

A large, silver and gold trophy is the central focus of the image. The trophy has a wide, flared base with a gold band. The stem is silver and tapers upwards to a silver cup that holds a soccer ball. The background is a blurred stadium at night with bright lights and a crowd of spectators.

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# 1 FIFA Club World Cup

1. The FIFA Club World Cup (“World Cup”) is a FIFA competition embodied in the FIFA Statutes.
2. The World Cup takes place every year.
3. Participation in the World Cup is free of charge.
4. Any rights that are not ceded by the Regulations for the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2016 (“Regulations”) to the Organising Association or any participating club or any member association or to a confederation shall remain with FIFA.
5. The Regulations regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all clubs taking part in the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2016 and of the Organising Association by forming an integral part of the Hosting Agreement (“HA”). The Regulations and all guidelines and circulars issued by FIFA are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2016.
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 Statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.

# 2 FIFA Organising Committee

1. The Organising Committee for the FIFA Club World Cup, appointed by the FIFA Council, is the organising committee for the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2016 (the “FIFA Organising Committee”) and is responsible for organising the World Cup in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.



**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.**

The responsibilities of the FIFA Organising Committee include, but are not limited to:

- a) supervising general preparations and deciding on the competition format and the draw;
- b) approving the dates and venues of the matches and determining kick-off times;
- c) approving the choice of stadiums and training sites in accordance with the HA and after consultation with the Organising Association;
- d) appointing match commissioners;
- e) deciding cases of abandoned matches (cf. Law 7 of the Laws of the Game and art. 6 par. 6 and par. 7 of the Regulations) and, if applicable, reporting cases to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for deliberation and decision;
- f) approving the official football and the stipulated technical material;
- f) acknowledging the laboratory accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency that will carry out the doping analyses as selected by the FIFA Anti-Doping Unit;
- g) reporting cases in relation to art. 6 of these Regulations to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for deliberation and decision;
- h) judging protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility, with the exception of protests concerning the eligibility of players, which are dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee (cf. art. 10 par. 3 and art. 13 par. 2 of the Regulations);
- i) replacing clubs that have withdrawn from the World Cup;

- j) deciding cases of participating clubs failing to adhere to the time limits and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents;
- k) deciding on the rescheduling of matches due to extraordinary circumstances;
- l) settling cases of force majeure;
- m) dealing with any other aspect of the World Cup that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations or the FIFA Statutes.

#### 4.

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

## 3 Organising Association

### 1.

The FIFA Council has appointed the Japan Football Association (the “Organising Association”) as the host of the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2016.

### 2.

The Organising Association is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the World Cup. It shall set up a Local Organising Committee (“LOC”) in accordance with the Hosting Agreement (HA). The Organising Association and the LOC shall be subject to the control of FIFA, which has the final word on all matters relevant to the World Cup. All FIFA decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

### 3.

The obligations and responsibilities of the Organising Association with respect to the World Cup are stipulated in the HA. They include but shall not be limited to:

- a) ensuring that safety and order is maintained, particularly in and around the stadiums, training sites, hotels and other venues of the World Cup. It shall take adequate measures, including ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards, to guarantee safety and to prevent and avoid outbreaks of violence;

- b) concluding liability insurance against possible spectator accidents or deaths;
- c) concluding insurance policies in consultation with FIFA and according to the HA to cover all risks relating to the organisation and course of the World Cup, in particular, adequate liability insurance in respect of the stadiums, local organisation, members of the Organising Association and the LOC, employees, volunteers and any other persons involved in the organisation of the World Cup, which does not include the participating clubs (cf. art. 4 par. 4h) of the Regulations).

#### 4.

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

#### 5.

The Organising Association shall ensure that any decision taken by the FIFA Organising Committee relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

## 4 Participating clubs

### 1.

A total of seven clubs shall participate in the World Cup (each a “participating club”). The participating clubs shall be the winners of the following competitions:

- a) AFC                      Champions League 2016
- b) CAF                      Champions League 2016
- c) CONCACAF            Champions League 2015-2016
- d) CONMEBOL            Copa Libertadores 2016
- e) OFC                      Champions League 2016
- f) UEFA                     Champions League 2015-2016
- g) Host                      Latest season of the Organising Association’s top league

### 2.

There shall not be two participating clubs from the same member association in the World Cup. If the winner of the host confederation’s competition is a club affiliated to the Organising Association, the winner of the latest season of

the Organising Association's top league will be replaced by the next best club in the host confederation's competition that is not affiliated to the Organising Association and shall be appointed by the host confederation.

**3.**

If a winner of any of the above confederation competitions is not from a member association of the respective confederation, it will be replaced by the next best club affiliated to a member association of the relevant confederation.

**4.**

On entering the World Cup, the participating clubs automatically undertake to:

- a) comply with the maximum number of players and officials per official delegation as defined in the Technical Rules (cf. art. 21 par. 7 of the Regulations);
- b) agree to comply with and ensure that every Delegation Member (players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives and guests of a participating club) complies with these Regulations, the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes and FIFA's regulations, in particular the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations for the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2016, the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Code of Conduct and the FIFA Equipment Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA circular letters, regulations, guidelines, directives and/or decisions;
- c) observe these Regulations and ensure that their Delegation Members, in particular but not only their players, also observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
- d) accept and obey all decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these Regulations;
- e) participate in all matches of the World Cup in which their team is scheduled to take part;
- f) accept all of the arrangements relating to the World Cup made by the Organising Association in agreement with FIFA;
- g) accept the usage 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 World Cup;

- h) ensure the provision of adequate insurance to cover their Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel in consideration of the relevant FIFA rules or regulations (if applicable).

## 5.

In addition, each participating club shall be responsible for:

- a) the conduct of its Delegation Members and of any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the World Cup and for the entire duration of their stay in the host country;
- b) paying for incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf during the course of their stay in the host country;
- c) paying for any costs of extending the stay of any Delegation Member or any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
- d) applying for visas in good time from the nearest consulate or embassy of the host country, if necessary;
- e) participating in all media conferences and any other official media activities organised by FIFA in accordance with FIFA's instructions;
- f) refraining from organising a match with another participating club during a period commencing three months prior to the World Cup and ending six months after the World Cup (unless a participating club is officially invited by another confederation to participate in one of the club competitions as listed in art. 4 par. 1 above);
- g) ensuring that neither it, nor any of its Delegation Members, plays or otherwise participates in any game other than a World Cup match during its stay in the host country;
- h) ensuring that while in the host country, neither it nor its Delegation Members engage in any activity or event other than those conducted, organised or held by FIFA;

- i) providing FIFA with the non-exclusive, royalty-free right to use the following for the promotion of the World Cup:
  - i) the club name, emblem and mascot;
  - ii) details of the club's history;
  - iii) names and likenesses of the club's players and/or officials;
  - iv) information about the club's players (such as the players' statistics – height, weight, age);
  - v) excerpts or clips from footage of the matches of the relevant competition described in art. 4 par. 1 in which the club took part, of a maximum duration of three minutes per match.
- j) providing FIFA with the following for FIFA's promotional activities for the World Cup:
  - i) one colour picture of the club team;
  - ii) one colour player portrait picture for each club player taking part in the World Cup;
  - iii) one action picture of each prominent player and/or official from the club;
  - iv) supporter articles from the club (e.g. flags, scarves);
  - v) one product sample bearing the club emblem;
  - vi) excerpts or clips from footage of the matches of the relevant competition described in art. 4 par. 1 in which the club took part, of a maximum duration of three minutes per match.

## 6.

All participating clubs shall confirm their participation by submitting the originals of the official entry form and any other required documentation as communicated by FIFA via the corresponding circular(s), duly signed, to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline(s) set by FIFA. The timely submission to the FIFA general secretariat of any such documents is of the essence. The deadline shall be deemed as having been met if the relevant documents reach FIFA by the specified deadline. If a participating club 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.

**7.**

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

## **5 Integrity of the World Cup**

**1.**

To ensure the integrity of the World Cup, no participating club, individual or legal entity may, either directly or indirectly, have control or influence over another or more than one participating club.

**2.**

If two or more participating clubs fail to meet the above criterion aimed at ensuring the integrity of the World Cup, the Organising Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

**3.**

Clubs that are not admitted shall be replaced in accordance with art. 7.

## **6 Withdrawal, unplayed matches and abandoned matches**

**1.**

All participating clubs undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the World Cup.

**2.**

Any club that withdraws from the World Cup no later than 30 days before the first match shall be fined at least CHF 15,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary

Committee. Any club that withdraws from the World Cup fewer than 30 days before the first match shall be fined at least CHF 20,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

**3.**

Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose additional disciplinary measures, including the expulsion of the participating club concerned from a FIFA competition.

**4.**

Any match which is not played or which is abandoned – except in cases of force majeure recognised by the FIFA Organising Committee – may lead to the imposition of disciplinary measures against the relevant clubs and/or the expulsion of the clubs concerned from the World Cup by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

**5.**

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

**6.**

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

**7.**

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

- a) the match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same scoreline;
- b) the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;



- c) no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
- 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 remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- g) the kick-off time, date and location of the match shall be decided by the FIFA Organising Committee.

## **7** Replacement

If any participating club withdraws or is excluded from the competition, the FIFA Organising Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary. The FIFA Organising Committee may in particular decide to replace the club in question with another club.

## **8** Disciplinary matters

- 1.**  
Disciplinary incidents 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 clubs undertake to comply.
- 2.**  
FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the World Cup. Such rules shall be communicated to the participating clubs one month before the first match of the World Cup at the latest.
- 3.**  
The participating clubs and their Delegation Members agree to comply with the Laws of the Game and with the FIFA Statutes and regulations, in particular the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Code

of Ethics, the FIFA Code of Conduct, the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations for the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2016, and the FIFA Equipment Regulations, as well as with all directives and decisions of FIFA bodies unless these Regulations stipulate otherwise. The players agree to comply with all further FIFA guidelines, circulars and decisions that have any significance regarding the World Cup.

#### **4.**

In addition, the players agree notably to:

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

#### **5.**

Any violation of these Regulations or any other FIFA regulations, circulars, guidelines, directives and/or decisions that does not come under the jurisdiction of another body shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

## **9** Disputes

### **1.**

All disputes in connection with the World Cup shall be promptly settled by mediation.

### **2.**

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

### **3.**

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

# 10

## Protests

### 1.

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

### 2.

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

### 3.

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

### 4.

Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items (e.g. goals, flag posts or footballs) shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the head of delegation of the team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA General Coordinator by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match (cf. art. 2 par. 3i) of the Regulations).

### 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. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA General Coordinator by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.

**6.**

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

**7.**

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

**8.**

If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the World Cup has ended, any protest described in this article shall be disregarded.

**9.**

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

# 11

## Medical/Doping

**1.**

In order to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches in the World Cup, and to protect players' health, each participating club shall ensure that its players undergo a pre-competition medical assessment prior to the World Cup and inform FIFA accordingly. FIFA will provide all participating clubs with an assessment form.

**2.**

Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be sanctioned by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

**3.**

Doping is strictly prohibited. Anti-doping rule violations are defined in the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and sanctioned in accordance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

**4.**

FIFA will inform the participating clubs of the doping control procedures and the list of prohibited substances by means of a circular letter.

**5.**

The FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and all other relevant FIFA regulations and directives will apply to the World Cup.

## **12** Financial provisions

**1.**

Each participating club shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:

- a) adequate insurance cover for its Delegation Members;
- b) board and lodging during the World Cup (in excess of the amounts paid by FIFA or the Organising Association);
- c) any costs associated with additional members not covered under art. 12 par. 2 and par. 3.

**2.**

FIFA shall bear the costs of international air travel (business class) for 35 people per participating club from the capital city of the association of the club (or, in exceptional cases, from another city to be decided by FIFA) to the international airport nearest to the venue where the team is scheduled to play its first match.

- a) The participating clubs shall organise travel for their delegation themselves, subject to approval from FIFA.
- b) The participating clubs are responsible for arranging a deal with the airlines to reduce the cost for excess baggage. FIFA will decide on the weight of excess baggage for which FIFA will bear the costs, and will inform the participating clubs accordingly.
- c) The participating clubs are fully responsible for arranging return travel in accordance with FIFA regulations.

**3.**

The Organising Association shall bear the costs of the following:

- a) domestic travel (road, rail or air) within the host country for 35 people per participating club;
  - i) One team bus, one mini-van, one luggage van, and one car will be provided for the exclusive use of each participating club during the period commencing five days prior to each team's first match and until one day after its last match.
  - ii) One additional luggage van will be provided when travelling between the airport and the official team hotel, and between venues.
- b) board and lodging for 35 people per participating club starting five days prior to each team's first match and ending one day after its last match. This includes, in particular:
  - i) 11 double rooms and 13 single rooms;
  - ii) 1 meeting room;
  - iii) 1 equipment room;
  - iv) 1 massage room;
  - v) 1 exclusive area for dining;
  - vi) 3 meals per day, and a light meal for every matchday.
- c) training facilities for the participating clubs;
- d) laundry service for a set of match or training kits for 35 people per participating club per day, starting five days prior to each team's first match and ending one day after its last match.

**4.**

Any expenses other than those stipulated in these Regulations and explicitly outlined to be borne by FIFA or the Organising Association shall be borne by the relevant participating club.

# 13

## Eligibility of players

### 1.

A player is eligible to play in the World Cup provided he is duly registered for his club in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players as well as with the regulations of the participating club's member association. Therefore, the requirements that must be met for a player to be eligible to participate in the World Cup include, but are not limited to:

- a) registration as an amateur or professional with the participating club's member association for the relevant participating club during a registration period fixed by the relevant association or outside the registration period, if the exception listed in the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players applies;
- b) adherence to the limitation on registrations with different clubs and participation in official matches with different clubs during one season as established by the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players;
- c) if the player is registered for his club as a professional, existence of a written employment contract binding the professional player to his club and meeting the requirements concerning minimum and maximum length.

### 2.

Protests regarding the eligibility of players (cf. art. 10 par. 3 of the Regulations) shall be decided by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

### 3.

The participating clubs are responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so will lead to the disciplinary measures stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

## 14 Draw

1.

The draw for the World Cup will take place at least two (2) months prior to the first match of the World Cup. The date will be communicated by circular letter.

2.

The draw will be organised by FIFA and the Organising Association and may (subject to timing considerations) be combined with a Team Workshop (and other related activities) on the World Cup.

3.

FIFA and/or the Organising Association shall cover the costs of the accommodation and domestic transportation in the host country for the Team Workshop. All other costs, including international flights, shall be borne by the respective clubs.

## 15 Competition format

1.

The World Cup shall be played as a tournament in Japan from 8 to 18 December 2016.

2.

The first round match will be played between the representative club of the Organising Association (or the next best club in the host confederation's competition that is not affiliated to the Organising Association, in accordance with art. 4 par. 2) ("Host"), and the OFC representative.

Match #	Participating teams
1	Host v. OFC representative

The second round pairings will be determined by means of a public draw. The winner of the first round match and the representatives of the AFC, CAF and CONCACAF, which will be drawn as Teams A, B and C, will contest the second round as follows:

2	Team A v. Team B
3	Team C v. Winner 1



The losing clubs from the second round will contest the play-off for fifth place as follows:

4 Loser of Match 2 v. Loser of Match 3

The two winners of the second round and the representatives of CONMEBOL and UEFA will contest the semi-finals as follows:

5 CONMEBOL representative v. Winner of Match 3

6 Winner of Match 2 v. UEFA representative

The losing clubs from the semi-finals will contest the play-off for third place as follows:

7 Loser of Match 6 v. Loser of Match 5

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

8 Winner of Match 6 v. Winner of Match 5

### 3.

If a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

If matches 4 and 7 are level at the end of normal playing time, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

## 16 Venues, dates, kick-off times for matches and arrival at venues

### 1.

The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be proposed by the Organising Association, subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee.

### 2.

The FIFA Organising Committee shall fix the dates and venues of the matches, allowing each team a minimum rest period of 48 hours between matches.

**3.**

Each team participating in the World Cup shall arrive at the venue of their first match at least three days before the team's first match. In principle, the clubs shall stay in the official venue hotels provided by FIFA. Should a club opt to select their own hotel, this shall be located within a 60km radius of the stadium where their match to be played.

# 17

## Stadium infrastructure and equipment

**1.**

The fields of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match of the World Cup shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations.

### Field of play dimensions

**2.**

Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, the pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m, width 68m; the total surface area shall have the following dimensions at a minimum: length 125m, width 80m, in order to provide sufficient space for warm-up and pitch-side photographer positions.

### Natural or artificial turf

**3.**

Matches shall be played on natural grass or, provided special dispensation is granted by FIFA, on artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard.

### Warm-up areas

**4.**

Each stadium shall have sufficient space behind the goals to allow the players to warm up during the matches. A maximum of six players shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of two officials). Only the goalkeeper may warm up with a ball. If there is not sufficient space behind the goals, both teams shall warm up in the designated area beside the substitutes' bench, behind assistant referee no. 1. In this case, only a maximum of three players and one official per team may warm up at the same time and without any balls.

## **Field of play equipment**

### **5.**

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

## **Retractable roof**

### **6.**

If a stadium has a retractable roof, the FIFA Match Commissioner and the FIFA General Coordinator, in consultation with the referee, shall decide before the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced at the match coordination meeting on the day before the match, although it may subsequently be modified prior to kick-off in the event of sudden and significant weather condition changes.

### **7.**

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

## **Stadium clocks, panels/electronic display boards and giant screens**

### **8.**

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). The half-time interval shall be 15 minutes.

### **9.**

At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, either orally or by gesturing with his hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This also applies to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time.

**10.**

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

**11.**

The use of giant screens must be in compliance with the FIFA replay policy.

**Floodlights****12.**

All matches shall be played under floodlights. The floodlighting installations shall ensure that the whole pitch is evenly lit according to FIFA specifications as specified in the Broadcast & Media Rights Technical Annexe in force. An emergency independent power generator shall also be available in each stadium which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees the FIFA-specified intensity of light for the whole pitch and ensures emergency lighting in the whole stadium.

**No smoking****13.**

Smoking is not allowed in the technical area, in the vicinity of the field of play or within the competition areas such as the dressing rooms.

**Stadium safety and security****14.**

The Organising Association shall ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place comply with the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations and other FIFA guidelines and instructions for international matches in force. The stadiums selected for use during the World Cup shall be subject to approval by FIFA. The Organising Association is responsible for safety and order in and around the stadiums before, during and after matches.

**15.**

As a general rule, World Cup matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums.

**Exclusive-use period****16.**

The stadiums and training sites shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least ten business days prior to the start of the World Cup and concluding at the earliest one business day after the last use scheduled for the stadiums, unless the FIFA Organising Committee gives special permission.

**17.**

All stadiums and training sites shall be free of any and all commercial activities and identifications (e.g. boards and other signage) other than those of FIFA's Commercial Affiliates at least five days prior to the first match of the World Cup until one day after completion of the final match in the respective stadium.

## **18** Official training in the stadiums and pre-match warm-up

**1.**

Weather and pitch conditions permitting, teams that are due to play a match in a stadium in which they have not previously played will be entitled to one 60-minute training session in that stadium on either the day before the match or two days before the match in the case of double-header matches.

**2.**

The two teams who qualify for the final may request another official 60-minute training session, even if they have already played a match in the stadium before.

**3.**

In principle, a minimum of 30 minutes shall be set between the end of one team's training session and the start of the next team's training session. Any changes shall be approved by the FIFA administration.

**4.**

If the pitch is not in good condition or the training session would negatively affect the state of the pitch, FIFA may shorten or cancel the training session and direct the teams only to inspect the pitch wearing training shoes.

**5.**

The teams will be entitled to warm up on the pitch before each match, conditions permitting. In principle, such warm-up will be 30 minutes in length 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 there is extra time in the first match of a double-header match, or if the pitch is to be used for ceremonies related to the World Cup, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

## 19 Flags and anthems

1.

During the World Cup, the FIFA flag and the flags of the host country and/or host confederation and of the associations and/or confederations of both competing clubs shall be flown in the stadium at every match. The FIFA Fair Play flag and the UN flag shall also be hoisted or draped in the stadium, clearly visible from the VIP tribune. In addition, at every match, the club flags of the two teams concerned will be displayed on the pitch before the match.

2.

The FIFA anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the pitch.

## 20 Training sites

1.

The Organising Association shall provide training sites for the teams for their exclusive use. In principle, each participating club shall have a training site which shall be approved by FIFA. Full details about the allocation of training sites shall be communicated at the Team Workshop.

2.

Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, all training site pitches shall be 105m x 68m in size.

3.

The training sites shall be situated within a reasonable driving time from the team hotel, ideally within 20 minutes by bus.

4.

The training sites shall be made available for the exclusive use of the participating clubs at least five days before the team's first match until one day after the team's last match in the respective venue of the World Cup.

5.

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

**6.**

The Organising Association shall provide support personnel and suitable training site equipment at all official training sites, including but not limited to cones and movable goals. Each training site shall be equipped with at least one dressing room with lockers, showers and toilets.

**7.**

As from five days prior to the opening match and up to their last match in the World Cup, the participating clubs shall use only those training sites which have been officially designated for training by FIFA.

## 21 Player lists and accreditation

### Provisional list of players

**1.**

Each participating club shall send a provisional list of 35 players (a minimum of four of whom shall be goalkeepers), to which it will attach its list of not more than 22 officials, to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline stipulated in the related circular. The provisional list shall be accompanied by the following information for each player or official (including coach):

Players	Officials
Full name	Full name
All first names	All first names
Place and date of birth	Place and date of birth
Nationality	Nationality
Copy of passport(s)	Function
Popular name	
Name to be placed on the shirt	
Number to be placed on the shirt	
Position	

**2.**

In addition to the above, the date of registration of the player with the club (along with a brief explanation if the player was registered outside a registration period) shall be included.

**3.**

The provisional list of players shall contain a statement by the participating club's member association, indicating the dates of its last registration period

prior to the World Cup, as well as the dates of its next registration period. Furthermore, each participating club shall confirm the accuracy of the details contained in its provisional list.

Any change requests to the provisional list must be submitted in writing no later than ten days before the final list deadline and are subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee. Such replacements must be approved in writing by the FIFA Medical Committee upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment in one of the four official languages of FIFA. The FIFA Medical Committee will issue a certificate stating that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the final competition and submit such certificate to the FIFA Organising Committee for approval.

### **Final list of players**

#### **4.**

The final list of the 23 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) selected to participate in the World Cup shall be submitted to the FIFA general secretariat, using the official form, by the stipulated deadline. The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list.

#### **5.**

Only the 23 players on the final list of players will be permitted to take part in the World Cup. Players must wear set numbers between 1 and 99, provided that the player is registered with the same number in the current season of his club's league competition and upon confirmation by the relevant member association. If number 1 is used, it has to be reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers.

The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the final list.

### **Replacement of injured players**

#### **6.**

A player listed on the final list may be replaced by a player from the provisional list only in the event of serious injury or illness up until 24 hours before the kick-off of his team's first match. Such replacements must be approved in writing by the FIFA General Medical Officer upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment in one of the four official languages of FIFA. The FIFA Medical Committee, represented by the FIFA General Medical Officer, will issue a certificate stating that the injury or illness is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the World



Cup. The participating club shall immediately nominate a replacement and inform the FIFA general secretariat accordingly (including all the specific player information listed in art. 21 par. 1).

**7.**

The final list of 23 players will be published by the FIFA general secretariat. This final list of 23 players plus 22 team officials will constitute the official delegation list.

**Identity**

**8.**

Before the start of the World Cup, every player on the final list must prove his identity by producing his legally valid individual passport with photograph. Any player or team official who fails to submit this document will not be allowed to take part in the World Cup.

**9.**

Before the start of the World Cup, every team official on the official delegation list must prove his/her identity by producing his/her legally valid individual passport with photograph.

**Accreditation**

**10.**

FIFA shall provide only the players and team officials included on the official delegation list with an official accreditation bearing a photograph.

**11.**

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.

**12.**

Only players in possession of a valid accreditation may play in the World Cup.

**13.**

The players' and officials' accreditations and SADs shall always be available for inspection.

**14.**

Injured players who are replaced up until 24 hours before the kick-off of their team's first match (cf. art. 21 par. 6) must return their accreditation to FIFA.

Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered members of the participating club's official delegation list.

**15.**

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

**16.**

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

## 22

### Start lists and substitutes' benches

#### Start list

**1.**

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

**2.**

All 23 players shall be named on the start list for each match (11 selected players and 12 substitutes). Up to a maximum of three of the substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match. As agreed by FIFA and The IFAB, a fourth substitution will be allowed during extra time for this edition of the FIFA Club World Cup.

**3.**

The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond to the numbers indicated on the start list. The start list shall be signed by the head coach.

**4.**

Each team is responsible for ensuring that the start list is completed properly and submitted on time, and that only the selected players start the match. In the case of any discrepancies, the matter will be submitted to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

**5.**

If any of the 11 starting 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 General Coordinator is officially informed prior to kick-off. Within 24 hours, the team concerned must also provide FIFA with a medical report issued by the team doctor responsible (in one of the four official languages of FIFA).

**6.**

Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the start list will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be selected as a substitute player at any time during the game. 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.

**7.**

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, and if so, would then also be eligible for doping control selection.

**8.**

Only the players who were identified on the official start list submitted to the FIFA General Coordinator, 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 a match, the matter will be submitted to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

**Substitutes' bench**

**9.**

No more than 24 people (12 officials and 12 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials must be indicated on the "Officials on the Substitutes' Bench" form to be provided to the FIFA General Coordinator. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench.

If space so permits, up to ten additional technical seats in the stand shall be allocated for participating club staff 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.

**10.**

The use of any communication equipment and/or systems between and/or amongst players and/or technical staff is not permitted.

## 23 Team equipment, advertising, official club emblem and club name

### 1.

The participating clubs shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force, which shall apply to the World Cup pursuant to article 1 paragraph 3 of the FIFA Equipment Regulations. If a provision of this article 23 is in conflict with the relevant provision of the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the provisions of this article 23 shall prevail as *lex specialis*.

### 2.

The display of political, religious and personal messages or slogans in any language or form by players and officials on their playing equipment items, special equipment items or other equipment items (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organised by FIFA (including in the stadiums for official matches and training sessions, as well as during official media conferences and mixed-zone activities). Any violations shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

### Team colours

### 3.

Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light) for its official and reserve team kits (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colours for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the official and reserve team kits. This information shall be sent to FIFA on the team colour form. Only these colours may be worn during matches. In addition, each team shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers. These shirts will only be used in those special circumstances in which an outfield player must take the position of goalkeeper during a match. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three colours as the regular goalkeeper shirts.

### 4.

FIFA will decide upon and inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match. As far as possible, each team shall wear its official colours as declared on the team colour form. If the two teams' colours and the match officials' colour might cause confusion, in principle, team A in the official

match schedule shall be entitled to wear its official team kit and team B shall use its reserve team kit or, if necessary, both teams may have to wear a combination of their official and reserve team kits.

## **Advertising**

### **5.**

The advertising of tobacco or strong alcoholic beverages, as well as slogans of a political nature or of a discriminatory nature, comprising any form of discrimination such as gender, religion, nationality, race or creed, or in any other form offending common decency, are prohibited.

### **6.**

Recognition for a participating club's sponsor on playing kits is permitted on the front of the shirt only. Participating clubs may display advertising on the shirt for one sponsor, provided that:

- a) the advertising company is the main sponsor of the club;
- b) the advertisement displayed during the World Cup corresponds to the advertisement displayed on the players' shirts throughout the latest season of the club's domestic league and/or throughout the international club competition that enabled the club to qualify for the World Cup;
- c) the surface area used to advertise a sponsor or product does not exceed 200cm<sup>2</sup> and the lettering used does not exceed 10cm in height;
- d) the club's sports equipment otherwise complies with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

## **Team kit approval procedures**

### **7.**

Each participating club shall provide FIFA with exact samples, including names and numbers, of the following equipment:

- a) official and reserve kits (two sets of shirts, shorts, socks);
- b) three sets of the goalkeeper's kit (shirts, shorts, socks);
- c) goalkeeper's gloves and caps;
- d) equipment that will be worn by the substitute players and the technical staff sitting on the bench during the matches.

The approval procedure for all such kits and the applicable deadlines will be communicated by circular letter.

**8.**

During the World Cup, all equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display in the stadiums, the training sites, the hotels or during media activities or transfers to, from or within the host country must be approved by FIFA.

**Players' names and numbers****9.**

Throughout the World Cup, each player shall wear the number assigned to him on the final list. Such number shall be displayed on the back of each of his playing shirts and on the front of the shorts in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The same number may, at the participating club's discretion, be displayed on the front of the shirt, in which case the display must comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

**10.**

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

**Team kit on matchdays****11.**

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

**Players' sleeve badges****12.**

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

## Footballs

### 13.

The footballs used in the World Cup shall be selected and exclusively supplied by FIFA.

### 14.

Each team will receive training balls from FIFA prior to the World Cup after the successful submission of the required team entry and team colours information as well as additional training balls upon arrival in the host country. Only these balls delivered by FIFA may be used for training and warm-up sessions in the official stadiums and at the official training sites.

## Warm-up bibs

### 15.

Only warm-up bibs provided by FIFA may be used during official training sessions held at the stadium and for the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

# 24 Refereeing

### 1.

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

### 2.

The match officials shall receive their official refereeing kit and equipment from FIFA. They shall wear and use only this kit and equipment on matchdays.

### 3.

The match officials shall be provided with training facilities. These training facilities must be in good condition and must be approved by FIFA and shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least ten days prior to the start of the World Cup until its completion.

**4.**

If the referee or one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out his duties, such referee or assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. The FIFA Referees Committee shall be informed immediately.

**5.**

After each match, the referee shall complete and sign the official FIFA report form. The referee shall hand it over to the FIFA General Coordinator at the stadium immediately after the match. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences of significance, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behaviour by supporters and/or by officials or any other person acting on behalf of a participating club at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.

## 25

### Laws of the Game

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

## 26

### Cooling breaks

**1.**

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



## 27 Goal-line technology

1.

Goal-line technology may be used for the purpose of verifying whether a goal has been scored to support the referee's decision.

2.

The participating clubs shall consent, without reservation, to the use of goal-line technology in the World Cup, and unconditionally and irrevocably waive any and all rights and interests they may have in connection with or as a result of the use of goal-line technology in matches of the World Cup.

3.

The participating clubs shall further undertake not to bring any claims under any title whatsoever in connection with or as a result of the use of goal-line technology in matches of the World Cup (i) against FIFA, its directors, officers, employees, agents and contractors, (ii) against the opposing club in any match in context with the World Cup, including its officials, employees or members and auxiliaries of the club, and/or (iii) against any third parties directly or indirectly involved in the manufacture, use or supervision of the goal-line technology.

## 28 Trophy, awards and medals

1.

A representative from FIFA will present the winner of the World Cup with the FIFA Club World Cup trophy.

2.

A representative from FIFA will present the winner of the World Cup with a FIFA World Champions certificate.

3.

A souvenir plaque will be presented to each participating club.

4.

A diploma will be presented to the clubs ranked first, second, third and fourth in the World Cup.

**5.**

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

**6.**

One medal will be presented to each of the match officials who take charge of the play-off for third place and the final.

**7.**

A fair play contest will be held during the World Cup (cf. Appendix). The FIFA Organising Committee will determine the ranking at the end of the World Cup. Such decisions are final.

**8.**

At the conclusion of the World Cup, the following special awards will be presented:

**a) Fair Play Trophy**

The FIFA Fair Play Trophy, a fair play medal for each Delegation Member, a diploma and a voucher for USD 25,000 worth of football equipment (to be used for youth 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 Ball**

The Golden Ball will be awarded to the best player in the World Cup on the basis of a ranking compiled by the Technical Study Group. A Silver Ball and a Bronze Ball will be awarded to the second and third best players.

**c) The winner of the Golden Ball will be presented with an award by FIFA and/or a Commercial Affiliate appointed by FIFA (e.g. Title Sponsor (cf. art. 30 par. 8)), for which the winner of the Golden Ball may be invited to receive a prize and/or an amount in cash shortly after the presentation of the trophy****9.**

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

## 29 Ticketing

### 1.

Each participating club is entitled to receive the following complimentary tickets for the World Cup:

- a) 30 numbered tickets for seats in the category 1 section nearest to the VIP area for its own team's matches;
- b) 8 tickets for the VIP area for its own team's matches;
- c) 2 tickets for the VIP area for other teams' matches, until the club is eliminated from the World Cup;
- d) 2 tickets for the VVIP area for its own team's matches, to be used by two of the club's officials.

## 30 Commercial rights

### 1.

FIFA is the original owner of all of the rights emanating from the World Cup and any other related events under its respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law.

### 2.

FIFA owns and controls all intellectual property rights relating to the World Cup, including, without limitation, rights relating to the FIFA marks and the marks of the World Cup, including the translations thereof, the official emblem, any official poster(s), the official mascot (if applicable) and the official music (if applicable) on a universal basis. Only these marks may be used in connection with the World Cup.

All of FIFA's marks and those connected with the World Cup may only be used in accordance with the guidelines determined by FIFA.

### 3.

FIFA owns and controls all marketing rights and media rights in relation to the World Cup and has the sole right, to the exclusion of the Organising Association, the participating clubs, the coaches, the players and any third

party, to exploit itself or through a third party, at its own discretion and on a universal basis, any and all marketing rights and media rights in relation to the World Cup. FIFA will issue Media and Marketing Regulations specifying these marketing rights and media rights. All participating clubs shall fully comply with these regulations and ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply.

**4.**

For the purposes of these Regulations, “marketing rights” shall mean all rights of exploitation of the World Cup (other than media rights described in art. 30 par. 5 below), all advertising, including electronic and virtual promotion, marketing, merchandising (including but not limited to publications, music, coins, stamps, DVDs, videos, apparel and electronic games of any nature), licensing, franchising, sponsorship, ticketing, hospitality, betting/gaming, publications, database rights, and any other rights and/or associated commercial opportunities relating to or in connection with the World Cup, including advertising, franchising, displaying, sampling and selling rights of any nature at the stadiums and other official sites.

**5.**

For the purposes of these Regulations, “media rights” shall mean the right to film, photograph, record, broadcast, transmit and/or display the World Cup, including all recordings thereof (or any part thereof) in any form and in all media now known or hereafter devised, including but not limited to television, radio, internet and any other mobile or fixed-line broadcasts or data services.

**6.**

FIFA has the exclusive royalty-free right to produce and sell goods bearing the official name, nickname, official mascot, official emblem and/or official symbol of a participating club or clubs together with the FIFA marks and/or the marks of the World Cup, provided that all such goods are otherwise unbranded. Participating clubs shall, upon request, provide notification to FIFA of their acknowledgement of this provision.

**7.**

Participating clubs and their players shall inform their commercial affiliates, including but not limited to any sponsors, licensees and media rights licensees, that they have no marketing rights or media rights in connection with the World Cup, in particular, that they may not conduct any promotional activities which involve the use of the official emblem, the official mascot(s) or any marks which are confusingly similar to FIFA's marks or those relating to the World Cup. Participating clubs and their players shall assist FIFA in resolving any

intellectual property infringements or ambush marketing activities involving the participating clubs' or players' commercial affiliates, and participating clubs and players are expressly prohibited from identifying their commercial affiliates in connection with the official emblem or name of the World Cup or any other marks of the World Cup or FIFA marks in any media (including but not limited to any promotional materials) in such a way as may give rise to an association between the participating clubs' and players' commercial affiliates and the World Cup.

**8.**

FIFA may appoint a "Title Sponsor" who shall have the right to have its name associated with the title of the World Cup and displayed on the official competition logo of the World Cup. The Title Sponsor may also be granted the right to present a prize to the best player of the World Cup (cf. art. 28 par. 7c)).

**9.**

A participating club may establish its own Team Media Centre ("TMC") before and during the World Cup if it wishes to do so. All costs involved in the installation and management of TMCs shall be solely borne by the participating club concerned.

**10.**

The participating clubs, their officials and their players accept that FIFA has the royalty-free right to use, and/or sub-license the right to use, in perpetuity and in any medium known or hereafter devised, any of the records, names, marks and images of the participating clubs and their officials and players, including any representation thereof, which may appear or be generated in connection with their participation in or involvement with the World Cup, solely for the purposes of promoting audiovisual coverage of the World Cup. FIFA's right in this provision shall be exclusive in relation to the World Cup.

**11.**

FIFA's internet website will be the only official website for the World Cup. FIFA has full control over the content, appearance and related activities of FIFA's website.

**12.**

FIFA will take all legal and any other steps it deems appropriate to prevent and prohibit unauthorised persons and/or companies, including the participating clubs' or players' commercial affiliates, from commercially identifying with, or otherwise exploiting, the World Cup.

**13.**

Participating clubs and players may not:

- a) sell, offer to sell or authorise any third party to sell tickets over the internet; or
- b) use and/or authorise any third party (including participating clubs' and players' commercial affiliates) to use tickets for advertising, sales promotions or any other commercial purposes (including premiums, giveaways or prizes in competitions, contests or sweepstakes).

**14.**

Participating clubs shall refrain from the development, use or registration of any name, logo, trademark, indicia, brand name, symbol, service mark or other mark (whether registered or unregistered) or designation which may be inferred by the public as identifying with FIFA or the World Cup, including the words "Club World", "CWC", "FIFA", "Club World Cup" (or any other term used in any language to identify with the World Cup), or the development, use or registration of any dates in connection with the name of the host country, venues or host cities of the World Cup, or any similar indicia or derivation of such terms or dates in any language.

The participating clubs shall further ensure that their commercial affiliates comply with the provisions of this article, and that such commercial affiliates do not engage in any activity which might give rise to the impression that such commercial affiliates are officially associated with the World Cup.

**15.**

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

**16.**

For the avoidance of doubt, the participating clubs and their players shall remain free to exploit their own proprietary rights (including intellectual property rights) which are unconnected with the World Cup.

## **31** Special circumstances

The FIFA Organising Committee shall, in conjunction with the Organising Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

## **32** Matters not provided for

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

## **33** Languages

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

## **34** Copyright

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

## **35** 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.

## 36 Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Council on 11 July 2016 and came into force immediately.

The previous version of these Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any matters that arose before these Regulations came into force.

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For the FIFA Council

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## **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 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 of the relevant games, the delegate shall complete the appropriate fair play form after consulting the referee and the referee assessor.

### **4.**

Only teams that have played in at least two matches shall be eligible for participation in the fair play contest.

### **5.**

The FIFA Organising Committee shall compile and publish the classification at the end of the World Cup. 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 on the team delegation list, and a diploma, all of which the team can keep permanently. The team shall also receive a voucher valued at USD 25,000, 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 3 points
– yellow card & direct red card:	minus 4 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 opponents

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 World Cup shall be calculated by adding the points attained at each match and dividing this figure by the number of matches played.

#### 2.

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.

These regulations have been approved by the FIFA Organising Committee. These regulations have been ratified by the FIFA Council and come into force immediately.















