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Preliminary Competition

Regulations

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GENERAL PROVISIONS



Article 1: Olympic Football Tournaments Paris 2024

- 1.1 The Olympic Football Tournaments Paris 2024 (“Tournaments”) are FIFA events embodied in the FIFA Statutes.
- 1.2 The Olympic Football Tournaments take place every four years, as part of the Games of the Olympiad. The associations affiliated to FIFA are invited to participate with their men’s U-23 and women’s A representative teams.
- 1.3 The Tournaments consist of a preliminary and a final competition.
- 1.4 The Games of the XXXIII Olympiad Paris 2024 (26 July – 11 August 2024) shall feature a men’s and a women’s football tournament, which are scheduled to be played between 24 July and 10 August 2024.
- 1.5 Any rights associated with the preliminary competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or further regulations, guidelines and decisions as set forth in these Regulations and/or specific agreements to a Participating Member Association in the preliminary competition or to a confederation shall remain with FIFA.
- 1.6 These Regulations regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all associations taking part in the preliminary competition of the Olympic Football Tournaments Paris 2024 (“Regulations”). 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 preliminary competition.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 Other rules and/or decisions that are binding on FIFA (e.g. due to FIFA being a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, the Olympic Charter including the principle of anti-discrimination) may apply to the subject matter of these Regulations. Any such rules and/or decisions implemented by FIFA shall take precedence over these Regulations in the event of any conflict and must be complied with by each Participating Member Association.
- 1.9 Terms used in these Regulations referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice versa.



Article 2: Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions

- 2.1 The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions (the “FIFA Organising Committee”), appointed by the FIFA Council, is responsible for organising the Olympic Football Tournaments, in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Governance Regulations.
- 2.2 The FIFA Organising Committee may, if necessary, appoint a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with emergencies.
- 2.3 The FIFA Organising Committee shall deal with any aspect of the Games of the Olympiad that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or the FIFA Governance Regulations.
- 2.4 The decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee and/or its bureau/subcommittee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Article 3: Confederations

- 3.1 The preliminary competition shall be organised by FIFA in collaboration with the confederations. The confederations shall establish a competition format, which shall require approval from FIFA.
- 3.2 The confederations may propose to FIFA that their existing tournaments serve as the preliminary competition. In this case, the respective confederations shall be solely responsible for the organisation and delivery of such tournaments. The confederations shall issue the respective regulations and submit them to FIFA for reference purposes (e.g. art. 17 pars 4 and 5 regarding player eligibility shall apply).
- 3.3 In the event that a confederation's tournament is not held or completed in a manner that determines the relevant number of winning member association(s) (due to cancellation, postponement, abandonment or otherwise), then the confederation in question shall propose to FIFA, for FIFA's prior written approval, a member association or (member associations) based within the territorial region of the confederation as its Participating Member Association(s). The confederation shall base its proposal strictly on the sporting merits of the member association(s) and shall provide a written report to FIFA explaining the reasons for proposing the member association(s) when seeking FIFA's approval. In the event that FIFA does not approve the confederation's proposed member association(s), the confederation shall propose an alternative member association(s) for FIFA's approval.



Article 4: Host associations for the preliminary competition

For the duration of the preliminary competition, the respective host associations shall be responsible for the safety and security of the guest teams and FIFA delegations in accordance with the provisions of the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations.

Article 5: Eligibility of associations

5.1 The associations affiliated to FIFA may participate in the Tournaments provided there is a National Olympic Committee (NOC) in their respective country, which is already recognised or about to be recognised by the IOC.

5.2 One U-23 men's and one women's team from the host association will automatically qualify for the Tournaments' final competitions, subject to confirmation from the respective NOC.

Article 6: Participating member associations

6.1 The member associations that participate in the preliminary competition (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 preliminary competition, and for the entire duration of their stay in the host country/countries, on behalf of a Participating Member Association) ("Delegation Members") complies with these Regulations, the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes and FIFA's other 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 agree notably to:

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



6.2 On entering the preliminary competition, the Participating Member Associations automatically undertake to:

- a) observe and comply with these Regulations and ensure that each of their Delegation Members also observes and complies with these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
- b) observe and comply with the FIFA Statutes, as well as with any other FIFA regulations, directives, circular letters, guidelines and decisions as well as all applicable laws relating to the preliminary competition;
- c) observe and comply with all instructions and decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these Regulations;
- d) participate with the best possible team in all matches of the preliminary competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;
- e) accept all of the arrangements relating to the preliminary competition made by FIFA;
- f) 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 preliminary competition; and
- g) 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 arrangements in consideration of the relevant FIFA rules or regulations.

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

- a) the conduct of its Delegation Members;
- b) paying for 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, during or after the preliminary competition, of any Delegation Member or any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
- d) applying for visas and submitting required documents in good time in accordance with the respective procedures in force in the respective country;
- e) paying for expenses induced by pandemic diseases, such as COVID-19 (e.g. PCR tests);



- f) ensuring the provision of adequate insurance to cover its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel in consideration of the relevant FIFA rules or regulations (cf. in particular art. 2 par. 3 of Annexe 1 to the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players); and
- g) attending all media conferences and other media activities organised by FIFA and/or the confederation.

6.4

All Participating Member Associations shall confirm their participation in the preliminary competition by submitting the required documentation as communicated by FIFA via the corresponding circular(s), duly signed by the deadline(s) set by FIFA. 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, FIFA shall examine the case and take a decision.

6.5

All Participating Member Associations shall indemnify, defend and hold FIFA and all of their respective 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.

6.6

Unless otherwise mentioned in these Regulations, each Participating Member Association hosting a match in the preliminary competition shall be responsible, among other matters, for:

- a) guaranteeing, planning and implementing law and order as well as safety and security in the stadiums and other relevant locations in conjunction with the relevant authorities. The FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations shall apply;
- b) obtaining adequate insurance cover for all risks relating to match organisation, including but not limited to public liability insurance. FIFA shall be expressly identified as a named insured party in all such insurance policies;
- c) providing a national stadium in the country concerned for all of the home match dates on the basis of the provisions of art. 15, as well as an alternative approved venue in the country in the event of sudden issues with the national stadium; and
- d) sending FIFA an official link to the full footage of the match within 24 hours of its completion.



Article 7: Match pairings

- 7.1 All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches of the preliminary competition.
- 7.2 Any association that withdraws prior to or during the preliminary competition may be replaced by another association. FIFA shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.
- 7.3 Any association that withdraws no later than 30 days before the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 5,000.
- 7.4 Any association that withdraws within 30 days of the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 7,500.
- 7.5 Any association that withdraws after the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 10,000.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 7.8 Any Participating Member Association that withdraws or whose behaviour is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered by FIFA to reimburse FIFA, Paris 2024 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, Paris 2024 or any other Participating Member Association. The association in question shall also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.
- 7.9 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.



7.10

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. The match shall recommence where play was stopped when the match was interrupted (e.g. with a free kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, kick from the penalty mark, etc.). If the match was abandoned while the ball was still in play, it shall restart with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped.
- 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 (which shall be the following day) and location shall be decided by FIFA in consultation with the two associations, the confederation concerned and the FIFA Match Commissioner.

FIFA shall take any other decisions relating to such replay as are deemed necessary.



DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES



Article 8: Disciplinary matters

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and measures for the duration of the preliminary competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Member Associations one month before the first match of the preliminary competition at the latest.
- 8.3 Any violations of these Regulations or any other FIFA regulations, circulars, guidelines, directives and/or decisions that do not come under the jurisdiction of another FIFA body shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

Article 9 Disputes

- 9.1 All disputes in connection with the preliminary competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation (with the exception of those falling under art. 8 above).
- 9.2 In compliance with the FIFA Statutes, Participating Member Associations and their Delegation Members may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law but to the exclusive jurisdiction of FIFA.
- 9.3 The Participating Member Associations and Delegation Members acknowledge and accept that, once all internal channels have been exhausted at FIFA, their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, unless excluded or if the decision is declared final, binding and not subject to appeal. Any such arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

Article 10: Protests

- 10.1 For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind relating 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.
- 10.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA Match Commissioner 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 by email to disciplinary@fifa.org and qualifiers@fifa.org within 24 hours of the end of the match, otherwise they will be disregarded.

- 10.3** Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the preliminary competition shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA Match Commissioner within one hour of the match in question and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be submitted by email to disciplinary@fifa.org and qualifiers@fifa.org and shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 10.4** 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. The same applies to any potential issue concerning the use of goal-line technology and the video assistant referee (VAR) system.
- 10.5** If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, FIFA will inform the FIFA Disciplinary Committee, which may impose disciplinary measures.
- 10.6** If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations is not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the Tournaments 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.
- 10.7** FIFA shall take decisions on any protests lodged, subject to the exceptions stipulated in these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or any other FIFA regulations.

Article 11: Yellow and red cards

- 11.1** 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 taking part in the match (see Laws of the Game, Law 12.3); the referee will report any other misconduct.
- 11.2** Single yellow cards and pending suspensions as a consequence of cautions in different matches in the preliminary competition are not carried over to the final competition. Pending match suspensions imposed as a result of a direct or indirect red card in matches in the preliminary competition are carried over to the final competition.



- 11.3 For teams that do not qualify for the Tournaments, any suspension that cannot be served during the preliminary competition will be carried over to the representative team's next official match according to the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 11.4 If players or team officials receive two cautions during two different matches, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match.
- 11.5 If players or team officials are sent off as a result of a direct or indirect red card, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match. In addition, further sanctions may be imposed by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.



PRELIMINARY COMPETITION



Article 12: Tournament entries

The associations shall confirm their participation by sending the official entry form, duly completed, and specifying whether the entry concerns their men's and/or women's team, to FIFA by the deadlines set by FIFA.

On entering the preliminary competition, the Participating Member Associations undertake to:

- a) observe these Regulations and, if applicable as per art. 3 par. 2 above, those drawn up by the respective confederation;
- b) accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters relating to the preliminary competition shall be dealt with by FIFA or, if applicable as per art. 3 par. 2 above, the respective confederation in compliance with the respective regulations; and
- c) observe the principles of fair play and the FIFA Code of Conduct.

Article 13: Competition format

13.1 The matches in the men's and women's preliminary competitions shall be played in accordance with one of the following three formats:

- a) in groups composed of several teams on a home-and-away basis, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat (league format);
- b) one home and one away match per team (knockout format); or
- c) in the form of a tournament in the country of a Participating Member Association or on neutral territory, by way of exception and only with the authorisation of the confederation and of FIFA.

When matches are played in accordance with format (a) or (b) above, home matches may not be played in another country without the express permission of the confederation and of FIFA.

13.2 In the league format, the ranking in each group is determined as follows:

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

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

- d) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;



- e) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- g) greatest number of points obtained in the fair play conduct of the teams based on yellow and red cards received in all group matches as follows:
 - First yellow card minus 1 point
 - Second yellow card/indirect red card 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.
- h) drawing of lots by FIFA and/or the confederation.

13.3 In the event of a tournament being played in the country of a Participating Member Association or on neutral territory in accordance with the provisions of art. 13 par. 1(c) above, if two or more teams are equal after the completion of the group stage in accordance with the criteria stated in art. 13 par. 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) above, the final rankings will be determined by a drawing of lots by FIFA and/or the confederation.

13.4 With the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee and should the international match calendar allow, play-offs may be played instead of drawing lots to decide ties within groups. If such play-off ends in a tie, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each shall be played. If the score is level after extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game. Exceptionally and with the prior approval of FIFA, such play-off match may also be held in one of the countries concerned.

13.5 Should the best second- or third-placed team within a group stage qualify for the next stage or for the final competition, the criteria to decide such best second- or third-placed team shall depend on the competition format and shall require the approval of FIFA following proposals from the confederations.

13.6 In the knockout format, both teams shall play one home and one away match each, the sequence of which shall be determined by lots drawn by FIFA. The team having scored most goals over the two games shall qualify for the next round. If the number of goals scored is equal or both matches end without any goals being scored, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each shall be played at the end of the second leg. The extra-time period



is an integral part of the second-leg match. Thus, if no goals are scored in extra time, or if the score is level after extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

- [13.7](#) The dates of the matches in the preliminary competition shall be fixed by the associations concerned in compliance with the international match calendar and subject to the approval of the confederation and FIFA. FIFA shall be informed in accordance with the deadline stipulated in the relevant FIFA circular. If the associations cannot agree on the dates of the matches in the preliminary competition, FIFA shall take the final decision. This decision is not subject to appeal. FIFA shall ensure that matches in the same group are played simultaneously when the situation demands this for sporting reasons.

Article 14: Dates, formation of groups, kick-off times, venues and arrival at venues

Dates

- [14.1](#) The preliminary competition shall take place between June 2022 and April 2024. For eligible existing tournaments (cf. art. 3 par 2), should the start date of the tournament occur before June 2022, FIFA will consider said start date to be valid.
- [14.2](#) The dates and, subject to the host association's compliance with art. 14 pars 7 and 8, the venues of the matches of the men's and women's preliminary competitions shall be fixed by the confederations, upon consultation with the associations concerned and subject to the approval of FIFA.

Formation of groups

- [14.3](#) The confederations, in consultation with FIFA, shall form groups and/or sub-groups for the men's and women's preliminary competitions by seeding and drawing lots, whilst taking sporting and geographical factors into consideration as far as possible. All decisions made by the confederations and FIFA regarding the group formation shall be final and not subject to appeal. In the case of an association withdrawing from a preliminary competition, FIFA and the confederations may change groups in accordance with the above.

Kick-off times

- [14.4](#) The host association shall inform the visiting team, the confederation and FIFA of the kick-off time at least 60 days before the match in question is due to be played. After this deadline, the written approval of the visiting team is required in the event of a late change. FIFA may consider founded and documented reasons for a change of kick-off time after this deadline, but in no event less than seven days prior to the match.



[14.5](#) If any association fails to agree on the kick-off times of the matches in the preliminary competition, FIFA, in consultation with the confederation, shall take the final decision.

Venues

[14.6](#) The venues of the matches in the preliminary competitions shall be fixed by the host association concerned, in accordance with art. 15 par. 1 of these Regulations. The opponents, the confederation and FIFA shall be notified in writing by the host association at least three months before the match in question is due to be played.

[14.7](#) As a general rule, the venue is to be located at a maximum distance of 150km, or a maximum of a two-hour drive by bus, from the nearest international airport. The airport should offer landing possibilities for charter flights in the event that the visiting association opts to charter its delegation's flight directly to this airport.

[14.8](#) The match venue shall have sufficient high-standard hotels to host the home team, the visiting team and the FIFA delegation as per art. 26 par. 3(d).

[14.9](#) If the associations cannot agree on the venues of the matches in the preliminary competition, FIFA, in consultation with the confederation, shall take the final decision.

Arrival at venues

[14.10](#) The associations shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than the evening before the date the match is due to be played. In exceptional circumstances, FIFA and the confederation may consider an alternative venue, which shall be located in the same host country. The host association shall be informed of the travel itinerary at least one week in advance and provisions for the visas by the visiting association shall have been made in accordance with art. 6 par. 3(c).



STADIUMS

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Article 15: Stadium infrastructure and equipment

15.1 All associations organising matches in the preliminary competition shall ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place fulfil the requirements set out in the Football Stadiums: Technical Recommendations and Requirements publication and comply with the safety and security standards and other FIFA regulations. The fields of play, accessory equipment and facilities shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game.

Natural and artificial surfaces

15.2 Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard, unless dispensation is given by FIFA. In this case, the visiting team is entitled to have two training sessions before the match, if requested.

Warm-up areas

15.3 Each stadium shall have sufficient space behind the goals to allow the players to warm up during the matches. A maximum of six players 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 beside the team bench of team B, 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 without any ball.

Safety and security

15.4 Periodic safety checks for the benefit of spectators, players and officials shall be carried out on the stadiums selected for matches in the preliminary competition by the authorities responsible. If required, the associations shall provide FIFA with a copy of the relevant safety certificate, which should not be more than one year old.

15.5 Only confederation-approved stadiums may be selected for the preliminary competition. Should a stadium not comply with FIFA standards, FIFA may reject the selection of the stadium concerned. Brand-new stadiums are to be inspected prior to use, and the application for final inspection and subsequent use of the facilities shall be filed with the confederation's general secretariat at least six months prior to the match concerned. Refurbished stadiums are also to be inspected prior to use, and the application for final inspection and subsequent use of the facilities shall be filed with the confederation at least nine months prior to the match concerned.



15.6 With regard to the spectator areas, the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations shall be used as guidance for the preliminary competition matches.

15.7 As a general rule, matches shall only be played in all-seater stadiums. If only stadiums with both seating and standing areas are available, the standing space shall remain vacant. With regard to the spectator areas, the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations apply to the preliminary competition matches.

Goal-line technology

15.8 If the host association has a stadium with certified goal-line technology and wishes to use the technology for a preliminary competition match, both competing teams must sign FIFA's consent form for the technology to be used. The following process must be respected:

- a) The host association must send the aforementioned consent form to the visiting team for approval to use goal-line technology during the match in question; this is subject to the installation being certified (valid on the day of the match) as described on www.FIFA.com/quality.
- b) The completed consent form shall be sent to FIFA for information.
- c) The entire process shall be completed at least seven days before the match is scheduled to take place.

Field of play equipment

15.9 The fields of play, 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. Each stadium shall have spare goals, nets and corner flags located in close proximity to the field of play for contingency purposes.

Retractable roof

15.10 If a stadium has a retractable roof, the FIFA Match Commissioner, in consultation with the referee and the two teams' officials, 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 on the day before the match, although it may subsequently be modified prior to kick-off in the event of sudden and significant weather condition changes.

15.11 If the match starts with the roof closed, it shall remain closed for the entire match. If the match starts with the roof open and there is a serious deterioration in the weather conditions, only the referee (in consultation



with the FIFA Match Commissioner and the stadium management) has the authority to order its closure during the match. In such an event, the roof shall remain closed until the end of the match.

Stadium clocks, panels/electronic display boards and giant screens

[15.12](#) 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).

[15.13](#) At the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively, the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, either orally or by gesturing with their hands, the number of minutes that they have decided to allow for time lost. This also applies to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time.

[15.14](#) 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.

[15.15](#) The use of giant screens must be in compliance with FIFA's replay policy.

Floodlights

[15.16](#) The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements laid down by FIFA, i.e. that the whole pitch shall be evenly lit to at least 1,200 lux. An emergency power generator shall also be available which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the aforementioned intensity of light for the whole pitch. FIFA is entitled to grant exceptions.

Flags and anthems

[15.17](#) During the preliminary competitions, the FIFA flag, the flag of the confederation and the flags of both competing associations shall be flown inside the stadium at every match.

[15.18](#) After the flags have been placed on the pitch in accordance with FIFA protocol, the relevant anthem shall be played when the teams enter the field. The national anthems (maximum 90 seconds each) of the two participating teams shall be played after the teams have lined up.



No smoking

15.19 Smoking, vaping and the use of any tobacco-related products are only allowed in the designated areas (if made available) and 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.

Article 16: Official training in the stadiums and pre-match warm-ups

Official training in the stadium

16.1 On the day before the match and weather conditions permitting, the visiting team is entitled to have one training session of 60 minutes on the pitch where the match is due to take place.

16.2 Prior to their arrival in the host country, the exact time of the training session shall be mutually agreed, and then confirmed in writing by the host association.

16.3 The official training session at the stadium shall be open to accredited media representatives for at least the first 15 minutes. If the entire session is not open to the media, the association concerned shall inform the FIFA Match Commissioner, FIFA and the confederation at least two days before the team's arrival at the match venue.

16.4 In the event of adverse weather conditions, the FIFA Match Commissioner may cancel the training session. In this case, the visiting team shall be allowed to inspect the pitch wearing training shoes. Should both teams wish to train at the same time, the visiting team shall be given priority.

Condition of pitch

16.5 If the host association considers the pitch to be unfit for play, it shall inform FIFA and the confederation immediately, as well as the visiting association and the match officials before their departure. If the host association fails to do so, it will be obliged to cover all the expenses incurred for the travel, board and lodging of all parties. The host association shall provide an alternative match venue on the same matchday.

16.6 If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the visiting association has already left to play the match, the referee shall decide whether the pitch is playable or not. If the referee declares the pitch unplayable, the principles described in art. 7 par. 10 shall apply.



**PLAYERS' AND
OFFICIALS' LISTS**

IV.

Article 17: Eligibility of players

- 17.1 Each association taking part in the Tournaments shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team(s):
- a) All players shall hold the nationality of its country and be subject to its jurisdiction.
 - b) All players shall be called up in accordance with the relevant provisions of Annexe 1 to the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
 - c) All players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes and other relevant FIFA rules and regulations.
- 17.2 The Participating Member Associations are responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so will lead to the consequences stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 17.3 Protests regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code (cf. art. 10 par. 3).

Men's Tournament

- 17.4 The Men's Tournament is an U-23 competition. All players participating in the final competition of the Tournament shall be born on or after 1 January 2001. However, a maximum of three players who do not meet this age limit may also be included in the official list of players for the final competition.
- 17.5 All selected players in the confederation's preliminary competition shall be U-23 players. No overage players shall be permitted to play in the confederation's preliminary competition.

Women's Tournament

- 17.6 There are no age restrictions for the players participating in the Women's Tournament.

Article 18: Player lists

- 18.1 Up to 22 players (11 selected players and up to 11 substitutes) shall be eligible to take part in the matches. Three of these players shall be goalkeepers, with the number one shirt being reserved for one of them. All goalkeepers and the captain shall be identified as such.
- 18.2 Before each match of the preliminary competition, every player must prove their identity, nationality and age by producing their legally valid individual international passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of



birth). Any player who fails to submit these documents will not be allowed to take part in the competition. The Participating Member Associations shall present each player's valid individual passport for the country of the Participating Member Association to the FIFA Match Commissioner on the day before the match. A player without a valid passport shall not be entitled to play.

18.3 Each association entering the preliminary competition shall send FIFA a provisional list of at least 35 prospective players for the preliminary competition no later than 30 days before its first qualifying match. This list shall show each player's last name, first name, club, date of birth and passport number as well as the coach's last name, first name and date of birth.

18.4 This list is not binding. Further players may be added, showing the same information, at any time but no later than the day before the qualifying match in question.

18.5 Both teams must return their start list to the referee at least 85 minutes before kick-off. They also shall provide the referee with two copies of their start list. The opposing team can request one of these copies.

18.6 After the start lists have been completed, signed and returned to the referee, and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:

- a) If any of the first 11 players (starting players) listed on the start list are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer take part in the match.
- b) If any of the substitutes listed on the start list are not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced by an additional player on the bench, which means that the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, one additional substitute may be used when a match goes into extra time (whether or not the team has already used the full number of permitted substitutes).

18.7 Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list may be seated on the team bench, and if so, would then also be eligible for doping control selection.

18.8 No more than 22 persons (11 officials and up to 11 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the team bench. The names of these officials must be indicated on the "Officials on the Substitutes' Bench" form to be provided to the FIFA Match Commissioner. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the team bench.



Article 19: Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer

Each Participating Member Association shall appoint a designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer to act as a focal point for all matters related to the safeguarding and well-being of the players and team delegation. This role does not have to be exclusive and can be assigned to the medical doctor or other trained member of the team delegation. It is a mandatory requirement that the designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer complete the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials online course (<https://safeguardingsport.fifa.com/>). The role of the Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer is to:

- act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the team delegation during the preliminary competition; and
- take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being is prioritised.



KIT AND TEAM EQUIPMENT

VI.

Article 20: Equipment

- 20.1 The Participating Member Associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans in any language or form by players and officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organised by FIFA (including in the stadiums for official matches and training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).
- 20.2 Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominately dark and one predominately light kit) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colours for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the official and reserve team kits. This information shall be sent to FIFA on the team colour form. Only these colours may be worn at the matches. Any subsequent changes must be immediately communicated to FIFA .
- 20.3 Each team shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers. 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.
- 20.4 In principle, each team shall wear its official team kit as declared on the team colour form. If the two teams' colours might cause confusion, the host team shall be entitled to wear its official team kit and the visiting team shall use its reserve team kit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve team kits. In the event of any discrepancies, the referee and the FIFA Match Commissioner shall take the final decision at the match venue following inspection.
- 20.5 Each player shall wear a number between 1 and 22 on the front and back of their team shirt and on their playing shorts. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main colour of the shirts and shorts (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. It is not compulsory for the name of the player to appear on their shirt during the preliminary competition.



Article 21: Footballs

- 21.1 The footballs chosen for the Tournaments shall conform with the provisions of the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations. They shall bear one of the following three designations: the official “FIFA Quality Pro” logo, the official “FIFA Quality” logo or the “IMS – INTERNATIONAL MATCH STANDARD” reference.
- 21.2 The footballs for the preliminary competition shall be supplied by the respective host association. The visiting team shall be supplied with the same footballs in sufficient quantities for its training session at the match stadium.



**MATCH
ORGANISATION**

VII.

Article 22: Operational guidelines

Subject to FIFA's approval, the confederations are authorised to issue implementation rules and operational guidelines.

Article 23: Football technologies

FIFA and/or the confederation may use football technologies when applicable, such as goal-line technology, a VAR system or electronic performance and tracking systems, as stipulated in the Laws of the Game.



REFEREEING

VIII.

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Article 24: Laws of the Game

- 24.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the preliminary competition and as laid down by the International Football Association Board. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.
- 24.2 Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with a half-time interval of 15 minutes.
- 24.3 If, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, extra time is to be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two periods of 15 minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
- 24.4 If the score is still level after extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

Article 25: Refereeing

- 25.1 In the preliminary competition, on-field match official appointments (as well as video match official appointments where the use of VAR is implemented) shall be proposed by the confederations to the FIFA Referees Committee for ratification.

For each match, the referee and the assistant referees shall be selected from the FIFA Refereeing International List in force. The fourth official and the reserve assistant referee (where foreseen) shall be selected from the FIFA Refereeing International List in force or exceptionally from the Member Association Top Division List in force. Only qualified FIFA video match officials shall be selected for those matches where the use of a VAR is implemented. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

- 25.2 The referee and other match officials appointed for preliminary competition matches shall receive from FIFA an official refereeing match kit (including match official footwear), which they shall wear for all preliminary competition matches for which they are appointed. Any alterations, additions or changes to the official refereeing match kit, other than tailoring its size, are strictly prohibited.
- 25.3 The match officials shall be provided with training facilities by the host association.



- 25.4 If the referee or one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out their duties, such referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. The same applies for either of the assistant referees if a reserve assistant referee is not appointed. A minimum of three match officials are needed to referee the match.
- 25.5 After each match, the referee shall complete the official FIFA report form. In the preliminary competition, the referee shall hand it over to the FIFA Match Commissioner at the stadium immediately after the match. On the report form, 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 an association at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.
- 25.6 A VAR may assist the referee to make a decision using replay footage in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the preliminary competition and as laid down by The International Football Association Board.



**FINANCIAL
PROVISIONS**

IX.

Article 26: Financial arrangements

26.1 All revenue from the exploitation of the commercial rights (advertising, TV and radio broadcasts, film and videos) for the preliminary competition matches belongs to the host association and, with the income from ticket sales, form the gross receipts. The owners of the rights are obliged to provide FIFA, upon request and free of charge, with 15 minutes of action footage per match. FIFA shall use this footage free of charge to promote its campaigns and football worldwide. FIFA is also entitled to use the footage for its own electronic data carriers or any such carriers produced on FIFA's behalf, and for its own multimedia database.

26.2 The levies due to the confederations in accordance with the confederations' statutes and regulations shall be deducted from the gross receipts.

26.3 The Participating Member Associations shall settle the other costs among themselves in mutual agreement. If no agreement resulting in a concluded formal written contract between the two associations is reached, the following provisions shall apply:

- a) The visiting association shall pay for its delegation's own travel costs to the venue and/or the nearest international airport as well as board and lodging during the entire stay.
- b) The host association shall pay for the domestic transport in the host country of the visiting association's delegation for a maximum of 45 persons for a duration depending on flight connections.
- c) The host association shall pay for board and lodging in a top-class hotel and domestic transport in the host country for the FIFA delegation: referee, assistant referees, fourth official, VAR, referee assessor and Match Commissioner, as well as any other official who may be designated.
- d) A team may not stay either at the same hotel as another team or at the hotel chosen for the FIFA delegation.

26.4 If the gross receipts of a match in the preliminary competition are insufficient to cover the expenses, the host association shall bear the deficit.

26.5 FIFA shall bear the costs of:

- a) international travel and the daily allowances, as fixed by FIFA, of referees, assistant referees, VARs (if applicable) and fourth officials; and
- b) international travel as fixed by FIFA of the referee assessor, the Match Commissioner and/or any other official who may be designated.



26.6 During the preliminary competition, the relevant host association is responsible for the ticketing. It shall set aside an appropriate number – to be fixed by mutual agreement and in writing – of complimentary and purchasable tickets for the visiting association. At least five representatives from the visiting association shall be seated in the VIP box. The visiting association shall inform the host association no later than five days before the match and in writing of the total number of tickets that will not be used and thus returned upon arrival at the venue. The host association shall, upon request and free of charge, provide FIFA with ten VIP box tickets and up to 40 category-one tickets for each match. Such tickets shall be provided to FIFA at least 30 days before the match.

26.7 Any disputes arising from financial provisions shall be resolved amongst the associations concerned but may be submitted to FIFA for a final decision to be taken.



MEDICAL

X.

Article 27: 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).

Article 28: Sudden cardiac arrest and concussion

- 28.1** Each Participating Member Association shall ensure and confirm to FIFA that its players have undergone a pre-competition medical assessment (PCMA) in the 12 months prior to the start of the preliminary competition. FIFA recommends that participating teams use the form developed by FIFA Medical Network experts for their PCMA's.
- 28.2** A non-contact collapse of a player should be treated as a sudden cardiac death until proven otherwise. The medical team are allowed to enter the pitch immediately, to commence resuscitation, without waiting for a signal from the referee. One member of the field-of-play medical team notifies the fourth official of the collapse and need for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- 28.3** A player who experiences a suspected concussion during a match must undergo an examination by the team doctor in accordance with the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol. The referee may temporarily suspend play 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.
- 28.4** FIFA recommends that medical teams follow a graduated return-to-play protocol set forth in the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol for any player who has suffered concussion. The Protocol recognises that the time frame for return to play may vary, dependent on factors such as the player's age, gender, their symptoms and medical history, and that doctors must use their clinical judgement in making decisions with respect to return to play. The player's welfare must be their sole concern. FIFA requires that before any player who suffers a concussive episode can return to play in the preliminary competition, the team doctor certify that (a) such player has passed each of the steps set out in the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol, (b) such player is fit for competition and (c) the team doctor has discussed the management of the case with the FIFA Medical Coordinator where indicated (subject to consent from the player).



Article 29: Doping control

- 29.1 Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant FIFA regulations, circular letters and directives shall apply to the preliminary competition.
- 29.2 Players may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which they compete and to out-of-competition testing at any time and in any place.



MEDIA

XI.

Article 30: Media matters

- 30.1 Amendments to media provisions may be necessary in accordance with the requirements of the confederation, the guidelines in the FIFA International Match Protocol or the directives issued by the competent local authority.
- 30.2 Each association shall appoint a dedicated media officer to facilitate cooperation between the associations, FIFA and the media in accordance with these Regulations. The association media officer shall be able to speak at least one of the following official FIFA languages: English, French, Spanish or German, as well as other relevant languages. The association media officer must ensure that the media facilities and services provided by the association meet the required standards. The association media officer shall coordinate all media arrangements, including pre-match and post-match press conferences and interviews.
- 30.3 The associations' media officers shall coordinate media accreditation requests and ensure that all accreditation requests come from bona fide media representatives. Priority shall be given to media representatives from the countries of the two teams playing. Space permitting, access shall be given to international media representatives from any country.
- 30.4 In close cooperation with the relevant host association, FIFA is entitled to establish the terms and conditions applicable to the accreditation provided to media representatives at all matches.
- 30.5 Each association shall arrange a pre-match media activity on the day before each match. These activities shall ideally be official press conferences, but for matches with less media interest, they may also be a mixed-zone activity or single interview. In principle, such media activities shall be staged in the stadium in which the match is to be played, unless an alternative location is agreed in advance. As a minimum, each media activity shall be attended by the head coach of the team and, ideally, a player. The host association shall be responsible for providing the necessary technical infrastructure and services at pre-match media activities in the match stadium, including interpreting services.
- 30.6 The two associations' media officers shall be responsible for coordinating the activities and informing the media accordingly about all pre-match media activities.
- 30.7 Both associations shall make their training sessions open to the media for at least 15 minutes on the day before the match. In principle, the official training sessions shall take place in the stadium where the match will take place. Media representatives shall be able to follow the training sessions from the positions that they will occupy during the match.



- 30.8 An adequate number of covered seats shall be made available for the written press in a separate and secure area that is centrally located in the main or opposite stand, with a clear and unobstructed view of the whole pitch and with sufficient technical installations (e.g. power and internet connection) provided.
- 30.9 A working area with desks, power supply and cabled or Wi-Fi internet connections shall also be provided for media representatives. The internet connections for media representatives shall be dedicated networks and provided free of charge.
- 30.10 Interviews shall not be permitted during the match on the field of play itself or in its immediate vicinity. Interviews with coaches and players shall be allowed upon their arrival at the stadium, subject to their agreement. Post-match interviews (“flash” interviews) shall be conducted after the match in a designated area located between the pitch and the players’ dressing rooms. Associations shall make their head coach and at least two key players available for interviews.
- 30.11 Both teams shall make their head coach available for comments after the match in an official post-match press conference at the stadium. After the match, a mixed zone shall be set up between the dressing rooms and the team transport area in order to offer media representatives the opportunity to conduct interviews with players and coaches. All players from both teams who are listed on the official start list are obliged to pass through the mixed zone in order to conduct interviews with the media.
- 30.12 Media representatives are forbidden from entering the team and referee dressing rooms before, during and after the match. However, one of the host broadcaster’s cameras may enter the dressing rooms before the match at a time agreed in advance with the associations in order to film the players’ shirts and equipment. This filming shall be completed well before the arrival of the players.
- 30.13 No media representatives shall be allowed to enter the field of play before, during or after the match, with the exception of one hand-held camera crew covering the team line-ups at the start of the match and up to two of the host broadcaster’s cameras filming after the end of the match. The same shall apply to the tunnel and dressing-room area, with the exception of cameras for flash interviews, team arrivals and players in the tunnel prior to taking to the pitch (before the match) and at the start of the second half.

In terms of the mass media, only a limited number of photographers, camera operators and production staff of the broadcasters – equipped with appropriate pitch-access accreditation – shall be allowed to work in the area between the boundaries of the pitch and the spectators.



**FINAL
COMPETITION**

XII.

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Article 31: Number of teams and tournament entries

31.1 The FIFA Council has decided that the number of places available to each confederation in the final competitions shall be as follows:

Men's Tournament (16 teams)		Women's Tournament (12 teams)	
AFC:	3,5	AFC:	2
CAF:	3,5	CAF:	2
Concacaf:	2	Concacaf:	2
CONMEBOL:	2	CONMEBOL:	2
OFC:	1	OFC:	1
UEFA:	3	UEFA:	2
Host (France):	1	Host (France):	1

31.2 The entry of the 16 men's and 12 women's Olympic teams that qualify for the final competitions shall be communicated to Paris 2024 in writing by their respective NOCs

31.3 In addition, associations entitled to take part in the final competitions shall confirm their participation to FIFA by completing the official entry form online, and sending a signed copy to FIFA by the deadline set by FIFA.

31.4 Further to completing FIFA's official entry form, each NOC shall be required to complete Paris 2024's final Sport Entry Forms and Eligibility Conditions forms for the purpose of official registration of the athletes for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

31.5 On entering the final competition(s), the Participating Member Associations shall automatically undertake to:

- observe these Regulations and to ensure that the players, the officials and all other Delegation Members observe the same;
- accept the decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these Regulations;
- accept all the arrangements made by Paris 2024 in agreement with FIFA; and
- accept any use, recording and broadcast of images of players and officials that may occur in connection with the final competition(s).

Further provisions governing the modalities and specific details relating to the final competition will be adopted by the FIFA Council at a later stage.



Article 32: FIFA marks

32.1 FIFA owns and controls all intellectual property rights relating to its name, marks, logos, emblems, cup design and other such marks relating to the Tournaments on a worldwide basis, including but not limited to:

- a) the name "FIFA"; and
- b) the FIFA design emblem.

32.2 The use of these marks is subject to FIFA's prior written approval and further regulations and guidelines issued by FIFA. The Participating Member Associations shall not use FIFA's marks without obtaining such written approval.

32.3 The Participating Member Associations shall refrain from the development, use or registration of any name, logo, trade mark, indicia, brand name, symbol, service mark or other mark (whether registered or unregistered) or designation which may be inferred by the public as identifying with FIFA or the Tournaments, including the word "FIFA" (or any other term used in any language to identify the Tournaments), or the development, use or registration of any dates in connection with the name of the host country, venues or Host City (or cities) of the final competitions of the Tournaments, or any similar indicia or derivation of such terms or dates in any language. The Participating Member Associations shall further ensure that their commercial affiliates comply with the provisions of this section, and that such commercial affiliates do not engage in any activity which might give rise to the impression that such commercial affiliates are officially associated with the Tournaments.

32.4 The Participating Member Associations shall not oppose any of the trade mark or copyright applications filed by FIFA or its affiliates, nominees or licensees in respect of FIFA's marks. The Participating Member Associations shall not in any way challenge, or apply for any copyright, trade mark, or patent protection, or domain name registration (whether in respect of, or in relation to FIFA's marks or otherwise) which would adversely affect the relevant owner's proprietary interests in FIFA's marks, or assist any other person to do so.

Article 33: Rights of the IOC

All commercial rights in relation to the final competitions (marketing and TV rights) are regulated by the IOC.



**CLOSING
PROVISIONS**

XIII.

Article 34: Liability

With the sole exception of preliminary competition matches hosted and staged by, or under the auspices of, FIFA at a neutral venue as decided by FIFA and not being considered a preliminary competition home match of either of the two participating associations, the host association of a preliminary competition match shall be exclusively responsible for the organisation of its home matches and shall discharge FIFA from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against FIFA and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any claims relating to such match.

Article 35: Special circumstances

FIFA shall, in conjunction with the IOC and Paris 2024, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

Article 36: Matters not provided for

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

Article 37: Languages

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or Spanish texts of these Regulations or any other language version thereof, the English text shall be authoritative.

Article 38: Copyright

The copyright for these Regulations and for the match schedules drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations are the property of FIFA.

Article 39: 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.



Article 40: Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Council on 16 December 2022 and came into force immediately.

Doha, 16 December 2022

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