

# Regulations

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## Preamble

1. The OFC Women's Nations Cup ["Championship"] is held by the confederation to assist in the development of Women's Football.
2. The FIFA Women's World Cup is held every four [4] years.
3. The OFC Women's Nations Cup ["Championship"] is a preliminary qualifying tournament for the above event played under the authority given by FIFA pursuant to its Regulations which permits confederations to organise the preliminary tournaments.
4. On entering this Championship the Participating Associations automatically undertake to accept all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Championship as dealt with by OFC [FIFA will not intervene unless National Associations not affiliated to OFC are involved and/or at the request of OFC].
5. The OFC Executive Committee has appointed the OFC Competitions Department to organise the Championship.
6. Any rights that are not ceded by these Regulations to any Participating Association in the Championship shall belong to OFC.

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### Article 1 OFC Women's Nations Cup

1. The OFC Women's Nations Cup takes place every four [4] years.
2. As a general rule, every National Association affiliated to OFC may participate with their national women's team.
3. On entering this Championship, the Participating Associations guarantee to use and promote the use of the following List of Official Terms in all official publications, promotional materials [including websites] and both within the respective National Association as well as when communicating with the media and other external stakeholders.

List of Official Terms;

- a. OFC Women's Nations Cup;
- b. OFC Women's Nations Cup 2010;
- c. OFC Women's Nations Cup New Zealand 2010.

The Participating Associations must oblige media partners intending to broadcast matches of the Championship, to use the correct terminology.

4. The winner of the OFC Women's Nations Cup will represent OFC at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

### Article 2 Organisation of the OFC Women's Nations Cup

1. The organisation of the Championship has been entrusted to the OFC Competitions Department ["OFC"]. OFC shall manage the Championship and have the right to make the final decision in all matters.
2. OFC is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the Championship, including security for the Official Competition Period. It may appoint a Local Organising Committee ["LOC"] to deliver the Championship. The LOC shall be subject to the control of OFC.
3. All OFC decisions are final and binding.
4. OFC and/ or the LOC undertake to observe these regulations and to assist in obtaining visas and recommending suitable accommodation for Participating Associations, OFC Delegation, and OFC Match Officials.
5. If OFC and/ or the LOC do not own a venue for the Championship, the realm of responsibility must be clarified with the venue owner and clearly defined.
6. The responsibilities of OFC shall include but not be limited to:
  - a. ensuring that order and safety is maintained, particularly in and around the venue. It shall take adequate measures to prevent and restrain outbreaks of violence;
  - b. ensuring that order and safety is maintained around the accommodation and training sites of the participating teams;
  - c. concluding suitable insurance policies to cover all risks relating to the organisation of the Championship;
  - d. concluding suitable insurance policies against possible spectator accidents or deaths;
  - e. ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards to guarantee safety;

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- f. providing an adequate number of seats and the necessary installations for local and international media representatives [television, press, radio, and internet].
- 7. Any rights that are not ceded by these regulations to the Host Association, or any Participating Association shall remain with OFC.

## Article 3 Participating Associations

- 1. As a general rule, every National Association affiliated to OFC may participate with their national women's team.
- 2. Entry into the Championship is free of charge.
- 3. The National Associations that enter the Championship agree to comply with and ensure that every official and player in their official delegations ["Delegation Members"] as defined in the Technical Rules for the OFC Women's Nations Cup, fully complies with these Regulations, the Laws of the Game, OFC statutes and regulations, as well as with any other OFC regulations, guidelines, circulars, directives and/ or decisions.
- 4. In addition, each Participating Association shall be responsible for:
  - a. the conduct of the Delegation Members and of any persons carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Championship, for the whole duration of their stay in the host country;
  - b. concluding compulsory health, accident and travel insurance cover for all of its Delegation Members;
  - c. paying for incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members during the course of their stay in the host country and for any costs incurred by any persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
  - d. paying for any costs of extending the stay of any Delegation Member or any persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
  - e. applying for visas in good time from the consulate or embassy of the host country, and covering all costs involved [if necessary];
  - f. attending press conferences and other official media activities organised by OFC.
- 5. All Participating Associations shall confirm their participation by submitting the Official Entry Form, duly completed, to OFC by the required deadline.
- 6. On entering the Championship, the Participating Associations automatically undertake to;
  - a. observe these Regulations and ensure that its Delegation Members, in particular but not only its players, also observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
  - b. accept and obey the decisions passed by OFC under the terms of these Regulations;
  - c. participate in all the matches of the Championship in which its team is scheduled to take part;
  - d. accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters related to the Championship shall be dealt with by OFC [FIFA will not intervene unless National Associations not affiliated to OFC are involved and/ or at the request of OFC];
  - e. accept all the arrangements made by OFC and/ or the LOC, in agreement with OFC;

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- f. accept the usage by OFC and/ or sublicense by OFC to third parties, as well as the recordings and broadcast of the images, names and records of Delegation Members that may appear at or in connection with the Championship;
- g. provide sufficient insurance to cover its delegation and all Delegation Members against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel.

### Article 4 Indemnity

- 1. Each Participating Association must carry its own Public Liability policy at an adequate level to cover the Championship including the entire stay in the host country.
- 2. OFC maintains subrogation rights against Participating Associations for any liability arising from their participation in the Championship and their entire stay in the host country.
- 3. OFC maintains subrogation rights against Participating Associations for any liability arising from the provision of services to the Participating Associations during the Championship and during the entire stay in the host country.

### Article 5 Withdrawal and replacement

- 1. Any Participating Association who withdraws six [6] months prior to the opening match of the Championship, or is disqualified, or fails to participate for any reason will forfeit their travel costs with no reimbursement and may be liable for further disciplinary action by the OFC Disciplinary Committee. The National Association will be sanctioned with no participation in the next Championship.
- 2. In addition to the conditions outlined in paragraph 1, any Participating Association that withdraws less than six [6] months prior to the opening match of the Championship shall be fined NZD \$20,000. The National Association will be sanctioned with no participation in the next Championship.
- 3. In addition to the conditions outlined in paragraph 1, any Participating Association that withdraws less than four [4] months prior to the opening match of the Championship shall be fined NZD \$50,000. The National Association will be sanctioned with no participation in the next Championship.
- 4. Any Participating Association that withdraws prior to, or during, the Championship may be replaced by another National Association. The OFC Emergency Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion.
- 5. Depending on the circumstances and the decision of OFC, in addition to the fines under paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, any Participating Association that withdraws may be ordered to reimburse OFC and/ or the LOC for any costs and expenses already incurred as a result of its involvement in the Championship and may also be obliged to pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred.
- 6. If the circumstances of the withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the OFC Disciplinary Committee may also impose additional sanctions, including the right to ban the National Association from any other OFC Championship and/ or competition.
- 7. The relevant OFC committee shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from OFC and/ or the LOC.
- 8. OFC shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in the case of force majeure.



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### Article 6 Penalty for failing to play

1. All Participating Associations undertake to play all of their matches in the Championship until eliminated.
2. If a team refuses to play any match in the Championship, it shall be disqualified.
3. If through the fault of any Participating Association a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, OFC shall declare that the match be abandoned. OFC will award victory and the resultant three [3] 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. The team may also be disqualified from the Championship.
4. If the circumstances of failing to play a match during the Championship are sufficiently serious, the OFC Disciplinary Committee may also impose additional sanctions, including the right to ban the National Association from any other OFC Championship and/ or competition.
5. The relevant OFC committee shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from OFC and/ or the LOC.
6. OFC shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in the case of force majeure.

### Article 7 Disciplinary matters

1. Disciplinary incidents during the Championship are dealt with in compliance with the OFC Disciplinary Code in force as well as with the relevant circulars and directives, with which the Participating Associations undertake to comply.
2. OFC may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Championship. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Associations at least two [2] weeks before the opening match of the Championship.
3. The Participating Associations and their players agree to comply with the Laws of the Game, OFC Statutes and regulations, in particular the OFC Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Doping Control Regulations, the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the OFC Commercial Regulations and the OFC Media Regulations. The Delegation Members agree to comply with all further OFC guidelines, circulars, directives and decisions that apply to the Championship.
4. 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 Doping Control Regulations.

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### Article 8 Dispute

1. All disputes in connection with the Championship shall be promptly settled by arbitration.
2. In compliance with the OFC Statutes, Participating Associations and their Delegation Members may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law but to the exclusive jurisdiction of OFC and/ or FIFA.
3. The Participating Associations and their Delegation Members acknowledge and accept that, once all stages of appeal have been exhausted at OFC and/ or FIFA their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ["CAS"]. Any such arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

### Article 9 Protest

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, match equipment, eligibility of players, venue installations and match balls.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the OFC Event Manager within two [2] 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 OFC Headquarters in the host country, otherwise they will be disregarded.
3. Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for the Championship shall be submitted in writing to OFC no later than five [5] days before the opening match of the Championship.
4. Protests regarding the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items 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.
5. If the pitch 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 protest shall then be confirmed in writing to OFC Event Manager by the Head of Delegation no later than two [2] hours after the match.
6. Protests regarding any incidents during the course of a match shall be directed to the Referee by the Captain immediately after the disputed incident, and before play has restarted.
7. No protests may be made about the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
8. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, OFC may impose a fine.
9. Protests shall be sent to by the specified deadline, otherwise they will be disregarded.
10. In compliance with Art. 39 of the OFC Statutes, Participating Associations may not take disputes to a civil court. If decisions are subject to appeal, the associations shall undertake to submit any such disputes to the jurisdiction of OFC, and, should the need arise, to FIFA and/ or CAS.
11. Once the Championship has finished, any protests regarding the sporting procedure during the Championship shall be disregarded.

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### Article 10 Doping

1. Doping is strictly prohibited. OFC will inform the Participating Associations of the doping control procedures and the list of prohibited substances by circular.
2. OFC shall be responsible for deciding which laboratory among those accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency ["WADA"] will carry out the analysis of samples.
3. The OFC Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Doping Control Regulations and all other relevant OFC and/ or FIFA directives shall apply to the Championship.

### Article 11 Equipment and team colours

1. The Participating Associations shall undertake to comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force.
2. Delegation Members are not allowed to display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing or team kits, equipment, or body during the time spent in the venue or any other areas where accreditation is required to gain access. Any violations shall be referred to the OFC Disciplinary Committee for the necessary sanctions to be imposed in accordance with the OFC Disciplinary Code.
3. Each Participating Association shall inform OFC of two different and contrasting colours [one predominantly dark and one predominantly light] for its "Home Colours" and "Away Colours" [shirt, shorts, socks]. In addition, each Participating Association shall select three [3] contrasting colours for its goalkeepers kits. These three [3] goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different from each other as well as different from the "Home Colours" and "Away Colours". This information shall be sent to OFC on the Official Team Colours Form sent with the relevant circular. Only these colours may be worn during matches.
4. Participating Associations must provide photos or samples of their "Home" and "Away" colours, and any additional kit including the goalkeepers [shirts, shorts, and socks] together with the Official Team Colours Form duly completed and signed by the deadline stipulated by OFC.
5. OFC will inform the Participating Associations of the colours that they shall wear during matches.
6. In the event of a goalkeeper being replaced by an outfield player, each Participating Association shall provide a goalkeeper kit without a number displayed on the back of the shirt in order to distinguish this replacement goalkeeper from other players.
7. The playing jerseys must use numbers between 1 and 23 [the number 1 shall be reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers]. The numbers on the playing jerseys shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the Official Team List.
8. Throughout the Championship, each Player shall wear the number assigned to him on the Official Team List.
9. In the event of a player's shirt needing replacement during a match, each Participating Association shall provide at least three [3] shirts in both "Home" and "Away" colours without a number displayed on the back of the shirt in order to distinguish a player should they need to change their shirt.
10. OFC reserves the right to request any OFC logo to appear on the right sleeve of the shirt during matches, between the shoulder seam and the elbow. OFC will provide each Participating Association with sufficient temporary sleeve patches to cover their needs throughout the Championship.
11. The Official Match Ball for the Championship shall be selected by OFC and each Participating Association will receive at least two [2] Official Match Balls for training purposes on arrival in the host country.

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12. The Official Match Ball chosen for the Championship shall conform to the provisions of the Laws of the Game and FIFA Equipment Regulations. They shall bear one of the following three designations: the official "FIFA APPROVED" logo, the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo or the reference "INTERNATIONAL MATCH BALL STANDARD".

### Article 12 OFC Event Manager

The OFC Event Manager is the official representative of OFC during the Championship and is in charge of the entire organisation of the Championship.

### Article 13 OFC General Coordinator

1. The OFC Event Manager may appoint an OFC General Coordinator for each match of the Championship. The OFC General Coordinator will be responsible for all aspects of the match organisation.
2. The OFC General Coordinator must complete the Competitions Report with a copy of the Official Start List and transfer them together with the Referee Report and the Referee Assessor Report to the OFC Event Manager at the conclusion of the match.

### Article 14 OFC Referee Assessor

1. The OFC Referees' Committee will appoint an OFC Referees Assessor for each match of the Championship. The OFC Referee Assessor will be responsible for the Match Officials for each match of the Championship.
2. The OFC Referee Assessor must complete the Referee Assessor Report and transfer them together with the Referee Report to the OFC General Coordinator at the conclusion of the match.

### Article 15 Match Officials

1. Four match officials [one [1] Referee, plus two [2] Assistant Referees and one [1] Fourth Official] will be appointed for each match by the OFC Referees Committee. Whenever possible, they 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 a National Association whose team is playing in the match in question.
2. The OFC Referees Committee may decide to appoint referees not on the FIFA International Refereeing List in force, but who have the necessary experience to officiate at the Championship.
3. All match officials appointed to the Championship shall be required to pass the FIFA Referees Fitness Test upon arrival in the host country and before the opening match of the Championship.
4. If a match official fails the FIFA Referees Fitness Test they will be sent home and the costs of their international air travel, accommodation, meals and other incidental costs and expenses will be reimbursed to OFC by their National Association.
5. The match officials who shall receive their Official Referee Uniform upon arrival in the host country. They shall wear only the Official Referee Uniform while representing OFC.
6. The match officials shall be given the opportunity to use the training site[s].

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7. If one of the match officials is prevented from carrying out their duties, such referee shall be replaced by the Fourth Official. The OFC Referees Committee shall be informed immediately.
8. After each match the lead referee shall complete and sign the Referee Report. The lead referee shall hand it to the OFC Referee Assessor at the venue immediately after the match. On the Referee Report the lead referee shall note all occurrences of significance, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behaviour by supporters and/ or 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.
9. The decisions of the OFC Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

## Article 16 Laws of the Game

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the Championship. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

## Article 17 Ticketing

1. Where possible, each Participating Association in the Championship is entitled to receive the following minimum number of complimentary tickets:
  - a. At least ten [10] complimentary tickets for each of the team's matches at the Championship;
  - b. At least five [5] tickets in the VIP tribune for each of the team's matches at the Championship.
2. OFC shall receive the following minimum number of complimentary tickets:
  - a. At least 20 complimentary tickets for each match day of the Championship;
  - b. At least ten [10] tickets in the VIP tribune for each match day of the Championship
3. Partners of OFC are entitled to receive complimentary tickets. The level of which will be communicated by OFC.

## Commercial Provisions

### Article 18 Commercial rights

1. OFC owns and controls all commercial rights in relation to the Championship.
2. All Participating Associations shall fully comply with these Regulations and ensure that their Delegation Members and any other persons acting on behalf of an association also comply.

### Article 19 Commercial regulations

1. OFC owns all of the rights in, and relating to, the OFC marks and the marks of the Championship, including the trademarks [and all translations thereof];
  - a. OFC Women's Nations Cup;
  - b. OFC Women's Nations Cup 2010;
  - c. OFC Women's Nations Cup New Zealand 2010;
  - d. The Official Emblem [if applicable];
  - e. The Official Mascot [if applicable];
  - f. The Official Music [if applicable].

Only these marks may be used in connection with the Championship.

2. OFC will take all legal and any other steps it deems appropriate to prevent and prohibit unauthorised companies, including the Participating Associations own Partners from commercially identifying with, or otherwise exploiting the Championship.
3. The Participating Associations shall assist OFC in resolving any intellectual property infringements or ambush activities involving the Participating Associations own Partners.
4. Participating Associations are expressly prohibited from identifying their Partners in connection with the Official Emblem or name of the Championship in any media [including official match publications, promotional materials and tickets] in such a way as may give rise to an association between the Participating Associations own Partners and the Championship.
5. The Participating Associations shall further inform their Partners in writing of the Participating Associations obligations in this respect and shall, in particular, notify their Partners that they may not conduct any promotional activities which involve use of the Official Emblem, the Official Mascot or any marks which are confusingly similar to the OFC marks relating to the Championship. In particular, with regard to the Championship, Participating Associations may not:
  - a. Sell, offer to sell, or authorise any third party to sell any tickets over the internet, or;
  - b. Use or authorise any entity [including the Participating Associations own Partners] to use any tickets for advertising, sales promotions or any other commercial purposes [including premiums, give-aways or prizes in a tournament, contest or sweepstake].
6. If a Participating Association fails to comply with the above obligations, it will be liable to sanctions imposed by the OFC Disciplinary Committee.

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### Article 20 Commercial exploitation of marketing rights

1. OFC owns all rights of commercial exploitation including all Marketing Rights [as defined in Article 21], and all other rights relating to, or accruing in connection with the Championship and its organisation.
2. OFC may grant certain exclusive rights to its Partners to commercially exploit the Marketing Rights and no entity other than those appointed by OFC are entitled to commercially exploit any Marketing Rights whatsoever.
3. All Participating Associations shall take all legal and other measures OFC deems appropriate to prevent and prohibit unauthorised use of the Marketing Rights by any parties, to ensure that all Marketing Rights are owned solely and without restrictions by OFC and can be exploited without any restrictions whatsoever.

### Article 21 Marketing rights

1. Marketing Rights refer to all rights of commercial exploitation relating to the Championship by any means and in whatever form [currently know or developed hereafter], including, in particular but not limited to, by means of advertising, promotion, marketing, merchandising [including but not limited to publications, musical compositions, coins, stamps, DVDs, videos, apparel and electronic games of any nature], licensing any other rights and/or commercial opportunities relating to, or in connection with, the Championship, including any and all sale and concession rights, displays, sampling and hospitality at any venue of the Championship.
2. OFC owns and has the sole and exclusive right to exploit all Marketing Rights relating to the Championship in any manner at its sole discretion.
3. The Participating Associations in the Championship have no Marketing Rights in connection with the Championship whatsoever. Participating Associations must not undertake any commercial activity of any nature related to the Championship without prior written approval from OFC.

### Article 22 Media rights

1. OFC owns and controls all media rights in relation to the Championship.
2. All Participating Associations shall fully comply with these Regulations and ensure that their Delegation Members and any other persons acting on behalf of an association also comply.

### Article 23 Media regulations

1. OFC owns all rights of commercial exploitation including all Broadcast Rights [as defined in Article 24], and all other rights relating to, or accruing in connection with the Championship and its organisation.
2. OFC may grant certain exclusive rights to its Partners to commercially exploit the Broadcast Rights and no entity other than those appointed by OFC are entitled to commercially exploit any Broadcast Rights whatsoever.
3. All Participating Associations shall take all legal and other measures OFC deems appropriate to prevent and prohibit unauthorised use of the Marketing Rights by any parties, to ensure that all Marketing Rights are owned solely and without restrictions by OFC and can be exploited without any restrictions whatsoever.

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### Article 24 Broadcast rights

1. Broadcast Rights refer to the right to broadcast, cause to be broadcast, record, film, photograph, process of transmit the tournament in any form by radio, television, internet and/or any other form of transmission of text, still image, audio and/or video signals currently known or developed hereafter, that is delivered or transmitted wirelessly [eg. by microwave links, satellite, mobile devices], via fixed line [eg. wire, closed circuits, online communication such as web casting], or otherwise, live or deferred, in colour or monochrome.
2. OFC owns and has the sole and exclusive right to exploit all Broadcast Rights of the Championship in any manner at its sole discretion.
3. The Participating Associations have no Broadcast Rights in connection with the Championship whatsoever.



## Financial Provisions

### Article 25 Financial provisions [OFC]

1. OFC owns the commercial rights, media rights and broadcast rights for the Championship.
2. OFC shall bear the costs of the following in relation to the Championship;
  - a. ***costs related to internal arrangements;***
    - all venue[s] and training site[s] costs;
    - the provision of adequate safety and security measures at the venue[s];
    - suitable insurance policies to cover all risks relating to the organisation of the Championship;
    - suitable insurance policies against possible spectator accidents or deaths;
    - Official Match Balls [including a minimum of two [2] per Participating Association];
    - doping control [if required];
    - any additional internal costs not outlined above.
  - b. ***costs related to Participating Associations;***
    - accommodation for a maximum of 23 persons with an OFC Accommodation Partner for the Official Competition Period;
    - internal transport for the Participating Associations [maximum 30 persons for the duration of the Official Competition Period] specifically;
      - return transfers from the airport;
      - return transfers for training sessions [one [1] per day for the duration of the Official Competition Period];
      - return transfers for match days.
    - at least ten [10] complimentary tickets for each of the Participating Associations matches at the Championship;
    - at least five [5] tickets in the VIP tribune for each of the Participating Associations matches at the Championship;
    - water [minimum 2 litres per player, per match];
    - ice [minimum 5kg] per team, per match.
  - c. ***costs related to the OFC Delegation and OFC Match Officials;***
    - international air travel for the OFC Delegation and OFC Match Officials,
    - the daily allowances;
    - all internal transport for the OFC Delegation and OFC Match Officials specifically;
      - return transfers from the airport;
      - return transfers for training sessions [one [1] per day for the Official Competition Period];
      - return transfers for match days.
    - accommodation and meals [minimum three [3] per day] with an OFC Accommodation Partner;
    - water [minimum 2 litres per match official, per match];
    - ice [minimum 5kg] per match.
3. After the payment of costs detailed above and any additional costs in relation to the Championship any profit thereafter derived shall be held by OFC.

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### Article 26 Financial provisions [Participating Associations]

1. The Participating Associations shall bear the costs and expenses of the following in relation to the Championship;
  - a. international air travel for 23 Delegation Members based on a cost equalisation model;
  - b. meals for all Delegation Members based on the costs secured with an OFC Accommodation Partner;
  - c. laundry for all Delegation Members in the host country;
  - d. visas and/ or taxes for all Delegation Members to and from the host country;
  - e. transit costs for all Delegation Members incurred to and from the host country;
  - f. health, accident and travel insurance cover for all Delegation Members;
  - g. incidental costs and expenses incurred by all Delegation Members during the course of their stay in the host country, and any costs incurred by any persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
  - h. any costs of extending the stay of any Delegation Member, and for any persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
  - i. miscellaneous costs, including but not limited to return transport for additional training sessions or team functions and team-related activities;
  - j. additional water and ice for non-match days;
  - k. any costs for all Delegation Members outside the Official Competition Period.

### Article 27 Financial provisions [Host Association]

1. In addition to the costs and expenses outlined in Article 26 Par. b – k, the National Association of the host country shall bear the costs and expenses of the following in relation to the Championship;
  - a. a fee to OFC based on the cost equalisation of international air travel between all Participating Associations in the Championship.

# Technical Rules for the OFC U-20 Women's Championship

## Article 28 Competition format

1. The system of play shall be based on the number of participating teams as follows:

### **3 to 7 teams;**

- a. a 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;
- b. the highest ranked team at the end of the league system shall be declared the champion and will represent OFC at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

### **8+ teams;**

- a. a group stage based on a league system, followed by semi-finals, the playoff for third place and the final;
- b. the winner of the final shall be declared the champion and will represent OFC at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

## Article 29 The draw

The draw for the Championship will take place at least six [6] weeks prior to the opening match of the Championship.

## Article 30 Group stage

1. Regardless of the format above the participating teams will be drawn into groups based on the OFC Draw Template
2. The ranking of each team in the league system shall be determined as follows:
  - a. greater number of points obtained in all group matches;
  - b. superior goal difference in all group matches;
  - c. greater number of goals scored in all group matches.

If two [2] or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:

- d. greater number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- e. superior goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- f. greater number of goals scored in all the group matches between the teams concerned;
- g. fair play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards are evaluated [if applicable]
- h. coin toss [or drawing of lots by OFC].

## Article 31 Semi-finals

1. The four teams that advance from the Group Stage will contest the semi-finals based on the OFC Draw Template.
2. The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system.

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3. If the semi-final is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played [two periods of 15 minutes each] and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty spot to determine the winner.

### Article 32 Final, play-off for third place

1. The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the final.
2. The losers of the semi-finals will contest the playoff for third place.
3. If the playoff for third place is not played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played [two periods of 15 minutes each] and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty spot to determine the winner. However, if the match is played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, no extra time will be played and the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.
4. If the final is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played [two periods of 15 minutes each] and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty spot to determine the winner.

### Article 33 Official competition period

1. Each Participating Association shall arrive in the host country at least two [2] full days before the opening match of the Championship.
2. Each team shall leave the host country one [1] day after their final match of the Championship.
3. The period commencing two [2] days before the opening match of the Championship and one [1] day after the final match of the Championship shall be known as the "Official Competition Period".

### Article 34 Venues, training sites, dates and kick-off times for matches

1. OFC shall fix the venue[s], dates and kick-off times. The decisions of OFC regarding the venues, dates, and kick-off times of the matches are final and binding.
2. OFC shall ensure that the venue[s] comply with the FIFA Safety Guidelines and other OFC and FIFA guidelines and instructions for international matches in force.
3. OFC is responsible for safety and order in and around the venue[s] before, during and after the matches.
4. The venue, pitch, 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.
5. The pitch shall have the following dimensions:  
  
Minimum length 100m, Maximum length 110m;  
Minimum width 64m, Maximum length 75m.
6. In particular, the floodlighting installations at all venues must meet the minimum lighting requirements laid down by the Host Broadcaster in conjunction with OFC.
7. The Host Association shall provide a sufficient number of Official Training Sites for the teams. The Official Training Sites shall be available for at least the Official Competition Period.

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8. Whenever possible, the venue[s] and training site[s] shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least seven [7] days prior to the opening match of the Championship until the Championship is completed, unless OFC gives special permission.
9. Whenever possible, the venue[s] and training site[s] shall be available and free of all commercial activities and identifications [eg. boards and other signage] other than those of OFC partners for at least the Official Competition Period.

### Article 35 Eligibility of players

1. Each Participating Association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the Championship:
  - 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;
  - c. all players shall have undergone medical examinations and have been approved for participation in the OFC Women's Nations Cup by the team's medical authority.

In addition to these rules relating to the eligibility of players, FIFA has also imposed the following restrictions as they relate to the eligibility of players in FIFA Championships:

- d. where national associations are a territory of a larger sovereign state [eg. American Samoa [USA], Cook Islands [New Zealand], New Caledonia and Tahiti [France] ], then the players qualify to represent that territory's national team provided they satisfy the following criteria:
    1. Players must hold the passport of the sovereign state which the territory belongs to; and;
    2. They must have been born in that territory country; or
    3. His biological mother or father was born in the territory of the relevant association; or
    4. His biological grandmother or grandfather was born in the territory of the relevant association; or
    5. He must have lived continuously for at least five [5] years on the territory of the relevant association.
  - e. It is noted that special restrictions would apply to Cook Islands players who were not born in the Cook Islands, as New Zealanders not of Cook Islands descent could not qualify by three years residency for the reason that such New Zealanders are not recognised as a Cook Islands citizen by the Cook Islands Government.
2. Any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match or matches it has played. Victory and the resultant three [3] points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. OFC is the competent body to decide in this regard. Decisions taken by OFC are final and binding and not subject to appeal.
  3. The matter is then to be referred to the OFC Disciplinary Committee for appropriate disciplinary action against the National Association.

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## Article 36 Official Team List [General]

1. The Official Team List must be completed and returned to OFC by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular. OFC will impose a fine of NZD\$2,000 for Official Team Lists received after this date.
2. Each Participating Association may nominate up to 20 Players and eight [8] Team Officials in their Official Team List.
3. A maximum of 28 Accreditations will be provided to each Participating Association.

## Article 37 Official Team List [Player]

1. Each Participating Association may nominate up to 20 Players [two [2] of whom must be goalkeepers] for the Championship.
2. The Official Team List shall contain all of the following information for each Player;
  - Surname
  - First name[s]
  - OFC name
  - Number on shirt
  - Position
  - Date of birth
  - Passport number
  - Club

OFC will impose a fine of NZD\$2,000 for Official Team Lists that do not contain all of the above information.

3. Any change of Player from the Official Team List submitted to OFC, shall be made at the Technical Coordination Meeting prior to the opening match of the Championship. Only the Players on the Official Team List [except in cases recognized by OFC] will be permitted to take part in the Championship.
4. Following the Technical Coordination Meeting prior to the opening match of the Championship a Player on the Official Team List may only be replaced in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before the kick-off of his team's first match, after a detailed medical assessment in one of the two OFC official languages [English and French] has been submitted to OFC, and only after acceptance and confirmation by a designated Medical Officer that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the Player from taking part in the Championship. The Participating Association shall then immediately nominate the replacement and inform OFC accordingly.
5. No Player may be replaced in the Official Team List during the Championship, except if it involves a goalkeeper who is injured during the Championship and can no longer take part in the remainder of the matches, and only after acceptance and confirmation by a designated Medical Officer that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the goalkeeper from taking part in the Championship. The Participating Association shall then immediately nominate the replacement and inform OFC accordingly.
6. Before the opening match of the Championship, each Player on the Official Team List must prove their identity and nationality by producing their legally valid individual passport with photograph [stating day, month and year of birth]. Any Player who fails to present their passport will not be allowed to take part in the Championship.
7. Every Player on the Official Team List must also sign a declaration of compliance wherein they agree to submit to the regulations at hand. Any Player on the Official Team List who fails to sign and submit these documents will not be allowed to take part in the Championship.

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8. OFC shall issue each Player on the Official Team List with an Accreditation. The Accreditation shall always be available for inspection.

### Article 38 Official Team List [Team Officials]

1. Each Participating Association may nominate up to eight [8] Team Officials for the Championship.
2. The Official Team List shall contain all of the following information for each Team Official;
  - Surname
  - First name[s]
  - OFC name
  - Function
  - Passport number
  - Nationality

OFC will impose a fine of NZD\$2,000 for Official Team Lists that do not contain all of the above information.

3. Any change of Team Official from the Official Team List submitted to OFC, shall be made at the Technical Coordination Meeting prior to the opening match of the Championship. Only the Team Officials on the Official Team List will be permitted to participate in the Championship.
4. Every Team Official on the Official Team List must also sign a declaration of compliance wherein they agree to submit to the regulations at hand. Any Team Official on the Official Team List who fails to sign and submit these documents will not be allowed to participate in the Championship.
5. OFC shall issue each Team Official on the Official Team List with an Accreditation. The Accreditation shall always be available for inspection.

### Article 39 Yellow and red cards

1. If a Player receives two [2] yellow cards in two [2] different matches in the same stage, he will be suspended from his team's next match in the Championship.
2. If a Player is sent-off as a result of a direct red card or two [2] yellow cards during the same match, he will be automatically suspended from his team's next match in the Championship. In addition further sanctions can be imposed in line with the OFC Disciplinary Code in force at the time of the Championship.
3. Pending suspensions are always carried forward to the next stage of the Championship [where applicable].
4. Single cautions from one stage of the Championship that have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the stage in question [where applicable].
5. Cautions and pending yellow card suspensions from the Championship expire at the end of the Championship.
6. Red card suspensions from the Championship carry through to the next OFC Championship.

## Match Day Organisation

### Article 40 Match organisation

1. The OFC, OFC Football for Life, FIFA, FIFA Fair Play and United Nations flags must be hoisted or draped in the venue clearly visible to spectators on every Match Day. In addition, OFC retains the right to fly additional flags should the need arise.
2. The FIFA anthem shall be played while the Participating Associations are entering the field followed by the national anthems of the Participating Associations.
3. Not more than 16 people [maximum six [6] Team Officials, nine [9] Substitutes and one [1] Team Liaison Officer, if required] shall be allowed to sit on the Team Bench.
4. Smoking is not permitted in the Technical Area or Team Bench.
5. Whenever possible, both teams will be entitled to an Official Training Session of a maximum of 45 minutes the day before the match at the venue where they are scheduled to play. Training times will be communicated by OFC.
6. OFC reserves the right to shorten or cancel the Official Training Session.
7. Whenever possible, both teams will be entitled to warm-up on the pitch before the match. OFC reserves the right to shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

### Article 41 Official Start List

1. Before the match, each team will receive the Official Start List containing the names and numbers of the 20 Players from the Official Team List. The Official Start List must be properly completed, and signed by the Coach.
2. The 11 selected Players must commence the match. The remaining eligible players [maximum nine [9] ] are designated as Substitutes. The numbers on the shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the Official Start List. The goalkeepers and team captain must be identified
3. Both teams must hand their Official Start List to the OFC General Coordinator at least 60 minutes before kick-off.
4. The OFC General Coordinator and/ or Referee may ask to see the accreditations and/ or passports of the players whose name are listed on the Official Start List.
5. After the Official Start List has been completed and signed by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
  - a. If any of the 11 players listed on the Official Start List selected to start the match are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the eligible Substitutes [maximum nine [9] ]. Such replacements may reduce the quota of substitute players accordingly.
  - b. If any of the substitutes listed on the Official Start List are not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly.



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- c. If a goalkeeper listed on the Official Start List, is not able to be fielded for any reason, he may be replaced by a replacement goalkeeper not previously listed on the Official Start List [as per Art. 37 Par. 5].
6. A suspended Player will not be allowed to sit on the Team Bench.

## Article 42 Substitution of players

1. The substitution of three [3] players per team is permitted in the course of a match. The use of numbered panels is compulsory. For ease of information, the panels must be numbered on both sides.
2. During the match, substitutes are allowed to leave the Technical Area to warm-up. At the Match Coordination Meeting, the Referee in cooperation with the OFC General Coordinator will confirm the warm-up area for substitutes. In principle, the warm-up area is behind the goal closest to the Team Bench and a maximum of three [3] substitutes per team shall be allowed to warm-up at the same time.

## Article 43 Media

1. OFC will set up and manage a media accreditation programme to manage access and privileges of all media personnel and agencies.
2. No representatives of the written press or radio journalists are allowed in the playing area or the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators.
3. Only a limited number of photographers, TV cameraman and technicians of the host broadcaster – all equipped with special permits for the event – are allowed in the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators, where they will carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them.
4. A post-match press conference or mix zone may be conducted at the venue and must start no later than 15 minutes after the final whistle. At least the coach and captain of the Participating Association must be available for the press conference or mix zone.
5. The team dressing-rooms are off limits to representatives of the media before, during and after the match.
6. OFC will issue additional Media Regulations specifying the media requirements. All Participating Associations shall fully comply with these regulations and ensure that their Delegation Members and any other persons acting on behalf of the Participating Association also comply.

## Final Provisions

### Article 44 Trophies, awards and medals

1. A representative from OFC will present the winner with the OFC Women's Nations Cup trophy.
2. A souvenir plaque will be presented to each Participating Association.
3. A fair play contest will be held during the Championship, for which OFC will draw up special regulations [based upon the FIFA regulations]. OFC will determine the ranking at the end of the Championship. Such decisions are final.
4. At the conclusion of the Championship, the following special awards will be presented by a representative from OFC:
  - a. Fair Play Trophy**  
The Fair Play trophy will be presented to the team finishing first in the fair play contest.
  - b. Golden Shoe**  
The Golden Shoe will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the Championship.
  - c. Golden Ball**  
The Golden Ball will be awarded to the most influential player in the Championship as determined by members of the OFC Technical Study Group.
  - d. Golden Glove**  
The Golden Glove will be awarded to the best goalkeeper in the Championship as determined by members of the OFC Technical Study Group.
5. There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the OFC Executive Committee.

### Article 45 Special circumstances

OFC shall issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these regulations.

### Article 46 Matters not provided for

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

### Article 47 Languages

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

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### Article 48 No waiver

Any waiver by OFC of any breach of these regulations [including 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 OFC 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 OFC of the right to subsequently insist upon strict adherence to that provision or any other provision of these regulations or any document referred to in these regulations.

### Article 49 Enforcement

These regulations have been approved by the OFC Executive Committee and come into force immediately.

The previous version of these Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any matters that arose before these Regulations came into force.

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