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CFU CLUB CHAMPIONS' CUP

Regulations

PREAMBLE:

- A.** The 2011 CFU Club Champions' Cup is an official event of the Caribbean Football Union (hereafter referred to as CFU).
- B.** The 2011 CFU Club Champions' Cup shall serve as a qualifying event for the CONCACAF Champions' League Tournament.
- C.** This competition shall consist of a Preliminary Phase and a Final Phase.
- D.** Any rights that these regulations do not cede to a National Association or any other party shall belong to the CFU.

I. TITLE – THE CFU CLUB CHAMPIONS' CUP

- A.** The CFU Club Champions' Cup shall take place every year. National Associations affiliated to the CFU are invited to participate with their National League or Cup Champion and Sub Champion.
- B.** The CFU will present an exact replica of the CFU Club Champions Cup trophy to the winning team for their permanent possession.
- C.** The Champion shall receive twenty-five (25) gold medals, the runner-up twenty-five (25) silver medals and the third place team shall receive twenty-five (25) bronze medals.

II. ENTRIES

- A.** The Champions of the highest competitive club category within each of the CFU Member Associations, whereas such Champion team(s) being determined by the result following the completion of the last complete season before the Club Champions Cup Tournament commences, shall have the right to participate in the CFU Club Champions Cup.
- B.** The CFU Executive Committee shall determine the right entry of any other clubs.
- C.** Any member Association wishing to participate in the competition shall make its application within the period required by the Secretariat in each instance.
- D.** A fee of One thousand United States Dollars (US \$1,000.00) shall be due to the CFU immediately after submission of each the Club's registration form.
- E.** The First, Second and Third place teams of the CFU Club Champions Cup are obligated to represent the CFU at the CONCACAF Champions League of the same year.



III. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The competition shall be played in two (2) phases:

- The Preliminary Phase
 1. Elimination Stage 1
 2. Elimination Stage 2
 3. Elimination Stage 3 (if applicable)
- The Final Phase
 - Elimination Stage

B. The Preliminary Phase:

Teams shall be divided into two groups, seeded teams and non-seeded teams.

- i. Elimination Stage 1:
 - The non-seeded teams will be divided into two (2) pools of teams;
 - The number of teams to participate in this stage shall be determined each year and depend on the number of teams registered to the tournament;
 - All non-seeded shall participate in a draw to determine the match-ups for this round;
 - Teams of the same country of origin shall not play each other in this round;
 - Winners on aggregate shall qualify for the next Stage of the Preliminary Phase;
- ii. Elimination Stage 2:
 - This stage shall comprise all winners from the first elimination stage as well as the seeded teams;
 - All teams shall then participate in a draw to determine the match-ups for this round;
 - Where possible, teams of the same country of origin shall not play each other;
 - Winners on aggregate qualify to the next stage;
- iii. Elimination Stage 3 (IF APPLICABLE) :
 - This stage shall comprise all winners from the second elimination stage;
 - Where possible, teams of the same country of origin shall not play each other;
 - Winners on aggregate qualify to the Final Stage;



C. The Final Phase

i. Final Stage

- This shall comprised of two (2) rounds of competition: The Semi-final Round and the Final Round;
- There shall be two (2) semi-final matches, one (1) third place match and one (1) Final match;
- The qualifiers to this stage shall participate in a draw to determine the teams to play in either semi-final match;
- Semi-final losers shall compete in the third place play-off while Semi-final winners play in CFU Club Champions Cup Final.

IV. WITHDRAWALS

A. Teams having entered the competition are obligated to play all their matches until they are eliminated. After entering the tournament, a team that fails to participate, shall be penalized as follows, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of *force majeure* as determined by the CFU Executive Committee.

B. If a withdrawal takes place:

1. After entering the Tournament but before the date of the draw for the first round, a fine of US \$7,500.00 shall apply;
2. On or after the date of the draw but before the date of the first match of the Tournament, a fine of US \$9,500.00 shall apply;
3. Anytime during the Qualifying Tournament, a fine of US \$10,000.00 shall apply;
4. Anytime after the completion of the qualifying Tournament but before the CONCACAF Champions League, US \$15,000.00 shall apply;
5. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the CFU Executive Committees, a team withdrawing at any stage of the competition may be ordered to reimburse the host association and the CFU any expenses they may have incurred for the withdrawing team and pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its proposed involvement in the competition;
6. Penalties specified herein will not be applied in cases of *force majeure*, as verified by the CFU Executive Committee;
7. The National Association of any penalized Club team shall be responsible for ensuring that specified sanctions are carried out and complied with.



V. THE CFU ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- A. The Organizing Committee for the CFU Club Champions Cup, appointed by the CFU Executive Committee, is responsible for the organization of the competition.
- B. The Organizing Committee may, if deemed necessary, establish a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with urgent matters. Any decision taken by the bureau or the sub-committee shall enter into force immediately but shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
- C. The Organizing Committee shall, amongst other matters be responsible for:
 - 1. All Phases:
 - a. Imposing fines specifically provided for by these regulations.
 - b. Dealing with protests;
 - c. Appointing match commissioners and/or security officers;
 - d. Deciding which laboratories, if any, will carry out doping analyses;
 - e. Dealing with breaches of the doping regulations;
 - f. Settling cases of *force majeure*;
 - g. Deciding which matches, if any, will be subject to doping tests;
 - 2. Technical Matters:
 - a. Forming Groups;
 - b. Supervising general preparations, deciding the match system, the draws and forming groups;
 - c. After consultation with the Host Association, fixing the dates and venues for the matches;
 - d. Determining kick-off times;
 - e. Choosing the official football and the stipulated technical material;
- D. The Organizing Committee's decision shall be final.



VI. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- A.** In cases of infringement of these Regulations, unsporting behaviour on the part of referees, participating Teams, their players, officers and/or directors, or the occurrence of any kind of unsavoury incident, the CFU Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
1. Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend or disqualify players, referees, teams, team coaches or officials;
 2. Take action in accordance with FIFA's Disciplinary Measures against any person or Club(s) which may violate the Tournament Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play;
 3. Sanction players, team officials, coaches, physicians and other Team officers who are deemed guilty of provocation;
 4. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of CFU organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.
- B.** Breach of regulations or unsporting behaviour on the part of participating National Associations or their officials, shall be reported by the Disciplinary Committee to the CFU Executive Committee for application of such sanctions as it may deem appropriate.
- C.** When taking a decision, the Disciplinary Committee shall refer to the reports made by the referee, assistant referees and fourth official, match commissioner, referees' inspector, general coordinator, technical delegate, security officer and other CFU officials present. It may also refer to television and/or video recordings. They may be used as evidence but only as far as disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and shall not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.
- D.** The Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and shall decide the procedure to be followed.
- E.** The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be subject to appeal:
1. Cautions and censures imposed on players, referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, delegation officials, other persons or national associations.
 2. Suspensions from up to two matches or two months imposed on players, referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, delegation officials or other persons.
 3. Fines imposed on players, delegations, referees, assistance referees, fourth officials, delegation officials or other persons (not exceeding US \$ 3,500.00) or on National Associations (not exceeding US \$ 10,000.00)
 4. Appeals against any other decisions taken by the Disciplinary Committee may be lodged with the Appeal Committee.
- F.** The relevant Association under the provisions of its own Regulations shall punish any Team officers, technicians or other personnel for any other offenses that may be committed during the course of the CFU Club Champions Cup. For this purpose, the Disciplinary Committee shall refer to the appropriate Association the referee's report of the match in question. The



Association will, in turn, report back to the Disciplinary Committee on the resolution of the matter and any disciplinary action taken.

- G.** Except in cases of force majeure, if a team does not report for a match or refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of the match, the team shall be considered to have forfeited the match. The match and three points shall be awarded to its opponent along with a score of 3:0 or more (or more if the opposing team has already achieved a greater margin of victory) and shall eliminate the guilty team from the competition.
- H.** If, through the fault of any National Association, a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the Organizing Committee shall declare the match to be forfeited, awarding victory and the resultant three (3) points to the opposing team, as well as a score of 3:0 (or more if the opposing team has already achieved a greater margin of victory) and shall eliminate the guilty team from the competition.
- I.** If the suspension of a match was the result of negligence on the part of the stadium authorities, the stadium in which an interrupted match is held may be suspended for the remaining games of the CFU Club Champions Cup.
- J.** If a game is suspended due to a team (s) refusing to complete the match, it shall be ineligible to participate in the next CFU Club Champions Cup.
- K.** 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 General Secretariat of the CFU for consideration by the Executive Committee.
- L.** The appropriate Association thereof must pay all economic penalties assessed no later than sixty (60) days after notification. Unless otherwise specified, the total amount of all fines will accrue to the CFU.



VII. APPEAL COMMITTEE

- A.** The Appeal Committee shall hear all appeals lodged against Disciplinary Committee decisions that are not final according to these regulations.
- B.** The procedure to be applied by the Appeal Committee is defined in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- C.** The Appeal Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. However, the Appeal Committee may, if necessary, resort to further evidence (including television and video recordings etc.) which it considers relevant.
- D.** Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee are final.



VIII. PROTESTS

Protests or objections of any kind connected with matches organized in any phase of the CFU Club Champions Cup are subject to the following provisions:

- A. Protests shall be submitted, except if a different procedure is stipulated by these regulations, in writing to the Match Commissioner or the CFU representative at the match, no later than two (2) hours after the games and followed up by a written report, including the original protest, to be sent to the CFU's General Secretariat no later than 24 hours after the completion of the match in question.
- B. Protests against the eligibility of players taking part in any matches shall be submitted in writing to the referee or the Match Commissioner not later than two (2) hours after the match in question and confirmed by letter to be sent to the CFU's General Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours of the match in question.
- C. Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Commissioner or the CFU representative at the match by the head of the team delegation no later than two (2) hours after the match in question.
- D. Protests as to the state of the pitch, markings, the accessory equipment (goals etc) or the ball will be made to the Referee before the start of the match. If, in the opinion of the captain, the turf becomes unplayable during the match, the Captain of the team concerned shall immediately inform the Referee in the presence of the Captain of the opposing team.
- E. No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
- F. If a frivolous or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Organizing Committee responsible may impose a fine of USD \$500.00 or the reimbursement of expenses caused by this protest, on the guilty team(s).
- G. The expenses which arise from a protest shall be charged to the CFU or the protesting party providing they have lost.
- H. National Associations may not bring disputes with CFU before a Court of Justice. They however, shall undertake to submit any such disputes to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of the CFU.
- I. Once the winning teams of the CFU Club Champions Cup have been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during the competition shall be disregarded.



IX. MATCHES PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- A.** All matches will be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- B.** In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.
- C.** A maximum of fourteen (14) persons shall be allowed on the team bench, seven (7) officials and seven (7) substitutes. The names of these persons and their functions must be indicated on the relevant form provided by the "Fourth Official" prior to the start of the match.

X. DURATION, EXTRA TIME, PENALTY KICKS

- A.** Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two periods of forty-five (45) minutes with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between.
- B.** Clocks in the stadium showing the amount 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 forty –five (45) and ninety (90) minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply in the event of extra time being played (i.e. fifteen (15) minutes of each half).
- C.** 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 hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. Each allowance shall be announced to the public by the fourth official using the substitution cards or electronic display boards and by the public address announcer.
- D.** Extra time shall be allowed only in the case of a match where there must be a clear winner and will consist of 30 minutes of time played after normal and injury time have been completed. These 30 minutes shall be split into two 15 minute halves with an interval of 5 minutes in between.
- E.** Should no winner be determined at the end of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark, executed as explained in Law 14 of the FIFA laws of the game, shall be the determining factor.



XI. FIELD OF PLAY, STADIA, BALLS

- A.** The fields of play and all accessory equipment shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the Laws of the Game. The fields and the facilities shall be in optimum condition and are subject to approval by the Organizing Committee.
- B.** As a general rule, matches may be played in stadia which are all-seated.
- C.** The matches of the CFU Club Champions Cup may be played on natural turf or artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept for artificial turf or the International Artificial Turf Standards. *Visiting teams shall be allowed the opportunity to train for either one or two sessions on artificial turf fields.*
- D.** The Organizing Committee shall guarantee that the fields of play chosen for the Tournament comply with the Laws of the Game. They shall be subject to the approval of the Organizing Committee.
- E.** The footballs for all Phases shall be supplied by the Host National Association and shall also bear the designation "FIFA approved".



XII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH ENTITY INVOLVED

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS

1. Each Club that participates in a match shall be responsible for:
 - a. Paying for their own air travel to and from the host country as well as all airport taxes and costs of obtaining visas for their delegation;
 - b. Paying for their team's accommodation and meals as well as tips for services rendered as appropriate at the hotels, airports, taxis etc;
 - c. Paying for any and all costs of extended and unnecessary stay;
 - d. Paying for incidental expenses incurred by delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country, including laundering except team uniforms and for any cost incurred by additional members of the delegation in excess of the persons allotted for;
 - e. Guaranteeing law and order among its members and supporters in the stadia, if necessary, in collaboration with relevant authorities;
 - f. Complying with the guidelines and instructions issued by the CFU;
 - g. Health, accident and travel insurance cover for its full delegation;
 - h. Returning the information requested by the CFU by the dates specified;
 - i. Applying for visas in good time from the diplomatic mission of the host country, if necessary;
 - j. Attending press conferences and other media activities organized by the CFU or Local Organising Committee in a timely manner;
 - k. All domestic transport for match officials & visiting teams for each home game.
2. Commercial Reference to Event and Advertising Provisions
 - a. Participating Teams shall agree, as a condition of their participation that the terms "CFU Club Champions Cup", or "Copa de Clubes Campeones del Caribe" commonly used to identify the CFU Club Champions Cup, and their equivalent, abbreviated or as translated into other languages, may only be used by such Teams in a sporting context with no commercial implications. CFU and its sponsors own the copyright to these terms;
 - b. The participating Associations shall also agree to abide by any advertising provisions issued by the CFU or its sponsors that is not in conflict with their own domestic regulations.
3. Participants' Forms
 - a. Teams participating in each Phase shall ensure, as a condition of its participation in the CFU Club Champions Cup that all CFU required documents are completed in accordance with their respective deadlines.



B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOST CLUB – EVENT ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

1. The Host Club is responsible for:

- a. Overall- staging the competition in a professional manner;
- b. Execution, Promotion & Finances – executing, promoting and financing of the above mentioned tournament, as approved by CFU and providing a final accounting for the tournament within thirty (30) days of the final match of the Tournament;
- c. Security – providing adequate security for all participants and match officials from arrival to departure;
- d. Stadium and Training Facilities – ensuring that both the stadium and training fields are in conditions suitable for such an event;
- e. Ensuring that both the stadium and training fields are in a condition suitable for a CONCACAF qualifier;
- f. Providing five (5) FIFA approved balls for all home matches and a minimum of 2 “match” balls to each team for the purpose of training;
- g. Liaisons – assigning a dedicated individual, for the duration of the event (arrival to departure) who shall be responsible for:
 - i. Assisting in the coordination of local transportation, changes to hotel/meal arrangements, baggage collection and any other needs as they arise;
 - ii. The participating teams, thereby he or she must be fluent in the primary language of the country assigned;
 - iii. The Game officials;
 - iv. Match Commissioners and Commission representative;
- h. Media – Appoint an individual who shall be responsible for media relations and advise CFU fourteen (14) days in advance of the event the name of the person, together with his contact numbers (phone/cellular, phone/fax, email address) BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the event. The person appointed will:
 - i. Ensure that the media facilities are adequate and in the best possible conditions;
 - ii. Assist the media in their general inquiries;
 - iii. Ensure that teams’ sheets with correct player names/number/positions etc are available to the media in a timely manner, prior to kick-off;
 - iv. Distribute to the media copies of the Media Guide or any other materials, which will be supplied by the CFU;
 - v. Arrange, as far as possible, for the installation of one dedicated phone line for CFU’s use ONLY for charge calls;



2. Team Hospitality

- a. The Local Organising Committee will be responsible for all domestic Transportation to and from:
 - i. Airport ;
 - ii. Training Sites;
 - iii. Games.
- b. Accommodation (Room and Board etc.) –
 - i. Rooms – will assist in reserving or recommending hotel accommodation for the visiting team's delegation along the lines of any necessities that team may indicate;
 - ii. Meals – will assist in reserving or recommending meal arrangements for the visiting team's delegation;
 - iii. Laundry – will make facilities available or recommend facilities for the teams to do their laundry.
- c. Visas for visiting Teams – where necessary, will request handling from the Government agency responsible for visas to expedite requests for teams and delegates.

3. Game Officials and Commission Members' Hospitality

- a. Local Transportation – to and from:
 - i. Airport transfers;
 - ii. Matches;
 - iii. Team hotels for passport inspections or event related meetings.
 - iv. A car available at hotels during non-game hours for game related inspections or work.
- b. Accommodation
 - i. Single room for Commissioner(s) and Referee Assessor (s) appointed to the tournament or as designated by the CFU Executive Committee;
 - ii. Double rooms for Referees (two per room) or as designated by the CFU Executive Committee;
 - iii. Meals or a daily allowance for meals as arranged and approved by the CFU;



C. CFU

1. The Secretariat will be responsible for:
 - a. Overall supervision of the event;
 - b. Arranging and paying the air transportation and airport departure taxes of tournament officials;
 - c. Paying the daily allowances for the tournament officials;
 - d. Collecting of team information (i.e. team lists, rooming lists, menus, travel itineraries, visa information and uniform colour chart);
 - e. Assisting the Local Organizing Committee with the daily operations of the Tournament;
 - f. Disciplinary Measures and communication of actions taken;
 - g. Daily assignment of officials for the matches;
 - h. Arranging the provision of medals and trophy.



XIII. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- A. Each participating Association shall select its two (2) National Representative Clubs from the highest level league or cup competition under its jurisdiction. A player who is elected to represent his Club, in the CFU Club Champions Cup, must comply with all CFU & CONCACAF statutory requirements for eligibility of players.
- B. Each player must be in possession of a legal individual passport or any other legal identification containing an up to date photograph and giving full particulars on the date of birth (day, month and year) of the player. If the player is not in possession of any legal identification, he shall not be allowed to participate in the Tournament unless otherwise approved by CFU, CONCACAF or FIFA.
- C. Rosters of Qualifying Tournament.
 - 1. **Provisional List of Players** - Participating National Associations must provide their "List of Players", on the official form, to the office of the CFU General Secretariat, at least thirty (30) days before their first match. **The list is not binding and must contain the names of no less than 20 players and no more than thirty (30). The list will be used for event promotion and data management;**
 - 2. **Final Roster (Tournament)** - Participating National Associations must provide their Final Roster of 30 players, on the official form, to the CFU a minimum of **twenty (20) days prior to start of the tournament. This list is binding;**
 - 3. **Final Roster (Match)** - Participating National Associations must provide their Final Roster of 20 players, on the official form, to the CFU a minimum of **five (5) days prior to the date of each match. This list must include players already stated on the Final Tournament Roster.**
- D. Confirmation of Eligibility
 - 1. Inspection Meeting – The General Coordinator, Match Commissioner or designee will check each player's identification no later than the day before their opening match of each phase and compare this to the players officially Registered to the tournament;
 - 2. Uniform Numbers – The required numbers on the front and back of the shirts and on the pants of the uniforms shall correspond to the numbers indicated on the Final Roster.
- E. Replacement of Injured or Ill Players
 - 1. Players included on the Final Roster who suffer serious injuries or become ill so that they cannot play in the specific tournament, as certified by the team's Doctor and Head of Delegation, **may be replaced up to 24 hours prior to the team's first match of each phase.**
In those cases, the Club concerned will be authorized to add players not already included on the Final Roster and will immediately inform the General Coordinator in writing.
 - 2. No changes will be permitted within 24 hours of opening matches of each phase or thereafter.



- F. Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit any matches in which the player played. Victory and the resultant three points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3:0 or more if the opposing team has already achieved a margin of difference in excess of 3-0.

XIV. DOPING CONTROL

- A. Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental condition of a player, with a view to improving his athletic and mental performance. It is prohibited.
- B. Only the Organizing Committee is empowered to arrange doping tests and to decide at which laboratories and who shall carry out the analyses. Every player in a team, including substitute players, will be liable to undergo doping tests.
- C. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to arrange doping tests at any match of the competition.
- D. Any player or team that refuses to take a doping test or falsifies the result of a test or attempts to do so or is found guilty of having taken prohibited substances whether intentionally or not will be referred to the Organizing Committee.
- E. Any official who encourages or incites a player, either intentionally or through negligence, to commit such an infringement as stated in paragraph D above, will be referred to the Organizing Committee.
- F. Furthermore, reference is made to the FIFA Doping Control Regulations which contain the list of prohibited substances and methods.



XV. REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The participating Clubs shall comply with the current FIFA Equipment Regulations with exception of the provisions regarding the Player Names as outlined below. Players and officials are not allowed to visibly display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing kit, equipment or body.

A. Player's Names (optional)

1. Players may be identified by means of their surname or an abbreviation or nickname on their shirts. The player's name shall correspond with the name on the players' list.
2. If used, players' names shall be placed on the back of the shirt, above the number.
3. The capital letters used for the names shall not exceed 7.5 cm (seven and a half centimeters) in height. They may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline to ensure better legibility.
4. The colour of the names shall contrast clearly (light on dark or vice versa) with the colours of the players' shirt or appear on a neutral coloured patch.
5. The capital letters used shall be one single colour and shall be free of advertising, design features or other elements.



XVI. REFEREES, ASSISTANT REFEREES AND FOURTH OFFICIALS

- A.** The referees and assistant referees chosen for the matches shall, as far as possible, be from a country whose team is not playing in the match in question. They shall be selected from the current CONCACAF International Lists.
- B.** The Fourth official may be chosen from the host country.
- C.** The CFU Referees' Committee shall appoint the referees and assistant referees for the matches in all Phases. Two referees and two assistant referees shall be appointed for each match.
- D.** The CFU's Referees' Committee decisions shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- E.** After each match the referee shall complete an official CFU report form. He shall hand it over immediately after the match to the Match Commissioner or the General Coordinator at the venue which they must send to the CFU's General Secretariat within 4 hours of the completion of the match.



XVII. TECHNICAL RULES

TOURNAMENT RULES

The Tournament rules will comply with the standing CONCACAF regulations and will be played in two phases.

- The Preliminary Phase
 1. Elimination Stage 1
 2. Elimination Stage 2
 3. Elimination Stage 3 (IF APPLICABLE)
- The Final Phase

A. The Preliminary Phase:

Teams will be divided into two groups, seeded teams and non-seeded teams.

i. Elimination Stage 1:

- All non-seeded teams will participate in a draw to determine the teams to participate in this round;
- Teams shall be drawn and paired;
- Each pair shall participate in a play-off where each team shall have one (1) home match and one (1) away match;
- Winners on an aggregate of results from both matches will qualify for the next round of the Preliminary Phase;
- Teams will be awarded three points for a win, one point for a draw and zero points for a loss;
- If after both games have been played, teams are tied on points then the winner will be determined as follows:
 - Greater goal difference in matches between the tied teams - When tabulating the goal difference between teams, each goal scored at home will count as one point while each goal scored away will count as two (2) points;
 - If, after full time in the 2nd match, teams are still tied on aggregate, extra time shall be played followed by, if necessary, kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner (in accordance with Article X).

ii. Elimination Stage 2

- This stage will comprise all winners from the first elimination stage as well as the seeded teams;
- Teams shall be drawn and paired;
- Each pair shall participate in a play-off where each team shall have one (1) home match and one (1) away match;
- Winners on an aggregate of results from both matches will qualify for the next round of the Preliminary Phase;



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 - If, after full time in the 2nd match, teams are still tied on aggregate, extra time shall be played followed by, if necessary, kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner (in accordance with Article X).
- iii. Elimination Stage 3
- If, due to the number of registered teams, the tournament requires a further elimination stage prior to the Final four-team round, a 3rd elimination stage shall take place;
 - Teams shall be drawn and paired;
 - Each pair shall participate in a play-off where each team shall have one (1) home match and one (1) away match;
 - Winners on an aggregate of results from both matches will qualify for the next round of the Preliminary Phase;
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 - If after both games have been played, teams are tied on points then the winner will be determined as follows:
 - Greater goal difference in matches between the tied teams - When tabulating the goal difference between teams, each goal scored at home will count as one point while each goal scored away will count as two (2) points;
 - If, after full time in the 2nd match, teams are still tied on aggregate, extra time shall be played followed by, if necessary, kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner (in accordance with Article X).

B. The Final Phase

i. Final Stage

- This will be comprised of two (2) rounds of competition: The Semi-final Round and the Final Round;
- There will be two (2) semi-final matches, one (1) third place match and one (1) Final match;
- Semi-final losers will compete in the third place play-off while Semi-final winners will play in CFU Club Champions Cup Final.
- If, after full time, any match of the knock-out stage is a draw, extra time shall be played followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner (in accordance with Article X).



XVII. TECHNICAL RULES cont'd

DISCIPLINARY RULES AND PROCEDURES

The match referee may sanction a player or team official for any offence(s) charged to be committed during a match in accordance with the LAWS OF THE GAME. During the tournament, sanctions will be dealt with as follows:

1. All sanctions will be documented by the General Coordinator and CFU Secretariat and shall be advised to the relevant authorities of each team and delegation;
2. Cautions and censures imposed on players or team officials shall, if not yet served, accumulate throughout the stages of that year's edition of the tournament;
3. Players or team officials suspended during any match shall serve their suspension during the following match of the CFU Club Champions Cup, be it in the current edition or any future edition of the tournament or any tournament which may, by virtue of its purpose, substitute the CFU Champions Cup;
4. Appeals against any disciplinary matter may be sent to the CFU Disciplinary Committee through the auspices of the CFU General Secretariat and whereas any action deemed to be necessary will be taken under Articles VI, VII and VIII of these Regulations.



XVIII. MEDIA ADVERTISING AND MERCHANDISING

- A.** Marketing, Radio, Television Promotion and Advertising rights for the Tournament are fully vested with the CFU and its sponsors.
- B.** Concessions for souvenir sales, official programmes and others of a similar nature are fully vested with the CFU and its sponsors.
- C.** Rights for the merchandising of the event, both on and off site, are exclusively CFU's and its sponsors.
- D.** Technical Films/Tapes – permission to make technical films/tapes, exclusively reserved for the use of a participating Member Association concerned, must be obtained from the General Secretariat of the CFU.



XIX. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Host Club or National Association shall retain the total gate receipts and all benefits from the matches and shall pay all expenses incurred in the organisation of the match or tournament, including but not limited to;

1. Hotel Accommodation, Meals and local transportation for up to twenty-five (25) persons of visiting National teams and match officials, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, for the two days before the first match of the Tournament and the day following the last match in which the team and other member individuals are required to participate.
2. The Host Club or National Association shall retain all revenue from:
 - a. Admission ticket sales
 - b. Concessions granted by the Organizing Committee for the sale of food and beverages.
 - c. Other rights specifically granted by CFU

XX. PROTOCOL

- A. During the Tournament, the FIFA flag, the FIFA fair play flag, the CFU flag and the flags of the host country and all competing National Associations should be flown at every match inside the ground. The FIFA anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the field, followed by the National Anthems of the two contestants during the lineup.

XXI. COPYRIGHT

- A. Copyright of the fixtures and matches adopted by the Executive Committee and drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these regulations are the property of the CFU.



XXII. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- A.** The CFU Executive Committee, whose decisions shall be final, will resolve matters not provided for in these Regulations.
- B.** In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, Spanish or French texts of these Regulations, the English text shall be authoritative.

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