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Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010

1. The Youth Olympic Football Tournaments are FIFA events as decided by the FIFA Executive Committee and FIFA Congress in 2009.

2. The Youth Olympic Football Tournaments take place every four years in conjunction with the Youth Olympic Games.

3. As a general rule, only associations affiliated to FIFA may participate in the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments provided there is a National Olympic Committee ("NOC") in their respective country that is already recognised or about to be recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Participating teams are either nominated by the confederations and confirmed by FIFA in cooperation with the IOC, or qualify through a preliminary competition (cf. art. 5).

4. The Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010 shall feature a boys' and a girls' football tournament scheduled to be played between 12 and 25 August 2010. Participation in the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments is free of charge.

5. The Youth Olympic Football Tournaments consist of a final competition for boys and a final competition for girls, with an optional preliminary competition (cf. art. 5) held at the discretion of the respective confederation with the approval of FIFA.

6. The Regulations for the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010 ("Regulations") regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all associations taking part in the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010. The Regulations and all guidelines and circulars issued by FIFA are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010.

7. Any rights that are not ceded by these Regulations to the Organising Association (cf. art. 3) or any Participating Member Association (cf. art 4) or to a confederation shall remain with the IOC and/or FIFA, as the case may be.

8. The FIFA Statutes and all FIFA regulations in force shall apply. Any reference in these Regulations to the FIFA Statutes and regulations refers to the Statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.

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

2 FIFA Organising Committee

1. The Organising Committee for the Olympic Football Tournaments, appointed by the FIFA Executive Committee, is the organising committee for the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010 (the "FIFA Organising Committee"). The FIFA Organising Committee is responsible for organising the final competitions in cooperation with the IOC and the respective FIFA and IOC regulations.

2. The FIFA Organising Committee may, if necessary, appoint a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with emergencies. Any decision taken by the bureau or sub-committee shall come into effect immediately but shall be subject to confirmation by the plenary committee at its next meeting.

3. The responsibilities of the FIFA Organising Committee include, but are not limited to:

a) supervising general preparations and, in cooperation with the IOC, deciding on the competition format, the draws and the formation of groups;

b) approving the dates and venues of the matches and determining kick-off times in cooperation with the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee;

c) approving the choice of stadiums and training grounds;

d) appointing match commissioners;

e) deciding cases of abandoned matches (cf. Law 7 of the Laws of the Game);

f) approving the official football and the stipulated technical material;

g) reporting cases in relation to article 6 of these Regulations to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for deliberation;

h) judging protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility, with the exception of protests concerning the eligibility of players, which are dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee (cf. art. 10 par. 3 and art. 22 par. 3 of the Regulations);

i) replacing associations that have withdrawn from the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments;

j) settling cases of force majeure;

k) dealing with any other aspect of the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations or the FIFA Statutes.

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

3 Organising Association/SYOGOC

1. The Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee ("SYOGOC") has been appointed by the IOC as the host of the final competitions of the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010.

2. The responsibilities of SYOGOC during the final competitions shall include:

a) approving preparations for the tournaments, in particular the choice of dates;

b) ensuring that order and safety are maintained, particularly inside the stadiums and in their immediate surroundings. It shall take adequate measures, if necessary by working closely with the relevant authorities, to prevent and restrain outbreaks of violence. SYOGOC shall ensure efficient entry checks and guarantee the safety and security of spectators;

c) ensuring that order and safety are maintained around the headquarters and/or the Youth Olympic Village and training grounds of the participating teams;

d) ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards to guarantee safety. SYOGOC is responsible for the behaviour of these staff while on duty;

e) providing suitable local transport from the official hotels to the stadiums where the matches shall be played and to the training grounds for the participating teams, match officials and delegates of FIFA;

f) providing an adequate number of seats and the necessary technical facilities for accredited local and foreign media representatives (television, press, radio and internet);

g) preventing journalists, television and radio commentators and accredited film and television crews from entering the playing area at any time before, during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and television personnel required to operate the broadcasting equipment, all of them issued with special accreditation, may be admitted to the area between the boundaries of the field and spectators.

4 Participating Member Associations

1. The associations that play in the final competitions (the "Participating Member Associations") agree to comply with and ensure that every Delegation Member (players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives and guests of a Participating Member Association) complies with these Regulations, the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes and FIFA's regulations, in particular the Disciplinary Code, the Anti-Doping Regulations, the Code of Ethics and the Equipment Regulations, as well as with any other regulations, guidelines, directives and/or decisions to be issued by FIFA or the IOC.

2. The entry of the six boys' and six girls' teams that play in the final competitions shall be communicated to SYOGOC in writing by their respective NOC.

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

4. In addition to completing FIFA's official entry form, each participating NOC shall be requested to complete SYOGOC's final Sport Entry and Eligibility Conditions forms to officially register their athletes for the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

5. On entering the final competitions, the Participating Member Associations automatically undertake to:

a) comply with the maximum number of players and officials per official delegation as defined in the Technical Rules for the Final Competitions (cf. art. 23 par. 3 of the Regulations);

b) observe these Regulations and ensure that their Delegation Members, in particular but not only its players, also observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play;

c) accept and obey all decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA or SYOGOC under the terms of these Regulations;

d) participate in all matches of the final competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;

e) accept all of the arrangements relating to the final competitions made by SYOGOC in agreement with FIFA;

f) assist with the promotion of the final competitions by (i) ensuring that all Delegation Members participate in a photo and video shoot (all such photographs and images to be used and/or sub-licensed by the IOC and/ or SYOGOC in accordance with the remainder of this paragraph), and (ii) securing written confirmation from each Delegation Member of the IOC's and SYOGOC's right to use and/or the IOC's and SYOGOC's right to sub-license the right to use, 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 or be generated in connection with the participation of the Delegation Members.

6. In addition, each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for:

a) the conduct of its Delegation Members and of any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the final competitions and for the entire duration of their stay in Singapore;

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b) ensuring the provision of adequate insurance to cover its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel;

c) paying for incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf during the course of their stay in Singapore;

d) paying for any costs of extending the stay of any Delegation Member or any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;

e) applying for visas in good time from the nearest consulate or embassy of Singapore, if necessary;

f) attending all press conferences and any other official media activities organised by FIFA or SYOGOC in accordance with FIFA or SYOGOC's instructions.

7. All Participating Member Associations shall confirm their participation by submitting the originals of the official entry form and any other required documentation as communicated by FIFA via the corresponding circular(s), duly signed, to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline(s) set by FIFA. The timely submission to the FIFA general secretariat of any such documents is of the essence. The deadline shall be deemed as having been met if the relevant documents reach FIFA by the specified deadline. If a Participating Member Association fails to adhere to the time limits and/or fails to meet the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents, the FIFA Organising Committee shall pass a decision.

8. Participating Member Associations are free to play friendly matches prior to the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments Singapore 2010 whenever they wish and against any representative team or club they choose, subject to final approval by FIFA.

9. All Participating Member Associations shall indemnify, defend and hold FIFA, the IOC, SYOGOC 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 Participating Member Associations, their Delegation Members, their affiliates and any third parties contracted to the Participating Member Associations.

5 Preliminary competition

1. As the participating teams are selected by FIFA and the confederations in cooperation with the IOC, the organisation of a preliminary competition is at the discretion of the respective confederation and with the approval of FIFA.

2. Confederations opting for a preliminary competition must organise the latter in accordance with the FIFA Statutes in their applicable form. The confederations are required to draw up regulations for the preliminary competition and to submit them to the FIFA general secretariat for approval.

3. The host association of any preliminary competition shall be responsible for the safety and security of the guest teams for the duration of the preliminary competition.

4. All matches in any preliminary competition shall be organised and exploited by the host association. All revenue from the exploitation of the commercial rights (advertising, TV and radio broadcasts, film and videos) for the preliminary competition matches belongs to the host association and, together with the income from ticket sales, forms the gross receipts. If there is television production of a preliminary competition match, the host association shall ensure that FIFA, upon request and free of charge, is provided with footage of such match. FIFA shall be entitled to use this footage in perpetuity and free of charge for non-commercial purposes, such as the promotion of FIFA's Fair Play

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campaign and football worldwide. FIFA shall also be entitled to use the footage for its own electronic data carriers or any such carriers produced on FIFA's behalf, and for its own multimedia database.

5. On entering a preliminary competition, all associations automatically undertake to:

a) observe the respective regulations;

b) accept that all administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters related to the preliminary competition shall be dealt with by the respective confederation in compliance with the regulations submitted. FIFA will only intervene in matters involving associations not affiliated to a confederation if a confederation requests FIFA's assistance or in any cases specifically provided for in the FIFA Disciplinary Code;

c) observe the principles of fair play.

Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play, replacement

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

2. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments no later than 30 days before the first match of the respective final competition shall be fined at least CHF 15,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments fewer than 30 days before the first match of the respective final competition shall be fined at least CHF 20,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose additional sanctions, including the suspension of the Participating Member Association concerned from subsequent FIFA competitions. **3.** Any Participating Member Association that withdraws before the start of the respective final competition may be replaced by another association. The FIFA Organising Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion.

4. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the FIFA Organising Committee, in addition to the fine under paragraph 2 above, any Participating Member Association that withdraws may be ordered to reimburse FIFA and SYOGOC for any costs and expenses already incurred as a result of its involvement in a final competition, and may also be obliged to pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred.

5. The relevant FIFA committee shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from SYOGOC. Any decisions taken by the relevant FIFA committee shall be final and binding for the withdrawing association and not subject to appeal.

6. If, through the fault or negligence of any Participating Member Association, a match in a final competition cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the FIFA Organising Committee shall declare that the match be forfeited (awarding victory and the resultant three points to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score in the match at the time of abandonment) and/or exclude the team concerned from the final competition concerned.

7. The FIFA Organising Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in the case of force majeure.

7 Disciplinary matters

1. Disciplinary incidents are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code in force as well as with all relevant circulars and directives, with which the Participating Member Associations undertake to comply.

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

3. The Participating Member Associations and their players agree to comply with the Laws of the Game and with the FIFA Statutes and regulations, in particular the Disciplinary Code, the Anti-Doping Regulations, the Code of Ethics, the Commercial Regulations and the Equipment Regulations, as well as with all directives and decisions of FIFA bodies unless these Regulations stipulate otherwise. The players agree to comply with all further FIFA guidelines, circulars and decisions that have any significance regarding the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments.

- 4. In addition, the players agree notably to:
 - a) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence;
 - b) behave accordingly;
 - c) refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations.

8 Doping

1. Doping is strictly prohibited.

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

3. Furthermore, reference is made to the IOC provisions regarding doping control that shall apply for the duration of the final competitions.

9 Disputes

1. All disputes in connection with the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments shall be promptly settled by mediation.

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

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

10 Protests

1. For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs.

2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA match commissioner within two hours of the conclusion of the match in question and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to the FIFA headquarters in Singapore, otherwise they will be disregarded.

3. Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA headquarters in Singapore no later than five days before the first match of the respective final competition and shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

4. Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items (e.g. goals, flag posts or footballs) shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the head of delegation of the team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA match commissioner by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.

5. Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed.

6. No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.

7. If the above time limits and formal requirements for lodging a protest case are not met, the protest shall be disregarded either by the FIFA Organising Committee or by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee, as the case may be.

8. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine.

11 Equipment, team colours

1. The Participating Member Associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force.

2. During the final competitions, unlike at other FIFA competitions, the IOC Olympic Charter shall form the basis for the acceptance of the equipment of the Participating Member Associations. The latter will be representing their NOCs during the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games and shall therefore comply fully with IOC guidelines.

3. Rule 51 and the Bye-Law to Rule 51 of the Olympic Charter (cf. Appendix B) describe the specifications of manufacturer identification allowed on the players' kit and on other clothing worn by substitutes and officials in the stadium and training areas. This ruling shall take precedence over the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force in terms of advertising on sports equipment and manufacturers' identification for the duration of the final competitions.

4. In the event of any discrepancy between the IOC and FIFA regulations, the IOC regulations shall be authoritative.

5. Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on the Participating Member Associations' behalf are not allowed to display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers,

medical bags, etc.) or body for the duration of their time in the stadiums, training grounds or any other areas where accreditation is required to gain access. Any violations shall be reported to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for the necessary sanctions to be imposed in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

6. Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light) for its official and reserve team kits (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colours for its goalkeeper kits. These three goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different from each other as well as different from the official and reserve team kits. This information shall be sent to FIFA on the team colour form. Only these colours may be worn during matches.

7. FIFA will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match.

8. During the final competitions, all equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display within the stadiums, training grounds, hotels or during transfers to, from or within Singapore must be approved by FIFA. The approval procedure and the applicable deadlines will be communicated by circular letter.

9. Throughout the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments, each player shall wear the number assigned to him on the official players' list in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.

10. The player's last name or popular name (or abbreviation) shall be affixed above the number on the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.

11. The official and reserve team kits (including those of the goalkeepers) shall be taken to every match.

12. The footballs used in the final competitions shall be selected and exclusively supplied by FIFA and/or the IOC. The footballs shall conform with the provisions of the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations. They shall bear one of the following three designations: the official "FIFA APPROVED" logo, the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo or the "INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALL STANDARD" reference.

13. Each team will receive training balls from FIFA and/or the IOC upon conclusion of the official draw as well as additional training balls upon arrival in Singapore. Only these balls delivered by FIFA and/or the IOC may be used for training and warm-up sessions in the official stadiums and at the official training sites.

12 Venues, stadiums, training sites, dates and kick-off times for matches

1. The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be proposed by SYOGOC, subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee.

2. The FIFA Organising Committee shall fix the dates and venues of the matches, allowing each team a minimum rest period of 48 hours between matches.

3. SYOGOC shall ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place comply with the FIFA Safety Regulations and other FIFA guidelines and instructions for international matches in force. The stadiums selected for use during the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments shall be subject to approval by FIFA. SYOGOC is responsible for safety and order in and around the stadiums before, during and after matches.

4. As a general rule, final competition matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums. If only stadiums with both seating and standing areas are available, the standing areas shall remain vacant.

5. The fields of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. All goals must be equipped with goal nets. Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard.

6. Matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. Matches played at night may be played only at venues with floodlighting installations that ensure that the whole pitch is evenly lit according to FIFA specifications. An emergency independent power generator shall also be available in each stadium which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the FIFA-specified intensity of light for the whole pitch and ensures emergency lighting in the whole stadium. The FIFA Organising Committee is entitled to grant exceptions, which are final.

7. Weather and pitch conditions permitting, teams that are due to play a match in a stadium in which they have not previously played will be entitled to one 45-minute training session in that stadium no later than the day before their match. Training times will be communicated by FIFA. In principle, a minimum of 45 minutes shall be set between the end of one team's training session and the start of the next team's training session. If the pitch is not in good condition or the training session would negatively affect the state of the pitch, FIFA may shorten or cancel the training session and direct the teams only to inspect the pitch wearing training shoes.

8. The teams will be entitled to warm up on the pitch before each match, weather permitting. If the pitch is not in good condition or training sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

9. Smoking is not allowed in the technical area.

10. SYOGOC shall provide training grounds for the teams. These training grounds shall be in good condition and approved by FIFA at least ten days before the start of the final competitions. They shall be situated near the Youth Olympic Village and made available at least five days before the opening match until one day after the team's last match in the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments.

11. As from five (5) days prior to the first match of the final competitions and up to their elimination, the Participating Member Associations shall use only those training sites which have been officially designated for training by FIFA and SYOGOC.

12. The stadiums and training grounds shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least ten days prior to the start of the final competitions until their completion, unless the FIFA Organising Committee gives special permission.

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

a) The FIFA anthem shall be played while the two teams are entering the field.

b) The national anthems of the two teams shall be played after the line-up.

c) In addition to the Olympic flag and any other flag(s) required according to Olympic protocol, the FIFA flag, the FIFA Fair Play flag and the flags of the two teams shall be flown in the stadium during matches.

d) Olympic protocol (cf. Appendix B) shall apply to the final competitions in any matters other than those mentioned in this article.

13 Fields of play, retractable roofs, clocks, displays and giant screens

1. The pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m, width 68m. The total surface area shall have the following dimensions: length 125m, width 80m, in order to provide sufficient space for warm-up areas and pitch-side photographer positions.

2. If a stadium has a retractable roof, the FIFA match commissioner and the FIFA general coordinator, in consultation with the referee and the two teams' officials, shall decide before the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced at the match coordination meeting on the day before the match, although it may subsequently be modified prior to kick-off in the event of sudden and significant weather condition changes. If the match starts with the roof closed, it shall remain closed for the entire match. If the match starts with the roof open and there is a serious deterioration in the weather conditions, only the referee has the authority to order its closure during the match. In such an event, the roof is to remain closed until the end of the match.

3. 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 40 and 80 minutes respectively. The half-time interval shall be 15 minutes.

4. At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (40 and 80 minutes), the referee shall 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. Each allowance for time lost shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official.

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

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

14 Match officials

1. A referee, two assistant referees and a fourth official will be appointed for each match by the FIFA Referees Committee. A reserve assistant referee may also be appointed. If appointed, the reserve assistant referee's only duty shall be to replace an assistant referee who is unable to continue or to replace the fourth official, as required. All match officials shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing List in force and shall be neutral and not a citizen of a country or member of an association whose team is playing in the group or match in question.

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

3. The match officials shall be provided with training facilities. These training facilities must be in good condition and must be approved by FIFA at least ten days prior to the start of the final competitions.

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

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

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

15 Laws of the Game

1. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments and as laid down by the International Football Association Board. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

2. Concerning the "Notes on the Laws of the Game" section, particularly with respect to the allowance of modifications of the duration of the periods of play for matches for players under the age of 16, the following shall apply for the final competitions of the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments:

 Each match shall last 80 minutes, consisting of two periods of 40 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes.

3. If a match is level at the end of normal playing time and requires a winning team based on the stage of the competition, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure specified in the Laws of the Game.

16 Seating arrangements, tickets

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

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

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

4. In the event of multiple matches being played in the same venue on the same day, a specific area shall be reserved in the Athletes' Stand for the teams playing in the matches.

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

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

17 Commercial rights

Rights of the Participating Member Associations

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

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

FIFA marks

2. FIFA is the sole owner of its name, marks, logos, emblems, cup design and other such marks relating to the tournaments on a worldwide basis, including but not limited to:

a) the name "FIFA";b) the FIFA Design Emblem.

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

Rights of the IOC

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

18 Financial provisions

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

- a) legal liability insurance;
- b) financial and consequential losses liability insurance;

c) accident insurance for members of the official FIFA delegation (including match officials);

d) legal protection insurance;

e) luggage insurance for members of the official FIFA delegation (including match officials).

2. The following financial terms and conditions are regulated jointly by the Olympic Charter of the IOC, the Host City Contract and the Contact Report Summaries signed by FIFA and SYOGOC, and are borne jointly by the IOC, SYOGOC and the respective NOCs:

a) board and lodging of the participating teams and match officials;

b) international air travel expenses for the participating teams and match officials;

c) domestic travel expenses (by air or road) during the final competitions for the participating teams and match officials;

d) laundry service for the match and training kits of the participating teams and match officials.

3. Each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:

a) adequate insurance cover for its whole delegation (players and officials);

b) board and lodging during the final competitions (in excess of the amounts paid by FIFA or SYOGOC);

c) any costs associated with additional members of the association's delegation (in excess of the official delegation as defined in these Regulations).

4. Any expenses other than those stipulated in these Regulations and explicitly outlined not to be borne by FIFA or SYOGOC shall be borne by the relevant Participating Member Association.

19 Number of teams

The FIFA Executive Committee has determined that six (6) teams will be selected from the six (6) confederations for each of the boys' and girls' tournaments.

In accordance with IOC regulations:

– No more than two teams per country may participate in team sports (except for the host country Singapore).

– Singapore can only have one team (boys' or girls') in the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments.

20 Draws

1. The draws for the final competitions will take place at least three months prior to the first match of the final competitions.

2. The draws will be organised by SYOGOC and will (subject to timing considerations) be combined with a team workshop (and other related activities) on the Youth Olympic Football Tournaments.

21 Arrival at venues

Each team participating in the final competitions shall arrive in the venue of their first group match at least four (4) days before the team's first match, in cooperation with the rules of athlete arrival as established by the IOC and SYOGOC.

22 Eligibility of players

1. Each Participating Member Association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team:

a) All players shall be citizens of its country and subject to its jurisdiction.

b) All players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and relevant FIFA regulations.

2. In addition to the above provision, for both the boys' and girls' final competition, each Participating Member Association shall ensure that all players of its representative teams were born between 1 January 1995 and 31 December 1995.

3. Protests regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

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

23 Player lists and official delegation lists

1. Each Participating Member Association shall submit a provisional list of players (a minimum of three of whom shall be goalkeepers) to the FIFA general secretariat, accompanied by a copy of the birth certificate and passport of each player appearing on the list. Further specifics of the provisional list, including the number of players allowed on the list and the deadline by which the list shall be submitted to the FIFA general secretariat, will be stipulated in the relevant circular.

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2. The final team list of the 18 players (two of whom shall be goalkeepers) selected to participate in the final competition, as well as the list of the seven officials, shall be submitted to SYOGOC and the FIFA general secretariat, using the official IOC and FIFA forms, by midnight of 15 July 2010 (Singapore time) at the latest. The players on the final team list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. The final team list shall be accompanied, at a minimum, by the following information:

- Full last name

All first names

- Popular name
- Name to be placed on shirt
- Number to be placed on shirt
- Number of caps and number of goals
- Position
- Date of birth
- Passport number and expiration date
- Club and country of the club
- Height and weight

3. Only the 18 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the final competition. Only the numbers 1 to 18 may be allocated to these players, with number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the final team list. In the event of a goalkeeper needing to be replaced by an outfield player (due to injuries or red cards), each team shall provide a goalkeeper jersey without a number displayed on the back of the shirt in order to distinguish this replacement goalkeeper from the other players.

4. To replace a player who already features on the list of 18 players and sustains a serious injury or is so ill that the player can no longer be expected to play (according to the IOC Athlete Replacement Policy), the proposed replacement player must feature on the long list of applications for accreditation sent to SYOGOC by the NOC. Provided that the FIFA Medical Committee has verified the injury or illness on the basis of a medical certificate issued by the team doctor and the player's incapacity has been confirmed by the FIFA Organising Committee, such a replacement can be made between the submission of the final list (15 July 2010) until up to 48 hours prior to the team's arrival in Singapore. The exact procedure to be followed for such a replacement will be described in detail in the relevant FIFA circular and the Athlete Replacement

Policy of the IOC. During this period, any replacement player will take over the jersey number of the injured or ill player being replaced.

Any request to change a player's status must be made by completing the SYOGOC Official Athlete Replacement Form. The form must be completed by the team and approved by FIFA in order to be valid. The National Olympic Committee "Chef de Mission" or the football association's head of delegation must submit this form to SYOGOC.

5. Participating Member Associations shall have their officials accredited by their respective NOC with an indication of the name and function of each person, as per the information contained in the official lists of players and officials in compliance with IOC/SYOGOC regulations.

6. The maximum number of officials in each delegation shall be seven, including the head of delegation.

7. The final list of 18 players will be published by the FIFA general secretariat. This final list of 18 players plus seven officials will constitute the official delegation list.

8. Before the start of the final competition, every player on the final list must prove his identity, nationality and age by producing his legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of birth) and a copy of his birth certificate. Every player and every team official must also sign a declaration of compliance wherein they agree to submit to the Regulations at hand. Any player or team official who fails to submit and sign these documents will not be allowed to take part in the final competition.

9. All 18 players shall be named on the player list for each match (11 selected players and seven substitutes). Not more than 14 people (seven officials and seven substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. A suspended player will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. Up to a maximum of three of the substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match.

10. SYOGOC shall issue each player and official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph.

11. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in a final competition. The accreditation shall always be available for inspection by FIFA officials (e.g. referees, general coordinators).

12. Each Participating Member Association shall receive 25 accreditations per team (18 for the listed players and seven for officials).

13. The Participating Member Associations shall ensure that all accreditation data required by FIFA is submitted by the deadline stipulated by FIFA. Further details will be outlined in a FIFA circular letter.

24 Competition format

1. The final competition of both the boys' and girls' tournaments shall be played in a league system group stage followed by semi-finals, a play-off for fifth place, a play-off for third place and the final match.

2. After the completion of the group stage, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be used to determine the winner.

25 Group stage

1. The six teams participating in the boys' and girls' tournaments will be divided into two groups of three teams.

2. The FIFA Organising Committee will divide the teams into groups by drawing lots in public.

3. The teams in the girls' groups will be designated as follows:

Group A	Group B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3

4. The teams in the boys' groups will be designated as follows:

Group D
D1
D2
D3

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

6. The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:

a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;

b) goal difference in all group matches;

c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

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

d) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;

e) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;

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f) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;

g) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

26 Semi-final stage

1. The top two teams from the girls' groups will contest the girls' semi-finals as follows:

Winner A v. Runner-up B Winner B v. Runner-up A

2. The top two teams from the boys' groups will contest the boys' semi-finals as follows:

Winner C v. Runner-up D Winner D v. Runner-up C

27 Final, play-off for third place, play-off for fifth place

Girls' Tournament

1. The winners of the girl's semi-finals will qualify for the girls' final match.

2. The losers of the girls' semi-finals will qualify for the girls' play-off for third place.

3. The two teams finishing third in the girls' groups will qualify for the girls' play-off for fifth place.

Boys' Tournament

4. The winners of the boys' semi-finals will qualify for the boys' final match.

5. The losers of the boys' semi-finals will qualify for the boys' play-off for third place.

6. The two teams finishing third in the boys' groups will qualify for the boys' play-off for fifth place.

28 Olympic medals and diplomas

1. Each player of the three top-ranked teams who features on the official team list shall receive a medal:

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

These medals and diplomas shall be provided by SYOGOC for distribution by the IOC.

2. Each player of the teams ranked fourth, fifth and sixth shall receive a diploma. These diplomas shall be provided by SYOGOC for distribution by the IOC.

FIFA awards

3. The FIFA Fair Play Trophy, a fair play medal and a diploma for each player and official as well as a voucher for football equipment (to be used for youth development, the exact amount of which shall be fixed by the relevant FIFA committee) shall be presented to the team finishing first in the fair play competition of the boys' and girls' final competitions. The applicable rules are in the fair play contest regulations. Since presenting the fair play awards in the stadium at the end of the boys' and girls' finals would contravene Olympic protocol, FIFA shall find another non-Youth Olympic occasion to make these presentations.

4. There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the FIFA Organising Committee.

29 Special circumstances

1. The FIFA Organising Committee shall, in conjunction with the IOC and SYOGOC, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in Singapore. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

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

30 Matters not provided for

Any matters not provided for in these Regulations and any cases of force majeure shall be decided by the FIFA Organising Committee in cooperation with the IOC and SYOGOC. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

31 Languages

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

32 Copyright

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

33 No waiver

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

34 Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Executive Committee on 18 March 2010 and came into force immediately thereafter.

Zurich, 18 March 2010

For the FIFA Executive Committee

President: Joseph S. Blatter Secretary General: Jérôme Valcke

I. General provisions

1. As part of its campaign to promote fair play, FIFA regularly holds a fair play contest during its championships, based on an appraisal of the teams' conduct by a FIFA delegate such as the match commissioner, a member of the Technical Study Group or a member of a standing committee.

2. The objective of fair play activities is to foster a sporting spirit among players, team officials and spectators, thereby heightening the fans' enjoyment of the game.

3. At the final whistle of each game, the delegate shall complete the appropriate fair play form after consulting the referee and the referee assessor.

4. Every match in the final competition shall be taken into account.

5. The FIFA Organising Committee shall compile and publish the classification at the end of the final competition. Its decision is final.

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

II. Assessment criteria

1. The assessment form contains six criteria by which the teams' fair play performance shall be judged, stressing the positive aspects rather than negative. As a general rule, maximum points shall only be awarded if the team concerned displays a positive attitude.

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

– first yellow card:	minus 1 point	
- second yellow/indirect red card:	minus 3 points	
– direct red card:	minus 3 points	
- yellow card & direct red card:	minus 4 points	
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3. Positive play

Minimum 1 point Maximum 10 points

The aim of this criterion is to reward attacking and attractive play, and shall take into account such aspects as:

a) Positive aspects

- attacking rather than defensive tactics;
- speeding up the game;
- constantly attempting to score even if the desired result
- (e.g. qualification) has already been achieved.

b) Negative aspects

- tactics that rely on rough play;
- play-acting;
- time-wasting etc.

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

4. Respect towards the opponent

Minimum 1 point Maximum 5 points

Players are expected to respect the Laws of the Game, the competition regulations and opponents etc.

When assessing the players' behaviour towards the opponents, duplication of the judgment for red and yellow cards should be avoided. However, the delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards as well as those overlooked by the referee.

Assessment shall be based on positive attitudes (e.g. helping an injured opponent) rather than on infringements. Behaviour that is basically faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture towards opponents shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

5. Respect towards the referee/match officials

Minimum 1 point Maximum 5 points

Players are expected to respect the match officials and the decisions they take.

A positive attitude towards the referee, including acceptance of decisions without protest, shall be rewarded. Behaviour that is basically faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture towards the match officials shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

6. Behaviour of the team officials

Minimum 1 point Maximum 5 points

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Coaches and other team officials are expected to encourage the sporting, technical, tactical and ethical standards of their team and to direct the players to behave in accordance with the principles of fair play.

Both positive and negative factors in the behaviour of the team officials shall be included in the assessment, such as for instance whether they calm down angry players or how they accept the referee's decisions. Inciting or provoking players shall be rated negatively.

Cooperation with the media shall also be a factor in the assessment. Behaviour that is faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

7. Behaviour of the crowd

Minimum 1 point Maximum 5 points

The crowd is considered to be an integral part of a football match. Fans can contribute to the positive atmosphere of a match by encouraging their team by cheering and singing etc. in the spirit of fair play.

Spectators are, however, expected to respect the opponents and the referee. They should appreciate the opponents' performance regardless of the result and in no way intimidate or frighten opponents, the referee or the opponents' supporters.

The maximum number of points (5) may only be awarded if all these requirements have been satisfied, especially as regards creating a positive atmosphere.

This criterion is applicable only if a substantial number of fans of the team concerned are present. If the number of fans is negligible, "n.a." (not applicable) shall be entered under this item.

III. Final assessment

The final assessment of a team is obtained as follows:

- a) the points awarded are added together, e.g. for team A: 8 + 7 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 4 = 31
- **b)** this total is divided by the maximum number of points possible (40): $31 \div 40 = 0.775$
- **c)** this figure is multiplied by 1,000: 0.775 x 1,000 = 775

If, however, the number of fans supporting a certain team is negligible and the "behaviour of the crowd" criterion consequently disregarded ("n.a." – cf. art. II par. 7 of the fair play contest regulations), the maximum number of points obtainable will be 35.

Thus the final assessment would be attained as follows:

- **a)** the points awarded are added together, e.g. for team B: 7 + 8 + 2 + 5 + 2 = 24
- b) this total is divided by the maximum number of points possible (35):
 24 ÷ 35 = 0.686
- c) this figure is multiplied by 1,000 = 686

The overall assessment of a team during the final competition shall be calculated by adding the points attained at each match and dividing this figure by the number of matches played.

Teams that are eliminated after the group stage of the final competition shall be excluded from the fair play contest.

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In addition to making the assessment, members of FIFA may give a short oral account of the teams' fair play performance to explain the positive and negative factors, which form the basis of their assessment. The account may also point out any outstanding gestures of fair play from a player, official, referee or any other person. However, no additional points shall be awarded for this reason.

These regulations have been approved by the FIFA Organising Committee.

These regulations have been ratified by the FIFA Executive Committee and come into force immediately.

Zurich, September 2009

For the FIFA Executive Committee

President: Joseph S. Blatter Secretary General: Jérôme Valcke

51 Advertising, demonstrations, propaganda

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

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

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

Bye-law to Rule 51

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

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

1.2 Equipment: any manufacturer's identification that is greater than 10% of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously. However, there shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60cm².

1.3 Headgear (e.g. hats, helmets, sunglasses, goggles) and gloves: any manufacturer's identification over 6cm² shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.

1.4 Clothing (e.g. T-shirts, shorts, sweat tops and sweat pants): any manufacturer's identification which is greater than 20cm² shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.

1.5 Shoes: it is acceptable that there appear the normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may also appear, up to a maximum of 6cm², either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.

1.6 In case of special rules adopted by an International Sports Federation, exceptions to the rules mentioned above may be approved by the IOC Executive Board. Any violation of the provisions of the present clause shall result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned. The decisions of the IOC Executive Board regarding this matter shall be final.

The numbers worn by competitors may not display publicity of any kind and must bear the Olympic emblem of the OCOG¹.

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

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

¹ Organising Committee for the Olympic Games

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

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

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

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

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

9. The OCOG, all participants and all other persons accredited at the Olympic Games and all other persons or parties concerned shall comply with the manuals, guides, or guidelines, and all other instructions of the IOC Executive Board, in respect of all matters subject to Rule 51 and this Bye-law.

52 Protocol

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

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

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

* In the event of any divergence in the wording of the different language versions, the French text of Rule 51 and its bye-law as well as Rule 52 of the Olympic Charter in force as of 7 July 2007 shall be authoritative.

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