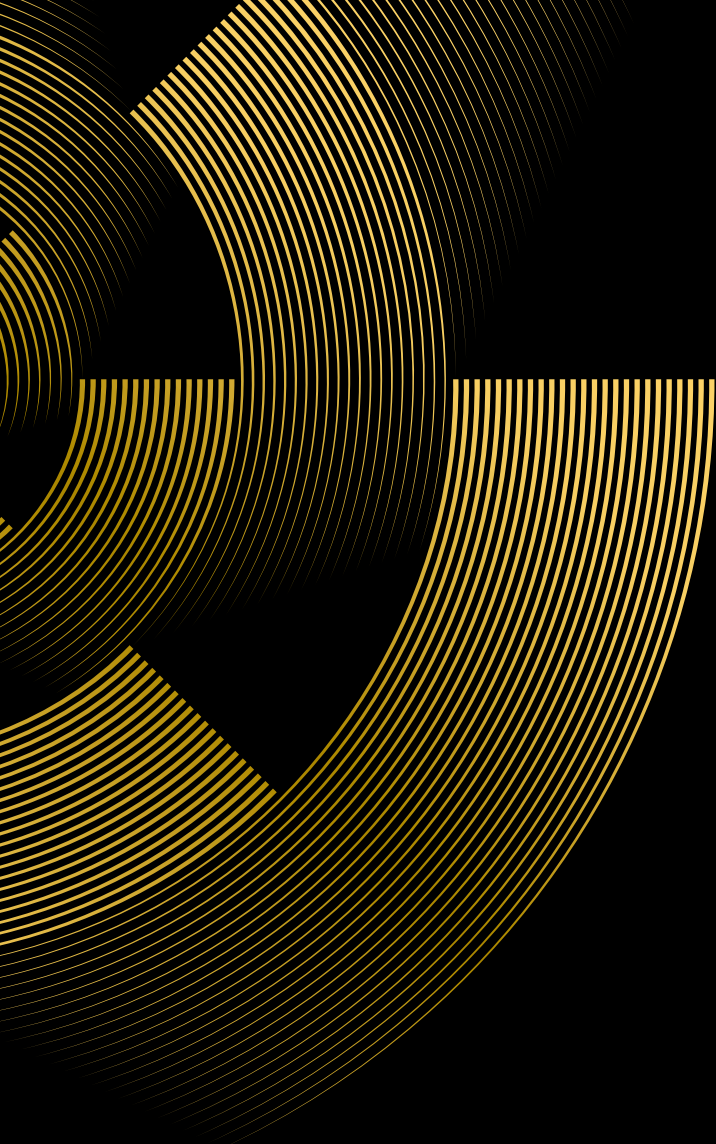


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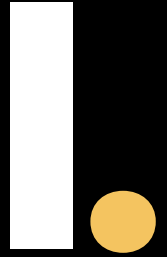
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# General provisions

## **ARTICLE 1: FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP™**

- 1.1 The FIFA Club World Cup™ (“Club World Cup”) is a FIFA competition embodied in the FIFA regulations.
- 1.2 The Club World Cup takes place every four years and participation in the Club World Cup is free of charge.
- 1.3 These regulations (“Regulations”) govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all clubs taking part in the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ (“Competition”). These Regulations and all guidelines and circulars issued by FIFA are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Competition.
- 1.4 Any rights that are directly associated with the Competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or by the Participation Agreement and/or by the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations for the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ (“the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations”) belong to FIFA.
- 1.5 The FIFA Statutes and all FIFA regulations in force shall apply for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Competition. Any reference in these Regulations to the FIFA Statutes and regulations refers to the Statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.
- 1.6 Other rules and/or decisions by third parties that are directly binding on FIFA (e.g. due to FIFA being a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code) may apply to the subject matter of these Regulations. Any such rules and/or decisions implemented by FIFA shall take precedence over these Regulations in the event of any conflict and shall be complied with by all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Competition.

## **ARTICLE 2: FIFA ORGANISING BODY**

- 2.1 The FIFA Council or the relevant committee appointed by the FIFA Council is responsible for organising the Competition in accordance with these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Governance Regulations as well as the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations
- 2.2 The FIFA Council or the Bureau of the FIFA Council, may, if necessary, appoint a sub-committee to deal with unforeseen matters that require an immediate decision. Any decision taken by the Bureau of the FIFA Council, or by the sub-committee, shall come into effect immediately but shall be subject to confirmation by the FIFA Council.

- 2.3 The FIFA Council or the relevant committee shall deal with any aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Governance Regulations or the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations.
- 2.4 The decisions taken by the FIFA Council or the relevant committee and/or its sub-committee in relation to the Competition may be appealed, pursuant to the FIFA Statutes.
- 2.5 FIFA bears overall responsibility for organising, hosting and staging the Competition.

### **ARTICLE 3: LOCAL FIFA SUBSIDIARY**

- 3.1 FIFA has established a local FIFA subsidiary, FWC2026 US, Inc. in the United States in connection with the FIFA World Cup 26™ (“Local FIFA Subsidiary”). The Local FIFA Subsidiary may also deliver various operational projects relating to the Competition.
- 3.2 The Local FIFA Subsidiary may communicate with the participating clubs from time to time on matters relating to the Competition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, FIFA remains the ultimate authority and responsible party on all matters relating to the organisation, hosting and staging of the Competition.

### **ARTICLE 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

- 4.1 By submitting the Participation Agreement, each participating club automatically undertakes to comply at all times with (and shall ensure that every player, coach, manager, official, media officer, representative, guest and any other person carrying out duties on behalf of the participating club (each a “Delegation Member”) complies with these Regulations and the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes and other FIFA regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

In addition, every Delegation Member shall:

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



4.2 By signing the Participation Agreement, each participating club automatically undertakes to:

- a) observe and comply with and ensure that their Delegation Members also observe and comply with these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
- b) observe and comply with all applicable laws;
- c) observe and comply with all reasonable instructions and decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA in accordance with the terms of these Regulations;
- d) field their strongest team throughout the Competition;
- e) accept all of the arrangements relating to the Competition made by FIFA;
- f) accept, to the extent detailed in the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the use by FIFA and/or the issue of a sub-licence by FIFA to third parties, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of all Delegation Members that may appear in connection with the Competition; and
- g) ensure the provision of adequate insurance to cover their Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel in consideration of the relevant FIFA rules or regulations.

4.3 In addition, each participating club, upon signing the Participation Agreement, shall be responsible for:

- a) the conduct of its Delegation Members;
- b) paying for incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf during the course of their stay in the host country;
- c) paying for any costs of extending the stay, before or after the Competition, of any Delegation Member or any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
- d) applying, with the assistance of FIFA, for visas and submitting the required documents in good time accordance with the relevant procedures; and
- e) attending all media conferences and other media activities organised by FIFA in accordance with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA circular letters, guidelines, directives and/or decisions.

4.4 All participating clubs shall confirm their participation in the Competition by submitting the Participation Agreement and any other required documentation as communicated by FIFA via the corresponding circular(s), duly signed by the deadline(s) set by FIFA. The timely submission to FIFA of any such documents is of the essence. All participating clubs shall provide FIFA with all information and/or documentation reasonably requested within the stipulated deadlines.



- 4.5 All participating clubs undertake to ensure that their players and officials attend and participate in all official activities and events including, without limitation, any Team Arrival Meeting, Match Coordination Meeting, press conference and other media and marketing activities in accordance with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations.
- 4.6 All participating clubs shall indemnify, defend and hold FIFA, the Local FIFA Subsidiary, and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, participation in the Competition and/or any non-compliance with these Regulations by the participating clubs, their Delegation Members, their affiliates and any third parties contracted to the participating clubs.

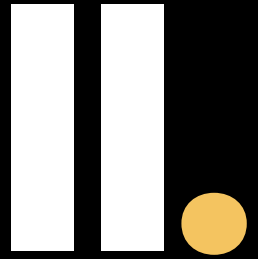


## **ARTICLE 5: WITHDRAWAL, UNPLAYED MATCHES, ABANDONED MATCHES AND REPLACEMENT**

- 5.1 All participating clubs undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the Competition.
- 5.2 Any club that, after having submitted the Participation Agreement, withdraws from the Competition no later than 30 days before the first match of the Competition shall be fined at least CHF 250,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Any participating club that, after having submitted the Participation Agreement, withdraws from the Competition fewer than 30 days before the first match of the Competition shall be fined at least CHF 500,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 5.3 If any participating club is not admitted to, is excluded from or withdraws from the Competition once the Competition has started, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose additional disciplinary measures, taking into account, in particular, the timing of a possible withdrawal, the severity of the rule breach leading to non-admission or exclusion, possible mitigating factors as well as any other relevant circumstances. Disciplinary sanctions may include the expulsion of the participating club concerned from subsequent FIFA competitions and/or the replacement of the participating club in question by another club.
- 5.4 Any match which is not played or which is abandoned – except in cases of force majeure recognised by FIFA – may lead to the imposition of disciplinary measures against the relevant participating clubs by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 5.5 Any participating club that withdraws from the Competition once the Competition has started or whose behaviour is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered by the FIFA Council or the relevant committee to reimburse FIFA or any other participating club for any expenses incurred as a result of its behaviour. In such cases, the club concerned may also be ordered by FIFA to pay compensation for any damages incurred by FIFA, the Local FIFA Subsidiary or any other participating club. The participating club in question will also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA or the Local FIFA Subsidiary.
- 5.6 If a participating club withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, FIFA shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

- 5.7 Further to the above, in the case of a match being abandoned after it has already kicked off, the following principles shall apply:
- a) The match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same scoreline. The match shall recommence where play was stopped when the match was interrupted (e.g. with a free kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, kick from the penalty mark, etc.). If the match was abandoned while the ball was still in play, it shall restart with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped.
  - b) The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned.
  - c) No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the start list.
  - d) The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned.
  - e) Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced.
  - f) Any disciplinary measures imposed before the match was abandoned will be dealt with in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
  - g) The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by FIFA.
- 5.8 If a participating club withdraws and/or is disqualified prior to the end of the group stage, the results of all of its matches will be declared null and void.
- 5.9 FIFA has the right to cancel, reschedule or relocate one or more matches (or the entire Competition) for any reason at its sole discretion, including as a result of force majeure or due to health, safety or security concerns.





# Disciplinary matters and procedures

## ARTICLE 6: DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 6.1 Disciplinary infringements are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code in force as well as with all relevant circulars and directives, with which the participating clubs and Delegation Members undertake to comply.
- 6.2 FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and measures for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the participating clubs before the opening match of the Competition at the latest.
- 6.3 Any violations of these Regulations or any other FIFA regulations, circulars, guidelines, directives and/or decisions that do not come under the jurisdiction of another FIFA body shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

## ARTICLE 7: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 7.1 The participating clubs and all Delegation Members acknowledge and accept that their sole legal recourse against final decisions of FIFA shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, as provided for in the FIFA Statutes, and unless excluded by the FIFA Statutes or applicable FIFA regulations. Any such arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.
- 7.2 As provided for in the FIFA Statutes, recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless specifically provided for in the FIFA regulations. Recourse to ordinary courts of law for all types of provisional measures is also prohibited.

## ARTICLE 8: PROTESTS

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA Match Director within two hours of the match in question, as well as via the FIFA Legal Portal at [legalportal.fifa.com](http://legalportal.fifa.com) (cf. art. 18 par. 1 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code) within 24 hours of the end of the match, otherwise they shall be disregarded.



- 8.3 Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches shall be submitted via the FIFA Legal Portal at [legalportal.fifa.com](http://legalportal.fifa.com) (cf. art. 18 par. 1 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code) no later than three days before the first match of the Competition. Such protests shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 8.4 Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items (e.g. goals, flagposts or footballs) shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the head of delegation of the team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA Match Director by the head of delegation of the team no later than two hours after the match.
- 8.5 Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA Match Director by the head of delegation of the team no later than two hours after the match.
- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose disciplinary measures against the participating club concerned.
- 8.8 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the Competition has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded. Notwithstanding the above, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee remains competent to prosecute any disciplinary infringement *ex officio*, as established in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 8.9 FIFA shall pass decisions on any protests lodged, subject to the exceptions stipulated in these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or any other FIFA regulations.

## ARTICLE 9: YELLOW AND RED CARDS

- 9.1 The referee has the authority to take disciplinary action from entering the field of play for the pre-match inspection until leaving the field of play after the match ends (including penalties (penalty shoot-out)). If, before entering the field of play at the start of the match, a player or team official commits a sending-off offence, the referee has the authority to prevent the player or team official from taking part in the match (see Laws of the Game, Law 12.3); the referee will report any other misconduct.
- 9.2 Single yellow cards and pending suspensions that could not be served during the confederation's club competition are not carried over to the Competition.
- 9.3 Single yellow cards in the Competition will be cancelled after the quarter-finals.
- 9.4 If a player or team official receives two cautions during two different matches, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match.
- 9.5 If a player or team official is sent off as a result of a direct or an indirect red card, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match. In addition, further sanctions (e.g. additional suspensions, a fine, etc.) may be imposed.
- 9.6 In line with article 74 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code, and without prejudice to any other sanction that might result therefrom, any match suspension resulting from a player or official being sent off (as a result of a direct or an indirect red card), and any match suspension resulting from several cautions issued to a player or official in different matches of the Competition, will not be carried over to another competition.
- 9.7 Further details on rules and on the management of suspensions and expulsions will be confirmed via circular letter.



## **ARTICLE 10: MULTI-CLUB OWNERSHIP**

10.1 To ensure the integrity of the Competition, participating clubs shall meet the below criteria when submitting the Participation Agreement and shall continue to comply with the criteria until the end of the Competition:

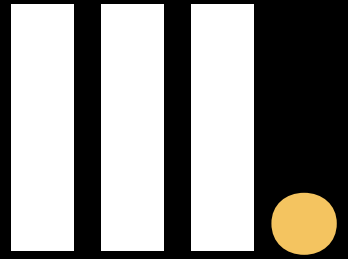
- a) No club participating in the Competition may, either directly or indirectly:
  - i) hold or deal in the securities or shares of any other club participating in the Competition;
  - ii) be a member of any other club participating in the Competition;
  - iii) be involved in any capacity whatsoever in the management, administration and/or sporting performance of any other club participating in the Competition; or
  - iv) have any power whatsoever in the management, administration and/or sporting performance of any other club participating in the Competition.
- b) No one may simultaneously be involved, either directly or indirectly, in any capacity whatsoever in the management, administration and/or sporting performance of more than one club participating in the Competition.
- c) No individual or legal entity may have control or influence over more than one club participating in the Competition, such control or influence being defined in this context as:
  - i) holding a majority of the shareholders' voting rights;
  - ii) having the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the club;
  - iii) being a shareholder and alone controlling a majority of the shareholders' voting rights pursuant to an agreement entered into with other shareholders of the club; or
  - iv) being able to exercise by any means a decisive influence in the decision-making of the club.

10.2 If, on the basis of a complaint or the information available to FIFA, there is a doubt as to whether a participating club fulfils the criteria established above, the FIFA general secretariat may refer the case to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee, who shall decide on the admission without delay in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.



- 10.3 If two or more clubs fail to meet the criteria defined in paragraph 1 above, only one of them may be admitted to the Competition. The FIFA Disciplinary Committee shall have jurisdiction to decide whether the criteria defined in paragraph 1 above are met.
- 10.4 If the FIFA Disciplinary Committee decides that two or more clubs fail to meet the criteria defined in paragraph 1 above, the FIFA general secretariat shall decide which club may be admitted to the Competition and how a club that is not admitted shall be replaced in accordance with the following principles, taking into account, in particular, the respective ranking(s) of the club(s) concerned and the applicable quota per confederation and/or member association to which the club(s) concerned is/are affiliated.





# Competition format

## ARTICLE 11: PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- 11.1 The FIFA Council has approved the number of teams taking part in the Competition at 32, namely the host member association's representative team and the 31 other teams that qualify based on performance in their confederations' premier club competition (time period 2021-2024) and the new FIFA club ranking announced in December 2023.
- 11.2 FIFA shall form groups for the Competition by seeding and drawing lots whilst taking sporting and geographical factors into consideration, as far as possible. Further details shall be communicated by circular letter.
- 11.3 The decisions of the FIFA Council or the relevant committee on the group formation and the duration of the Competition are final. In the event of any withdrawals or exclusions, the FIFA Council or the relevant committee may change the groups at its sole discretion.
- 11.4 On 14 March 2023, the FIFA Council decided to allocate the following number of slots to the confederations for the Competition:

Confederation	Number of slots	Key principles of access
AFC	4	Four clubs (AFC Champions League winners between 2021 and 2024)
CAF	4	Four clubs (CAF Champions League winners between 2021 and 2024)
Concacaf	4	Four clubs (Concacaf Champions Cup winners between 2021 and 2024)
CONMEBOL	6	Six clubs (CONMEBOL <i>Libertadores</i> winners between 2021 and 2024 and two other teams to be determined by the FIFA club ranking based on the same four-year period)
OFC	1	One club (the highest-ranked club from among the OFC Champions League winners between 2021 and 2024)
UEFA	12	Twelve clubs (UEFA Champions League winners between 2021 and 2024 and eight other teams to be determined by the FIFA club ranking based on the same four-year period)
Host (club TBC)	1	One club (access for the club occupying this slot will be determined by FIFA at a later stage)



- 11.5 In the event of a club winning two or more editions of the confederation's premier club competition during the 2021-2024 period, the FIFA club ranking calculated according to sporting criteria will be used to grant access. A cap of two clubs per country will be applied to the access list, with an exception in cases where more than two clubs from the same country win the confederation's premier club competition over the four-year period.
- 11.6 In the event of a confederation holding fewer than four editions of a premier club competition during the 2021-2024 period, the FIFA club ranking calculated according to sporting criteria will be used to grant access to the confederation's remaining slot(s).
- 11.7 Clubs that are not admitted shall be replaced in accordance with article 5 of these Regulations.

## **ARTICLE 12: GROUP AND KNOCKOUT STAGES**

- 12.1 The Competition will be played in a group stage, followed by the round of 16, quarter-finals and semi-finals, and the final. A total of 63 matches will be played, with no third-place play-off.
- 12.2 The 32 teams taking part in the Competition will be divided into eight groups of four teams.
- 12.3 The FIFA Council or the relevant committee will divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public at the draw, whilst taking sporting and geographical factors into consideration as far as possible.

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

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

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

<b>MATCHDAY 1</b>	<b>MATCHDAY 2</b>	<b>MATCHDAY 3</b>
A1 v. A2	A1 v. A3	A4 v. A1
A3 v. A4	A4 v. A2	A2 v. A3
B1 v. B2	B1 v. B3	B4 v. B1
B3 v. B4	B4 v. B2	B2 v. B3
C1 v. C2	C1 v. C3	C4 v. C1
C3 v. C4	C4 v. C2	C2 v. C3
D1 v. D2	D1 v. D3	D4 v. D1
D3 v. D4	D4 v. D2	D2 v. D3
E1 v. E2	E1 v. E3	E4 v. E1
E3 v. E4	E4 v. E2	E2 v. E3
F1 v. F2	F1 v. F3	F4 v. F1
F3 v. F4	F4 v. F2	F2 v. F3
G1 v. G2	G1 v. G3	G4 v. G1
G3 v. G4	G4 v. G2	G2 v. G3
H1 v. H2	H1 v. H3	H4 v. H1
H3 v. H4	H4 v. H2	H2 v. H3

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

- 12.5 The last two matches in each group shall have simultaneous kick-off times on the same day.
- 12.6 The two teams finishing first and second in each group qualify for the round of 16.



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

Winner A v. Runner-up B = Winner 1 (M49)

Winner B v. Runner-up A = Winner 2 (M51)

Winner C v. Runner-up D = Winner 3 (M50)

Winner D v. Runner-up C = Winner 4 (M52)

Winner E v. Runner-up F = Winner 5 (M53)

Winner F v. Runner-up E = Winner 6 (M55)

Winner G v. Runner-up H = Winner 7 (M54)

Winner H v. Runner-up G = Winner 8 (M56)

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

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

A (M57): Winner 1 (M49) v. Winner 3 (M50)

B (M58): Winner 5 (M53) v. Winner 7 (M54)

C (M59): Winner 2 (M51) v. Winner 4 (M52)

D (M60): Winner 6 (M55) v. Winner 8 (M56)

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

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

Semi-final 1 (M61): Winner A (M57) v. Winner B (M58)

Semi-final 2 (M62): Winner C (M59) v. Winner D (M60)

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

12.10 The two winners of the semi-finals will contest the final.

Final (M63): Winner M61 v. Winner M62

## ARTICLE 13: EQUAL POINTS AND QUALIFICATION FOR KNOCKOUT STAGE

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

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

If, after having applied criteria a) to c) above, teams still have an equal ranking, and in order to determine their final rankings, criteria a) to c) above are applied to the matches between the remaining teams only. If no decision can be made through this procedure, criteria d) to f) below shall apply as follows to the two or more teams still equal on points:

- d) superior goal difference in all group matches;
- e) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
- f) highest team conduct score (players and team officials) relating to the number of yellow and red cards obtained:
 

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

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

- g) drawing of lots by FIFA.



## **ARTICLE 14: EXTRA TIME AND PENALTIES (PENALTY SHOOTOUT)**

- 14.1 In the knockout stage, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played. Extra time shall consist of two 15-minute periods, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time. The players shall remain on the pitch during both of these intervals.
- 14.2 If the score is still level at the end of extra time, penalties (penalty shootout) shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure specified in the Laws of the Game.



**IV.**

**Competition  
preparation**

## **ARTICLE 15: DRAW AND TEAM WORKSHOP**

Detailed information concerning the draw and Team Workshop for the Competition shall be communicated by circular letter.

## **ARTICLE 16: VENUES, DATES AND KICK-OFF TIMES**

16.1 The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be determined by FIFA.

16.2 The dates and venues of the matches shall be set, allowing each team a minimum rest period of 72 hours between matches. In principle, the last matchday matches of the group stage of the same group shall kick off simultaneously, unless there is a case of force majeure.

16.3 FIFA shall confirm the match kick-off times and stadiums after the draw.

## **ARTICLE 17: TEAM ARRIVALS**

Each team participating in the Competition shall arrive at their Team Base Camp at least five and no fewer than three days before their first match.



**Stadiums and  
training sites**

## **ARTICLE 18: STADIUMS**

- 18.1 Matches shall be played on natural grass only.
- 18.2 Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, the pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m, width 68m.
- 18.3 The pitch watering schedule and the height of the grass will be communicated by the FIFA Match Director at the Match Coordination Meeting.
- 18.4 The field of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. All goals shall be equipped with white goalposts and white goal nets with dark support posts and padding. Each stadium shall have spare goals, nets and corner flags located in close proximity to the field of play for contingency purposes.
- 18.5 All Competition stadiums shall be tobacco-free and free of vapours from e-cigarettes in accordance with the FIFA Event Policy on Tobacco. FIFA reserves the right to determine whether outdoor designated smoking areas shall be established for each stadium.

## **ARTICLE 19: STADIUM ROOF**

- 19.1 If a stadium has a retractable roof, FIFA shall decide before the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced by the FIFA Match Director at the Match Coordination Meeting.
- 19.2 If the match starts with the roof open and there is a serious deterioration in the weather conditions impacting the match, the referee, in consultation with the FIFA Match Director, has the authority to order its closure during the match. In such an event, the roof is to remain closed until the end of the match. The roof may only be opened or closed if there is no one on the pitch.

## **ARTICLE 20: STADIUM CLOCKS AND GIANT SCREEN**

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE 21: TRAINING SITES**

21.1 The training sites provided by FIFA shall be made available at least five days before the team's first match until one day after its last match in the Competition.

21.2 Clubs may contract their own training sites for usage during the Competition. If a club chooses to contract their own training site, they will be required to confirm to FIFA, in writing, that they will provide all necessary services at the training site, including but not limited to security, pitch maintenance and cleaning. A separate agreement will be provided for the purpose of this confirmation.

21.3 Official training sites for the match officials and teams (Team Base Camp training sites and, potentially, venue-specific training sites) shall be in excellent condition and shall be made available to FIFA for its exclusive use and shall be free of any and all commercial activities and identifications, e.g. boards and signage other than those of FIFA's Commercial Partners, from at least ten days prior to the opening match of the Competition until three days after it was last required by a team (venue-specific training site), or until the team completes its use of the training site (Team Base Camp training site) or the completion of the final match of the Competition (match officials' training site).



**VI.**

**Players' and  
officials' lists**

## **ARTICLE 22: ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION AND PLAYER RELEASE**

22.1 Players are eligible to play in the Competition provided they are duly registered for their club in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (RSTP) as well as with the regulations of the participating club's member association. Therefore, the requirements that must be met for players to be eligible to participate in the Competition include, but are not limited to:

- a) being duly and validly registered for their club;
- b) not being subject to any disciplinary sanction affecting their eligibility to participate in official matches in the Competition;
- c) having been included in the final list, as defined in these Regulations; and
- d) meeting any additional eligibility requirement to participate in official matches at the Competition that may be established in these Regulations or any other applicable FIFA regulations or circular letters.

22.2 The participating clubs are responsible for fielding only eligible players. Infringements concerning the eligibility of players shall be decided by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

22.3 As an exception to article 5 paragraph 4 of the RSTP, the Competition matches shall not be counted for the purposes of calculating the limitations applicable under article 5 paragraph 4 of the RSTP.

22.4 As an exception to article 6 paragraph 2 of the RSTP, and always subject to considerations of sporting integrity, member associations of clubs participating in the Competition shall have the possibility to establish an exceptional additional registration period from 1 to 10 June 2025. For the avoidance of doubt, no member association is obliged to establish such an exceptional additional registration period.

22.5 As an exception to article 1 paragraphs 1 and 2 of Annexe 1 to the RSTP, for the duration of the Competition, it is not mandatory for clubs participating in the Competition to release their registered players to the representative teams of the country for which those players are eligible to play. For the avoidance of doubt, the obligation of clubs participating in the Competition to release their registered players for the international window from 2 to 10 June 2025 remains unaffected.



## **ARTICLE 23: PROVISIONAL LIST**

- 23.1 Each participating club shall submit online a provisional list of a minimum of 26 players and a maximum of 50 players (a minimum of four of whom shall be goalkeepers), all of whom shall be duly registered for their club, accompanied by an accreditation photo and a copy of the passport of each player appearing on the list. A copy of the provisional list, signed by the club and by the member association to which the club is affiliated, shall also be submitted to FIFA by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter. When signing the provisional list, the member association shall confirm that all players on the provisional list are duly registered for the club.
- 23.2 The provisional list shall contain information such as the player's full last name(s), all first names, popular name, name on the shirt, date of birth, passport number and expiry date, height and weight. Further details on the submission process for the provisional list, and the deadline by which the list shall be submitted to FIFA, will be stipulated in the relevant circular letter.
- 23.3 Each participating club shall include up to 75 team officials on the provisional list so that the relevant authorities can proceed with the background checks for visa and accreditation purposes. Each participating club shall adhere to the visa and accreditation requirements and process.
- 23.4 The provisional list will only be used for internal purposes and will not be published by FIFA.
- 23.5 Changes may be made to the provisional list up until the submission of the final list. Any change requests must be submitted in writing.
- 23.6 Should two clubs wish to include the same player on their respective provisional list, the FIFA general secretariat shall decide for which club the player may be listed, after hearing all concerned parties.



## ARTICLE 24: FINAL LIST

24.1 Each participating club shall submit online a final list of a minimum of 26 players and a maximum of 35 players (a minimum of three of whom shall be goalkeepers) selected to participate in the Competition. A copy of the final list, signed by the club, shall be submitted to FIFA by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter. All information requested online about the players shall be duly completed. The final list shall contain the players' shirt names and numbers in accordance with article 28 paragraphs 1 and 2 of these Regulations.

24.2 The players on the final list shall only be selected from the players on the provisional list. Only up to 35 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the Competition. In accordance with article 31 of these regulations, a maximum of 26 players (11 starting players and a maximum of 15 substitutes) may be selected to participate in each match.

24.3 Without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 8 below, from 27 June 2025 to 3 July 2025, clubs may make the following changes to their final list:

- a) Clubs may replace players whose contracts have naturally expired during the Competition.
- b) Clubs may add up to two new players to their final list, who shall not count towards the maximum of 35 players.
- c) The total number of players changed on, or added to, the final list under a) and b) above together may not exceed six.
- d) Any player changed on, or added to, the final list shall be duly registered for their club in accordance with the RSTP as well as with the regulations of the member association to which their club is affiliated.
- e) Any player changed on, or added to, the final list will only be eligible to play in the next match in the Competition if the modification to the final list was formally notified to FIFA no later than 48 hours prior to kick-off of the match in question.

24.4 Any goalkeeper listed on the final list may be replaced (either by a player from the provisional list or by a different player registered by the club) in the event of serious injury or illness at any point of the Competition. The replacement shall be nominated by the participating club, who shall inform FIFA accordingly. Upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment in one of the official FIFA languages, the FIFA Medical Committee, represented by the FIFA Tournament Medical Lead, will issue a certificate stating that the injury or illness is sufficiently serious to prevent the goalkeeper from taking part in the Competition.



Injured or ill goalkeepers who are replaced must return their accreditation to FIFA. Accordingly, goalkeepers who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered members of the participating club's final list.

24.5 The final list of a maximum of 35 players will be published by FIFA after the submission deadline.

24.6 Along with the above final list of players, a final list of up to 29 officials shall be submitted online by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter. Only the 29 officials confirmed on the final list will be eligible to sit on the team bench during matches (cf. article 32 of these Regulations).

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

24.8 For the avoidance of doubt, no player may be on the final list of more than one club participating in the Competition, and no player may play matches for more than one club participating in the Competition.

## **ARTICLE 25: ACCREDITATION**

25.1 FIFA shall issue each player and official included on the final list with an accreditation bearing a photograph. Additional accreditations may be granted to clubs if it can be demonstrated that the role of a member of staff requires them to access team areas. FIFA shall take the final decision on the granting of additional accreditations.

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

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

25.4 Players and team officials must wear their accreditation when entering the hotels, stadiums and training sites provided by FIFA. Only players in possession of valid accreditations may play in the Competition.

## **ARTICLE 26: TEAM SAFEGUARDING/WELFARE OFFICER**

Each participating club shall appoint a designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer to act as a focal point for all matters related to the safeguarding and well-being of their players and team delegation. This role does not have to be exclusive and can be assigned to the team medical doctor or other trained member of the accredited team delegation. It is a mandatory requirement that the designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer complete the FIFA Guardians™ Safeguarding Essentials: Open Learners online course. The role of the Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer is to:

- act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the team delegation during the Competition;
- take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' and Delegation Members' mental and physical well-being is prioritised;
- liaise with the Competition Safeguarding Manager and the FIFA Event Safeguarding Manager should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse (be it psychological, physical or sexual, or neglect) arise; and
- know the specific safeguarding measures for the Competition and the avenues available for reporting concerns.



# VII.

**Kit and team  
equipment**

## ARTICLE 27: KIT AND COLOURS APPROVAL

- 27.1 The FIFA Equipment Regulations and the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations in force apply to all matches of the Competition, unless specified otherwise in these Regulations. To the extent that these Regulations are inconsistent with any aspect of the FIFA Equipment Regulations or the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations shall take precedence. The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organised by FIFA (including official matches and training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).
- 27.2 Each team shall inform FIFA of a minimum of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light, and preferably a third colour that contrasts with the first two colours) for its first-choice and alternative team kits (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colours for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be different and contrasting from each other as well as from the first-choice and alternative team kits. This information shall be submitted online via the team colour form by the stipulated deadline. Only these colours, once reviewed and approved by FIFA as stated in article 27 paragraph 3 below, may be worn during matches.
- 27.3 The participating clubs shall send to FIFA for approval a sample of all items of the full first-choice and alternative team kits (shirt, shorts, socks, all three goalkeeper's kits, gloves, caps, wristbands and headbands, etc.) intended for use during the Competition. In addition, FIFA may organise a kit-day session prior to the Competition; should it do so, the date shall be confirmed by circular letter. Representatives of all participating clubs shall attend. All equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display within the stadiums, the training sites and the hotels or during transfers to, from or within the host country shall be approved by FIFA. FIFA shall issue a written team equipment inspection report approving or rejecting the items. Should any article of the team kit or any part thereof not be in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations and/or the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the participating club(s) concerned will be obliged to change it accordingly and resubmit the corrected item within the timeline set in the written team equipment inspection report. Any such decisions are not subject to appeal.



27.4 All equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display in the stadiums, the training sites, the hotels or during transfers to, from or within the host country shall be re-checked and approved by FIFA during the Team Arrival Meeting for the Competition.

## **ARTICLE 28: NUMBERS AND NAMES**

28.1 Throughout the Competition, players shall wear the number assigned to them on the final list. Players shall wear set numbers between 1 and 99, provided that the players are registered with the same number in the most recent season of their club's league competition and upon confirmation by the relevant member association. If number 1 is used, it shall be reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. Such number shall be displayed on the back of each of their playing shirts and on the front of the shorts in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The same number may, at the participating club's discretion, be displayed on the front of the shirt, in which case the display must comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

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

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

## ARTICLE 29: MATCH COLOURS DESIGNATION

29.1 No later than one month before the start of the Competition, FIFA will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match of the group stage. As far as possible, FIFA's preference is for each team to wear its first-choice colours as declared on the team colour form. If the two teams' colours and the match officials' colour might cause confusion, the following principles shall be applied by FIFA to allocate the match colours:

- a) Order of priority from 1 to 5:
  1. Team A playing kit
  2. Team B playing kit
  3. Team A goalkeeper kit
  4. Team B goalkeeper kit
  5. Match officials' (referees') kit

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

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

29.2 FIFA shall confirm the playing colours to the participating clubs before the start of each match. The colours shall be reviewed during the Match Coordination Meeting by the FIFA Match Director. The colours assignment decided by FIFA is final.

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



## **ARTICLE 30: OTHER EQUIPMENT**

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

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

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

30.4 Teams are allowed to use their own wearable tracking system, as long as the system has been tested and certified according to the Laws of the Game, registered with FIFA by the participating club for use in the Competition and otherwise complies with the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations and any other applicable FIFA regulations.



**VIII.**

**Match  
organisation**

## **ARTICLE 31: START LIST**

- 31.1 The electronic start list system will be available and accessible eight hours prior to the kick-off of the respective match with the full names and shirt numbers of the maximum of 35 players listed on the final list, together with the full names of the officials eligible to be seated on the team bench. A maximum of 26 players (including a minimum of two goalkeepers) may be chosen for the start list. Changes can be made at the team's discretion up to 90 minutes before kick-off. The traditional paper start list will also be available prior to each match.
- 31.2 The start list should be duly completed by selecting the 11 players who will start the match and the maximum of 15 substitutes, indicating the captain, selecting the officials to be seated on the team bench (maximum of 11) and submitted by the authorised team official and/or signed if applicable. Both teams must submit their completed start list at least 90 minutes before kick-off. If the start list is not submitted on time for any reason, the matter will be reported to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Both teams' start lists will only be published once both teams have submitted them, fully completed.
- 31.3 The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond to the numbers indicated on the start list. Each team is responsible for ensuring that the start list is completed properly and that only the 11 selected players start the match.
- 31.4 If any of the 11 players submitted on the start list are not able to begin the match due to injury or illness, they may be replaced by any of the eligible substitutes as long as the FIFA Match Director and the referee are officially informed thereof prior to kick-off. Within 24 hours, the team concerned shall also provide FIFA with a medical report issued by the medical doctor (in one of the official FIFA languages).
- 31.5 Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the start list will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be selected as a substitute player at any time during the match. Such a change to the start list will not reduce the number of official substitutions that may be made by a team during the match. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list before kick-off may be seated on the team bench.
- 31.6 Only the players who were identified on the official start list submitted to the FIFA Match Director, or were confirmed as a warm-up injury/illness replacement player, may start the match. In the case of any discrepancies of players on the pitch at the beginning of the match, the matter will be submitted to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for a decision.

## ARTICLE 32: TECHNICAL AND WARM-UP AREAS

- 32.1 The technical area is the area which the coach, other team officials and substitutes are allowed to occupy during the match. It includes the dugout (if applicable), the team bench and a marked zone adjacent to the pitch.
- 32.2 No more than 26 people (15 substitute players and 11 officials – one of these team officials shall be the team medical doctor) shall be allowed to sit on the team bench. A suspended player or team official will not be allowed to sit on the team bench. Only the officials indicated on the start list may sit on the team bench or be in the technical area during the match.
- 32.3 No more than 20 additional technical overflow seats in the stand shall be allocated for accredited officials providing technical support to the team during the match (kit manager, assistant physiotherapist, etc.). Staff occupying such seats shall have access to the dressing rooms.
- 32.4 During the match, substitutes are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up. At the Match Coordination Meeting, the FIFA Match Director shall explain exactly where they may warm up.
- 32.5 A maximum of five players per team shall warm up at the same time behind the advertising boards to the rear of the goal (with a maximum of one official). If there is not sufficient space behind the goals, both teams shall warm up in the designated area behind the first assistant referee or next to their own team bench. In this case, five players and one official per team may warm up at the same time. The warm-up may not involve the use of any balls.
- 32.6 Smoking, vaping and the use of any tobacco-related products are only allowed in the designated areas (if made available) and are not allowed in the technical area, in the vicinity of the field of play or within the competition areas, such as the dressing rooms.
- 32.7 Small, hand-held electronic equipment (e.g. microphones, headphones, earpieces, mobile phones/smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, etc.) are permitted in the technical area only if used for coaching/tactics or player welfare in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations.
- 32.8 Additional special equipment items (e.g. antennae) for the use of wearable technology at Competition matches may only be positioned in a dedicated area of a stadium defined by FIFA, but not in the technical area of such stadium.



## **ARTICLE 33: MATCH PROTOCOL**

- 33.1 The countdown to kick-off provided to both teams in advance of the match shall be strictly complied with by both teams. Each team is responsible for arriving at the stadium at the latest 80 minutes before the kick-off of the respective match. The start list must be submitted at the latest 90 minutes before kick-off.
- 33.2 Flags will be displayed in the stadium in accordance with FIFA's Flag Protocol.
- 33.3 The Competition anthem/song, or other music selected by FIFA, shall be played while the teams are entering the pitch. No other anthems will be played.
- 33.4 The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organised by FIFA (including official matches and training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).

## **ARTICLE 34: OFFICIAL TRAINING SESSIONS, STADIUM FAMILIARISATION VISITS AND PRE-MATCH WARM-UPS**

- 34.1 In order to preserve the quality of the pitch for the matches, no official training sessions will be allowed at the stadiums before any match. In principle, all participating clubs' official training sessions will be conducted at the Team Base Camp training sites or at the venue-specific training sites.
- 34.2 Teams that are due to play a match in a stadium in which they have not previously played will be entitled to a familiarisation session in that stadium on the day before the match. The players and team officials will be permitted to walk around the field of play (to inspect the pitch only and wearing training shoes) and stadium to familiarise themselves with the set-up. Such familiarisation sessions shall be open to the media for the first 15 minutes.
- 34.3 Official training session and stadium familiarisation times will be communicated by FIFA.

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



**IX.**

**Refereeing**

## ARTICLE 35: LAWS OF THE GAME

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

35.2 During the match, each team:

- a) may use a maximum of five substitutes;
- b) has a maximum of three substitution opportunities. Where both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as a used substitution opportunity for each team; and
- c) may make substitutions at half-time, which will not count as a substitution opportunity.

35.3 In accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game, teams may make one additional permanent concussion substitution per match. The additional permanent concussion substitution may be made regardless of the number of substitutions already made. The opposing team will then receive an additional regular substitution.

35.4 Where extra time is played, each team:

- a) may use an additional substitute (whether or not the team has used its maximum number of substitutes);
- b) has one additional substitution opportunity (whether or not the team has used its maximum number of substitution opportunities). Where both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as a used substitution opportunity for each team; and
- c) may make substitutions:
  - i) in the period before the start of extra time, which will not count as a substitution opportunity; and
  - ii) at half-time in extra time, which will not count as a substitution opportunity.

If a team has not used the maximum number of substitutes and/or substitution opportunities, any unused substitutes and substitution opportunities may be used in extra time.



35.5 Players are entitled to a 15-minute interval at half-time; a short drinks break (which should not exceed one minute) is permitted at the interval of half-time in extra time. If a match goes into extra time, a break not exceeding five minutes is permitted before the first period of extra time begins.

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

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

35.8 Video assistant referee (VAR) systems and other forms of technology for reviewing match-changing decisions/incidents (e.g. semi-automated offside technology) may be used for reviewing match-changing decisions/incidents as per the protocol established by The IFAB.

35.9 Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes.

## **ARTICLE 36: REFEREES**

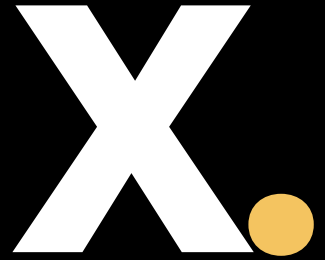
36.1 The referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and video assistant referees (if appointed) (hereinafter referred to collectively as "match officials") for the Competition shall be appointed for each match by the FIFA Referees Committee. They shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing List in force and come from a member association that is not represented by a team playing in the match in question. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.



36.2 If the referee is prevented from carrying out their duties, such referee or assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. The same applies for either of the assistant referees if a reserve assistant referee is not appointed. If a VAR system is used, and if the fourth official is not certified to referee with the VAR system, the referee shall be replaced by a video match official (VMO). The FIFA Referees Committee will determine who replaces a fourth official or reserve assistant referee who is prevented from carrying out their duties, or who replaces another match official. In exceptional circumstances, FIFA may decide to proceed with either a fourth official from the host association or to play the match without a fourth official.

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





# Financial provisions

## **ARTICLE 37: DISTRIBUTION**

The financial provisions regarding the distributable prize money to the participating clubs as well as solidarity payments to non-participating clubs shall be communicated by a tournament circular letter to participating clubs.



**XI.**

**Medical**

## **ARTICLE 38: TEAM MEDICAL DOCTOR**

Each participating club shall include at least one team medical doctor (two are recommended) in its delegation, to be present in the technical area during all matches. It is a mandatory requirement that the team medical doctor(s) of each participating club complete and successfully pass the “Concussion” and “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” modules of the FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine ([www.fifamedicalnetwork.com](http://www.fifamedicalnetwork.com)) before the Competition.

## **ARTICLE 39: SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AND CONCUSSION**

39.1 Each participating club shall ensure and confirm to FIFA that its players have undergone a pre-competition medical assessment (PCMA), including history, clinical examination and ECG, in the 12 months prior to the start of the Competition, and echocardiography within the 24 months prior to the start of the Competition. If specifically performed for the Competition, FIFA recommends that participating clubs use the PCMA form developed by FIFA cardiology consultants.

39.2 A non-contact collapse of a player on the field of play should be treated as a sudden cardiac arrest until proven otherwise. The medical team may enter the pitch immediately and commence resuscitation, without waiting for a signal from the referee. One member of the field-of-play medical team notifies the fourth official of the collapse and need for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

39.3 A player who experiences a suspected concussion during a match must undergo an examination by the team medical doctor in accordance with the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol. The referee may temporarily suspend play for three minutes whenever an incident of suspected concussion occurs. The referee may only allow the player to continue playing with the authorisation of the team medical doctor, who shall have evaluated the player and excluded any suspicion of a concussive injury. The team doctor will have the final decision based on a clinical examination. Under no circumstances should a player with suspected concussion return to play.

39.4 FIFA recommends that medical teams follow the graduated return-to-play protocol set forth in the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol for any player who has suffered concussion. The protocol recognises that the time frame for return to play may vary, dependent on factors such as the player’s age, gender, their symptoms and medical history, and that doctors must use their clinical judgement in making decisions with respect to return to play. The player’s welfare shall be their sole concern. FIFA requires that before any player who suffers a concussive episode can return to play, the team doctor certify that a) such player has passed each



of the steps set out in the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol, b) such player is fit for competition, and c) the team doctor has discussed the management of the case with the FIFA Match Doctor where indicated (subject to consent from the player).

## **ARTICLE 40: DOPING CONTROL**

40.1 Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant FIFA regulations, circular letters and directives shall apply to the Competition.

40.2 Players may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which they compete and to out-of-competition testing at any time and in any place.

**XII.**

**Commercial  
rights**

## **ARTICLE 41: MEDIA AND MARKETING REGULATIONS**

- 41.1 FIFA owns all trademarks, logos and brand elements relating to the Competition and shall be entitled to exploit all commercial rights emanating from the Competition and any other related events under its respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law, in accordance with the Participation Agreement. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audio-visual and radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights, such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.
- 41.2 Each participating club exclusively and solely owns and controls the club trademarks, logos and brand elements which, in accordance with the Participation Agreement, shall form part of the commercial rights relating to the Competition and is required to support, and ensure that its players, coaches, officials and other employees support, the commercial programme established by FIFA to exploit the marketing rights to the Competition, including the special marketing programmes run by FIFA and its Commercial Partners and affiliates. In this regard, each participating club shall ensure that its players, coaches, officials and other employees do not use or otherwise exploit, directly or indirectly, any commercial rights to the Competition without FIFA's express prior agreement or as otherwise detailed within the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, which may be granted or withheld at its sole discretion.
- 41.3 FIFA will issue the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, which govern the ownership and exploitation of commercial rights relating to the Competition. All participating clubs shall comply with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations at all times and ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with the same. To the extent that these Regulations are inconsistent with any aspect of the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations shall take precedence.
- 41.4 Media matters and obligations for the competition will be outlined in the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations and those corresponding documents (circular letters, Team Handbook, Media Guidelines, etc.) that relate to TV and media activities. Participating clubs shall comply with the stipulations contained within these documents with respect to media matters.



**XIII.**

**Awards**

## **ARTICLE 42: TROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS**

42.1 A souvenir plaque will be presented to each participating club. Participation certificates will be presented to each member of each official team delegation.

42.2 Medals will be presented to each of the top two teams in the Competition, i.e. gold medals to the winners and silver medals to the runners-up. The numbers of medals provided will be equal to the number of people in the final delegation list submitted, i.e. up to a maximum of 75 medals.

42.3 At the conclusion of the Competition, other special awards will be presented (such as the Golden Ball, Fair Play Trophy, etc.) either at the awards ceremony or at a later date.

**XIV.**

**Closing  
provisions**

## **ARTICLE 43: SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

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

## **ARTICLE 44: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

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

## **ARTICLE 45: LANGUAGES**

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

## **ARTICLE 46: COPYRIGHT**

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

## **ARTICLE 47: NO WAIVER**

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

## **ARTICLE 48: AMENDMENTS**

FIFA may amend these Regulations through operation of the FIFA Council at any time and at its own discretion and shall publish any such amendment in accordance with the FIFA Council procedure.

## ARTICLE 49: ENFORCEMENT

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Council on 3 October 2024 and came into force immediately.

Zurich, 3 October 2024

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