



Regulations

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.

Article 1: FIFA Women's World Cup™

- 1.1 The FIFA Women's World Cup™ is a FIFA competition embodied in the FIFA Statutes.
- 1.2 The FIFA Women's World Cup™ takes place every four years. As a general rule, every association affiliated to FIFA may participate in the FIFA Women's World Cup™.
- 1.3 The FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™ ("FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™") consists of a preliminary competition and a final competition.
- 1.4 The final competition is scheduled to be played from 20 July 2023 to 20 August 2023.
- Any rights associated with the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ 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 or final competition, or to a confederation, belong to FIFA.
- 1.5 These Regulations regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all member associations taking part in the final competition of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ ("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 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 Other rules and/or decisions that are binding on FIFA (e.g. due to FIFA being a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code) 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.

Article 2: Preliminary competition

- 2.1 The organisation of the preliminary competition in the applicable form is assigned to the confederations in accordance with the FIFA Statutes in their applicable form. The confederations are required to draw up regulations for the preliminary competition and to submit them to FIFA for approval at least three months before the start of the preliminary competition.
- 2.2 On entering the preliminary competition, all associations automatically undertake to:
- (a) accept that all administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters related to the preliminary competition shall be dealt with by the respective confederation in compliance with the regulations submitted, and FIFA will only intervene if a confederation requests FIFA's assistance or in any cases specifically provided for in the FIFA Disciplinary Code;
 - (b) observe the principles of fair play.
- 2.3 The Play-Off Tournament for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™ ("Play-Off Tournament") is considered to be part of the preliminary competition. It is scheduled to be played within the existing type II window of the women's international match calendar (13 to 22 February 2023) from 17 to 23 February 2023 (with an extension of one day specifically for the Play-Off Tournament). The regulations for the Play-Off Tournament are published by FIFA.
- 2.4 In the event that any of the preliminary competitions are not held or completed in a manner that determines a winning member association(s) (due to cancellation, postponement, abandonment or otherwise), then the applicable confederation shall propose to FIFA, for FIFA's prior written approval, a member association(s) 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 3: Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions

- 3.1 The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions (the “FIFA Organising Committee”), appointed by the FIFA Council, is responsible for organising the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023[™] in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Governance Regulations.
- 3.2 The FIFA Organising Committee may, if necessary, appoint a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with emergencies. Any decision taken by the bureau or sub-committee shall come into effect immediately but shall be subject to confirmation by the plenary committee at its next meeting.
- 3.3 The FIFA Organising Committee shall deal with any aspect of the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023[™] that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or the FIFA Governance Regulations.
- 3.4 The decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee and/or its bureau/sub-committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Article 4: Local FIFA Subsidiary

- 4.1 FIFA established a local FIFA subsidiary, FWWC 2023 Pty Ltd, with offices based in Sydney, Australia and Auckland, New Zealand (also referred to as the “Local FIFA Subsidiary”), in order to deliver various operational projects relating to the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023[™].
- 4.2 FWWC 2023 Pty Ltd may communicate with the Participating Member Associations from time to time on matters relating to the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023[™]. Notwithstanding the foregoing, FIFA remains the ultimate authority on all operational and competition matters relating to the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023[™].

Article 5: Participating Member Associations- responsibilities

5.1 The member associations that qualify for the final 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 final competition, and for the entire stay in the host 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, 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 shall:

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

5.2 On entering the final 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 final 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 final competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;
- (e) accept all of the arrangements relating to the final 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 final 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.

5.3

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 countries;
- (c) paying for any costs of extending the stay, before or after the final 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 procedure; and
- (e) attending all media conferences and other media activities organised by FIFA in accordance with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA circular letters, guidelines, directives and/or decisions.

5.4

All Participating Member Associations shall confirm their participation in the final competition 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. 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.

5.5

All Participating Member Associations shall indemnify, defend and hold FIFA, the Local FIFA Subsidiary 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.

Article 6: Withdrawal, unplayed matches, abandoned matches and replacement

6.1 All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches until their elimination from, or last match in, the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.

6.2 Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ no later than 30 days before the start of the final competition shall be fined at least CHF 15,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ within 30 days of the start of the final competition or during the final competition shall be fined at least CHF 20,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

Participating Member Associations that withdraw from the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ at any time may be required to reimburse the team preparation money as well as any other tournament-related contribution payments that they received from FIFA.

6.3 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. The FIFA Organising Committee may decide to replace the withdrawn Participating Member Association in question with another member association.

6.4 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 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

6.5 Any Participating Member Association that withdraws or whose behaviour is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered by FIFA to reimburse FIFA 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 Local FIFA Subsidiary or any other Participating Member Association. The association in question shall also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.

6.6 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.

6.7 Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already commenced, 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, location and any other matter shall be decided by FIFA.



DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES



Article 7: Disciplinary matters

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and measures for the duration of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Member Associations one month before the first match of the final competition at the latest.
- 7.3 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 8: Disputes

- 8.1 All disputes in connection with the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ shall be promptly settled by negotiation (with the exception of those falling under art. 7 above).
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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 9: Protests

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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 by email to disciplinary@fifa.org and cpm@fifa.org within 24 hours of the end of the match in question, otherwise they shall be disregarded.
- 9.3 Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches shall be submitted by email to disciplinary@fifa.org and cpm@fifa.org no later than five days before the first match of the final competition and shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 9.4 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 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.
- 9.5 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.
- 9.6 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.
- 9.7 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose disciplinary measures against the Participating Member Association.

- 9.8 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations (and in the FIFA Disciplinary Code, where applicable) are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ 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.
- 9.9 FIFA shall pass decisions on any protests lodged, subject to the exceptions stipulated in these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or any other FIFA regulations.

Article 10: Yellow and red cards

- 10.1 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 Laws of the Game, Law 12.3); the referee will report any other misconduct.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Single yellow cards in the final competition will be cancelled after the quarter-finals.
- 10.4 If players or team officials receive two cautions during two different matches, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 Any match suspension resulting from a player or official being sent off (as a result of a direct or indirect red card) that cannot be served during the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ (due to the team's elimination or last match in the competition) will be carried over in accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

COMPETITION FORMAT



Article 11: Number of teams

- 11.1** The FIFA Council fixed the number of teams taking part in the final competition of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ at 32, namely the host member associations' representative teams, Australia and New Zealand, and the 30 other teams that qualify from the preliminary competition.
- 11.2** The FIFA Organising Committee forms groups for the final competition by seeding and drawing lots whilst taking sporting and geographical factors into consideration, as far as possible. The draw is due to take place in New Zealand in 2022: further details shall be communicated by circular letter.
- 11.3** The decisions of the FIFA Organising Committee on the group formation and the duration of the final competition are final. In the event of any withdrawals, the FIFA Organising Committee may change the groups.
- 11.4** On 24 December 2020, the Bureau of the FIFA Council decided to allocate the following number of slots to the confederations for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™:

CONFEDERATION	NUMBER OF DIRECT SLOTS	PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT SLOT ALLOCATION
AFC	6 (including Australia as co-host)	2
CAF	4	2
Concacaf	4	2
CONMEBOL	3	2
OFC	1 (New Zealand as co-host)	1
UEFA	11	1
Total number of slots to qualify for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™	29	3

Article 12: Group and knockout stages

12.1 The final competition will be played in a group stage, followed by the round of 16, quarter-finals and semi-finals, the play-off for third place and the final.

12.2 The 32 teams taking part in the final competition will be divided into eight groups of four teams.

12.3 The FIFA Organising Committee will divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public at the draw, which will take place in New Zealand in 2022, whilst taking sporting and geographical factors into consideration as far as possible. The national team of host country New Zealand will be seeded as team A1 and the national team of host country Australia will be seeded as team B1.

The teams in the eight groups will be designated as follows:

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1	G1	H1
A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2	G2	H2
A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3	G3	H3
A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4	G4	H4

- 12.4 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. A2 A3 v. A4	A1 v. A3 A4 v. A2	A4 v. A1 A2 v. A3
B1 v. B2 B3 v. B4	B1 v. B3 B4 v. B2	B4 v. B1 B2 v. B3
C1 v. C2 C3 v. C4	C1 v. C3 C4 v. C2	C4 v. C1 C2 v. C3
D1 v. D2 D3 v. D4	D1 v. D3 D4 v. D2	D4 v. D1 D2 v. D3
E1 v. E2 E3 v. E4	E1 v. E3 E4 v. E2	E4 v. E1 E2 v. E3
F1 v. F2 F3 v. F4	F1 v. F3 F4 v. F2	F4 v. F1 F2 v. F3
G1 v. G2 G3 v. G4	G1 v. G3 G4 v. G2	G4 v. G1 G2 v. G3
H1 v. H2 H3 v. H4	H1 v. H3 H4 v. H2	H4 v. H1 H2 v. H3

- 12.5 Each group will play its group-stage matches in either Australia or New Zealand, in order to reduce the teams' travel between the two countries. Consequently, 16 teams will play their group-stage matches in Australia and 16 teams will play their group-stage matches in New Zealand.
- 12.6 The last two matches in each group shall have simultaneous kick-off times on the same day.
- 12.7 The two teams finishing first and second in each group qualify for the round of 16.

12.8 The 16 teams that qualify from the group stage will contest the round of 16 as follows:

Winner A	v.	Runner-up C	= Winner 1
Winner B	v.	Runner-up D	= Winner 5
Winner C	v.	Runner-up A	= Winner 2
Winner D	v.	Runner-up B	= Winner 6
Winner E	v.	Runner-up G	= Winner 3
Winner F	v.	Runner-up H	= Winner 7
Winner G	v.	Runner-up E	= Winner 4
Winner H	v.	Runner-up F	= Winner 8

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

12.9 The eight teams that qualify from the round of 16 will contest the quarter-finals as follows:

A:	Winner 1 v. Winner 3
B:	Winner 2 v. Winner 4
C:	Winner 5 v. Winner 7
D:	Winner 6 v. Winner 8

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

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

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

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

12.11 The two winners of the semi-finals will contest the final, as follows:

Winner semi-final 1 v. Winner semi-final 2
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12.12 The runners-up of the semi-finals will contest the play-off for third place, as follows:

Runner-up semi-final 1 v. Runner-up semi-final 2

Article 13: Equal points and qualification for knockout stage

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) superior goal difference in all group matches;
- (b) 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 two criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- (c) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- (d) superior goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- (e) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- (f) 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.

- (g) drawing of lots by FIFA.

With respect to the second step, all affected teams will be ranked by applying the criteria (c) 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.

Article 14: Extra time and kicks from the penalty mark

- 14.1 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 not exceeding five minutes before the first period of extra time begins and a short drinks break (interval) not exceeding one minute at half-time. The players shall remain on the pitch during both of these intervals.
- 14.2 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.



COMPETITION PREPARATION

IV.

Article 15: Draw, Team Seminar and Team Workshop

The draw for the final competition, together with the Team Seminar, shall, in principle, take place approximately six months prior to the start of the final competition. In addition, FIFA may organise a Team Workshop as a separate event prior to commencement of the final competition. Detailed information concerning the draw, Team Seminar and Team Workshop shall be communicated by circular letter.

Article 16: Venues and kick-off times

- 16.1 The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be determined by FIFA.
- 16.2 The dates and venues of the matches shall be set, allowing each team a minimum rest period of 48 hours (a period of 72 hours would be preferable) between matches. 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.
- 16.3 FIFA shall confirm the match schedule, including kick-off times, for all matches after the draw.

Article 17: Friendly matches

- 17.1 Each team taking part in the final competition is entitled to play friendly matches and/or other preparation matches from the date of its arrival in the host countries until five days prior to its first match of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ in accordance with the following rules and the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches:
- (a) Prior approval must be given by the host member associations and FIFA, and the relevant confederations must be informed. In principle:
- (i) matches in stadiums selected for use during the final competition will generally be prohibited; and
 - (ii) requests to play matches at official team training sites (i.e. team base camp training sites and, potentially, venue-specific training sites) will be considered taking into account the prevailing conditions, such as the quality of the field of play, the weather and operational considerations.

In particular, FIFA may withhold its approval for matches intended to be held at the above sites as from one month prior to the opening match of the final competition in order to ensure that the field of play is of the highest quality.

- (b) Each team must comply with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the FIFA Equipment Regulations and any other applicable FIFA regulations or guidelines.
- (c) Teams drawn into the same group of the final competition shall not play friendly matches against each other.
- (d) Any further requests shall be submitted to FIFA in accordance with the respective procedures.

17.2

The rights emanating from an approved friendly and/or other preparation match in the host countries including, among others, all kinds of financial rights, audiovisual and radio-recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and ticketing rights, may be commercialised by the teams participating in such friendly and/or other preparation matches subject to the following conditions (and provided no association is made with the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, e.g. "Road to the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™" or "Preparation match for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™" or other prohibited messaging pursuant to the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations):

- (a) In the event of such match taking place at a team base camp training site (which could also, potentially, be a venue-specific training site), commercialisation is only permitted if the friendly match takes place earlier than five days prior to the opening match of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™; as from five days prior to the opening match of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, only non-commercialised preparation matches may take place at a team base camp training site (or venue-specific training site).
- (b) If such match does not take place at an official competition site, commercialisation is permitted until five days prior to the team's first match of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.
- (c) FIFA reserves the right to film any friendly matches in which the Participating Member Association plays in the host countries after the Draw for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ and before the start of the final competition. For this purpose, FIFA filming crews and FIFA photographers will be accredited for the friendly match as per the applicable procedures in place. Any footage captured may be provided to FIFA's Media Rights Licensees as source material or as part of fully produced features and may be used in any competition-related programming.

17.3

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

Article 18: Team arrivals and accommodation

- 18.1 Each team participating in the final competition shall arrive in either of the two host countries at least five days before its first group match.
- 18.2 Only official team accommodation in Australia and New Zealand (team base camps and venue-specific team hotels) designated as such by FIFA shall be used for the teams' accommodation from five days before the team's first match and up to one day after its elimination or last match in the competition.
- 18.3 Each team participating in the final competition shall choose a team base camp from the team base camp brochure in the host country of its group-stage matches, which shall be its main accommodation base until the knockout phase begins (round of 16). Each team shall travel from its team base camp to the match venues as per the Team Accommodation and Team Movement Policy.
- 18.4 From the round of 16 onwards, each team shall be free to release its team base camp and move from match venue to match venue until the end of its participation in the competition.
- 18.5 Further details will be communicated at a later stage in the Team Accommodation and Team Movement Policy via a circular letter.



**STADIUMS
AND TRAINING
SITES**

V.

Article 19: Stadiums

- 19.1 Matches shall be played on natural grass or, provided special dispensation is granted by FIFA, on artificial surfaces. For natural grass pitches, FIFA's guidelines and requirements shall be followed. In order to ensure that the field of play is of the highest quality, it shall not be used for a non-football event as of two months before the first match held in the stadium in connection with the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™. In order to ensure that the field of play is of the highest quality, it shall also not be used for any kind of event as of one month before the first match held in the stadium in connection with the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™. Any exemption to these deadlines is subject to FIFA's explicit prior approval in writing. 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. In principle, the training sites shall have the same type of turf as the stadium in the same Host City.
- 19.2 Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, the pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m, width 68m.
- 19.3 The pitch watering schedule and the height of the grass will be communicated by the FIFA Match Director at the Match Coordination Meeting.
- 19.4 The field 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 and padding. Each stadium shall have spare goals, nets and corner flags located in close proximity to the field of play for contingency purposes.
- 19.5 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ stadiums shall be tobacco-free and free of vapours from e-cigarettes in accordance with the FIFA Event Policy on Tobacco. FIFA reserves the right to determine whether outdoor designated smoking areas shall be established for each stadium.

Article 20: Stadium roof

- 20.1 If a stadium has a retractable roof, FIFA shall decide before the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced by the FIFA Match Director at the Match Coordination Meeting.
- 20.2 If the match starts with the roof open and there is a serious deterioration in the weather conditions impacting the match, in consultation with the FIFA Match Director, the referee 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. The roof may only be opened or closed if there is no one on the pitch.

Article 21: Stadium clocks and giant screen

- 21.1 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).
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 FIFA shall determine the conditions governing all scoreboard and giant screen transmissions.

Article 22: Training sites

- 22.1 In principle, all training sites shall be approved by FIFA.
- 22.2 The training sites (team base camp training sites) shall be made available at least five days before the team's first match until one day after its last match in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023[®]. In principle, the training sites shall be made available within this period at any time requested by the teams in accordance with their training schedule.
- 22.3 As from five days before the respective team's first match in the final competition, each team shall only use the official training sites allocated to it (i.e. the team base camp training site and the venue-specific training site, where applicable) for any training sessions.

- 22.4 In principle, and in order to ensure that the field of play is of the highest quality, such official training sites shall not be used for a football match or other event for a period commencing one month prior to the opening match of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ without the express written permission of FIFA.
- 22.5 Official training sites for the match officials and teams (team base camp training sites and venue-specific training sites) shall be in excellent condition and situated near the match officials' base camp hotel and the paired team base camp hotels and venue-specific team hotels. They shall be made available to FIFA for its exclusive use and shall be free of any and all commercial activities and identifications, e.g. boards and signage other than those of FIFA's Commercial Affiliates, from at least 14 days prior to the opening match of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ until three days after it was last required by a team (venue-specific training site), or the team completes its use of the training site (team base camp training site) or the completion of the final match of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ (match officials' training site).
- 22.6 Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, all training site pitches shall be in accordance with the pitch sizes for international matches specified in the Laws of the Game.
- 22.7 The training sites shall be situated within a reasonable driving distance by team bus from the team hotel, ideally within 20 minutes' drive.
- 22.8 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.
- 22.9 Each training site/pitch shall be equipped with a set of floodlights to cater for training sessions. The floodlights shall provide adequate lighting that guarantees that the entire surface of the playing area is evenly lit, ensures clarity of vision for the players and enables media and broadcast activities to take place.
- 22.10 Each training site shall be equipped with at least one dressing room with lockers, showers and toilets.
- 22.11 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ training sites shall be tobacco-free and free of vapours from e-cigarettes in accordance with the FIFA Event Policy on Tobacco. FIFA reserves the right to determine whether outdoor designated smoking areas shall be established for each training site.



**PLAYERS'
AND
OFFICIALS'
LISTS**

VI.

Article 23: Eligibility of players

- 23.1 Each Participating Member Association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023[™]:
- (a) All players shall hold the nationality of their country or territory as represented by the Participating Member Association 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 applicable FIFA rules and regulations.
- 23.2 Each Participating Member Association is responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 23.3 Protests regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with art. 9.3 above and the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

Article 24: Release list

- 24.1 Each Participating Member Association shall provide FIFA with a list of a minimum of 35 and no more than 55 players (four of whom shall be goalkeepers, hereinafter: the release list) whom it has called up in accordance with the relevant provisions of Annexe 1 to the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 24.2 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, number of caps attained and number of international goals scored, and 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 stipulated in the relevant circular letter.
- 24.3 The release lists will not be published by FIFA.

Article 25: 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://safeguardinginsport.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 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023[™];
- take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being is prioritised;
- liaise with the Competition Safeguarding Manager and the FIFA Event Safeguarding Manager should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse (be it psychological, physical or sexual, or neglect) arise; and
- know the specific safeguarding measures for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023[™] and the avenues available for reporting concerns.

Article 26: Final list

26.1 Each member association shall be required to provide FIFA with a final list of 23 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) and up to 22 officials (hereinafter: the final list) by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter. The players on the final list shall be chosen from the players on the release list. A signed copy of the final list shall also be sent by email to FIFA by the same stipulated deadline.

26.2 The final list shall show the player's 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.

Only the 23 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the final competition.

26.3 Players listed on the final list may only be replaced in the event of serious injury or illness up until 24 hours before the start of their team's first match. The replacement players do not need to be limited to 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 their passport). Upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment in one of the 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 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™. The replacement player shall be assigned the shirt number of the injured or ill player being replaced.

Injured or ill players who are replaced shall 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.

26.4 The final list of 23 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) and up to 22 officials shall constitute the official team delegation list.

26.5 The final list shall be published by FIFA.

26.6 Before the start of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, all players on the final list shall prove their identity, nationality and age by producing their legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of birth). Players who fail to submit their passport shall not be allowed to take part in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.

Article 27: Release of players

To ensure the timely release of players for the final competition of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, FIFA will set aside dates as follows:

- (a) The final matchday at club level for the 23 players nominated on the final lists for the final competition of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ will be 9 July 2023.
- (b) The mandatory release date for the players on the final list is 10 July 2023. Any special exemptions may only be granted by the FIFA Council.

Article 28: Accreditation

28.1 FIFA shall issue each player and team official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph. Each Participating Member Association will receive up to 55 accreditations. For the sake of clarity, FIFA will cover the costs of up to a maximum of 45 Delegation Members as stipulated in the financial provisions of these Regulations (23 for the players on the final list and up to 22 for the officials on the final list).

28.2 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.

28.3 FIFA reserves the right to revoke the accreditation of any official or player due to the misconduct of the individual concerned in accordance with the accreditation terms and conditions.

28.4 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.

28.5 Players shall wear their accreditation when entering the stadiums, training sites and team hotels. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™. Players shall wear their accreditation at all times in the team hotels.

28.6 Team officials shall wear their accreditation when entering the stadiums, training sites and team hotels and at all times in the stadiums, training sites and team hotels.



**KIT AND TEAM
EQUIPMENT**

VII.

Article 29: Kit and colours approval

- 29.1 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 are inconsistent with any aspect of the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the FIFA Equipment Regulations shall take precedence. The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans of any nature 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 of any nature 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 official matches and training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).
- 29.2 Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light) for each of its first-choice (official) and alternative (reserve) team playing kit items (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 first-choice and alternative team playing 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. 29.3 below, may be worn during matches.
- 29.3 The Participating Member Associations shall send to FIFA for approval a sample of all items of the full first-choice and alternative team playing kits (shirt, shorts, socks, all three goalkeeper's kits, gloves, caps, wristbands and headbands, etc.) intended for use during the final competition. In addition, FIFA may organise a kit-day session prior to the final competition; should it do so, the date shall be confirmed by circular letter. Representatives of all Participating Member Associations shall attend. All equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display within the stadium, the training grounds and the hotels or during transfers to, from or within Australia and New Zealand must be approved by FIFA. FIFA shall issue a written team kit report approving or rejecting the kit items. Should any article of the team kit or any part thereof not be in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations and the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the Participating Member Association will be obliged to change it accordingly and re-submit the corrected items within 30 days of the first written decision. These decisions are not subject to appeal.

29.4 All equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display in the stadiums, the training sites, the hotels or during transfers to, from or within the host countries must be re-checked and approved by FIFA during the Team Arrival Meeting for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.

29.5 From the moment that their teams first arrive in the host country where they will play their first match, and at the latest five days before the opening match until the end of the final competition, Participating Member Associations may not display (including on any clothing) any third-party commercial identification or branding in any final competition stadiums or training sites, or in connection with any official media activities, other than:

- (a) on kit used at unofficial training sessions;
- (b) in the indoor press conference facility at their official training site (or other press conference location approved by FIFA), but only when used for unofficial events/activities; or
- (c) manufacturer's identifications on kit, in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

More details may be provided in the FIFA Media & Marketing Regulations.

Article 30: Numbers and names

30.1 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 shall 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.

30.2 The player's last name or popular name 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. In case of doubt, FIFA shall have the final decision regarding the name that appears on the shirt.

30.3 Each team shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™. 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.

Article 31: Match colours designation

31.1 Approximately two months (and no later than one month) before the start of the final competition (ideally, as soon as reasonably practical after the official draw and team kit inspection processes have taken place for all participating teams), FIFA will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match of the group stage. As far as is possible, FIFA's preference is for each team to wear its first-choice 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 from 1 to 5:

1. Team A playing kit
2. Team B playing kit
3. Team A goalkeeper kit
4. Team B goalkeeper kit
5. Match officials (referees) kit

If the above order of priority does not produce a clear colour contrast of the kits (having considered the respective first-choice playing kit and alternative playing kit colour options), the allocation shall continue step by step in reverse order (team B colours first, followed by team A colours and/or reversal of team A and team B assignment, if necessary) until an acceptable colour contrast is confirmed.

(b) If necessary, one or both teams may have to wear a combination of their first-choice and alternative player or goalkeeper kits, or each team may have to play in its respective alternative colours irrespective of its team A or team B status. FIFA will endeavour to ensure that each team wears its first-choice team playing kit at least once during the group stage. In principle, FIFA shall also consider the option of dark-kit and light-kit colour-contrast and amended team colour selection assignments in the interests of accommodating individuals with a colour vision deficiency whenever reasonably practicable.

31.2 FIFA shall confirm the playing 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 colours assignment decided by FIFA is final.

31.3 The first-choice and alternative team playing kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts without names and numbers) shall be taken to every match.

Article 32: Other equipment

- 32.1 FIFA will supply a sufficient number of players' sleeve badges with the official competition logo of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, 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 Member Associations the instructions for use of the players' sleeve badges.
- 32.2 FIFA will provide each participating team with a set of special equipment upon arrival in the host country where it will play its first match (e.g. drinks bottles, drinks coolers, medical bags, captain's armbands, etc.). This equipment shall be used at the stadium and official training sessions, to the exclusion of any other similar items.
- 32.3 The footballs used in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ shall be selected and exclusively supplied by FIFA. Each team will receive training balls from FIFA prior to the final competition after the conclusion of the preliminary competition and all teams have successfully submitted the required team entry details. Training balls will also be provided to the participating teams upon arrival in the host country where they will play their first match. Only these balls provided by FIFA may be used for training and warm-up sessions at the official stadiums and training sites.
- 32.4 Only warm-up bibs provided by FIFA may be used during official training sessions and at the stadium in the pre-match warm-up, on the team benches and for the warm-up of substitute players during the match.
- 32.5 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, registered with FIFA by the Participating Member Association for use in the final competition and otherwise complies with the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations and any other applicable FIFA regulations.



**MATCH
ORGANISATION**

VIII.

Article 33: Start list

- 33.1 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 such arrival.
- 33.2 At the Match Coordination Meetings (before each match), the teams will receive a start list with all 23 players' full names and shirt numbers together with the full names of the team officials eligible to be seated on the bench.
- 33.3 The start list should be duly completed by selecting the 11 players who will start the match, indicating the captain, selecting the team officials to be seated on the bench (maximum of 11) and signed by the head coach. 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.
- 33.4 The numbers on the players' shirts shall 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.
- 33.5 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 and the referee are officially informed thereof prior to kick off. Within 24 hours, the team concerned shall also provide FIFA with a medical report issued by the team doctor responsible (in one of the official languages of FIFA).
- 33.6 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 in accordance with the Laws of the Game. 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.
- 33.7 Only the players who were identified on the official start list submitted to the FIFA Match Director, or 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.

Article 34: Technical and warm-up areas

- 34.1 The technical area is the area which the coach, other team officials and substitutes are allowed to occupy during the match. It includes the dugout (if applicable), the team bench and a marked zone adjacent to the pitch.
- 34.2 No more than 23 people (12 substitute players and 11 team 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 or be allowed in the technical area.
- 34.3 Additional technical overflow 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.
- 34.4 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.
- 34.5 A maximum of six players per team shall warm up at the same time behind the advertising boards to the rear of the goal (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 or next to their own bench. 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.
- 34.6 Smoking, vaping and the use of any tobacco-related product 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.
- 34.7 Small, hand-held electronic equipment (e.g. microphones, headphones, earpieces, mobile phones/smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, etc.) are permitted in the technical area only if used for coaching/tactics or player welfare in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations.
- 34.8 Additional special equipment items (e.g. antennae) 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, but not in the technical area of such stadium.

Article 35: Match protocol

35.1 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 countries and both competing Participating Member Associations shall be flown in the stadium at every match, unless FIFA states otherwise.

35.2 Unless FIFA states otherwise, 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 letter.

35.3 The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans of any nature 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 official matches and training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).

Article 36: Official training sessions, stadium familiarisation visits and pre-match warm-ups

36.1 In order to preserve the quality of the pitch for the matches, no official training sessions will be allowed on the stadium pitches before any match. In principle, all Participating Member Associations' official training sessions will be conducted at the venue specific training sites assigned by FIFA.

36.2 Teams that are due to play a match in a stadium in which they have not previously played will be entitled to a familiarisation visit in that stadium on the day before the match. The players and officials will be permitted to walk around the field of play (to inspect the pitch only, and wearing training shoes) and stadium to familiarise themselves with the set-up.

36.3 Official training session and stadium familiarisation times will be communicated by FIFA.

36.4 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 relating to the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023¹, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session timings and/or specify restricted areas of use.



REFEREEING

IX.

Article 37: Laws of the Game

- 37.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ and as laid down by The International Football Association Board ("The IFAB") ("Laws of the Game"). In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.
- 37.2 One additional substitute may be used at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ 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).
- 37.3 Players are entitled to an interval at half-time, not exceeding 15 minutes; a short drinks break (which should not exceed one minute) is permitted at the interval of half-time in extra time.
- 37.4 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.
- 37.5 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 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, 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 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.
- 37.6 Video assistant referee (VAR) systems and other forms of technology for reviewing match changing incidents (e.g. semi-automated offside technology) may be used for reviewing match-changing decisions/incidents, as per the protocol established by The IFAB.
- 37.7 Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with a half-time interval not exceeding 15 minutes.

Article 38: Referees

- 38.1 The referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and VARs (if appointed) (hereinafter referred to collectively as “match officials”) for the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023™ shall be appointed for each match by the FIFA Referees Committee. They shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing List in force and shall not come from a member association that is represented by a team playing in the group or match in question. A reserve assistant referee may also be appointed for matches of the final competition. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.
- 38.2 If the referees are prevented from carrying out their duties, they shall be replaced by the fourth official. Assistant referees who are prevented from carrying out their duties shall be replaced by the fourth official or by the reserve assistant referee if and when designated. The FIFA Referees Committee shall be informed immediately.
- 38.3 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 Member Association at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.



FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

X.

Article 39: Costs borne by FIFA

FIFA shall bear the following:

- (a) a contribution towards the preparation costs incurred by the Participating Member Associations in accordance with a set tariff to be fixed in due course by FIFA:
 - (i) The said tariff will be available to each Participating Member Association and will be referred to as “Preparation Money”. The basic principles and detailed financial guidelines for the use of the Preparation Money will be provided in an accompanying circular letter entitled “FIFA Women’s World Cup Australia and New Zealand 2023” – financial matters” (the “Circular”). The Circular is binding on all parties participating and involved in preparations for the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023”.
 - (ii) Preparation Money may only be used to cover the eligible costs incurred by the Participating Member Association in relation to preparations for the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023”, upon qualification. No other costs listed in art. 39 pars (b) to (k) inclusive or art. 40 may be recovered using Preparation Money. Detailed guidance on the eligibility of costs is set out in the Circular.
 - (iii) In order to receive the Preparation Money, a Participating Member Association must open a separate bank account in its own name, at a bank in the country in which its registered headquarters are located, specifically for the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023” Preparation Money and for its direct benefit. The Participating Member Association must make all payments relating to the Preparation Money directly from its Preparation Money bank account. No other bank accounts may be used for the Preparation Money.
 - (iv) The Participating Member Association must report on the use of Preparation Money and FIFA reserves the right to carry out checks and audits in relation to the use of the Preparation Money. Further detailed guidance on reporting and auditing may be found in the Circular.

- (b) a contribution towards the costs of international business-class return flights for up to 45 Delegation Members from each Participating Member Association between a city to be designated by FIFA and the host countries incurred by the Participating Member Associations for the necessary bookings. The contribution shall be paid in accordance with a set of fixed conditions and upon the submission of the relevant documentation, to be communicated in due course. It is the responsibility of the PMA to secure and book the business-class tickets for its delegation's members in one or multiple flights. If a Participating Member Association elects to charter a private aircraft for the air travel of its delegation, FIFA's obligation will be limited to the amount FIFA would have incurred had the Participating Member Association used FIFA's designated commercial air carrier for its delegation's air travel;
- (c) a contribution towards the costs of board and lodging for up to 45 people from each Participating Member Association in accordance with a set tariff to be fixed in due course, starting five nights prior to each team's first match and up to one night following the date of the team's last match (elimination). FIFA shall determine these rates based on an average of the prevailing FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ sales rates in the official team hotels;
- (d) the prize money for the Participating Member Associations, the amounts of which shall be determined by FIFA;
- (e) the costs incurred by match officials, referee assessors and FIFA Match Commissioners and other members of the FIFA delegation;
- (f) the doping control expenses;
- (g) the costs of insurance taken out by FIFA to cover its own risks;
- (h) the costs of visas obtained to enter Australia and New Zealand;
- (i) the costs of domestic ground and/or air transport services for up to 45 Delegation Members, including their equipment (up to a maximum weight to be communicated by FIFA), from each Participating Member Association;
- (j) the costs of a dedicated fleet of vehicles, including one equipment van, will be provided for the exclusive use of each participating team during a period starting five days prior to each team's first match and up to two days following the date of its last match (elimination). One luggage truck will also be provided between the airport and the official team hotel (up to a maximum size to be defined by FIFA in the relevant circular letter); and
- (k) expenses induced by pandemic diseases, such as COVID-19 (e.g. PCR tests), as outlined in a circular letter.

Article 40: Costs borne by the Participating Member Associations

40.1 Each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for and bear:

- (a) the costs 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 applicable FIFA rules or regulations (cf. in particular Annexe 1, art. 2 par. 3 of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players);
- (b) board and lodging during the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023[®], including rental of meeting rooms and audiovisual technical equipment in excess of the contribution paid by FIFA specified above;
- (c) all incidental hotel costs;
- (d) any other costs associated with additional members in excess of the 45 Delegation Members;
- (e) the costs of any additional menu items other than those agreed between FIFA and the team hotels;
- (f) the costs of any additional transportation not covered by FIFA; and
- (g) the costs of any service or equipment ordered via a rate card.

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

40.3 The financial terms and conditions for Participating Member Associations will be regulated in a circular letter.

Article 41: Ticketing

- 41.1 Each Participating Member Association is entitled to receive complimentary tickets and access to an allocation of purchasable 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 or by the Ticket Allocation Agreement.
- 41.2 FIFA is responsible for the entire ticketing operation of the final competition. 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.
- 41.3 FIFA may, at a later date, issue a Ticket Allocation Agreement for the final competition to each of the Participating Member Associations. All Participating Member Associations must sign and comply with this Ticket Allocation Agreement (should one be issued) prior to being granted access to tickets and ensure that their Delegation Members and other affiliates also comply with this agreement.



MEDICAL

XI.

Article 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).

Article 43: Sudden cardiac arrest and concussion

43.1 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 FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023™. If specifically performed for the tournament, FIFA recommends that participating teams use the form developed by FIFA Medical Network experts for their PCMA’s.

43.2 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.


43.3 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.

43.4 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 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023[™], 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 44: Doping control

44.1 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 FIFA Women's World Cup 2023[™].

44.2 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.



**COMMERCIAL
RIGHTS
AND MEDIA
MATTERS**

XII.

Article 45: Commercial rights and media matters

45.1 FIFA is the original owner of all of the rights emanating from the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ 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.

45.2 Each Participating Member Association is required to support and 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.

45.3 Media matters and obligations for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ 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 and their Delegation Members shall comply with the stipulations contained within these documents with respect to media matters.

The following obligations apply to Participating Member Associations:

- (a) Each Participating Member Association shall assist, and ensure that each Delegation Member assists, to the best possible extent, any official FIFA media activity during the final competition period, in accordance with these Regulations, the Media and Marketing Regulations and any other instructions and guidelines issued by FIFA.
- (b) 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.

- (c) Participating Member Associations shall organise media activities in the dedicated media facilities provided by FIFA to meet the needs of the media, including the FIFA TV team crews.
- (d) Participating Member Associations shall make the first 15 minutes of their training sessions open to the media on the day before the match.
- (e) 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 Australia or New Zealand prior to the team's first match of the final competition;
 - compulsory media activities during preparations on-site;
 - compulsory media activities around official training sessions on matchday-1;
 - compulsory media activities on matchdays; and
 - compulsory media activities on non-matchdays.

The above obligations are not exhaustive.

45.4 Journalists, photographers, television and radio commentators as well as 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 whom shall have been issued with dedicated accreditation, may be admitted to the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators.

45.5 In the interests of equality, especially gender equality, FIFA appeals to the media to report on fans both in and outside the stadium in a respectful and balanced way. This includes not commenting or focusing on content relating to their physical appearance, which sexualises and objectifies them. Moreover, in the interests of promoting children's rights and best interests at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023³, FIFA appeals to the media to use images of children (i.e. all boys and girls under the age of 18) safely and to seek informed consent, where feasible. The safe use of images of children includes, but is not limited to, not providing any information that could facilitate easily locating a child, not portraying children in an unethical, demeaning, tasteless or provocative manner, ensuring that they are properly dressed in a minimum of shirt and shorts, and not allowing any photography or filming of children in bathrooms, toilets or sleeping areas.

- 45.6 It is the responsibility of media organisations to be fully informed of the relevant national legislation in place that applies to the media in order to prevent the unethical coverage of stories involving children, to safeguard their right to privacy and to comply with the data protection rules governing the use of children's data.
- 45.7 The FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023⁷ specify these commercial and intellectual property rights as well as media matters and obligations relating to the final competition. All FIFA members must comply with these FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023⁷ at all times. To the extent that these Regulations are inconsistent with any aspect of the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023⁷, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations shall take precedence.



AWARDS

XIII.

Article 46: Trophy, awards and medals

- 46.1 The winner of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ will be presented with the FIFA Women's World Cup Trophy ("Trophy"), which remains the property of FIFA. The winning team will be provided with the Trophy during an on-pitch ceremony immediately following the final whistle, and will return it to FIFA in its dressing room immediately after the ceremonies of the final match and prior to its departure from the stadium. At this time, the winning team shall be provided with the FIFA Women's World Cup Winner's Trophy ("Winner's Trophy").
- 46.2 FIFA is responsible for engraving the Trophy with the name of the winning team.
- 46.3 The winning Participating Member Association shall take all reasonable steps, at its own expense, to ensure the security and safety of the Trophy and Winner's Trophy while they are in its possession.
- 46.4 The Winner's Trophy may remain in the temporary custody of the winning Participating Member Association but remains at all times the property of FIFA and must be returned immediately to FIFA if so requested by FIFA in writing.
- 46.5 FIFA will issue, at a later date, Trophy Regulations. The winning Participating Member Association shall ensure its full compliance with these Trophy Regulations.
- 46.6 A souvenir plaque will be presented to each Participating Member Association.
- 46.7 A diploma will be presented to the teams ranked first, second and third in the final competition.
- 46.8 Fifty 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.
- 46.9 One medal will be presented to each of the match officials who officiate at the play-off for third place and the final.
- 46.10 A fair play contest will be held during the final competition, for which FIFA has drawn up special regulations (cf. Annexe B). The FIFA Technical Study Group shall determine the ranking at the end of the final competition.

46.11 At the conclusion of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, the following special awards will be presented:

(a) Fair Play trophy

The FIFA Fair Play trophy, a fair play medal for each player and team official, a diploma and a voucher for USD 30,000 worth of football equipment (to be used for women's football development) will be presented to the team finishing first in the fair play contest. The applicable rules are in the Fair Play Contest Regulations.

(b) Golden, Silver and Bronze Boots

The Golden Boot will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the final competition. If two or more players score the same number of goals, the number of assists (as determined by the members of the FIFA Technical Study Group) shall be decisive. If two or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total minutes played in the tournament will be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes ranked first. A Silver Boot and a Bronze Boot will also be awarded for the second and third-highest goalscorers respectively.

(c) Golden, Silver and Bronze Balls

The Golden Ball will be awarded to the best player of the final competition. A Silver Ball and a Bronze Ball will be awarded to the second- and third-best players respectively. Further details will be given to the teams by means of a circular letter.

(d) Golden Glove

The Golden Glove will be awarded to the best goalkeeper in the final competition, as selected by the FIFA Technical Study Group.

(e) Young Player

The Young Player Award will be presented to the best young player (born on or after 1 January 2002) in the final competition, as selected by the FIFA Technical Study Group.

46.12 There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by FIFA.



**CLOSING
PROVISIONS**

XIV.

Article 47: Special circumstances

The FIFA Organising Committee may, in conjunction with the Local FIFA Subsidiary, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in Australia and/or New Zealand related to the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

Article 48: 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.

Article 49: Languages

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

Article 50: Copyright

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

Article 51: 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 52: Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Council on 22 October 2022 and came into force immediately.

Zurich, 22 October 2022

For FIFA

President

Gianni Infantino

Secretary General

Fatma Samoura

Annexe A: Approved FIFA event names

Play-Off Tournament for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™

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FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™-related terms:

Draw for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™

Team Workshop for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™

FIFA Women's World Cup Host City

FIFA Women's World Cup Trophy*

* The original FIFA Women's World Cup Trophy, which is only displayed during certain official FIFA ceremonies and is presented to the winning team during the finals award ceremony.

FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Winner's Trophy*

* The trophy which will be given to the winners of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™ as a permanent reminder of their outstanding achievement, in exchange for the return of the original FIFA Women's World Cup Trophy.

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Annexe B: Fair Play Contest Regulations

I. General provisions

1. As part of its campaign to promote fair play, FIFA regularly holds a fair play contest during its championships, based on an appraisal of the teams' conduct by a FIFA delegate such as the FIFA Match Commissioner, a member of the Technical Study Group or a member of a standing committee.
2. The objective of fair play activities is to foster a sporting spirit among players, team officials and spectators, thereby heightening the fans' enjoyment of the game.
3. At the final whistle of each game, the delegate shall complete the appropriate fair play form after consulting the referee and the referee assessor.
4. Every match in the final competition shall be taken into account.
5. FIFA shall compile and publish the classification at the end of the final competition. Its decision is final.
6. FIFA will award the team that wins the fair play contest a trophy, a medal for each player and official, and a diploma, all of which the team can keep permanently. The team shall also receive a voucher valued at USD 30,000, which shall be exchanged for a supply of football equipment to be used exclusively for youth development.

II. Assessment criteria

1. The assessment form contains six criteria by which the teams' fair play performance shall be judged, stressing the positive aspects rather than negative. As a general rule, maximum points shall only be awarded if the team concerned displays a positive attitude.
2. Red and yellow cards shall be deducted from a maximum of 10 points:
 - first yellow card: minus 1 point
 - second yellow/indirect red card: minus 3 points
 - direct red card: minus 4 points
 - yellow card & direct red card: minus 5 points
 Red and yellow cards are the only criteria entailing minus points.

3. Positive play

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 10 points

The aim of this criterion is to reward attacking and attractive play, and shall take into account such aspects as:

a) Positive aspects

- attacking rather than defensive tactics;
- speeding up the game;
- constantly attempting to score even if the desired result (e.g. qualification) has already been achieved.

b) Negative aspects

- tactics that rely on rough play;
- play-acting;
- time-wasting etc.

c) As a general rule, positive play is correlated with the number of scoring chances created and the number of goals scored.

4. Respect towards the opponent

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 5 points

Players are expected to respect the Laws of the Game, the competition regulations and opponents, etc.

When assessing the players' behaviour towards the opponents, duplication of the judgment for red and yellow cards should be avoided. However, the delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards as well as those overlooked by the referee.

Assessment shall be based on positive attitudes (e.g. helping an injured opponent) rather than on infringements. Behaviour that is basically faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture towards opponents shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

5. Respect towards the referee/match officials

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 5 points

Players are expected to respect the match officials and the decisions they take.

A positive attitude towards the referee, including acceptance of decisions without protest, shall be rewarded. Behaviour that is basically faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture towards the match officials shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

6. Behaviour of the team officials

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 5 points

Coaches and other team officials are expected to encourage the sporting, technical, tactical and ethical standards of their team and to direct the players to behave in accordance with the principles of fair play.

Both positive and negative factors in the behaviour of the team officials shall be included in the assessment, such as for instance whether they calm down angry players or how they accept the referee's decisions. Inciting or provoking players shall be rated negatively.

Cooperation with the media shall also be a factor in the assessment. Behaviour that is faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

7. Behaviour of the crowd

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 5 points

The crowd is considered to be an integral part of a football match. Fans can contribute to the positive atmosphere of a match by encouraging their team by cheering and singing, etc. in the spirit of fair play.

Spectators are, however, expected to respect the opponents and the referee. They should appreciate the opponents' performance regardless of the result and in no way intimidate or frighten opponents, the referee or the opponents' supporters.

The maximum number of points (5) may only be awarded if all these requirements have been satisfied, especially as regards creating a positive atmosphere.

This criterion is applicable only if a substantial number of fans of the team concerned are present. If the number of fans is negligible, "n.a." (not applicable) shall be entered under this item.

III. Final assessment

1. The final assessment of a team is obtained as follows:

a) the points awarded are added together, e.g. for team A:

$$8 + 7 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 4 = 31$$

b) this total is divided by the maximum number of points possible (40):

$$31 \div 40 = 0.775$$

c) this figure is multiplied by 1,000:

$$0.775 \times 1,000 = 775$$

If, however, the number of fans supporting a certain team is negligible and the “behaviour of the crowd” criterion consequently disregarded (“n.a.” – cf. art. II par. 7 of the fair play contest regulations), the maximum number of points obtainable will be 35.

Thus the final assessment would be attained as follows:

a) the points awarded are added together, e.g. for team B:

$$7 + 8 + 2 + 5 + 2 = 24$$

b) this total is divided by the maximum number of points possible (35):

$$24 \div 35 = 0.686$$

c) this figure is multiplied by 1,000:

$$0.686 \times 1,000 = 686$$

The overall assessment of a team during the final competition shall be calculated by adding the points attained at each match and dividing this figure by the number of matches played.

2. Teams that are eliminated after the group stage of the final competition shall be excluded from the fair play contest.

In addition to making the assessment, members of FIFA may give a short oral account of the teams’ fair play performance to explain the positive and negative factors, which form the basis of their assessment. The account may also point out any outstanding gestures of fair play from a player, official, referee or any other person. However, no additional points shall be awarded for this reason.

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