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# 1 Olympic Football Tournaments Rio 2016™

1.

The Olympic Football Tournaments Rio 2016™ (“Tournaments”) are FIFA events embodied in the FIFA Statutes.

2.

The Olympic Football Tournaments take place every four years, in conjunction with the Olympic Summer Games. The associations affiliated to FIFA are invited to participate with their men’s U-23 and women’s representative teams.

3.

The Tournaments consist of a preliminary and a final competition.

4.

The Games of the XXXI Olympiad Rio 2016™ (27 July-12 August 2016) shall feature a men’s and a women’s football tournament scheduled to be played between 25 July and 11 August 2016.

5.

Any rights not ceded by these Regulations to an association participating in the final competition(s) or to a confederation shall belong to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and/or FIFA as the case may be.

6.

Terms used in these Regulations referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice versa.

# 2 FIFA Organising Committee

1.

The Organising Committee for the Olympic Football Tournaments (“FIFA Organising Committee”) appointed by the FIFA Executive Committee, is responsible for organising the Tournaments in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and the provisions contained in the Regulations of the Olympic Football Tournaments Rio 2016™ (“Regulations”).



**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 the 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, in cooperation with the IOC, deciding on the competition format, the draws and the formation of groups;
- b) approving the dates and venues of the matches and determining kick-off times in cooperation with Rio 2016™;
- c) approving the choice of stadiums and training sites;
- d) appointing Match Commissioners, security officers and any other FIFA officials;
- e) deciding cases of abandoned matches (cf. Law 7 of the Laws of the Game) and, if applicable, reporting cases to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for deliberation;
- f) approving the official football and the stipulated technical material;
- g) reporting cases in relation to article 9 of these Regulations to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for deliberation;
- 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. 3);
- i) replacing associations that have withdrawn from the Olympic Football Tournaments;
- j) settling cases of force majeure;

- k) deciding cases of Participating Member Associations failing to adhere to the time limits and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents;
- l) deciding on the rescheduling of matches due to extraordinary circumstances;
- m) dealing with any other aspect of the Olympic Football Tournaments that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations or the FIFA Statutes.

#### 4.

During the preliminary competitions, the FIFA Organising Committee shall:

- a) form groups and/or sub-groups in cooperation with the confederations;
- b) fix venues, dates and kick-off times in cooperation with the confederations if associations fail to agree;
- c) approve at which matches doping tests will be conducted, based on proposals by the Anti-Doping Unit;
- d) ensure that matches are played simultaneously when the situation demands this for sporting reasons.

#### 5.

In addition to art. 2 par. 3, during the final competitions, the FIFA Organising Committee shall:

- a) appoint the referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and other relevant refereeing officials through the FIFA Referees Committee;
- b) arrange accident and health insurance cover for the members of the FIFA official delegation, including the referees and assistant referees (cf. art. 48, par. 2).

#### 6.

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

## 3 Confederations

1.

The preliminary competitions shall be organised by FIFA in collaboration with the confederations. The confederations shall establish a competition format, which shall require approval from FIFA.

2.

The confederations may propose to FIFA that existing tournaments serve as the preliminary competitions for the Tournaments. In case FIFA accepts such a proposal, the respective confederations shall be solely responsible for the organisation and delivery of such preliminary tournaments.

## 4 Host associations/Rio 2016™

### Host associations for the preliminary competitions

1.

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

### Rio 2016™

2.

The responsibilities of Rio 2016™ during the final competitions shall include:

- a) approving preparations for the Tournaments, in particular the choice of dates;
- b) ensuring that order and safety are maintained, particularly inside the stadiums and in their immediate surroundings. It shall take adequate measures, if necessary by working closely with the relevant authorities, to prevent and restrain outbreaks of violence. Rio 2016™ may use the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations as guidance;
- c) ensuring that order and safety are maintained around the headquarters and/or the Olympic Village and training sites of the participating teams;

- d) ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards to guarantee safety. Rio 2016™ is responsible for the behaviour of these staff while on duty;
- e) providing suitable local transport from the official hotels to the stadiums where the matches shall be played and to the training sites for the participating teams, match officials and delegates of FIFA;
- f) providing an adequate number of seats and the necessary technical facilities for accredited local and foreign media representatives (television, press, radio and internet) as per the FIFA Media Guidelines;
- g) preventing journalists, television and radio commentators and accredited film and television crews from entering the playing area at any time before, during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and television personnel required to operate the broadcasting equipment, all of them issued with special accreditation, may be admitted to the area between the boundaries of the field and spectators.

## 5 Eligibility of associations

### 1.

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

### 2.

One men's and one women's team from the host association will automatically qualify for the Tournaments' final competitions.

### 3.

Entry into the Tournaments is free of charge.

## 6 Participating member associations

### 1.

Member associations taking part in the Tournaments shall undertake to comply fully with these Regulations and the decisions taken by the relevant FIFA bodies.

### 2.

For the duration of the preliminary competitions and unless otherwise mentioned under art. 24, the responsibilities of each member association taking part in the preliminary competitions shall include:

- a) concluding – with reputable insurers and at their own cost – all necessary insurance in connection with the staging and organising of the matches, including third-party liability and spectator accident coverage (this provision applies only to host associations);
- b) securing the availability of a stadium for each home match date, in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 and 19 of these Regulations;
- c) guaranteeing law and order as well as safety at the venue and in the stadiums. The FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations are applicable;
- d) complying with the guidelines and instructions issued by FIFA.
- e) sending to the FIFA general secretariat the DVD of each home match by courier within 24 hours of the match's completion.

### 3.

Unless otherwise mentioned hereinafter, the responsibilities of each association taking part in the Tournaments shall include:

- a) ensuring the good behaviour of all its officials, players, members of its delegation and other persons carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Tournaments, in particular for the whole duration of their stay in the host country;

- b) ensuring 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, and in consideration of the relevant FIFA rules or regulations (if applicable);
- c) paying for all expenses incurred by delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country and for any costs incurred by additional members of its delegation, unless agreed otherwise in written form with the host association;
- d) paying for any costs of extending the stay;
- e) applying for any required visas in good time from the consulate or embassy of the host country (assistance from the host association is to be sought at the earliest opportunity, if necessary);
- f) attending media conferences and other official media activities organised by the host association, FIFA or Rio 2016™.

#### 4.

Each association taking part in the final competition(s) shall ensure, as a condition of its participation, that it completes the official entry form provided by FIFA.

## 7 Withdrawal

### 1.

All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the Olympic Football Tournaments.

#### **Withdrawal from preliminary competition**

### 2.

Any association that withdraws prior to or during the preliminary competition may be replaced by another association. The FIFA Organising Committee shall decide on the matter.

**3.**

Any association that withdraws up to 30 days before the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 5,000.

**4.**

Any association that withdraws less than 30 days before the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 7,500.

**5.**

Any association that withdraws after the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 10,000.

**Withdrawal from final competition****6.**

If a team refuses to play in the final competition, it shall be disqualified, unless art. 53 or art. 54 of these Regulations apply.

**7.**

Any association whose team withdraws up to 30 days before the start of the final competition shall be fined CHF 15,000.

**8.**

Any association whose team withdraws less than 30 days before the start of the final competition shall be fined CHF 20,000.

**Principles for both preliminary competitions and final competitions****9.**

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

**10.**

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 sanctions against the relevant associations by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

**11.**

Any Participating Member Association that withdraws or whose behaviour is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered by the FIFA Organising Committee to reimburse FIFA, Rio 2016™ 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 the FIFA Organising Committee to pay compensation for any damages incurred by FIFA, Rio 2016™ or any other Participating Member Association. The association in question will also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.

**12.**

If a Participating Member Association 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.

**13.**

Further to the above provision, in the case that a match is abandoned as a result of force majeure for any reason after it has already kicked off, the match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted.

The following principles shall apply to the recommencement of the match:

- a) the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned;
- b) no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the start list;
- c) the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
- d) players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
- e) any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- f) the kick-off time, date (foreseen for the following day) and location shall be decided by the FIFA Organising Committee in consultation with the visiting association, the FIFA Match Commissioner and the FIFA general secretariat;
- g) any matters requiring further decision shall be handled by the FIFA Organising Committee.



If the match still cannot be played on the third day, the expenses incurred by the visiting association shall be split between the two associations. The FIFA Organising Committee will take any other necessary decisions related to such a replay.

## 8 Replacement

If any Participating Member Association 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 association in question with another association.

## 9 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 Member Associations undertake to comply.

2.

FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the competitions. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Member Associations one month before the first match of the final competition at the latest.

3.

The Participating Member Associations 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 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 Tournaments.

**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.

## 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 and/or FIFA Match Commissioner within two hours of the match in question and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing and by registered letter to the FIFA headquarters in the host country, or to the FIFA general secretariat in the event of a preliminary competition match, within 24 hours of the end of the match, otherwise they will be disregarded.

**3.**

Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the preliminary competition shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA Match Commissioner within two hours of the match in question and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing and by registered letter to the FIFA general secretariat, and shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the final competitions shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA general secretariat no later than five days before the opening match 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 and/or FIFA Match Commissioner by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.

**5.**

Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA General Coordinator and/or FIFA Match Commissioner 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 a fine.

**8.**

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

**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 Disputes

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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

## 12 Anti-doping

1.

Doping is strictly prohibited.

2.

FIFA will inform the Participating Member Associations of the doping control procedures and the list of prohibited substances by means of a circular letter.

3.

The FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and all other FIFA regulations and directives, as well as the relevant IOC anti-doping rules, shall apply to the Tournaments.

### Preliminary competitions

4.

The FIFA Organising Committee shall be responsible for approving the choice of laboratories that will carry out the doping analyses as proposed by the FIFA Anti-Doping Unit.

5.

Reference is made to the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations that shall apply to the preliminary competitions, excluding the matches organised solely by the confederations in compliance with art. 3, par. 2 of these Regulations.

### Final competitions

6.

In order to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches in the final competition, and to protect players' health, each Participating Member Association shall ensure that its players undergo a pre-competition medical assessment prior to the start of the final competition and inform FIFA accordingly. FIFA will provide all Participating Member Associations with an assessment form.

7.

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

8.

Doping tests shall be carried out in accordance with the instructions issued by FIFA and the IOC. Analyses shall be carried out in laboratories made available by the IOC and accredited by WADA.

9.

Reference is made to the IOC provisions regarding doping control that shall apply for the duration of the final competitions.

## 13 Eligibility of players

1.

Each association taking part in the Tournaments shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team(s):

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

2.

The Participating Member Associations are responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so will lead to the consequences stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

3.

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

### Men's Tournament

4.

All players participating in the preliminary and final competitions of the Tournament shall be born on or after 1 January 1993. However, a maximum of three male players who do not meet this age limit may also be included in the official list of players for the final competition.

### Women's Tournament

5.

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

## 14 Refereeing

1.

The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials (hereinafter referred to collectively as "match officials") for the final competition 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 whose team is not playing in the group or 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.

Match officials' appointments shall be proposed by the confederations to FIFA for ratification for each match in the preliminary competitions and by the FIFA Referees Committee for each match in the final competitions.

**3.**

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

**4.**

The match officials shall be provided with training facilities. These training facilities must be in good condition. For the final competitions, the training facilities 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 final competitions until the final competitions are completed.

**5.**

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

**6.**

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

**7.**

The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

# 15

## Laws of the Game

### 1.

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the tournament 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.

### 2.

Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with a half-time interval of 15 minutes.

### 3.

If, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, extra time is to be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two periods of 15 minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.

### 4.

If the score is still level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.



## 16 Tournament entries – preliminary competitions

1.

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

2.

Entries sent by fax shall be confirmed by sending the official entry form by post to the FIFA general secretariat.

3.

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

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

## 17 Competition format – preliminary competitions

1.

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

- a) in groups composed of several teams on a home-and-away basis, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat (league format);
- b) one home and one away match per team (knockout format);

- c) in the form of a tournament in one of the participating countries or in a neutral country, by way of exception and only with the authorisation of the FIFA Organising Committee.

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

## 2.

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

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

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

- d) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- g) the goals scored away from home count double between the teams concerned (if the tie is only between two teams);
- h) a play-off match shall be played on neutral ground. If such play-off ends in a tie, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each shall be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.
- i) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

**3.**

In the event of a tournament played in one of the participating countries or in a neutral country, if two or more teams are equal after the completion of the group stage on the basis of the criteria 2a), 2b) and 2c) above, the final rankings will be determined by a drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

**4.**

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

**5.**

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

**6.**

In the knockout format, both teams shall play one home and one away match each, the sequence of which shall be determined by lots drawn by the FIFA Organising Committee. The team having scored most goals over the two games shall qualify for the next round. If both teams score the same number of goals over the two matches, the goals scored away shall be counted as double. If the number of away goals is also equal or both matches end without any goals being scored, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each shall be played at the end of the second leg. The extra-time period is an integral part of the second-leg match. Thus, if no goals are scored in extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game. If both teams score the same number of goals in the extra-time period, the visiting team is declared winner on the basis of away goals counting double.

**7.**

The dates of the matches in the preliminary competitions shall be fixed by the associations concerned in compliance with the international match calendar and subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee. The FIFA general secretariat shall be informed in accordance with the deadline stipulated in the relevant FIFA circular. If the associations cannot agree on the dates of the matches in the preliminary competitions, the FIFA Organising Committee shall make the final decisions. These decisions are not subject to appeal. The FIFA Organising Committee shall ensure that matches in the same group are played simultaneously when the situation demands this for sporting reasons.

## **18** Dates, kick-off times, venues and arrival at venues – preliminary competitions

### Dates of preliminary competitions

**1.**

The preliminary competitions shall take place between August 2014 and the end of March 2016. Any play-off matches shall be contested by April 2016 at the latest.

**2.**

The dates and, subject to the host association's compliance with art. 18.7 and 18.8, the venues of the matches of the men's and women's preliminary competitions shall be fixed by the confederations, upon consultation with the associations concerned and subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee.

### Formation of groups for the preliminary competitions

**3.**

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

### **Kick-off times – preliminary competitions**

#### **4.**

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

#### **5.**

If any association fails to agree on the dates, venues, kick-off times or the system of play of the matches in the men's and women's preliminary competitions, the FIFA Organising Committee shall take the final decisions.

### **Venues – preliminary competitions**

#### **6.**

The venues of the matches in the preliminary competitions shall be fixed by the host association concerned, in accordance with art. 19, par. 1 of these Regulations. The opponents and the FIFA general secretariat shall be notified in writing by the host association at least three months before the match in question is due to be played.

#### **7.**

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

#### **8.**

The match venue shall have sufficient high-standard hotels to host the home team, the visiting team and the FIFA delegation as per art. 24, par. 3d).

#### **9.**

If the associations cannot agree on the venues of the matches in the preliminary competitions, the FIFA Organising Committee will take the final decision.

### Arrival at venues – preliminary competitions

#### 10.

The associations shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than the evening before the date the match is due to be played. The host association shall be informed of the travel itinerary at least one week in advance and provisions for the visas by the visiting association shall have been made in accordance with art. 6, par. 3e).

## 19 Stadium infrastructure and equipment – preliminary competitions

#### 1.

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

### Field of play dimensions – preliminary competitions

#### 2.

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 and artificial surfaces – preliminary competitions

#### 3.

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

### Warm-up areas – preliminary competitions

#### 4.

Each stadium shall have sufficient space behind the goals to allow the players to warm up during the matches. A maximum of six (6) players shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of two (2) 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 substitute bench of Team B, behind assistant referee no. 1. In this case, only a maximum of three (3) players per team may warm up at the same time.

### Safety and security – preliminary competitions

#### 5.

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

#### 6.

Only FIFA-inspected stadiums that successfully hosted the preliminary competition for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ or stadiums that have been inspected by FIFA and/or the confederation after the completion of the aforementioned preliminary competition may be selected for the preliminary competitions of the Olympic Football Tournaments. Should a stadium no longer comply with FIFA standards, the FIFA Organising Committee may, in consultation with the FIFA Security and Integrity Committee, reject the selection of the stadium concerned. Brand-new stadiums are to be inspected prior to use, and the application for final inspection and subsequent use of the facilities shall be filed with the FIFA general secretariat at least six months prior to the match concerned. Refurbished stadiums are also to be inspected prior to use, and the application for final inspection and subsequent use of the facilities shall be filed with the FIFA general secretariat at least nine months prior to the match concerned.

#### 7.

With regard to the spectator areas, the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations are applicable for the preliminary competition matches.

### Field of play equipment – preliminary competitions

#### 8.

The fields of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. All goals shall be equipped with white goal posts and white goal nets with grey 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 – preliminary competitions

#### 9.

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

#### 10.

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, provided that the safety and security of all spectators, players and other stakeholders remains totally guaranteed. In such an event, the roof shall remain closed until the end of the match.

### Stadium clocks and displays – preliminary competitions

#### 11.

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.

#### 12.

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/her hands, the number of minutes that he/she has decided to allow for time lost. This also applies to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time.



**13.**

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.

**14.**

The use of giant screens must be in compliance with the Guidelines for the Use of Giant Screens at FIFA Matches.

**Floodlights – preliminary competitions****15.**

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

**Flags and anthems – preliminary competitions****16.**

During the preliminary competitions, the FIFA flag, the FIFA Fair Play flag, the flag of the confederation and the flags of both competing associations shall be flown inside the stadium at every match.

**17.**

Following FIFA's protocol with the flags on the pitch, the FIFA anthem shall be played when the teams enter the field. The national anthems (maximum 90 seconds each) of the two participating teams shall be played after the teams have lined up.

**No smoking – preliminary competitions****18.**

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

## **20** Official training in the stadiums and pre-match warm-up – preliminary competitions

### **Official training in the stadium – preliminary competitions**

#### **1.**

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

#### **2.**

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

#### **3.**

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

### **Condition of pitch – preliminary competitions**

#### **4.**

If the host association considers the pitch to be unfit for play, it shall inform the FIFA general secretariat immediately, and the visiting association and the match officials before their departure. If the host association fails to do so, it will be obliged to cover all the expenses incurred for the travel, board and lodging of all parties.

#### **5.**

If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the visiting association has already left to play the match, the referee shall decide whether the pitch is playable or not. If the referee declares the pitch unplayable, the procedure to be followed is described in art. 7 par.13.

## 21 Footballs – preliminary competitions

1.

The footballs chosen for the Tournaments shall conform with the provisions of the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations. They shall bear one of the following three designations: the official “FIFA APPROVED” logo, the official “FIFA INSPECTED” logo or the “INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALL STANDARD” reference.

2.

The footballs for the preliminary competitions shall be supplied by the respective host association. The visiting team shall be supplied with the same footballs in sufficient numbers for its training session(s) at the match stadium.

## 22 Player lists – preliminary competitions

1.

20 players (eleven selected players and nine substitutes) shall be eligible to take part in the matches. Three of these 20 players must be goalkeepers, with the number one shirt being reserved for one of them. All goalkeepers and the captain must be identified as such.

2.

In compliance with art. 15 of the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes, a passport that explicitly states the day, month and year of birth shall be the only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity, nationality and age. A player shall not be entitled to play unless he can produce a valid passport. Identity cards or other official documents shall not be accepted as a valid means of identification. The Participating Member Associations shall present the valid national passport of the participating country for each individual player to the FIFA Match Commissioner on the eve of the match.

3.

Each association entering the preliminary competitions shall send the FIFA general secretariat a list of at least 50 prospective players for the preliminary competitions no later than 30 days before its first qualifying match. This list shall show each player's last name, first name, club, date of birth and passport number as well as the coach's last name, first name and date of birth.

**4.**

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

**5.**

Both teams must return their start list to the referee at least 75 minutes before kick-off. They also shall provide the referee with two copies of their start list. One of these copies can be requested by the opponent team.

**6.**

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

- a) If any of the first 11 players (starting players) listed on the start list are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the nine substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer take part in the match. During the match, three players may still be replaced.
- b) If any of the nine substitutes listed on the start list are not able to be fielded for any reason, they may no longer take part in the match. The player(s) concerned may not be replaced by another substitute, which means that the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, three players may still be replaced.

## 23

### Equipment – preliminary competitions

**1.**

The Participating Member Associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. Players and officials shall not display political, religious, commercial or personal messages or slogans in any language or form on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body for the duration of their time in the stadiums, training sites or other areas where accreditation is required to gain access.

**2.**

Each team shall have an official and reserve team kit, which shall be declared on the team colour form. The colours of the reserve team kit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official team kit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve team kit (including the goalkeeper's) shall also be taken to every match. Only these colours may be worn at matches.

**3.**

In principle, each team shall wear its official team kit as declared on the official team colour form. If the two teams' colours might cause confusion, the host team shall be entitled to wear its official team kit and the visiting team shall use its reserve team kit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve team kits.

**4.**

Each player shall wear a number between 1 and 20 on the front and back of his/her team shirt and on his/her shorts. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main colour of the shirts and shorts (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The name of the player on the shirt is not compulsory during the preliminary competition. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the start list (numbers 1-20 only).

## **24** Financial arrangements – preliminary competitions

**1.**

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

**2.**

The following deductions shall be made from the gross receipts:

- a) the levy due to the confederations in accordance with the confederations' statutes and regulations after deduction of the taxes mentioned in art. 24, par. 2b). The levies due to FIFA and the confederations shall be paid within 60 days of the match at the official rate of exchange on the day the payment is due. In accordance with the FIFA Congress decision of May 2011, levies shall only be paid for matches played up to and including 31 December 2014;
- b) state, provincial and municipal taxes and any charges for the hire of the stadium, the combined total of which shall not exceed 30%.

**3.**

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

- a) the visiting association shall pay for its delegation's own travel costs to the venue and/or the nearest international airport as well as board and lodging during the entire stay;
- b) the host association shall cover domestic transport costs for the entire official delegation of the visiting team for the duration of their stay according to the flight connections;
- c) the host association shall pay for board and lodging in a top-class hotel and domestic transport in the host country for the FIFA delegation: referee, assistant referees, fourth official, referee assessor, Match Commissioner, as well as any other official who may be designated;
- d) the teams are not permitted to stay at the same hotel as other teams nor at the hotel chosen for the FIFA delegation.

**4.**

If the gross receipts of a match in the preliminary competitions are insufficient to cover the expenses, the host association shall bear the deficit (cf. art. 24 par. 2).

**5.**

FIFA shall bear the costs of:

- a) international travel and the daily allowances, as fixed by FIFA, of referees, assistant referees and fourth officials;
- b) international travel and the daily allowances, as fixed by FIFA, of the Match Commissioner and of any other official who may be designated.

**6.**

During the preliminary competitions, the relevant host association is responsible for the ticketing. It shall set aside an appropriate number – to be fixed by mutual agreement and in writing – of complimentary and purchasable tickets for the visiting association. At least five representatives from the visiting association shall be seated in the VIP box. The visiting association shall inform the host association no later than 15 days before the match and in writing of the total number of tickets that will not be used and thus returned upon arrival at the venue. The host association shall, upon request and free of charge, provide FIFA with ten VIP box tickets and up to 40 category one tickets for each match. Such tickets shall be provided to FIFA at least 30 days before the match.

**7.**

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

## 25 Number of teams and tournament entries – final competitions

### 1.

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

Men's Tournament (16 teams):		Women's Tournament (12 teams):	
AFC:	3	AFC:	2
CAF:	3	CAF:	2
CONCACAF:	2.5	CONCACAF:	2
CONMEBOL:	1.5	CONMEBOL:	1
OFC:	1	OFC:	1
UEFA:	4	UEFA:	3
Host (Brazil)	1	Host (Brazil)	1

### 2.

The entry of the 16 men's and 12 women's Olympic teams that qualify for the final competitions shall be communicated to Rio 2016™ in writing by their respective National Olympic Committee (NOC).

### 3.

In addition, associations entitled to take part in the final competitions shall confirm their participation to FIFA by sending the official entry form, duly completed, to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline set by FIFA. Entry forms sent by fax shall be confirmed by sending the official form by post to the FIFA general secretariat.

### 4.

Further to completing FIFA's official entry form, each NOC shall be required to complete Rio 2016™'s final Sport Entry Forms and Eligibility Conditions forms for the purpose of official registration of the athletes for the Rio 2016™ Olympic Games.

### 5.

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

- a) observe these Regulations and to ensure that the players, the officials and all other members of their delegation observe the same;



- b) accept the decisions passed by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these Regulations;
- c) accept all the arrangements made by Rio 2016™ in agreement with FIFA;
- d) accept any use, recording and broadcast of images of players and officials that may occur in connection with the final competition(s).

## 26 Draw – final competitions

1.

The draw for the final competitions shall take place at least three months prior to the opening match of the final competitions.

2.

The FIFA Organising Committee shall form groups for the final competitions by seeding and drawing lots whilst taking sporting and geographic factors into consideration, as far as possible.

3.

The decisions of the FIFA Organising Committee on the group formation and the duration of the final competitions are final. In the event of any withdrawals, the FIFA Organising Committee may change the groups in accordance with the provisions in par. 2.

4.

The draw will be organised by Rio 2016™ and will (subject to timing and/or other considerations) be combined with a Team Workshop, team venue inspection visits and other related activities.

## 27 Competition format – final competitions

1.

The final competitions of both the men's and women's Olympic Football Tournaments shall be played in a group stage, followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and bronze medal and gold medal matches in accordance with a schedule drawn up by the FIFA Organising Committee and Rio 2016™.

2.

Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes.

3.

In the group stage, the last matches in each group shall be played simultaneously.

4.

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 periods of 15 minutes, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time. The players shall remain on the pitch during both of these intervals.

5.

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.

## 28

### Group stage of the Men's Tournament – final competition

1.

The 16 teams taking part in the final competition of the men's Olympic Football Tournament shall be divided into four groups of four teams.

2.

The FIFA Organising Committee shall divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, whilst taking sporting and geographical factors into consideration as far as possible.

3.

The teams in the four groups shall be designated as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A 1	B 1	C 1	D 1
A 2	B 2	C 2	D 2
A 3	B 3	C 3	D 3
A 4	B 4	C 4	D 4

**4.**

The system of play shall be a league system, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

**5.**

The ranking of the teams in each group shall be determined as follows:

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

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

- d) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) goal difference resulting from all group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- g) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

**6.**

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

## 29 Quarter-finals of the Men's Tournament – final competition

1.

The eight teams that advance from the group stage shall contest the quarter-finals as follows:

Winner A v. Runner-up B	=	Winner 1
Winner B v. Runner-up A	=	Winner 2
Winner C v. Runner-up D	=	Winner 3
Winner D v. Runner-up C	=	Winner 4

2.

The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system (cf. art. 27, par. 4).

## 30 Semi-finals of the Men's Tournament – final competition

1.

The winners of the quarter-finals shall contest the semi-finals as follows:

Winner 1 v. Winner 3  
Winner 2 v. Winner 4

2.

The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system (cf. art. 27, par. 4).

## 31 Gold medal and bronze medal matches of the Men's Tournament – final competition

1.

The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the gold medal match.

2.

The losers of the semi-finals contest the bronze medal match.

**3.**

If the bronze medal match is not played on the same day in the same stadium as the gold medal match and is a draw after 90 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the bronze medal match is played on the same day in the same stadium as the gold medal match and is a draw after 90 minutes, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined immediately by kicks from the penalty mark.

**4.**

If the gold medal match is a draw after 90 minutes, 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.

## **32** Group stage of the Women's Tournament – final competition

**1.**

The twelve teams taking part in the final competition of the women's Olympic Football Tournament shall be divided into three groups of four teams.

**2.**

The FIFA Organising Committee shall divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, whilst taking sporting and geographical factors into consideration as far as possible.

**3.**

The teams in the three groups shall be designated as follows:

Group E	Group F	Group G
E 1	F 1	G 1
E 2	F 2	G 2
E 3	F 3	G 3
E 4	F 4	G 4

**4.**

The system of play shall be a league system, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

**5.**

The ranking of the teams in each group shall be determined as follows:

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

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

- d) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) goal difference resulting from all group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- g) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

**6.**

The two teams ranked first and second in each group and the two best teams among those coming third qualify for the quarter-finals.

**7.**

The two best teams among those coming third shall be determined as follows:

- a) greater number of points obtained in all the group matches;
- b) goal difference resulting from all the group matches;
- c) greater number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- d) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

## 33 Quarter-finals of the Women's Tournament – final competition

1.

The eight teams that advance from the group stage shall contest the quarter-finals as follows:

Winner E v. 3rd F or G = Winner 1

Winner F v. Runner-up G = Winner 2

Winner G v. 3rd E or F = Winner 3

Runner-up E v. Runner-up F = Winner 4

2.

The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system (cf. art. 27, par. 4).

## 34 Semi-finals of the Women's Tournament – final competition

1.

The four teams that advance from the quarter-finals shall contest the semi-finals as follows:

Winner 1 v. Winner 3

Winner 2 v. Winner 4

2.

The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system (cf. art. 27, par. 4).

## **35** Gold medal and bronze medal matches of the Women's Tournament – final competition

1.

The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the gold medal match.

2.

The losers of the semi-finals contest the bronze medal match.

3.

If the bronze medal match is not played on the same day in the same stadium as the gold medal match and is a draw after 90 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the bronze medal match is on the same day in the same stadium as the gold medal match and is a draw after 90 minutes, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined immediately by kicks from the penalty mark.

4.

If the gold medal match is a draw after 90 minutes, 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.

## **36** Dates, venues and arrival at venues – final competitions

### **Approval by FIFA Organising Committee of dates, venues and arrival at venues – final competitions**

1.

The stadiums selected by Rio 2016™ for the final competitions shall be 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.

### **Arrival at venues and official team hotels – final competitions**

3.

Each team participating in the final competitions shall arrive in the venue of their first group match at least four days before the team's first match. Only



the Olympic Village or official team hotels in the Co-Host Cities under contract with either FIFA or Rio 2016™ shall be used for the teams' accommodation.

## **37** Stadium infrastructure and equipment – final competitions

### **1.**

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

### **Field of play dimensions – final competitions**

### **2.**

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 and artificial surfaces – final competitions**

### **3.**

Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces, subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee. 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 – final competitions**

### **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 substitute bench of Team B, behind assistant referee no. 1. In this case, only a maximum of three players per team may warm up at the same time.

### **Field of play equipment – final competitions**

### **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 shall be equipped with white goal posts

and white goal nets with grey 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 – final competitions**

#### **6.**

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

#### **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 shall remain closed until the end of the match.

### **Stadium clocks and giant screens – final competitions**

#### **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/her hands, the number of minutes that he/she 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 by the fourth official 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 Guidelines for the Use of Giant Screens at FIFA Matches.

**Floodlights – final competitions****12.**

All matches shall be played under floodlights. Matches played at night may be played only at venues with floodlighting installations that ensure that the whole pitch is evenly lit according to FIFA specifications. An emergency independent power system shall also be available in each stadium which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the FIFA-specified intensity of light for the whole pitch and ensures emergency lighting in the whole stadium.

**No smoking – final competitions****13.**

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

**Safety and security – final competitions****14.**

Rio 2016™ 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 Olympic Football Tournaments shall be subject to approval by FIFA. Rio 2016™ is responsible for safety and order in and around the stadiums before, during and after matches.

**15.**

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

**Goal-line technology****16.**

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

## **38** Official training in the stadiums and pre-match warm-up – final competitions

### Official training in the stadiums – final competitions

#### 1.

Due to the heavy match schedule, the teams shall not be allowed to have an official training session on the pitch during the group stage in order to preserve the quality of the field of play. Nevertheless, during the group stage of the competition, all teams shall be offered the possibility of having a familiarisation session at the stadium according to a timetable drawn up by FIFA. The teams shall only wear training shoes and not football boots during the familiarisation session and in principle, shall not be allowed access to the field of play.

#### 2.

The teams that qualify for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and the bronze and gold medal matches 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, subject to final approval by FIFA depending on weather and pitch conditions.

#### 3.

Training times and further information will be communicated by FIFA.

#### 4.

In principle, a minimum of 45 minutes shall be set between the end of one team's training session and the start of the next team's training session.

#### 5.

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.

### Pre-match warm-up sessions in the stadiums – final competitions

#### 6.

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. 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, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

## 39 Flags and anthems – final competitions

During the final competitions, the following procedures shall be carried out in order to ensure that FIFA match protocol is respected:

- a) the FIFA anthem shall be played while the two teams are entering the field;
- b) the national anthems of the two teams shall be played after the line-up;
- c) in addition to the Olympic flag and any other flag(s) required according to Olympic protocol, the FIFA flag, the FIFA Fair Play flag and the flags of the two teams shall be flown in each stadium during matches;
- d) Olympic protocol (cf. Appendix A) shall apply to the final competitions in any matters other than those mentioned in this article.

## 40 Training sites – final competitions

1.  
Rio 2016™ shall provide training sites for the teams. In principle, Rio 2016™ shall provide four training sites per Host City which shall be approved by FIFA.
2.  
Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, all training sites shall measure 105m x 68m.
3.  
The training sites shall be situated within a 20-minute bus drive from the Olympic Village or team hotel(s).
4.  
The training sites shall be made available for the exclusive use of the teams at least five days before the first match at each venue until one day after the respective venue has hosted its last match in the Olympic Football Tournaments.
5.  
The training sites shall be made available at any time requested by the teams during the official period.

**6.**

In principle, the teams shall use the training sites on a rotation basis in order to ensure that each team has the same conditions. Full details about the allocation of training sites shall be communicated at the Team Workshop.

**7.**

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

**8.**

Rio 2016™ 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.

**9.**

As from five days prior to the opening match of the final competitions and up to their elimination, the Participating Member Associations shall use only those training sites which have been officially designated for training by FIFA.

# 41

## Player lists – final competitions

**1.**

Due to the specific nature of the Olympic Football Tournaments, the National Olympic Committees are formally responsible for registering all of their participating athletes and officials with Rio 2016™. Since FIFA is responsible for ensuring the proper operational management of the Olympic Football Tournaments, a parallel registration process is conducted directly between FIFA and the Participating Member Associations. The process is described hereunder and further information shall be provided in a FIFA circular letter.

**2.**

All deadlines provided by Rio 2016™ and the IOC for registering athletes and officials shall be respected accordingly.

### Provisional list of players – final competitions

#### 3.

Each Participating Member Association that qualifies for the final competitions shall submit a provisional list of up to 35 players (a minimum of four of whom shall be goalkeepers) and up to 12 officials to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter.

#### 4.

All players on the FIFA provisional list of players must also appear on the NOC “long list” submitted to Rio 2016™.

#### 5.

The provisional list shall indicate information such as the popular name, full surname(s), full first name(s), shirt name, date of birth, club, country of club, position and passport number of each of the players as well as the functions of the official members of the delegation.

#### 6.

The provisional list shall be accompanied by copies of the birth certificate and passport of each player appearing on the provisional list.

### Final list of players – final competitions

#### 7.

Each Participating Member Association that qualifies for the final competitions shall submit a final list of 18 players per team (two of whom shall be goalkeepers) and up to seven officials (per team in the Men’s and Women’s Tournaments), which shall be sent to Rio 2016™ and to the FIFA general secretariat, according to the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular.

#### 8.

The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. The final list shall be accompanied, at a minimum, by the following information:

- Full surname(s)
- All first names
- Popular name
- Name to be placed on shirt
- Number to be placed on shirt
- Number of caps and number of goals
- Position
- Date of birth
- Passport number and expiry date
- Club and country of the club
- Height and weight

**9.**

Only the numbers 1 to 18 may be allocated to the players, with number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers.

**10.**

The official lists of 18 players and four alternate players shall be published by the FIFA general secretariat.

**Alternate players – final competitions****11.**

In addition to the 18 players officially enrolled for each of the final competitions, each association is allowed, if deemed necessary, to select a maximum of four alternate players per team, who shall appear in the provisional and the final list of players and officials, but shall not be officially enrolled for the competition and therefore shall not be allowed to play. The following applies to these four alternate players:

- a) They are not among the 18 players officially enrolled in their team's list of players and officials. They are not allowed to compete in the final competition unless the provisions of art. 41, par. 11c) apply;
- b) The purpose of selecting alternate players is, in principle, to have them available should one or more of the officially enrolled players sustain an injury or in the case of force majeure once the final competitions have started;
- c) Any request to change the status of an alternate player in order to enrol him/her in the official list of 18 players shall be made following approval and confirmation from the relevant FIFA committees and by following the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy. Once the replacement request has been approved by all parties, the relevant form shall be submitted in writing to the Rio 2016™ Accreditation Centre(s) by the *Chef de Mission* of the respective NOC or other official NOC representative authorised to do so by the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy;
- d) The alternate players shall be numbered 19 to 22, with the number 22 being reserved for the alternate goalkeeper;
- e) All costs incurred by any alternate player (airfares, board, lodging, etc.) shall be borne by either the relevant association or the respective NOC.



## Replacement of injured players after submission of the final list and during the competition – final competitions

### 12.

Players may only be replaced according to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy for reasons of injury, illness or force majeure. If a player who features on the final list of 18 players or four alternate players sustains a serious injury or is so ill that he/she can no longer be expected to play, that player may be replaced provided that:

- a) the FIFA Medical Committee has verified the injury or illness on the basis of a medical certificate issued by the team doctor responsible (in one of the four official languages of FIFA);
- b) the player's incapacity has been confirmed by FIFA;
- c) the relevant form has been properly submitted to Rio 2016™ by the *Chef de Mission* of the respective NOC (or other official NOC representative authorised to do so according to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy).

### 13.

Full details will be provided by means of circular letter with regards to deadlines for submitting requests to replace injured players. If the request is submitted after the set deadline until up to 24 hours before the team's first match, the proposed replacement player must have appeared on the provisional list submitted to FIFA, and must also have appeared on the "long list" submitted to Rio 2016™ by the respective NOC. During this period, any approved replacement player will take over the shirt number of the injured/ill player he/she is replacing.

### 14.

Players may be replaced at any time during the tournaments after the deadline of 24 hours before the team's first match, for reasons of injury, illness or force majeure. During this time period, the proposed replacement player must be one of the officially accredited alternate players. Alternate players who replace injured/ill players during this period will retain their alternate player shirt number (19-22) instead of taking over the shirt number of the injured/ill player he/she is replacing.

**15.**

If an alternate player formally replaces a player on the final list through the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, the empty alternate player slot may not be filled by another player from the provisional list.

**16.**

Under no circumstances may the list of 18 players in the men's competition include more than the maximum number of three over-age players.

**17.**

All formal player replacement procedures must be completed no later than three hours before kick-off in order for a player to be eligible to play in that match.

## **42** Accreditation – final competitions

### **Proof of identity – final competitions**

**1.**

Before the start of the final competitions, all players listed must prove their identity, nationality and age by producing both their legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of birth) and their birth certificate. Any player who fails to submit these documents shall not be allowed to take part in the respective final competition.

**2.**

If any discrepancies are detected in a player's date of birth, the FIFA Organising Committee shall apply the provisions determined by the FIFA Executive Committee for such cases and decide the consequences that such a violation shall have on the rest of the competition. The FIFA Organising Committee shall then forward the file to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

### **Accreditation – final competitions**

**3.**

Rio 2016™ shall issue each player and official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph.

**4.**

Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the final competitions. The accreditation shall always be available for inspection by FIFA officials (e.g. referees, General Coordinators, etc.).

5.

Each Participating Member Association shall receive 25 accreditations per team (18 for the listed players and seven for officials). An association may request up to a maximum of four extra accreditations for its alternate players. The recipients of the additional accreditations shall appear on the official list of players and officials, but shall not be officially enrolled for the final competitions (unless their status has been changed in accordance with art. 41, par. 11c) and they are thus officially enrolled in the official list of 18 players) and their access to zones and Olympic venues shall be limited.

6.

Each Participating Member Association shall have their officials accredited by their respective NOC with an indication of the name and function of each person, as per the information contained in the official lists of players and officials.

## 43 Start lists and substitutes' benches – final competitions

### Start lists – final competitions

1.

All 18 players shall be named on the start list for each match (11 selected players and seven substitutes). Up to a maximum of three of the substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match. None of the four alternate players, unless their status has been changed in accordance with art. 41, par. 11c) and they are thus officially enrolled in the official list of 18 players, may be included in the start list for a match or be seated on the substitutes' bench during a match.

2.

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.

3.

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.

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 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. In accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game, up to a maximum of three substitutions may still be made.

**7.**

Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list may be seated on the 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 for a decision.

### **Substitutes' benches – final competitions**

**9.**

No more than 14 people (seven substitutes and seven officials) 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 and provided to the FIFA General Coordinator. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench.

**10.**

The use of electronic communication systems between players and/or technical staff is not permitted. FIFA will provide more information by means of circular letter.

## **44** Team equipment – final competitions

### **FIFA Equipment Regulations and Rule 50 and Bye-law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter – final competitions**

**1.**

The Participating Member Associations shall undertake to comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations with regard to all issues concerning colours, numbering and the printing of names on the players' equipment, for the final competitions.

**2.**

During the final competitions of the Tournaments, unlike other FIFA competitions, the IOC Olympic Charter shall form the basis for the acceptance of the equipment of the Participating Member Associations. The latter will be representing their respective NOCs during the Rio 2016™ Olympic Games and shall therefore comply fully with IOC guidelines.

**3.**

Rule 50 and the Bye-law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter (cf. Appendix A) describe the specifications of manufacturer identification allowed on the players' kit and on other clothing worn by substitutes and officials in the stadium and training areas. This ruling shall take precedence over the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force in terms of advertising on sports equipment and manufacturers' identification for the duration of the final competitions.

**4.**

In order to ensure compliance with Rule 50 and the Bye-law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter as well as the IOC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines, the crest/logo of the Participating Member Associations may not be displayed on any equipment brought to the Olympic Football Tournaments.

**5.**

The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans in any language or form by players and officials on their team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organised by FIFA (including in the stadiums for official matches and training sessions, as well as during official 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 – final competitions****6.**

Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominately dark and one predominately 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.

**7.**

FIFA will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match by means of circular letter and/or at the match coordination meetings. Only these colours may be worn at the matches.

**Team kit approvals – final competitions****8.**

Each Participating Member Association shall provide FIFA with exact samples of the following equipment: (i) official and reserve kits (two sets of shirts, shorts, socks); (ii) three sets of the goalkeeper's kit (shirts, shorts, socks); (iii) goalkeeper's gloves and caps; (iv) training bibs. Names and numbers shall be printed on the shirts and shorts in compliance with art. 44 par.9 and art. 44 par.10 and the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The approval procedure for all such kit and the applicable deadlines will be communicated by circular letter. All equipment submitted to FIFA must already have been approved by the team's respective NOC.

### **Players' names and numbers – final competitions**

#### **9.**

Throughout the Olympic Football Tournaments, each player shall wear the number assigned to him/her on the final list. Such number shall be displayed on the front and back of his/her shirt and on his/her shorts in accordance 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.

### **Goalkeeper shirts without name and number – final competitions**

#### **11.**

In the event of a goalkeeper needing to be replaced by an outfield player (due to injuries or red cards), each team shall provide a goalkeeper shirt without a name or number displayed on the back of the shirt in order to distinguish this replacement goalkeeper from the other players. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three colours as the regular goalkeeper shirts.

### **Team kit on matchdays – final competitions**

#### **12.**

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

### **Footballs – final competitions**

#### **13.**

The footballs chosen for the Tournaments shall conform with the provisions of the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations. They shall bear one of the following three designations: the official "FIFA APPROVED" logo, the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo or the "INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALL STANDARD" reference.

#### **14.**

The footballs for the final competitions shall be selected by FIFA and supplied by Rio 2016™.

**15.**

Each team will receive twenty training balls from FIFA after the Draw and after successful submission of the required team entry and team colours information, as well as an additional twenty training balls upon arrival in the host country. Only these balls delivered by FIFA and/or the IOC may be used for training and warm-up sessions in the official stadiums and at the official training sites.

**Warm-up bibs – final competitions****16.**

Only warm-up bibs provided by Rio 2016™ may be used during official training sessions held at the stadium and for the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

**17.**

In the case of contradictions between the IOC and FIFA Equipment Regulations in connection with the final competitions, the IOC regulations shall prevail.

## 45 Olympic medals and diplomas – final competitions

**1.**

Each of the players of the three top-ranked teams who feature on the official lists of players shall receive a medal:

Olympic champion:	an Olympic gold medal and a diploma
Runner-up:	an Olympic silver medal and a diploma
Third place:	an Olympic bronze medal and a diploma

These medals and diplomas shall be provided by Rio 2016™ for distribution by the IOC.

**2.**

Each player of the teams ranked fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth shall receive a diploma. These diplomas shall be provided by Rio 2016™ for distribution by the IOC.



## 46 FIFA awards – final competitions

The FIFA Fair Play Trophy, a fair play medal and a diploma for each player and official as well as a voucher for football equipment (to be used for youth development and whose exact amount shall be fixed by the relevant FIFA committee) shall go to the teams finishing first in the fair play contests of the Men's and Women's Tournaments (cf. Appendix B). Since presenting the Fair Play Trophies in the stadium at the end of the men's and women's gold medal matches would contravene Olympic protocol, FIFA shall find another non-Olympic occasion to make these presentations.

## 47 Seating arrangements, tickets – final competitions

1.

During football matches, the members of the FIFA delegation (including match officials) shall be seated in the Federation Stand.

2.

Members of the FIFA delegation shall only gain access to the Federation Stand with a valid accreditation.

3.

Teams shall be accommodated in reserved areas in the Athletes' Stand.

4.

In the event of double-headers, a specific area shall be reserved in the Athletes' Stand for the teams playing in the matches.

5.

Players and officials from the Participating Member Associations shall only gain access to the Athletes' Stand with a valid accreditation.

6.

As with all other events in the Olympic Games, football falls under the auspices of the IOC. The customary FIFA policy of allocating complimentary tickets to the teams for their matches in the group or knockout stages does not apply. Should an association wish to purchase additional tickets for its own or other matches, requests should be addressed to its NOC, the latter being solely responsible for coordinating any additional ticket requests for all sports disciplines.

## 48 Financial provisions – final competitions

### 1.

Each association participating in the final competitions shall be responsible for the costs of concluding compulsory health, accident and travel insurance cover for all players, officials and other members of its delegation.

### 2.

FIFA shall be responsible for the costs of insurance taken out to cover its own risks as follows:

- a) legal liability insurance;
- b) financial and consequential losses liability insurance;
- c) accident insurance for members of the official FIFA delegation (including match officials);
- d) legal protection insurance;
- e) luggage insurance for members of the FIFA committees and match officials.

### 3.

The following financial terms and conditions are regulated jointly by the Olympic Charter of the IOC, the Host City Contract, and the Memorandum of Understanding signed by FIFA and Rio 2016™, and are borne jointly by the IOC, Rio 2016™ and the respective NOCs:

- a) board and lodging of the participating teams and match officials;
- b) international air travel expenses for the participating teams and match officials;
- c) domestic travel expenses (by air or road) during the Tournaments for the participating teams and match officials;
- d) laundry service for the match and training kits of the participating teams and match officials.

## 49 Rights of the Participating Member Associations – final competitions

In the absence of any written agreement with FIFA to the contrary, or as set out herein, no Participating Member Association shall have any promotional, advertising, marketing, broadcasting or other commercial exploitation rights in relation to:

- a) the final competitions of the Tournaments;
- b) any event held under the auspices of FIFA;
- c) FIFA or the IOC.

## 50 FIFA marks – final competitions

1.

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

- a) the name “FIFA”;
- b) the FIFA design emblem.

2.

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

3.

The Participating Member Associations shall refrain from the development, use or registration of any name, logo, trade mark, indicia, brand name, symbol, service mark or other mark (whether registered or unregistered) or designation which may be inferred by the public as identifying with FIFA or the Tournaments, including the word “FIFA” (or any other term used

in any language to identify the Tournaments), or the development, use or registration of any dates in connection with the name of the host country, venues or Host City (or cities) of the final competitions of the Tournaments, or any similar indicia or derivation of such terms or dates in any language. The Participating Member Associations shall further ensure that their commercial affiliates comply with the provisions of this section, and that such commercial affiliates do not engage in any activity which might give rise to the impression that such commercial affiliates are officially associated with the Tournaments.

**4.**

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

## **51** Rights of the IOC – final competitions

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

## 52 Final provisions

1.

All relevant circulars form an integral part of these Regulations.

2.

Any communications to FIFA, the confederations, the NOCs, the IOC or Rio 2016™ shall be sent by telefax and confirmed on the same day by registered post.

3.

Any disputes arising from the application of these Regulations shall be settled by the jurisdiction of FIFA and, if subsequently necessary, by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

## 53 Special circumstances

The FIFA Organising Committee shall, in conjunction with the IOC and Rio 2016™, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

## 54 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 in cooperation with the IOC and Rio 2016™. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

## 55 Languages

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

## 56 Copyright

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

## 57 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.

## 58 Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Executive Committee on xxx 2014 and came into force immediately.

Zurich, xxxx 2014

For the FIFA Executive Committee

President  
Joseph S. Blatter

Secretary General  
Jérôme Valcke

## **50 Advertising, demonstrations, propaganda**

### **1.**

The IOC Executive Board determines the principles and conditions under which any form of advertising or other publicity may be authorised.

### **2.**

No form of advertising or other publicity shall be allowed in and above the stadia, venues and other competition areas which are considered as part of the Olympic sites. Commercial installations and advertising signs shall not be allowed in the stadia, venues or other sports grounds.

### **3.**

No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites, venues or other areas.

## **Bye-law to Rule 50**

### **1.**

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except for the identification – as defined in paragraph 8 below - of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

1.1 The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than once per item of clothing and equipment.

1.2 Equipment: any manufacturer's identification that is greater than 10% of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously. However, there shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60cm<sup>2</sup>.

1.3 Headgear (e.g. hats, helmets, sunglasses, goggles) and gloves: any manufacturer's identification over 6cm<sup>2</sup> shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.

1.4 Clothing (e.g. T-shirts, shorts, sweat tops and sweat pants): any manufacturer's identification which is greater than 20cm<sup>2</sup> shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.

- 1.5 Shoes: it is acceptable that there appear the normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may also appear, up to a maximum of 6cm<sup>2</sup>, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
- 1.6 In case of special rules adopted by an International Sports Federation, exceptions to the rules mentioned above may be approved by the IOC Executive Board. Any violation of the provisions of the present clause shall result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned. The decisions of the IOC Executive Board regarding this matter shall be final.
- The numbers worn by competitors may not display publicity of any kind and must bear the Olympic emblem of the OCOG (Organising Committee for the Olympic Games).

## 2.

To be valid, all contracts of the OCOG containing any element whatsoever of advertising, including the right or licence to use the emblem or the mascot of the Olympic Games, must be in conformity with the Olympic Charter and must comply with the instructions given by the IOC Executive Board. The same shall apply to contracts relating to the timing equipment, the scoreboards, and to the injection of any identification signal in television programmes. Breaches of these regulations come under the authority of the IOC Executive Board.

## 3.

Any mascot created for the Olympic Games shall be considered to be an Olympic emblem, the design of which must be submitted by the OCOG to the IOC Executive Board for its approval. Such mascot may not be used for commercial purposes in the country of an NOC without the latter's prior written approval.

## 4.

The OCOG shall ensure the protection of the property of the emblem and the mascot of the Olympic Games for the benefit of the IOC, both nationally and internationally. However, the OCOG alone and, after the OCOG has been wound up, the NOC of the host country, may exploit such emblem



and mascot, as well as other marks, designs, badges, posters, objects and documents connected with the Olympic Games during their preparation, during their holding and during a period terminating not later than the end of the calendar year during which such Olympic Games are held. Upon the expiry of this period, all rights in or relating to such emblem, mascot and other marks, designs, badges, posters, objects and documents shall thereafter belong entirely to the IOC. The OCOG and/or the NOC, as the case may be and to the extent necessary, shall act as trustees (in a fiduciary capacity) for the sole benefit of the IOC in this respect.

**5.**

The provisions of this bye-law also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to all contracts signed by the organising committee of a Session or an Olympic Congress.

**6.**

The uniforms of the competitors and of all persons holding an official position may include the flag or Olympic emblem of their NOC or, with the consent of the OCOG, the OCOG Olympic emblem. The IF officials may wear the uniform and the emblem of their federations.

**7.**

The identification on all technical gear, installations and other apparatus, which are neither worn nor used by athletes or other participants at the Olympic Games, including timing equipment and scoreboards, may on no account be larger than 1/10th of the height of the equipment, installation or apparatus in question, and shall not be greater than 10cm high.

**8.**

The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than once per item.

**9.**

The OCOG, all participants and all other persons accredited at the Olympic Games and all other persons or parties concerned shall comply with the manuals, guides, or guidelines, and all other instructions of the IOC Executive Board, in respect of all matters subject to Rule 50 and this Bye-law.

## 51 Protocol

### 1.

Throughout the period of the Olympic Games, the IOC Executive Board alone has the authority to determine the protocol applicable at all sites and venues placed under the responsibility of the OCOG.

### 2.

At all Olympic functions and events during the Olympic Games, the members, Honorary President, honorary members and honour members of the IOC in their order of seniority, the President, Honorary President and Vice-Presidents leading, take precedence followed by the members of the OCOG, the Presidents of the IFs and the Presidents of the NOCs.

### 3.

The OCOG, the IFs, the NOCs and all other persons accredited at the Olympic Games, in any capacity whatsoever, shall comply with the IOC Protocol Guide, and all other instructions of the IOC Executive Board, in respect of all matters subject to this Rule.

In the event of any divergence in the wording of the different language versions, the French text of Rule 50 and its Bye-law as well as Rule 51 of the Olympic Charter in force as of 9 September 2013 shall be authoritative.

## 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 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 competitions shall be taken into account.

### 5.

The Organising Committee shall compile and publish the ranking at the end of the final competitions. Its decision is final.

### 6.

FIFA shall award the team that wins the fair play contest a trophy, 25 medals and a diploma, all of which the team can keep permanently. The team shall also receive a voucher valued at USD 10,000, which shall be exchanged for a supply of football equipment to be used exclusively for youth development.

## II. Assessment criteria

### 7.

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.

### 8.

Red and yellow cards shall be deducted from a maximum of 10 points:

- first yellow card:                      minus 1 point
- yellow/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.

### 9.

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.

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

**10.****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.

**11.****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.

**12.****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, e.g. 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.

**13.****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

#### 14.

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 criterion "behaviour of the crowd" consequently disregarded ("n.a." – cf. par. 13 above), the maximum number of points obtainable shall 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 competitions shall be calculated by adding the points attained at each match and dividing this figure by the number of matches played.

Teams that are eliminated after the group stage of the final competitions 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.

These regulations have been approved by the Organising Committee for the Olympic Football Tournaments.







