



**FOOTBALL**

**TECHNICAL BOOK**

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The organizing team for this sport is made up of a Competition Director and a Facility Director who will be in charge of the smooth execution of the competition, together with the competition managers of support teams.

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Once confirmed, the competitions will be held and medals will be awarded, regardless of the actual number of participating teams.

## 6. - COMPETITION RULES

The Football Tournament will be held in accordance with FIFA (International Federation of Football Association) rules in force as of **1<sup>st</sup> January 2009**, special dispensations by the ICMG excepted.

Any case not covered by the aforesaid rules will be decided as follows:

- ✓ General cases will be settled according to ICMG rules;
- ✓ Technical questions will be decided according to Laws of the Game.

## 7. - TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

The FIGC (Italian Football Federation), together with the FIFA Technical Delegate, is responsible for the technical organization and management of the Football Tournament of the XVI Mediterranean Games Pescara 2009.

### 7.1. - Special Provisions for the holding of the Tournament

Any dispute occurring before or during the Tournament will be settled by the Competition Director according to ICMG and FIFA regulations in force as of **1<sup>st</sup> January 2009**, special dispensations by the ICMG excepted.

The schedule for the Football competition will depend on the number of participating Countries and shall be confirmed during the Technical Meeting.

Three (3) replacements per team will be allowed to enter the match during the competition. Each match shall take place, in accordance with FIFA rules, in two (2) halves, of forty-five (45) minutes each, with a break of fifteen (15) minutes. If in the direct elimination phase the game is tied at the end of regulation time, points will be assigned in accordance with FIFA rules.

### 7.2. – Round organization

#### 7.2.1 – Competition organized with six (6) to eight (8) teams.

Teams will be divided into two (2) groups, A and B, according to the number of registered teams (6, 7 or 8).

Number of teams for group A and group B

TEAMS	GROUP A	GROUP B
6	3	3
7	3	4
8	4	4

In each round, each team will play one match only with the other teams in order to determine ranking.

### Semi-finals

The first two (2) teams of each group will play the semi-final as follows:





First semi-final	Second Semi-final
1 <sup>o</sup> A – 2 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> B – 2 <sup>o</sup> A

## Finals

The winners of the two semi-finals will play for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.  
 The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### 7.2.2 – Competition organized with nine (9) to eleven (11) teams.

Teams will be divided into two (2) groups, A and B, according to the number of registered teams (9, 10 or 11).

Number of teams for group A, group B and group C

TEAMS	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
9	3	3	3
10	3	3	4
11	3	4	4

In each round, each team will only play one match against the other teams in order to determine ranking.

## Semi-finals

In a round of nine (9) teams, the first one of each group will advance to the semi-final and a fourth one will be drawn by lot among all the second-ranked teams of each round.

The choice of the best second team will be done as follows:

1. the team with the total points best number;
2. the team with the best goal difference;
3. in case of a tie between two or more teams, the random draw will decide.

The qualified teams will play as follows:

Classified	First Semi-final	Second semi-final
2 <sup>o</sup> A	1 <sup>o</sup> A – 1 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> C – 2 <sup>o</sup> A
2 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> B – 1 <sup>o</sup> C	1 <sup>o</sup> A – 2 <sup>o</sup> B
2 <sup>o</sup> C	1 <sup>o</sup> A – 1 <sup>o</sup> C	1 <sup>o</sup> B – 2 <sup>o</sup> C

In a round of ten (10) teams, the first ones of each group will advance to the semi-final and the second one in the group of four (4) teams.

The qualified teams will play as follows:

First Semi-final	Second semi-final
1 <sup>o</sup> A – 1 <sup>o</sup> C	1 <sup>o</sup> B – 2 <sup>o</sup> C

In a round of eleven (11) teams, the first ones of each group will advance to the semi-final and a fourth one will be drawn by lot among all second-ranked teams of integrated groups of four (4) teams.





The qualified teams will play as follows:

Classified	First Semi-final	Second semi-final
2 <sup>o</sup> C	1 <sup>o</sup> A – 1 <sup>o</sup> C	1 <sup>o</sup> B – 2 <sup>o</sup> C
2 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> A – 1 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> C – 2 <sup>o</sup> B

## Finals

The winners of the two semi-finals will play for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### 7.2.3 – Competition organized with twelve (12) to sixteen (16) teams.

Teams will be divided into four (4) groups, A, B, C and D according to the number of registered teams (12, 13, 14, 15 or 16).

Team number	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
12	3	3	3	3
13	3	3	3	4
14	3	3	4	4
15	3	4	4	4
16	4	4	4	4

In each round, each team will play only one match against the other teams in order to determine ranking.

## Semi-finals

The four (4) qualified teams will play as follows:

First Semi-final	Second semi-final
1 <sup>ere</sup> A . 1 <sup>ere</sup> C	1 <sup>ere</sup> B . 1 <sup>ere</sup> D

## Finals

The winners of the two semi-finals will play for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### Organization of rounds with sixteen (16) or more teams

The OCMGP2009, together with the FIFA Technical Delegate, will define the organization of rounds before **6<sup>th</sup> April 2009** based on the number of countries registered for the football competition.

### 7.3 – Random draw and Composition of Team Rounds

Based on the number of Countries registered for the football Tournament by **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009** (h 24.00 CET), the Organization Management will define the organization of the Tournament.





Whilst drawing lots, the Committee will take into consideration the level of the participating teams and the result in order of the previous edition of:

1. Mediterranean Games
2. Olympic Games
3. World Championship

The random draw for the composition of rounds will be carried out in accordance with ICMG and FIFA rules no later than **5<sup>th</sup> May 2009** ( h 12.00 CET).

The Committee for the random draw will be composed of the following members:

- ✓ Chairman of the ICMG Technical Commission or a proxy
- ✓ FIFA Technical Delegate
- ✓ FIGC President or a proxy
- ✓ OCMGP 2009 Sports Director

The Committee for the random draw , in order to achieve more balanced rounds, will take into account the level of participating teams, specifically in terms of results achieved during the latest Mediterranean Games held in Almeria, for the seeding.

The random draw is open to representatives of the participating Countries, press and public.

#### **7.4 – Technical Commission**

The Technical Commission is composed as follows:

- ✓ Chairman: FIFA Technical Delegate
- ✓ FIGC President or a proxy
- ✓ Three (3) representatives of the participating Countries chosen by the FIFA Technical Delegate
- ✓ OCMGP 2009 Director of the Tournament

The Football Technical Commission will be in charge of:

- ✓ Appointing the commissioners for the competitions
- ✓ Examining complaints and ultimately making decisions about them
- ✓ Making decisions in the event of *force majeure* or any cases not provided for in this regulation

#### **7.5 – Ranking system**

##### **7.5.1. Scores**

Scores will be assigned in accordance with FIFA rules:

- ✓ Won match: 3 points
- ✓ Tied match: 1 point
- ✓ Lost match: 0 points

##### **7.5.2. Rankings**

The qualification ranking of teams will follow these criteria:







- ✓ Highest number of points obtained in all group matches;
- ✓ The result in the eventual direct match between two tied teams;
- ✓ Goal difference in all group matches;
- ✓ Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

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

- ✓ The team with fewer sanctions (according to the FIFA FAIR PLAY regulation)
- ✓ Drawing of lots (the conditions will be indicated during the Technical Meeting)

## **8. – COMPETITION VENUES AND EQUIPMENT**

The Football Competitions will be held at the following stadiums:

- ✓ Adriatico stadium in Pescara, 16km away (20 minutes) from the Mediterranean Village with a capacity of 22.000 seats;
- ✓ Angelini stadium in Chieti, 4km away (7 minutes) from the Mediterranean Village with a capacity of 12.750 seats;
- ✓ Piano d'Accio stadium in Teramo, 65km away (50 minutes) from the Mediterranean Village with a capacity of 8.000 seats;
- ✓ Biondi stadium in Lanciano, 48km away (45 minutes) from the Mediterranean Village with a capacity of 6.400 seats;
- ✓ Avezzano Stadium 100km away (60 minutes) from the Mediterranean Village with a capacity of 5.000 seats;
- ✓ Municipal Stadium in Francavilla 20km away (20 minutes) from the Mediterranean Village with a capacity of 1.500 seats.

### **8.1. – Competition field**

The competition field used in competition are in compliance with Laws of the game.

### **8.2. - Equipment**

The official ball to be used in the competition will be chosen and supplied by the ICMG. The balls shall conform with the provisions of the Laws of the Game and shall bear the following designations: the official "FIFA approved" Logo.

All technical equipment used for the Football tournament and warm-up will comply with technical regulations as defined by the Laws of the Game and in force as of **1<sup>st</sup> January 2009**, special dispensations by the ICMG excepted after consultation with FIFA.

### **8.3. - Changing rooms**

Changing rooms will be provided for the players, with facilities including showers and toilets.

### **8.4.- Mixed Zone and Press Conference Room.**

Accredited media will be allowed to conduct short interviews in the Mixed Zone immediately after competitions.

Athletes must go through the Mixed Zone to exit the field of play and they are requested to cooperate and to answer the questions of the press.







Immediately after each match, the OCMGP2009 person in charge of the press will escort the coach and one player from each team to the Press Conference Room in order to answer the questions of the press.

## **9. – TRAINING**

### **9.1. – Training venues**

Based on the number of teams registered for the Football tournament of the XVI Mediterranean Games, a suitable number of football fields will be available for training, so that beginning on **20<sup>th</sup> June 2009** teams will be able to practice for at least two hours per day. Moreover, the teams can make use of each stadium before the beginning of the Tournament and if the field status allows (the final decision is submitted to the Technical Delegate agreement), a familiarizing training session which will last for no more than two hours.

The following technical equipment will be provided at each field:

- ✓ 20 balls of the same brand and model as the official one;
- ✓ 2 permanent football goals equipped with their nets;
- ✓ 1 portable football goal;
- ✓ 4 corner flags;
- ✓ 40 training cones;
- ✓ Changing rooms and shower facilities.

### **9.2. - Procedures for scheduling training sessions.**

Training sessions will be assigned by the OCMGP 2009 Competition Director and the FIFA Technical Delegate.

Training sessions must be confirmed by the NOC before 17.00 on the day prior to the session, otherwise the session will be made available to other teams.

As a general rule, all submitted requests will be taken into account by the Competition Director and sessions will be assigned by following a turnover criterion.

## **10. - ELIGIBILITY**

All NOCs of the ICMG member Countries whose Federations are FIFA members can take part in the Football Tournament of the XVI Mediterranean Games Pescara 2009.

Players shall be citizens of its country and subject to its jurisdiction and shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes and other relevant FIFA regulations as well as follow ICMG conditions and rules.

Players must be nationals of the Country entering them at the moment of the preliminary registration and must comply with and follow ICMG and FIFA conditions and rules.

Each Country may register only one (1) team of no more than eighteen (18) players.

The players must be born from 1989 onward.





## 11.- ENTRIES

The Delegations entry system is linked to the General System of Accreditation.

The OCMGP 2009 entry system is based upon a document downloadable from the website:

[www.pescara2009.it](http://www.pescara2009.it)

Each delegation will receive a set code and password to access the document which is available in three languages. Italian, French, English.

The document for computer accreditation allows the registration of a list of sports entries which, duly signed, must also be sent by fax or e-mail to the OCMGP2009, before the deadline hereafter indicated.

### 11.1.- Preliminary entries.

The preliminary entries list, issued by the NOC of each participating Country, must be submitted to the OCMGP 2009 by **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009** (h 24.00 CET).

### 11.2.-Entries by number.

The entries by number list, issued by the NOC of each participating Country, must be submitted to the OCMGP 2009 by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009** (h 24.00 CET).

### 11.3.- Entries by name.

The entries by name list, issued by the NOC of each participating Country, must be submitted to the OCMGP 2009 at least fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the Competitions: i.e. **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009** (h 24.00 CET).

### 11.4. Entries confirmation.

Moreover, when the Mission Chiefs will arrive to Pescara, hoping two days before the Delegation arrival, there will be a D.R.M. (Definitive Registration Meeting) with the Organizing Committee responsible to face together useful needs.(general rules, administrative aspects, Village accommodations confirm, training sessions, specifics and finals sports entries, etc.).

Specific forms will be delivered to each Mission Chief, in due time, to confirm the entries.

A further participating athletes entries confirmation, can also be communicated to the OCMGP 2009 sports management, for extraordinary circumstance, at the latest during the Technical Meeting as per section 12 of this regulation

## 12. - TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meeting will be held at the Mediterranean Village, prior to the start of the tournament, on **23<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (5.00 pm)**.

The time for the Meeting will be announced at a later date.

The Meeting will be organized following FIFA standard procedures and under the supervision of the FIFA technical delegate.

The meeting will be attended by:

- FIFA Technical Delegate;





- Team Leader (one for each team);
- trainer (one for each Country );
- Referees and judges;
- OCMGP 2009 Director of the football tournament.

A member of the ICMG Technical Commission may take part in the meeting.

### **13. - MEDICAL SERVICES**

**13.1 Medical Services will be available in the Mediterranean Village and at the Training and Competition Venues for all accredited athletes.**

#### **a – Mediterranean Village**

The Mediterranean Village clinic will provide assistance to residents with the following medical services:

- sports medicine;
- physiotherapy;
- first aid;
- 24-hour emergency service
- ambulance service

A Medical Guide will be made. It will explain in details the medical attentions and services that will be given to the Mediterranean Family during the Games.

#### **b.- Training and Competition Venues.**

Services of sports medicine, physiotherapy and an ambulance service will be provided to players and their staff at the training and competition venues.

### **13.2. - Anti-doping tests**

Anti-doping tests will be conducted during the Tournament, and sometimes prior to the competition, under the responsibility of the ICMG Medical Commission together with the OCMGP 2009 Anti-doping Commission, and in accordance with ICMG and FIFA rules.

All players selected for anti-doping tests will receive written notification.

The procedure for collecting samples to be analysed in accordance with set rules and time limits will then start.

Any player who refuses to undergo anti-doping tests, or who tests positive will be excluded from competition and will be sanctioned along with his/her team, in accordance with ICMG and FIFA rules.

## **14. – JURY MEMBERS, JUDGES AND REFEREES**

### **14.1.- Disciplinary Commission**

The Disciplinary Commission will be composed of five (5) members:

- Chairman: FIFA Technical Delegate;





- A FIGC representative;
- Three (3) additional members chosen by the FIFA Technical Delegate from the representatives list of participating Countries

In case of a rules violation, the Commission will provide and impose all the disciplinary measures and sanctions to players, line – referees, referees, trainers and other officials.

The decisions, taken by the Commission are based on the referees' and commissioners' written relations.

Decisions made by the Disciplinary Commission are irrevocable if at least three (3) members, among which the President, voted for them. Decisions shall be communicated, in writing, to the interested parties within twenty-four (24) hours from the end of the match.

The Commission Member who belongs to the same Country as the team in dispute cannot take part in the Disciplinary Commission.

#### **14.2.- The Referees' Commission**

The Referees' Commission will be composed of three (3) members:

- The FIFA Technical Delegate, as a Chairman;
- A Delegate of the host Country;
- One (1) member chosen by the FIFA Technical Delegate among the members of participating country delegations.

The Referees' Commission appoints referees and judges for all the football competitions of the XVI Mediterranean Games.

#### **14.3.- Referees**

During the XVI Mediterranean Games, football matches will be refereed by three referees chosen from:

- Two (2) referees appointed by the FIFA;
- One (1) international referee for each delegation;
- Some international referees appointed by the FIGC, the exact number will be decided based on demand.

No referee or assistant shall referee a match played by their home Country team.

### **15. – PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

Any protest shall be reported on the official match report and shall be submitted, in writing, in Italian, French, English or Arab by and no later than 60 minutes after the end of the match and accompanied, by a cash deposit

No protest may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final.

The complaint will be immediately handed over to the Technical Commission. Complaints and appeals will follow FIFA international regulations.

In the event of a complaint, members of the Committee cannot be of the same nationality as the person lodging the complaint.





If the protest is accepted, the deposit will be refunded, otherwise it will be acquired by the OCMGP 2009.

## 16. - SPORTS UNIFORMS

Players taking parts in the Football Tournament of XVI Mediterranean Games must wear uniforms complying with FIFA standards and FIFA Equipment Regulations. The latter will duly decide the sets of uniform of each team which shall have two (2) jerseys of different colours (light and dark). Colours shall be confirmed at registration. Players must keep the same number until the end of the match, even if they change position.

No advertising logos may appear on uniforms, accessories or on clothing and equipment worn or used by players, except for manufacturer's labels, under the condition that the latter are not displayed for advertising purposes, in accordance with ICMG and FIFA rules.

These rules also apply to the award ceremonies.

## 17.- AWARDS

Award ceremonies will be held at the end of the tournament

### Medals and diplomas

In accordance with ICMG rules, the following prizes will be awarded:

- **First prize**  
A gold medal and a diploma for each player belonging to the first-ranked team;
- **Second prize**  
A silver medal and a diploma for each player belonging to the second-ranked team;
- **Third prize**  
A bronze medal and a diploma for each player belonging to the third-ranked team.
- **Fourth to Eight place:**  
Each player belonging to the team placing fourth will receive a diploma.

## 18.- CALENDAR

### 25/06/2009

18.00	ITALY - SIRYA (Group A)	Avezzano Stadium
17.00	FRANCE - TURKEY (Group B)	Municipal Stadium - Teramo
17.00	LIBYA - MONTENEGRO (Group C)	"Biondi" Stadium - Lanciano
17.00	SPAIN - TUNISIA (Group D)	Municipal Stadium - Francavilla

### 27/06/2009

17.00	GREECE - SIRYA (Group A)	Avezzano Stadium
17.00	MALTA - TURKEY (Group B)	Municipal Stadium - Teramo
	RESTDAY (Group C)	
17.00	ALBANIA - TUNISIA (Group D)	Municipal Stadium - Francavilla





### 29/06/2009

18.00	ITALY - GREECE (Group A)	Avezzano Stadium
17.00	FRANCE - MALTA (Group B)	Municipal Stadium - Teramo
17.00	MONTENEGRO - LIBYA (Group C)	"Biondi" Stadium - Lanciano
17.00	SPAIN - ALBANIA (Group D)	Municipal Stadium - Francavilla

### Classification Matches

### 01/07/2009

17.00	2°A/2°C (Match 12) 5°/8°	Avezzano Stadium
17.00	2°B/2°D (Match 13) 5°/8°	Municipal Stadium - Francavilla
17.00	1°A/1°C (Match 14) Semi - final	"Angelini" Stadium - Chieti
20.30	1°B/1°D (Match 15) Semi - final	Municipal Stadium - Teramo

### 03/07/2009

17.00	Loser Match 12 - Loser Match. 13 (7°/8°)	"Biondi" Stadium - Lanciano
20.30	Winner Match 12 - Winner Match 13 (5°/6°)	Municipal Stadium - Teramo

### 04/07/2009

20.30	Loser Match 14 - Loser Match 15 (3°/4°)	"Angelini" Stadium - Chieti
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### 05/07/2009

15.00	Winner Match 14 - Winner Match 15 (1°/2°)	"Adriatico" Stadium - Pescara
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## 19. TECHNICAL OFFICES FOR THE COMPETITION

Two offices will provide specific information on the Football Groupment: the first one is located in the Technical Office of Football at the competition venue and the second one is at the Sport Information Point in the Mediterranean Village.

These two Offices will provide information on competition times, training sessions, transportation, list of players and results.

The two Offices will also provide technical information communicated by the FIFA and OCMGP 2009.

## 20. APPROVAL OF THE REGULATIONS

In case of disagreement on the interpretation of these regulations, the French version shall prevail.

These regulations were approved by the ICMG on 05.03.2009.

