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GENERAL
PROVISIONS**1. NAME OF COMPETITION**

1.1 The 2021 FFB Men's Under- 17 Championship ("The Competition"), is an official FFB Regional teams' competition. The Competition shall be played in 2022 and shall take place in the dates and venues the FFB National Organizing Committee (NOC) determines. All Regional Associations affiliated to FFB are invited to participate.

1.2 The Competition consists of Two (2) round:

1.2.1 Group Stage;

1.2.2 Final Championship;

1.2.3 When referring to both stages – hereinafter: The Competition.

2. NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

2.1 The responsibilities of the NOC include but are not limited to:

2.1.1. Supervising general preparations and deciding on the structure and format of The Competition;

2.1.2. Setting the dates and approving the venues of the matches during The Competition.

2.1.3. Determining the match schedule and kick-off times for The Competition;

2.1.4. Choosing the official football for The Competition.

2.1.4.1. Only footballs abiding by the FIFA Quality Mark standard (FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard) will be approved;

2.1.5. Appointing Match Commissioners, Disciplinary Committee Members and any other delegates (hereinafter: Match Officials) for The Competition;



- 2.1.6. Replacing Regional Teams (as seen fit by the FFB) that have withdrawn from The Competition;
- 2.1.7. Assessing 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 FFB Elite Disciplinary Committee;
- 2.1.8. Collecting of team information (i.e., team lists, travel itineraries, uniform colors, etc.)
- 2.1.9. Deciding cases of participating Regional Associations failing to adhere to the time limits and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents;
- 2.1.10. Dealing with cases of abandoned matches (as per the Laws of the Game) in accordance with these Regulations;
- 2.1.11. Deciding on the rescheduling of matches due to extraordinary circumstances or force majeure;
- 2.1.12. Disciplinary measures and communication of actions taken;
- 2.1.13. Daily assignment of officials for the matches;
- 2.1.14. Produce a stage to be used for the post-final match award presentation;
- 2.1.15. Provide the trophy, medals, and awards;
- 2.1.16. Dealing with any other aspect of The Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations.
- 2.1.17. Guaranteeing, planning and implementing law and order as well as safety and security in the stadiums and other relevant locations in conjunction with the local authorities. The FIFA and/or FFB Stadium Safety and Security Regulations shall apply as the minimum standards and guidelines to be used during The Competition;



- 2.1.18. Ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards to guarantee safety of teams, Match Officials and spectators;
- 2.1.19. Stadium and Training Facilities- Ensuring that both, the stadium and training fields are in a condition suitable for a FFB Championship, based on discussions during site inspection, including but not limited to all of the equipment for the field. i.e. nets, goals, and corner flags, covered benches (if required) for the teams and fourth official which should be of a professional standard.
- 2.1.20. Media- Appoint an individual who shall be responsible for media relations and advise FFB's Communications Department thirty (30) days in advance of the event, the name of the person together with his/her contact numbers (phone/cellular, phone/fax, email address); BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER the event, the person appointed will:
 - 2.1.20.1. Ensure that the media facilities are in the best possible condition;
 - 2.1.20.2. Assist the media in their general inquiries;
 - 2.1.20.3. Ensure that the team sheets with correct player name/number/position, etc. are available to the media in a timely matter, prior to kick-off.
 - 2.1.20.4. Distribute to the media copies of the Media Guide or any other materials that will be supplied by FFB;
 - 2.1.20.5. Assure that the stadium has wireless internet for the media throughout the stadium:
- 2.1.21. The NOC shall ensure that any decision relating to its duties and responsibilities are enforced immediately.
- 2.2 The decisions taken by the NOC are final and binding and not subject to appeal.



3. PARTICIPATING REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 3.1 Each Participating Regional Association (hereinafter: PRA) shall be responsible throughout The Competition for:
- 3.1.1. The conduct of all players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives and guests of its delegation (hereinafter: Team Delegation Members), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout The Competition;
 - 3.1.2. Attending media conferences and other official media activities organized by FFB in accordance with the applicable regulations;
 - 3.1.3. Ensuring that every member of its delegation or, where applicable, a duly appointed representative, completes the FFB Team Participation Agreement and signs the required documents;
 - 3.1.4. Ensuring that every member of its delegation complies with all applicable regulations (including The Regulations), directives, guidelines and circulars, decisions made by FFB and its Executive, Referees Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Ethics Committee and Appeal Committee;
 - 3.1.5. Providing the FFB with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. Regional Associations that fail to provide the NOC with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed a fine of fifty dollars (BZD 50), except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by the FFB General Secretariat. The fine shall be increased by 50% for each time the offence is repeated.
 - 3.1.6. Allowing the FFB to use its Association Marks for the promotion of The Competition as stipulated in the Commercial Regulations governing each phase of The Competition, for the sole purpose of promoting The Competition.

- 3.2 Regional Associations and their players and officials participating in The Competition shall agree to fully respect and comply with:
- 3.2.1 The Laws of the Game and the principles of Fair Play;
 - 3.2.2 The FFB Statutes and all FFB regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, guidelines, and decisions (including The Regulations);
 - 3.2.3 All decisions and directives of the FFB Executive
 - 3.2.4 The FIFA Disciplinary Code and, upon its entry into force, the FFB Disciplinary Code;
 - 3.2.5 The FFB Code of Ethics and the FFB Code of Conduct;
 - 3.2.6 The FIFA Doping Control Regulations;
 - 3.2.7 All FFB protocols during matches and fully cooperate in their enforcement (e.g., FFB protocol for racist incidents during matches);
 - 3.2.8 All FFB anti-match manipulation and anti-racism stipulations;
 - 3.2.9 All FFB marketing and media requirements, as stipulated in the Commercial Regulations, including but not limited to, the Team Media Day in which individual and group photos and video will be taken of each team upon their arrival at the venue of their first match.
 - 3.2.10 FIFA Regulations in relation to the eligibility of players.
- 3.3 Regional Associations shall take all necessary actions for their players and officials to be bound by and comply with all the aforementioned statutes, regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, decisions, stipulations and requirements.



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

4 ENTRIES FOR THE "COMPETITION"

- 4.1 The Under-17 Elite team of all Regional Associations affiliated to FFB have the right to participate.
- 4.2 Each PRA is required to have in their Official Delegation the following roles: Head Coach, Technical Development Officer, and Duly Licensed Medical Professional. All three of them mandatory.
- 4.2.1 Coach
 - 4.2.2 Technical Development Officer
 - 4.2.3 Team Doctor
 - 4.2.4 Assistant Coach
 - 4.2.5 Team Manager
- 4.3 On entering The Competition; the PRA and their Team Delegation Members automatically undertake to:
- 4.3.1 Participate and refer to their team as the best available team in all matches of The Competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;
 - 4.3.2 Accept FFB's right to use and/or FFB's right to sub-license the right to use on a non-exclusive basis, in perpetuity and free of any charge, any of their records, names, photographs and images (including any still and moving representation thereof), which may appear to be generated in connection with the participation of the Team Delegation Members of all PRA in The Competition in accordance with the relevant terms of the FFB Media and



Marketing Regulations for The Competition (as applicable). To the extent that FFB's right to use and/or FFB's right to sub-license the right to use any of the records, names, photographs and images may fall in the ownership and/or control of a third party, the PRA's and their Team Delegation Members shall ensure that such third party waives, pledges and unconditionally assigns and/or transfers to FFB's with immediate effect, with full title guarantee in perpetuity and without any restriction, any such rights to ensure FFB's unfettered use as set out above;

- 4.3.3 Observe the principles of fair play. Subject to any other decision by the FFB Executive, the Regional Associations shall complete and send the official Team Participation Agreement to the FFB General Secretariat in accordance with the deadline stipulated in the relevant FFB circular. Only the Team Participating Agreements sent to the FFB General Secretariat by the deadline set shall be valid and taken into consideration unless approved in writing by the FFB.

5 LAWSOFTHE GAME

- 5.1 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. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.
- 5.2 Each match shall last 45 minutes, comprising of two periods of 45 minutes, with a half-time interval of 15 minutes.
- 5.3 At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the Referee shall indicate to the fourth official, orally or by gesturing with his/her hands, the number of minutes that he/she has decided to allow for time lost. Each allowance for lost time shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official and announced by the public address announcer to those in attendance.



- 5.4 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 with no interval between the two periods of extra time.
- 5.5 If the score is still level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure describe in the IFAB Laws of the Game published by FIFA.

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6 WITHDRAWAL, UNPLAYED MATCHES AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- 6.1 After the participation agreement is signed, all PRA's have the obligation to play all of their matches until eliminated from The Competition.
- 6.2 Any PRA that withdraws up to 30 days prior to the start of the FFB Under-17 Championship is liable to a fine of at least one hundred and fifty BZ Dollars (BZD 150). Any PRA that withdraws within 30 days before the start of the FFB Under-17 Championship or during the FFB Under-17 Championship itself, shall be fined at least two hundred BZ Dollars (BZD 200).
- 6.3 Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FFB Disciplinary Committee may impose sanctions in addition to those provided for in par. 6.2 above, including the expulsion of the Regional Association concerned from subsequent FFB competitions.
- 6.4 Any match which is not played, or which is abandoned – except in cases of force majeure recognized by the FFB – may lead to the imposition of sanctions against the relevant Regional Associations by the FFB Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code and upon its entry into force, the FFB Disciplinary Code. In such cases, the FFB Disciplinary Committee may also order that the match be replayed.
- 6.5 Any PRA that withdraws or whose behavior is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered to reimburse



the FFB, the opposing team, or any other PRA involved, any expenses incurred as a result of its behavior. In such cases, the Regional Association concerned may also be ordered by the FFB to pay compensation for any damages incurred by the FFB or any other Regional Association. The PRA in question will also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from the FFB.

- 6.6 If a PRA withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, the FFB shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary. If a match is not played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, the FFB may in particular, order a replay. If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the FFB Disciplinary Committee may also take additional actions if necessary.
- 6.7 If a team does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, or refuses to continue to play, or leaves the pitch before the end of the match, the mentioned team shall be considered to have lost the match 3-0 and three points shall be awarded to its opponent. If in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team had already reached a higher score at the time the team in question left the field, then the higher score shall remain. The FFB Disciplinary Committee will decide if a team that has withdrawn will be excluded from further participation in The Competition and the results of those matches shall be considered to have lost them by a result of 3-0 and three points shall be awarded to their opponents. The results of any matches played before by the team in question, those results will remain as the final result of the match.
- 6.8 Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles will apply:
 - 6.8.1 The match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full and with the same score line; The Laws of the Game and the principles of Fair Play;



- 6.8.2 The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;
- 6.8.3 No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
- 6.8.4 The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
- 6.8.5 Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced
- 6.8.6 Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- 6.8.7 The match shall restart at the place where play was stopped when the match was abandoned (i.e., with a free kick, throw- in, goal kick, corner kick, penalty kick, 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.
- 6.8.8 The kick-off time, date (which shall be foreseen for the following day) and location shall be decided by the NOC.
- 6.8.9 Any matters requiring a further decision shall be handled by the FFB.

7 REPLACEMENTS

- 7.1 If any PRA withdraws or is excluded from The Competition, the FFB Executive shall decide whether to replace the Regional Association in question with another Regional Association.

8 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 8.1 Each PRA must ensure the following, when selecting its representative team, for The Competition:



- 8.1.1 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.
- 8.1.2 Each participating Regional Association shall select its regional representative team from players who are strictly residents of its region. No Player from outside the region will be accepted.
- All players must be a maximum of 17 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the competition is played (i.e., all players of the teams were born on or after January 1, 2005).
- 8.2 Protests regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the FFB Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code and upon its entry into force, the FFB Disciplinary Code.
- 8.3 The Regional Associations shall be responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code and upon its entry into force the FFB Disciplinary Code.
- 8.4 If FFB believes a player's eligibility is in question, FFB reserves the right to consider the said player ineligible to participate in any stage of The Competition until the player's eligibility status is confirmed by the FFB in accordance with the applicable regulations.

9 PLAYERS' LISTS

- 9.1 Each Regional Association participating in The Competition must provide the FFB with a provisional list up to 25 players (2 must be goalkeepers) no later than 30 days prior to the start of the opening match, which FFB will provide specifics by way of a circular. This list shall reflect each player's last name, first name, date of birth and FIFA number as specifically noted in FIFA Connect. In addition to any other information requested by the FFB. This information must be submitted through the Dotcom Sport platform and FCMS.



- 9.2 Each PRA participating in The Competition shall submit to FFB General Secretariat its final list of up to 20 players (2 must be goalkeepers), no later than 7 days prior to the opening match, which FFB will provide specifics by a way of a circular. The Final List of Players must come from the latest submitted Provisional List which becomes binding 10 days prior to the opening match. This information must be submitted through Dotcom Sport platform and FCMS.
- 9.3 A player listed on the final list may only be replaced during The Competition in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before the kick-off of his team's first match and must come from the provisional list. Such replacements must be approved in writing by the FFB or the Medical Committee upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment with doctor's stamp or valid letterhead in the official FFB language. FFB or the Medical Committee shall approve the request if the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in The Competition. Upon approval, the association shall immediately nominate a replacement and inform the FFB general secretariat accordingly. The replacement player must be assigned the shirt number of the injured player being replaced.
- 9.4 The only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity and nationality shall be a passport and or Social Security Card that explicitly states the player's day, month and year of birth. Identity cards or other supporting official documents may not be accepted as a valid means of identification. The PRA's shall present each player's valid ID to the Venue Coordinator on the day of the match. A player without a valid ID shall not be entitled to play.
- 9.4.1 FFB reserves the right to request additional information from the player to confirm eligibility, such as birth certificate from the player, his parents or grandparents.

10 START LIST AND SUBSTITUTES ON THE BENCH

- 10.1 Up to 20 players may be entered on the start list (11 starters and 9 substitutes). The start list shall be signed by the head coach. Six



players may be substituted at any time during the match. In order to avoid multiple stoppages of the game and assure maximum playing time, teams will be permitted a maximum of three (3) stoppages in play to make their (6) substitutions. Substitutions made at half time won't be considered one of the three stoppages in play.

- 10.2 All players must participate a minimum total of 60 minutes of playing time throughout the entire duration of their participation in The Competition. These minutes do not have to be all at once and can be divided up in between the different matches.
- 10.3 The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the start list (numbers 1-20 only). All goalkeepers and the captain must be identified as such, number 1 shirt must be reserved for one of the goalkeepers.
- 10.4 Teams must arrive to the stadium at latest 90 minutes prior to kick-off and return their start list to the Match Coordinator at the latest 75 minutes prior to kick-off. Teams will receive a copy of the start list 60 minutes prior to kick off.
- 10.5 After the start lists have been completed, signed by the head coach and returned to the Match Coordinator and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:
 - 10.5.1 If any of the starting 11 players listed on the start list are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the 6 substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer take part in the match, and the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, six players may still be substituted.
 - 10.5.2 If any of the 9 substitutes listed on the start list are not able to be fielded for any reason, the player(s) concerned may not be replaced on the bench by an additional player, which means that the quota of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, six players may still be substituted.



- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 Concussion Substitute:
- 10.7.1 Each team is permitted to use a maximum of one concussion substitute during a match.
 - 10.7.2 A concussion substitution can be made regardless of the number of substitutes already used.
 - 10.7.3 Making a concussion substitution is separate from any limit on the number of "normal" substitution opportunities.
 - 10.7.4 When a concussion substitute is used, no change will be made to the maximum number of substitutions permitted by the opposing team.
 - 10.7.5 The concussion substitute can be a player who has previously been substituted out of the match.
 - 10.7.6 The injured player is not permitted to take any further part in the match including a penalty shoot-out
- 10.8 No more than 16 people (7 officials and 9 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials must be indicated on the "Officials on the Substitutes' Bench" form to be provided to the FFB Match Commissioner. A suspended player or official will not be allowed in The Competitions area (i.e. locker room and/or tunnel), field of play and sit on the substitutes' bench.
- 10.9 The PRA's shall ensure that all accreditation data required by FFB is submitted by the deadline stipulated by FFB. Further details including accreditations and other particular items will be outlined in the relevant FFB circular letter.

11 FORMAT AND STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 11.1 FFB retains the right to determine the structure, format of play and match calendar for The Competition.
- 11.2 The FFB Under-17 group phase will be played in format dividing the PRA's into (2) Groups (Group A, Group B) The competition group phase will commence on January 15, 2022 and the distribution of PRA's per group will be determined based on their geographic location.
- 11.3 FFB Under-17 Championship Group A: The Group A will be composed by five (5) teams of the PRA's. The decisions of the FFB NOC are final and not subject to appeal.
- 11.4 FFB Under-17 Championship Group B: The Group B will be composed by five (5) teams of the PRA's. The decisions of the FFB NOC are final and not subject to appeal.
- 11.5 The matches in the groups in all divisions shall be played in a round robin format, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a defeat.
- 11.6 At the conclusion of each group in the Competition, PRAs shall be ranked according to the following criteria:
 - 11.6.1 Greatest number of points obtained in all matches
 - 11.6.2 Goal difference in all group match;
 - 11.6.3 Greatest number of goals scored in all group matchesIf two (2) or more team are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:
 - 11.6.4 Greater number of points scored in matches between the tied teams;
 - 11.6.5 Greater goal difference in matches between the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points);



11.6.6 Greater number of goals scored in matches among the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points):

11.6.7 The lower number of points based on the number of yellow and red cards in all group matches is considered according to the following additions:

- first yellow card: plus 1 point
- second yellow card/indirect red card: plus 3 points
- direct red card: plus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card: plus 5 points;

11.7 Group Stage:

The two (2) group winners and the two (2) group best second place team from the FFB Under-17 group stage will advance to play for the Championship.

11.8 Only the winners and 2nd place team from the group stage matches will advance to the semifinal matches to be played as follow:

Semi Finals

SF1 – Winner of Group A vs 2nd place of Group B

SF2 – Winner of Group B vs 2nd place of Group A

11.9 The Semifinal round will be a home and away round robin.

11.10 The winners from the Semifinals will advance to the final match to be played as follow:

Final

Winner of SF 1 vs Winner of SF 2

11.11 The final will be a single round robin only.

11.12 In the Semifinal and Final match, If the score is tied at the end of regulation time extra time will be played. Further to the above, if extra time is to be played, each team will have the option to make one additional substitution. Therefore, each team will be allowed a seventh substitution. If the score is tied at the end of extra time the



matches will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark per the Laws of the Game.

- 11.13 In the Knockout Stage, Semifinal and Final match, If the score is tied at the end of regulation time extra time will be played. Further to the above, if extra time is to be played, each team will have the option to make one additional substitution. Therefore, each team will be allowed a fourth substitution. If the score is tied at the end of extra time the matches will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark per the Laws of the Game.

The decisions of FFB on the structure and format of The Competition are final. In the event of any withdrawals, FFB may change the structure and format in accordance with the provisions.

12 VENUES, KICK-OFF TIMES AND TRAINING SESSIONS

- 12.1 Matches may only be played in stadiums that have been inspected and approved by FFB.
- 12.2 If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the teams have 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 section 5 (Laws of the Game).
- 12.3 The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements laid down by FFB, i.e., that the whole pitch shall be evenly lit, with a recommended lighting level of at least 500 lux or as specified per tournament. FFB is entitled to grant exceptions.
- 12.4 All matches in The Competition must be identified, promoted and advertised matches in accordance with FFB's relevant Commercial, Media and Marketing Regulations and qualifying competition branding guidelines.



- 12.5 On matchdays, the teams will have a designated warm up area before the match, time, weather, and pitch condition permitting. If the area is not in good condition, FFB may designate a new practice area or limit the area on the pitch for the warm-up, shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

13 VENUES, DATES, ARRIVALS AT THE VENUES

- 13.1 FFB retains the right to set the match dates and confirm the venues of all matches in The Competition.
- 13.2 The PRA shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than 2 hours before the PRA's first match of The Competition and depart right after the game of their respective group.

14 STADIUM INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 FFB must ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place fulfill the requirements described in the Football Stadiums Technical Recommendations and Requirements publication and comply with the safety and security standards and other FFB regulations, guidelines and instructions for national matches. The fields of play, accessory equipment and facilities must be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. Each stadium must be equipped with a minimum of 2 white goal posts and white goal nets with dark-colored support and 4 spare corner flags located in close proximity to the field of play for contingency purposes.
- 14.2 Periodic safety checks for the benefit of spectators, players and officials must be carried out on the stadiums selected for matches in The Competition by the authorities responsible.
- 14.3 Only stadiums that have been inspected and approved by FFB may be selected for The Competition. Should a stadium no longer comply with FFB standards, FFB may reject the selection of the stadium concerned.



- 14.4 The field of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match of The Competition shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations.
- 14.5 Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Program for Football Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard, unless special dispensation is given by FFB.
- 14.6 Each stadium shall have sufficient space for warm-up during the match, ideally behind the goals. A maximum of six (6) players shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of one (1) official without any balls). If there is not sufficient space behind the goals, each team shall warm up in the designated area beside their substitute bench. In this case, the maximum number of players will be determined by the Match Commissioner and the Referees and communicated in the Match Coordination Meeting.
- 14.7 If available, 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.
- 14.8 At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee must indicate to the fourth official, either orally or by gesturing with his hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This also applies to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time.
- 14.9 Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, must be used to indicate the substitution of players and the number of minutes to be allowed for time lost.
- 14.10 The use of giant screens must be in compliance with the relevant FFB instructions.



- 14.11 Smoking is not permitted in the technical area or in the vicinity of the field of play or within competition areas such as the dressing rooms.
- 14.12 The stadiums must be made available to FFB for its exclusive use and must be free of any and all commercial activities and identifications not previously approved by FFB, e.g., boards and signage other than those of FFB's Commercial Affiliates, from at least two (2) days prior to the match and up to two (2) days after the match.

15 TEAM EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 The participating regional associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans in any language or form by players and officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organized by FFB (including in the stadiums for official matches and official training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).
- 15.2 Each team shall provide the FFB of a minimum of two different and contrasting colors (one predominately dark and one predominately light kit) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts, socks, all three goalkeeper's kits, gloves, caps, wristbands and headbands etc.). In addition, each team shall provide two contrasting colors for the goalkeepers. These two goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the official and reserve team kits. Pictures of the kits must be sent to FFB 10 days prior to their first match of The Competition for FFB approval. Only these colors may be worn at the matches. Any requests to change these kits must be submitted to FFB for approval ten (10) days prior to the match in question.
- 15.3 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 two colors as the regular goalkeeper shirts.

- 15.4 FFB strives to assign each team their full official or reserve kits. However, in some cases this may not be possible. In these situations, one team will be assigned a predominantly dark kit and the other team will be assigned a predominantly light kit. Only uniforms approved and designated by the FFB may be used for all matches. FFB reserves the right to make changes to these designations based on the contrast of the uniforms, any changes will be notified by the FFB.
- 15.5 Each player shall wear a number between 1 and 20 (number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers) in the front and back of his/her team shirt and on his/her playing shorts. The color of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the FIFA equipment regulations. It is not compulsory for the name of the player to appear on his shirt during The Competition.
- 15.6 Each player shall wear the number allotted to him on the final list in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.
- 15.7 The official and reserve team kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts without names and numbers) shall be taken to every match.
- 15.8 Only warm-up bibs provided by FFB may be used during official training sessions held at the stadium/venue and for the pre-match warm-up and the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

16 FOOTBALLS

- 16.1 FFB must supply the footballs to be used in all matches during The Competition. Moreover, FFB must provide the teams with a total of 5 balls that will only be used for training purposes.

16.2 FFB must supply for each match a minimum of 3 match balls in good conditions that meet FIFA Quality Mark standard (FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard)

16.3 The footballs shall be selected and supplied by the FFB.

17 FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

17.1 During The Competition, the FFB flag, the National Flag and/or the flags of the PRA's shall be hung, the National anthem must be played.

18 THROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS

18.1 The winner of The Competition will be presented with the Championship Trophy (hereinafter: The Trophy) The winning team will be provided with the Trophy during a ceremony immediately following the final whistle.

18.2 Twenty (20) medals will be presented to each of the top two teams in the Competition, i.e. gold medals to the winners, silver medals to the runners-up.

18.3 Medals will be presented to each of the officials who officiate at the finals.

18.4 A fair play contest will be held during The Competition, for which the FFB will draw up special regulations. The FFB shall determine the ranking at the end of the Championship.

18.5 At the conclusion of The Championship, the following special awards will be presented:

Fair Play trophy

The team with the best Fair Play performance (Fair Play Award). The Fair Play Award shall be awarded to the team, which has shown the best sporting spirit and fair play during the tournament as determined by the FFB Technical Study Group.

Golden Boot



The Golden Boot will be awarded to the player who scored the most goals throughout the Championship. If two or more players score the same number of goals, the number of assists (as determined by members of the FFB Technical Study Group) shall be decisive. If two or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total minutes played during the competitions will be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes ranked first.

Golden Ball

The Golden Ball will be awarded to the best player throughout the Championship, determined by the FFB Technical Study Group present.

Golden Glove

The Golden Glove will be awarded to the best goalkeeper throughout the Championship on the basis of a ranking compiled by the FFB Technical Study Group.

- 18.6 There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by FFB.

19 REFEREEING

- 19.1 The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials (hereinafter referred to collectively as Match Officials) for The Competition must be appointed for each match by the FFB Referee Committee and shall be neutral. The decisions of the FFB Referee Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
- 19.2 Match Officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
- 19.3 If the referee is prevented from carrying out his duties, such referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. If one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out his duties, such assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official or by the reserve assistant referee (when appointed).



- 19.4 After each match, the referee shall complete and sign the official match report form. He/she shall hand it over to the Match Commissioner when applicable at the stadium/venue immediately after the match and to the Match Coordinator in The Championship. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behavior 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.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

20 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 20.1 The FFB Elite Disciplinary Committee is responsible for enforcing the Regulations. The FFB Elite Disciplinary Committee may apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entry into force of the FFB Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarily). In particular, the FFB Disciplinary Committee may apply the sanctions described in the Regulations, the FFB and FIFA Statutes and all other FFB rules, circulars, guidelines and regulations as well as the FIFA Disciplinary Code (and, upon its enforcement, in the FFB Disciplinary Code).
- 20.2 The players agree in particular to:
- 20.2.1 Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 20.2.2 Behave accordingly;
 - 20.2.3 Refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations as well as to accept all other relevant FIFA regulations, circulars and directive.
- 20.3 The PRA and their Team Delegation Members shall comply with FFB and FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Disciplinary Code (until the entry into force of the FFB Disciplinary Code) and the FFB Code of Ethics, in particular in matters regarding the fight against discrimination, racism and match-fixing activities.



- 20.4 In cases of infringement of these and all applicable regulations or unsporting behavior on the part of the participating regional teams, their players and/or officials, or in any kind of incident, the FFB Elite Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
- 20.4.1 Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend and/or disqualify the participating regional teams, their players and/or officials.
 - 20.4.2 Take action against any person(s) or PRA's which may violate these Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play.
 - 20.4.3 Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of the FFB-organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.
- 20.5 The FFB Disciplinary Committee may refer to the FFB NOC any matter relating to an infringement of these Regulations as it sees fit whether for further sanction or any other reason.
- 20.6 The FFB Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written record or by conducting a hearing.
- 20.6.1 When making a decision, the FFB Disciplinary Committee may refer to the reports made by the referee, assistant referees, fourth official, match commissioners, referee Assessor, venue coordinator, technical delegate, security officer, diversity officer and/or any other FFB staff or officials present. Additional reports include declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions, audio or video recordings. Such reports may be used as evidence but only in so far as the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and shall not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.
 - 20.6.2 At its discretion, the FFB Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide any procedures to be followed. Decisions of such hearings shall only be valid if at



least three members of the FFB Disciplinary Committee are present.

The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be subject to appeal:

- 20.6.2.1 Cautions and censures imposed on Participating Regional Associations, players, officials and other persons.
 - 20.6.2.2 Suspensions of up to two matches, or of up to two months, imposed on Participating Regional Associations, players, officials or any other persons.
 - 20.6.2.3 Fines imposed on PRA not exceeding one thousand BZD Dollars (BZD 1000) or on players, officials or any other persons not exceeding three hundred BZD dollars (BZD 300).
- 20.7 All imposed economic penalties must be paid by the appropriate Regional Association no later than ten (10) days after notification thereof.
- 20.8 Cautions and suspensions:
- 20.8.1 Cautions received during any other competition are not carried over to The Competition.
 - 20.8.2 Pending match suspensions (in relation to the direct red card or an indirect red card) will be carried over to The Competition.
 - 20.8.3 Single yellow cards will get eliminated at the end of the Group Stage of The Competition.
 - 20.8.4 Two (2) cautions received in different games during The Competition shall result in automatic suspension for the next game in The Competition.
 - 20.8.5 Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served

regardless of the stage of The Competition.

- 20.9 The appropriate Regional Association under the provisions of its own Regulations shall punish any other offenses that may be committed during the course of The Competition by team officers, technicians or other personnel. For this purpose, the Disciplinary Committee shall refer the referee's report of the match in question to the appropriate Association. The Association will, in turn, report back to the Disciplinary Committee on the resolution of the matter and any disciplinary action taken.
- 20.10 If a game is suspended due to withdrawal, the team(s) refusing to complete the match shall be ineligible to participate in the next two editions of The Competition.
- 20.11 Any other infringement of these Regulations, whether by players, referees, officials, coaches or officers that are punishable by economic sanctions shall be reported to the FFB General Secretariat for consideration by the FFB Executive.

21 APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 21.1 The FFB Appeals Committee shall hear appeals eligible to be lodged against decisions taken by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 21.2 The FFB Appeals Committee will apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entry into force of the FFB Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarily). In particular, the FFB Appeals Committee will conduct any appeals procedures in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 21.3 The FFB Appeals Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. The FFB Appeals Committee may additionally, at its sole discretion, also consider additional evidence, including television and video recordings, which it considers relevant.
- 21.4 Decisions pronounced by the Appeals Committee are final and



binding.

22 PROTESTS

- 22.1 For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches organized in The Competition, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs.
- 22.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in this section, protests shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or FFB representative in the venue no later than two hours after the match in question and followed up within the next 24 hours with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing by scan and e-mailed to the FFB General Secretariat, otherwise they shall be disregarded. Such protests must be accompanied by a check in the amount of twenty-five dollars (BZD 25) payable to FFB.
- 22.3 Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in The Competition shall be submitted in writing to the FFB General Secretariat by scan and e-mailed no later than two hours after the match in question. Such protests must be accompanied by a check in the amount of one hundred dollars (BZD 100) payable to FFB, this check can be given to the Match Commissioner or FFB representative in venue.
- 22.4 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 Match Commissioner or FFB representative in the venue by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match in question. Such protest must be accompanied by a check in the



amount of one hundred dollars (BZD 100) payable to FFB.

- 22.5 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 Match Coordinator or FFB representative in the venue by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match in question. Such protests must be accompanied by a check in the amount of one hundred dollars (BZD 100) payable to FFB.
- 22.6 No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal.
- 22.7 Regional Associations may not bring disputes with FFB before a Court of Justice. They shall undertake to submit any disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of the FFB and FIFA.
- 22.8 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, FFB may impose a fine.
- 22.9 The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by the FFB, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.
- 22.10 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 or complaints about the sports procedure followed during The Competition shall be disregarded.
- 22.11 FFB NOC shall pass decisions on any protests lodged, subject to the exceptions stipulated in these Regulations, the FFB or FIFA Statutes or any other FFB or FIFA regulations.
- 22.12 Once the winning team of The Competition has been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during The Competition shall be disregarded.

23 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

23.1 FFB shall bear the costs of:

23.1.1 National travel, as fixed by the FFB;

23.1.2 prize money for the Participating Regional Associations, the amounts of which shall be determined by FFB (if applicable);

23.1.3 doping expenses;

23.1.4 The operational cost of: Transportation for:

- Referees
- Match Commissioner
- Venue Coordinator (when applicable)
- Match Coordinator (when applicable)
- Security Officer (when applicable)
- Bus for the Participating Regional Associations (PRA) for their arrival and departure.
- The Stadium for the matches and official use during The Competition;
- Training facilities for the PRAs to use during The Competition;
- Volunteers and staff to assist with the operations of The Competition.

23.2 The PRAs shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:

23.2.1 Any additional cost for meals for the additional staff traveling outside the official delegation from the PRA.

23.3 Any disputes arising from financial provisions shall be resolved amongst the Associations concerned but may be submitted to the FFB for a final decision to be taken.



- 23.4 Any expenses and costs incurred by a PRA other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be borne by the PRA concerned.

24. PROTOCOLS AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO COVID-19

24.1 General Principles

- 24.1.1 Each Participating Clubs shall comply with the following provisions at all times prior to and during the Tournament Window and at all Tournament activities, whether at official or non-official (including, for avoidance of doubt, Tournament-related travel). FFB strongly urges compliance with these guidelines.
- 24.1.2 Practice social distancing (6 feet/2 meters distance) between and among individuals, teams, officials, and other groups of persons involved at all times prior to and during the Tournament, and during official and non-official activities. The only exceptions are:
- while exercising in the designated zones/facilities,
 - on the field of play during training or a match (applicable for players and one (1) designated coach when standing),
 - when substitutes warm-up during a match (applicable for players only), and
 - while receiving or providing medical/therapeutic attention or care.
- 24.1.3 Wear a face mask (covering the mouth and nose) at all times, including at, training facilities, stadium, buses, and while on any other transportation, prior to and during the Tournament, and during official and non-official activities. The only exceptions are:
- while exercising in the designated zones/facilities,
 - when actively eating/drinking,
 - on the field of play during training or a match (applicable for players and one (1) designated coach when standing),
 - when substitutes warm-up during a match (for players only), and
 - while receiving or providing medical/therapeutic attention or care.

Face masks must be re-applied as soon as possible following such activity. Masks must be two (2) or more layers, cover the mouth and nose and secured under the chin. For the avoidance of doubt, N95 respirators or similar respirators may be used provided they do not include a valve. Gaiters, bandannas, handkerchiefs, fishing face masks, ski masks, any closed tube of fabric or other similar face, neck or head covering that resembles any of the aforementioned types of masks or which is



designed to expose only part of the face, are prohibited.

- 24.1.4 Practice good hand washing hygiene, including washing hands uninterrupted for a minimum of 30 seconds with soap, and/or using (minimum 60% of) alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - 24.1.5 Avoid touching their faces, someone else's equipment or belongings, or sharing or passing items to each other (including water bottles).
 - 24.1.6 Avoid being in physical contact or close proximity with others, including while traveling (except for players participating in an official match or training activities).
 - 24.1.7 Refrain from being in physical contact or close proximity with ill people (any type of illness) or in situations likely exposed to COVID-19, such as confined areas.
 - 24.1.8 Refrain from engaging in high-risk activities (as defined by applicable Local Authorities).
 - 24.1.9 Encourage video meetings instead of in-person meetings.
 - 24.1.10 Sanitize equipment, belongings, seats, luggage, and similar before and after use.
 - 24.1.11 Refrain from any non-essential travel or transportation, including without limitation errands, deliveries or pick-ups.
 - 24.1.12 Comply with any other health regulation issued by applicable Local Authorities.
- 24.2 These General Principles shall be followed by all individuals in the Final Delegation for the Tournament Window.
- 24.3 Symptoms of Covid-19
- 24.3.1 Any person showing symptoms of COVID-19 must be removed from the Final Delegation and shall not travel with the Participating Club, when applicable, and shall self-isolate and contact Local Authorities.

25. MATCH OPERATIONS

In addition to the General Principles, each Participating Club is



also required to comply with the following:

25.1 Vaccination

- 25.1.1 All Players, Team Officials and Match Officials must be vaccinated with minimum of a single dose applied by the MOHW.
- 25.1.2 Training Facilities
- 25.1.3 Masks must always be worn upon arrival to the training facility and while not actively training in designated training zones.
- 25.1.4 Players are to be dressed prior to arrival to the training facility.
- 25.1.5 The **FFB Protocol Compliance Officer (PCO)** must confirm that all facilities, bathrooms, benches, and equipment are disinfected in advance (and if otherwise, notify FFB immediately).

25.2 Pre-Match Protocol

- 25.2.1 All individuals are to walk directly to the locker room upon arrival to the venue.
- 25.2.2 Uniform check prior to the match must be conducted by the fourth official.
- 25.2.3 Substitutes and staff must proceed directly to the bench with masks worn.
- 25.2.4 Within the tunnel or touch line, players must keep their distance from one another as well as from the opposing team. First team will walk to the field first, followed by the second team until first team (players and match officials) are in the field of play.
- 25.2.5 Players and teams may not exchange pennants, jerseys, or any items prior to or after the match.

25.3 Stadium (**Venue Coordinator (PCO) Responsibility**)

- 25.3.1 Only names on the Team Roster and pre-approved officials will be allowed in the Stadium. No fans will be permitted to enter the facilities.
- 25.3.2 Everyone must submit to temperature checks upon arrival to the venue. If an individual has a temperature of 100.4°F/38°C or higher, they will be rechecked. If that individual still has a temperature of 100.4°F/38°C or higher, the individual will not be allowed inside the venue.



- 25.3.3 All individuals on the bench are obligated to wear face masks during the match.
- 25.3.4 Players may remove their face masks for warm-ups during the match.
- 25.3.5 Participating clubs must instruct players, coaches and staff to refrain from spitting or clearing their noses on the field of play.
- 25.3.6 One (1) coach at a time may remove the mask during the match when standing away from the bench, ideally 6 feet/2 meters, and providing instructions to players on the field of play.
- 25.3.7 Substitute players and/or coaches must comply with FFB requests to sit in temporary seating or in the stands, if deemed necessary by FFB, due to venue limitations.
- 25.3.8 Participating clubs must instruct its members to refrain from physical contact when celebrating following goals during the match
- 25.3.9 For the avoidance of doubt, failure by players or officials to comply with the above, or to follow the instructions received pursuant to the above, may subject such persons to disciplinary action following the match.

25.4 Training Medical Room

25.4.1 The PCO is responsible for ensuring:

- The proper cleaning and disinfecting the training/medical room before and after each use by its Participating Club,
- That only the players of its Participating Club receiving medical care or treatment should be in the training room. Social distancing should be maintained other than the provider and the athlete, and
- That PPE is properly worn by medical staff including gloves mask, goggles or eye protection and gown when treating an athlete of its Participating Club.

25.5 Post-Match Activities

- Players and other Match Delegation members must leave the field as soon as possible,
- No gathering at the center of the pitch for a post-match handshake (or any other physical contact) with officials and



- opposing team shall occur,
- No cooldowns are allowed in the field of play,
- Match Delegations shall leave the venue as soon as possible after the conclusion of the match and all media requirements have been fulfilled, and
- As with arrivals to the venue and, Match Delegation departures, schedules will be staggered to limit any physical contact.

For the avoidance of doubt each decision or determination which is to be made by FFB (and not the FFB Disciplinary Committee) will be made at the sole and final discretion of FFB and is not subject to appeal or protest.

26 MEDICAL/DOPING

- 26.1 In order to protect players' health as well as to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches at The Competition, each PRA shall ensure and confirm to FFB that its players and officials undergo a pre-competition medical assessment (PCMA) prior to the start of The Competition. The PCMA will include a full medical assessment as well as an EKG to identify any cardiac abnormality. If the EKG is abnormal, an echocardiogram must be obtained and be normal before a player can be released to play. The medical assessment must be carried out between 270 days and 10 days prior to the start of each match during The Competition. FFB will provide a PCMA form to all PRA's.
- 26.2 The duly licensed medical representative of each PRA (i.e., national team doctor) will be required to sign the PCMA declaration form certifying the accuracy of the results and confirming that the players and officials have passed the pre-competition medical assessment. The medical assessment form shall also include the signatures of the Chairman and General Secretary of the PRA and shall be received by the FFB General Secretariat at the latest seven (7) days prior to the start of The Competition.
- 26.3 Further to the above, each PRA is required to have a duly licensed medical professional (i.e., a doctor) as part of their official delegation. Such doctor must be fully integrated and familiar with all medical aspects of the delegation and must remain with the delegation throughout the entire official period of The Competition. The



Match Officials (the Referees) will refer to such team doctor in all cases as required and necessary.

- 26.4 FFB shall not be held liable for any injury sustained by any participating player or official. Equally, FFB shall not be held liable for any incident (including death) linked to any injury or health problem(s) of any participating player or official.
- 26.5 Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be sanctioned by the FFB Disciplinary Committee.
- 26.6 Regarding non-traumatic loss of consciousness during a game, the referee will assume sudden cardiac failure until proven otherwise. The hand signal is the right-hand fist against the chest. Such signal will indicate to the team doctor and the medical emergency team (stretcher team) to immediately institute comprehensive resuscitation that includes the use of a defibrillator (AED) and CPR.
- 26.7 During the match if there is a traumatic head injury and concussion to a player, and the player remains on the field of play, the referee shall stop play for as much as three minutes as injury time. The hand signal is the right fist on the top of the head. Such signal will indicate to the team doctor to enter the field to assess and manage the player. At this time, a Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) will be administered. At the end of the three minutes, at the discretion of the team doctor, the player may be ready to return to play or immobilized appropriately and transported off the field using the standard protocol.
- 26.8 Further to the above, in regard to traumatic head injury and concussion, full return to play after a previous concussion must include no signs or symptoms of the previous head injury as well as an acceptable Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) assessment.
- 26.9 Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental performance of a player, with a view to improving athletic and/or mental performance. If there is medical need as defined by the player's doctor, then a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application must be filed 21



days prior to competition for chronic conditions and as soon as possible for acute situations. The TUE approval system includes a designated administrative and functional committee that will review applications and certify the exemption as the committee defines.

- 26.10 Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant FIFA as well as FFB Regulations, circulars and directives shall apply to all FFB competitions.
- 26.11 Every player may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which he competes and to out-of-competition testing at any time and place. Furthermore, reference is made to the FIFA Anti- Doping Control Regulations and the list of prohibited substances and methods per the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- 26.12 If, in accordance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Control Regulations, a player tests positive for the use of banned substances, the player shall be immediately declared ineligible from further participation in The Competition and shall be subject to further sanctions from the FFB Disciplinary Committee.

27 COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- 27.1 FFB is the original owner of all of the rights emanating from The Competition as a collective whole and any other related events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, all kinds of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights (such as those pertaining to emblems) as well as rights arising under copyright law whether currently existing or created in the future subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.
- 27.2 FFB will issue separate, Commercial, Media and Marketing Regulations for The Competition specifying these commercial and



intellectual property rights. All FFB members must comply with the Commercial Regulations for The Competition and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with these regulations.

27.3 For more details, please refer to Commercialization Regulations.

28 MEDIA

28.1 FFB will issue separate Competition Media Regulations for The Competition. All Associations must comply with the Media Regulations for The Competition and must ensure that their member, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with the regulations.

28.2 Media Officer Assignment: A Competition Media Officer shall be appointed at a reasonable time before the start of each tournament, to facilitate cooperation between the Associations, FFB and the media in accordance with the Media Regulations.

28.3 Media Activities: On the day before each match and on each match day Associations shall participate in all media activities listed in the Competition Media Regulations.

28.4 Media Access to Official Training: Association shall follow the Competition Media Regulations regarding access to the media for a required period Open training session shall be open to all media members, regardless of national origin or other incidentals.

28.5 Media Infrastructure: The LOC shall be responsible for providing the necessary technical infrastructure and services at each media activity, according to the requirements delineated in the Competition Media Regulation. Including instances in which the stadium utilized is under the control of a third party.

28.6 Access Prohibitions: The Association locker rooms and other competitions areas, as delineated in the Competition Media Regulations, shall be off limits to representatives of the media before, during and after the matches. No media representatives shall be allowed to go onto the field of play, field tunnels and dressing rooms during, before or after



the match. A limited number of photographers, and cameramen/production staff of the host broadcaster and TV Rights Holders – equipped with appropriate field-access accreditation – shall be allowed to work in the field of play areas listed in the Media Regulations.

- 28.7 General Communication Requirements: Associations shall make specific attempts in their communications with the public and the media to respect The Competition regulations and guidelines in terms of branding and communications. Additionally, Association officials, staff, players and other designees shall refrain from comments to the media which could be construed as negative regarding the organization or execution of The Competition, including but not limited to refereeing and logistical matters. Any intentional act in official media areas by players, coaches, and/or Association staff that could be considered disrespectful toward media members shall be strictly prohibited.
- 28.8 Technical Filming: Each Association shall be permitted to use one designated camera to make a technical copy of their match. The technical filming shall take place from a position pre-determined by FFB. Technical filming must follow the rules and conform to the usage outlined in the Competition Media Regulations. Any other match day video recording by the Associations, including the use of cellphones, drones, or internet-based transmission from inside the stadium, including but not limited to video for social media and/or streaming via social media, shall be strictly prohibited.
- 28.9 Incorporation of Competition Media Regulations: The Competition Media Regulations, published and distributed separately, form an integral part of these Regulations. Upon notification to the participating Associations, FFB may amend the Media Regulations at any time and at its own discretion. FFB, at any time prior/during The Competition and at its own discretion, remains entitled to publish guidelines and circulars specifying these media regulations or parts hereof.

FINAL PROVISIONS

29 LIABILITY

The National Organizing Committee of The Competition shall be exclusively responsible for the organization of the matches and shall discharge FFB from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against the FFB and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any claims relating to such matches.

30 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The FFB shall, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise related to The Competition. These provisions and/or instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

31 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR AND FORCE MAJEURE

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

32 LANGUAGES

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of these Regulations, the English text shall be authoritative.

33 COPYRIGHT

The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations shall be the property of FFB.



34 NO WAIVER

Any waiver by the FFB of any breach of these Regulations (including of any document referred to in these Regulations) shall 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 the FFB to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one or more occasions shall not be considered to be a waiver of or deprive FFB 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.

35 ENFORCEMENT

These regulations were approved by the FFB Executive on 17 day of December, 2021 and come into force immediately thereafter.

Sergio Chuc
President



Earl Jones
General Secretary