical area if used for coaching/tactical purposes or player welfare, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

Special equipment items (e.g. antenna) for the use of wearable technology at final competition matches may only be positioned in a dedicated area of a final competition stadium defined by FIFA, not in the technical area of a final competition stadium.

## **35** Match protocol

**1.**

The countdown to kick-off provided to both teams at the Match Coordination Meeting in advance of the match shall be strictly complied with by both teams.

The FIFA flag and the flags of the host country and both competing Participating Member Associations shall be flown in the stadium at every match.

**2.**

The national anthems of the two teams will be played before each match. The Participating Member Associations shall confirm their national anthem to FIFA (maximum duration of 90 seconds) by the date stipulated in the relevant circular.

## 36 Familiarisation sessions and pre-match warm-up

### 1.

In order to preserve the quality of the pitch for the matches, no official training sessions shall be allowed to be held on the stadium pitches before any match. Official training sessions shall take place at the dedicated team training site.

### 2.

Teams that are due to play a match in a stadium in which they have not previously played will be entitled to a familiarisation session in that stadium on either the day before the match or two days before the match, depending on the match schedule. The players and officials will be permitted to walk around the field of play and stadium to familiarise themselves with the set-up.

### 3.

Familiarisation times will be communicated by FIFA.

### 4.

The teams will be entitled to warm up on the pitch before each match, weather and pitch conditions permitting. In principle, such warm-up will be 30 minutes long and will take place from 50 minutes prior to kick-off until 20 minutes prior to kick-off. If the pitch is not in good condition or if warm-up sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, or if the pitch is to be used for ceremonies related to the Arab Cup, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.



## X. REFEREEING

# 37

## Laws of the Game

### 1.

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the Arab Cup and as laid down by The International Football Association Board (“The IFAB”). In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

### 2.

One additional substitute may be used at the Arab Cup when a match goes into extra time (regardless of whether or not the team has already used the full number of permitted substitutes before extra time).

### 3.

Players are entitled to a 15-minute interval at half-time; a short drinks break (which should not exceed one minute) is permitted at the interval of half-time in extra time.

### 4.

Extreme weather conditions may warrant cooling breaks to be implemented during the course of a match in accordance with the protocols established by FIFA Medical. Such breaks will be considered on a match-by-match basis. Responsibility for implementing and controlling cooling breaks resides with the referee.

### 5.

Goal-line technology may be used for the purpose of verifying whether a goal has been scored to support the referee’s decision. The participating teams shall consent, without reservation, to the use of goal-line technology in the Arab Cup, and unconditionally and irrevocably waive any and all rights and interests they may have in connection with or as a result of the use of goal-line technology in matches of the Arab Cup.

### 6.

Video assistant referees (VARs) may be used for reviewing match-changing decisions/incidents, as per the protocol established by The IFAB.

# 38 Referees

## 1.

The referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and VARs (if appointed) (hereinafter referred to collectively as “match officials”) for the Arab Cup shall be appointed for each match by the FIFA Referees Committee. They shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing List in force and come from a member association that is not represented by a team playing in the match in question. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal. A reserve assistant referee may also be appointed for certain matches.

## 2.

If the referee or one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out their duties, such referee or assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official.

## 3.

The referee shall adopt a strict policy to deal with any incidents of discriminatory nature, following the three-step procedure, under which he first stops the match and requests a public announcement to insist that the discriminatory behaviour cease. If it does not, he then suspends the match until the behaviour stops with another warning announcement, failing which he can then decide to abandon the match.

## 4.

After each match, the referee shall complete the official match report online form whilst still at the stadium. The referee shall note all occurrences of significance, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behaviour by supporters and/or by officials or any other person acting on behalf of a participating team at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.

## XI. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

# 39

### Costs borne by the LOC

The LOC shall bear the costs of:

#### 1.

International air travel (economy class) for each member of Participating Member Association, and up to 35 delegates from the capital city of the respective Participating Member Association (or, in exceptional cases from another city as decided by the LOC) to the capital city of the host country. Depending on the contracts negotiated between the LOC and the airline(s), the LOC will decide on the weight of excess baggage for which the LOC will bear the costs, and will inform the Participating Member Associations accordingly.

#### 2.

Board and lodging for up to 35 Delegation Members from each Participating Member Association. This includes:

- a) 13 single rooms;
- b) 11 double rooms;
- c) 1 meeting room/dining room;
- d) 1 equipment room;
- e) 1 treatment room;
- f) 3 meals per day, and an additional light meal for every matchday.

These rooms shall be available starting four days prior to each team's first match and ending one day after its last match. FIFA may make exceptions in the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting from transport difficulties.

#### 3.

Laundry service for a set of match or training kits for up to 35 people per participating team per day, starting five days prior to each team's first match and ending one day after its last match.

**4.**

Domestic travel within the host country for up to 35 people per participating team;

- a) One team bus, one passenger van and one equipment van will be provided for the exclusive use of each participating team during the period commencing four days prior to each team's first match and until one day after its last match.
- b) One additional luggage truck will be provided when travelling between the airport and the official team hotel, and between venues. One team bus, one passenger van and one equipment van will be provided for the exclusive use of each participating team during the period commencing four days prior to each team's first match and until one day after its last match.

**5.**

Training facilities for the participating teams.

## **40** Costs borne by the Participating Member Association

**1.**

Each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for and bear the costs of:

- a) adequate insurance cover for its Delegation Members;
- b) board and lodging during the Arab Cup in excess of the amounts paid by FIFA or the LOC specified above;
- c) all incidental hotel costs;
- d) any costs associated with additional members in excess of the 35 Delegation Members covered;
- e) costs for any additional equipment and/or items not covered by FIFA in the team meeting rooms and/or the team dressing rooms;
- f) costs for any additional menu items other than those agreed between FIFA and the team hotels.

**2.**

Any expenses other than those stipulated in these Regulations and explicitly outlined to be borne by FIFA or the LOC shall be borne by the relevant Participating Member Association.

## **41** Ticketing

**1.**

Each Participating Member Association is entitled to receive a number of complimentary tickets for the final competition. The total number of complimentary tickets for each Participating Member Association will be communicated by FIFA prior to the first match of the final competition by means of a circular letter.

**2.**

FIFA will issue ticketing documents to each of the Participating Member Associations. All Participating Member Associations shall comply with these ticketing documents and ensure that their members, Delegation Members and other affiliates also comply with such documents.

**XII. MEDICAL****42 Team medical doctor**

Each Participating Member Association shall include at least one medical doctor (two are recommended) in its delegation. It is a mandatory requirement that the medical doctor or any other medical staff member of each Participating Member Association complete and successfully pass the “Concussion” and “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” modules of the FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine ([www.fifamedicalnetwork.com](http://www.fifamedicalnetwork.com)).

**43 Sudden cardiac arrest and concussion****1.**

In order to discover heart issues or risk factors which might lead to a sudden cardiac arrest during matches of the Arab Cup, and to protect players’ health, each Participating Member Association shall ensure and confirm to FIFA that its players undergo a pre-competition medical assessment prior to the start of the Arab Cup. FIFA will provide all Participating Member Associations with an assessment form.

**2.**

A player who experiences suspected concussion during a match must undergo an examination by the team doctor in accordance with the protocols documented in the FIFA Football Emergency Medicine Manual. The referee may temporarily suspend play for up to three minutes whenever an incident of suspected concussion occurs. The referee may only allow the player to continue playing with the authorisation of the team doctor, who shall have evaluated the player and excluded any suspicion of a concussive injury. The team doctor will have the final decision based on a clinical examination and subject to an express prohibition against returning a player to play if concussion is suspected.

## XIII. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS AND MEDIA MATTERS

# 44 Media and Marketing Regulations

### 1.

FIFA is the original owner of all of the rights emanating from the Arab Cup and any other related events under its respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights, such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.

### 2.

Each Participating Member Association is required to ensure that its players, coaches, officials and other employees support the commercial programme established by FIFA to exploit the marketing rights to the final competition, including the special marketing programmes run by FIFA and its Commercial Affiliates (e.g. ball kids, player escorts, match-ball carriers, flag bearers, player of the match awards and stadium tours). In this regard, each association must ensure that its players, coaches, officials and other employees do not use or otherwise exploit, directly or indirectly, any commercial rights to the final competition without FIFA's express prior agreement, which may be granted or withheld at its sole discretion.

### 3.

Media matters and obligations for the Arab Cup will be outlined in the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations and corresponding documents (circular letters, Team Handbook, Media Guidelines, etc.) relating to TV and media activities. Participating Member Associations shall comply with the stipulations contained within these documents with respect to media matters.

The following obligations apply to Participating Member Associations:

- Each Participating Member Association shall assist, and ensure that each Team Delegation Member assists, to the best possible extent, any official FIFA media activity during the final competition period, in accordance with the following terms and conditions.

- Each Participating Member Association is required to include a team media officer in its delegation to act as a link between the team, the media officers of FIFA, the local organisers and the accredited media.
- Participating Member Associations shall organise dedicated media facilities in their Team Base Camps (i.e. in the hotel or the combined training sites) to meet the needs of the media including the FIFA TV team crews.
- Coaches and/or other team representatives are obliged to attend official media activities organised by FIFA as outlined in the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, including but not limited to:
  - Compulsory media activities upon arrival in Qatar
  - Compulsory media activities during preparations on-site
  - Compulsory media activities around training sessions on matchday-1
  - Compulsory media activities on matchdays
  - Compulsory media activities on non-matchdays

The above obligations are not exhaustive.

**4.**

Journalists, photographers, television and radio commentators, and accredited film and television crews are not permitted to enter the pitch at any time before, during or after the match unless authorised by FIFA. Only a limited number of photographers and the television personnel required to operate the broadcasting equipment, all of them issued with special accreditation, may be admitted to the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators.

**5.**

FIFA shall issue, at a later date, FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations for the Arab Cup, specifying these commercial and intellectual property rights. All FIFA members must comply with these FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations for the Arab Cup.



## XIV. AWARDS

# 45 Trophy, awards and medals

### 1.

A souvenir plaque will be presented to each Participating Member Association. Participation certificates will be presented to each member of each official team delegation.

### 2.

Medals will be presented to each of the top three teams in the final competition, i.e. gold medals to the winners, silver medals to the runners-up and bronze medals to the team ranked third.

### 3.

FIFA will issue, at a later date, Trophy Regulations. The winning Participating Member Association shall ensure its full compliance with these Trophy Regulations.

### 4.

At the conclusion of the Arab Cup, other special awards may be presented (such as the Golden Boot, Golden Glove, Golden Ball, etc.) either at the awards ceremony or at a later date.

## XV. CLOSING PROVISIONS

### **46** Special circumstances

FIFA is responsible for the operational management of the Arab Cup and is therefore entitled to issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

### **47** Matters not provided for

Any matters not provided for in these Regulations and any cases of force majeure shall be decided by FIFA. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

### **48** Languages

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French, Spanish, German or Arabic texts of these Regulations, the English text shall be authoritative.

### **49** Copyright

The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is the property of FIFA.

## 50 No waiver

Any waiver by FIFA of any breach of these Regulations (including of any document referred to in these Regulations) will not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any breach of any other provision or a waiver of any right arising out of these Regulations or any other document. Any such waiver shall only be valid if given in writing. Failure by FIFA to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one or more occasions will not be considered to be a waiver of, or deprive FIFA of the right to subsequently insist upon, strict adherence to that provision or any other provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations.

## 51 Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Council on 19 March 2021 and came into force immediately.

Zurich, June 2021

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