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Preamble

The following regulations have been adopted on the basis of Articles 49(2)(a) and 50(1) of the *UEFA Statutes*.

I – General Provisions

Article 1 Scope of application

- 1.01 The present regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of the 2014/15 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship (hereinafter the competition).

Article 2 Definitions

- 2.01 In these regulations, the use of the masculine form refers equally to the feminine, and vice versa.
- 2.02 In the context of these regulations, the following definitions apply:
- a. association imagery: in relation to any participating association, that association's (and its team's) name, nickname, symbols, emblems, logos, marks, designations, shirts and other kit colours and designs (with or without any references to the shirt manufacturers);
 - b. commercial rights: any and all commercial rights and opportunities on a worldwide basis in and in relation to the competition including, without limitation, the relevant data rights, marketing rights, media rights and promotional rights, as defined hereafter;
 - c. data rights: the right to compile and exploit statistics and other data in relation to the competition;
 - d. doping: the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set out in the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*;
 - e. host association: the association organising a qualifying competition match or the association in whose territory the final round is being staged;
 - f. marketing rights: the right to exploit by any and all means and in any and all media whether now known or devised in the future any types of advertising (including, without limitation, electronic and virtual advertising), promotion (including, without limitation, ticket promotions), endorsement, public relations, marketing, merchandising, licensing, franchising, sponsorship, hospitality, concessions, travel and tourism, publishing, retailing, and all other commercial association rights and opportunities that are not media rights, promotional rights or data rights;
 - g. media rights: the right to create, distribute and transmit on a linear and/or on demand basis for reception at any time (including, without limitation, on a live and/or delayed basis) anywhere in the world by any and all means and in any and all media, whether now known or devised in the future (including, without limitation, all forms of television, radio, wireless and internet distribution),

audiovisual, visual and/or audio coverage of any and all relevant aspects of the competition (including, without limitation, all matches) and all associated and/or related rights, including fixed media rights;

- h. promotional rights: the right to promote the competition and/or UEFA's non-commercial campaigns (e.g. Respect) at any and all matches.

Article 3 Frequency and entries for the competition

- 3.01 UEFA stages the competition every year. Every UEFA member association (hereinafter association) may enter its national women's under-19 team for the competition.
- 3.02 When the final round takes place in an uneven year, the UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship counts as the European qualifying competition for the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

Article 4 Admission criteria and procedure

- 4.01 To be eligible to participate in the competition, associations must:
- confirm in writing that they themselves, as well as their players and officials, comply with the *IFAB Laws of the Game* promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and agree to respect the statutes (including the principles of fair play as defined therein), regulations, directives and decisions of UEFA;
 - confirm in writing that they themselves, as well as their players and officials, agree to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) as defined in the relevant provisions of the *UEFA Statutes* and agree that any proceedings before the CAS concerning admission to, participation in or exclusion from the competition will be held in an expedited manner in accordance with the *CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration* and with the directions issued by the CAS, including for provisional or super-provisional measures, to the explicit exclusion of any State court;
 - fill in the official entry documents (i.e. all documents containing the information deemed necessary by the UEFA administration for ascertaining compliance with the admission criteria), which must reach the UEFA administration within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course through a circular letter sent to all associations.
- 4.02 The UEFA General Secretary decides on admission to the competition. Such decisions are final.

Article 5 Duties of the associations

- 5.01 On entering the competition, participating associations agree:
- to play in the competition until their elimination and to field their strongest team throughout the competition;

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- b. to play all matches under a head coach who holds at least the UEFA B licence or who has enrolled into the relevant coaching course to obtain such a qualification;
 - c. to stage and play all matches in the competition in accordance with the present regulations;
 - d. to comply with all decisions regarding the competition taken by the UEFA Executive Committee, the UEFA administration or any other competent body and communicated appropriately (by UEFA circular letter or by official letter, fax or email);
 - e. to observe the *UEFA Safety and Security Regulations* for all matches in the competition;
 - f. to stage each match in the competition in a stadium meeting the structural criteria of the stadium category required by Paragraph 26.01;
 - g. to indemnify, defend and hold UEFA and its subsidiaries and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and 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 by the association or any of its players, officials, employees, representatives or agents with these regulations;
 - h. to adhere to the principles governing the release of players for association teams as laid out in Annex 1 of the *FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players*;
 - i. not to represent UEFA or the competition without UEFA's prior written approval.

Article 6 Responsibilities of the associations

- 6.01 If necessary, associations must apply for visas from the diplomatic mission of the host country well in advance of a tournament.
- 6.02 The associations are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out a function at a match on their behalf.
- 6.03 Matches must be played in a stadium within the territory of the host association. Exceptionally, matches may be played in the territory of another UEFA member association, if so decided by the relevant UEFA bodies, for instance for reasons of safety or as a result of a disciplinary measure.
- 6.04 In conjunction with UEFA, the host association undertakes to make the appropriate arrangements for the staging of the matches it is hosting.
- 6.05 The contracts required for the organisation of matches are concluded by the host association in its own name and on its own account. The same provision applies to agreements reached with government authorities.

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- 6.06 The host association is responsible for order and security before, during and after the match. The host association may be called to account for incidents of any kind and may be disciplined.
- 6.07 Minimum medical requirements concerning the provision of facilities, equipment and personnel by the host association are set out in the *UEFA Medical Regulations*. For the avoidance of doubt, the host association has sole responsibility for the provision and operation of any facilities and equipment required in the above-mentioned regulations.
- 6.08 The Israel Football Association has been designated by the UEFA Executive Committee as the host association of the final round.
- 6.09 The host association of the final round must set up a local organising committee (LOC), which is responsible for the following:
- proposing match venues and stadiums to the UEFA administration;
 - making all necessary arrangements for the staging of the matches;
 - adhering to the financial provisions as per Article 52.
- 6.10 The host association of the final round undertakes to observe the staging agreement signed with UEFA. It is responsible for all match-related organisational tasks and must fully respect any and all rights granted by UEFA to third parties in connection with the final round.

Article 7 Anti-doping

- 7.01 Doping is forbidden and is a punishable offence. In case of anti-doping rule violations, UEFA will instigate disciplinary proceedings against the perpetrators and take the appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* and *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.
- 7.02 UEFA may test any player at any time.

Article 8 Insurance

- 8.01 All persons involved in the competition are responsible for their own insurance cover.
- 8.02 The participating associations are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover for their delegations, including players and officials, at their own expense for the whole duration of the competition.
- 8.03 Host associations staging matches and/or tournaments in the competition must conclude appropriate insurance cover with reputable insurers for all of their risks arising under these regulations at their own expense, in accordance with their respective responsibilities, as set out in Article 6 of these regulations and in the staging agreement (final round). The third-party liability policy must include an appropriate guaranteed sum for damages to persons, objects and property, as well as for pure economic losses corresponding to the specific circumstances of

the associations concerned. Likewise, the policies must fully cover all risks connected with the staging of the matches or tournaments in question (including, but not limited to, force majeure events). In any case, the host associations must ensure that UEFA is included as co-insured party in all insurance policies as defined in the present paragraph.

- 8.04** If the host association is not the owner of a stadium used, it must ensure that the stadium owner and/or tenant in question provides a fully comprehensive insurance cover, including third-party liability and property damage. If appropriate insurance policies are not provided by the stadium owner and/or tenant in due time, the host association is required to conclude the necessary additional insurance cover at its own cost, failing which it may be concluded by UEFA at the host association's expense.
- 8.05** Claims for damages against UEFA are expressly excluded and anyone involved must hold UEFA harmless from any and all claims for liability arising in relation to the competition. In any case, UEFA may request anyone involved to provide, free of charge, written releases of liability and/or hold harmless notes, and/or confirmation and/or copies of the policies concerned in one of UEFA's official languages.
- 8.06** For the final round, UEFA concludes insurance coverage in accordance with its respective responsibilities, as set out in the staging agreement.

Article 9 Trophy, plaques and medals

- 9.01** The original trophy, which is used for the official presentation ceremony at the final, remains in UEFA's keeping at all times.
- 9.02** A full-size replica trophy, the UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners' trophy, is awarded to the winning association.
- 9.03** Replica trophies awarded to winners of the competition (past and current) must remain within the relevant association's control at all times and may not leave the association's country without UEFA's prior written consent. Associations must not permit a replica trophy to be used in any context where a third party (including, without limitation, their sponsors and other commercial partners) is granted visibility or in any other way which could lead to an association between any third party and the trophy and/or the competition. Associations must comply with any trophy use guidelines that the UEFA administration may issue from time to time.
- 9.04** Associations may not, and may not permit any third party to, develop, create, use, sell or distribute any promotional materials or merchandise bearing any representation of the trophy or any replica thereof (including, without limitation, trophy lift images) or use any such representation in a manner that could lead to an association between any third party and the trophy and/or the competition.
- 9.05** 30 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 30 silver medals to the runner-up. Additional medals may not be produced.
- 9.06** The teams placed second to eighth receive a commemorative plaque.

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- 9.07 Each player and official participating in the final round receives a commemorative diploma.
 - 9.08 A special award may be presented to the top goal-scorer of the final round.
 - 9.09 A Respect fair play competition, based on the fair play assessment (see Annex B), takes place in which only the matches of the final round of the competition are taken into account. The winner receives a scaled-down replica trophy which it may keep.

Article 10 Intellectual property rights

- 10.01 UEFA is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the competition, including any current or future rights in all audio and visual (with or without audio) material of the competition, names, logos, brands, music, medals, plaques, commemorative items and trophies. Any use of the aforementioned rights requires the prior written approval of UEFA, and must comply with any conditions imposed by UEFA.
- 10.02 All rights to the fixture list, as well as any data and statistics in relation to the matches in the competition, are the sole and exclusive property of UEFA.

II – Competition System

Article 11 Competition stages and seeding

- 11.01 Matches in all stages of the competition are played in conformity with the *IFAB Laws of the Game*. The half-time interval lasts 15 minutes.
- 11.02 The competition consists of:
- a. a qualifying competition with:
 - the qualifying round,
 - the elite round
 - b. a final round.
- 11.03 Participating associations are divided up as follows:
- a. The host association of the final round – Israel – qualifies automatically for the final round.
 - b. The teams of the three best-ranked associations in the applicable coefficient rankings enter the competition in the elite round. For the 2014/15 competition, the teams concerned are Germany, England and France.
 - c. The 44 remaining teams contest the qualifying round.

Article 12 Match system and draws - qualifying competition

- 12.01 All qualifying competition matches are played in the form of mini-tournaments in one of the countries in the group.
- 12.02 Each team plays each of the other teams in the group once, with three points awarded for a win, one for a draw and none for a defeat.
- 12.03 The 44 associations participating in the qualifying round are drawn into 11 groups of four teams.
- 12.04 For the draw for the qualifying round, the UEFA administration establishes coefficient rankings based on the sporting results of the last three seasons as well as the draw procedure.
- 12.05 The three teams directly qualified for the elite round, the 11 group winners and the ten best runners-up in the qualifying round play the elite round.
- 12.06 A draw for the elite round is conducted to place the 24 participating associations into six groups of four teams each. The UEFA administration establishes a coefficient ranking based on the sporting results of the qualifying round as well as the draw procedure and communicates it prior to the draw.
- 12.07 On completion of the elite round, the six group winners and the best runner-up qualify for the final round.

Article 13 Equality of points – qualifying competition

- 13.01** If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of a mini-tournament, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine the rankings:
- higher number of points obtained in the mini-tournament matches played among the teams in question;
 - superior goal difference resulting from the mini-tournament matches played among the teams in question;
 - higher number of goals scored in the mini-tournament matches played among the teams in question;
 - if, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the mini-tournament matches between the teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to h) apply;
 - superior goal difference in all mini-tournament matches;
 - higher number of goals scored in all mini-tournament matches;
 - lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received in the mini-tournament matches (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points);
 - drawing of lots.
- 13.02** If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last mini-tournament match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, their final rankings are determined by kicks from the penalty mark (see Paragraph 17.02 to Paragraph 17.04) and not by the criteria listed under Paragraph 13.01 a) to h) provided no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of the mini-tournament. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under Paragraph 13.01 apply.
- 13.03** If on completion of a mini-tournament a draw is required, the lots are drawn in the teams' hotel after the final match. The draw is made by the UEFA match delegate and the heads of delegation or team representatives must sign a document stating that they accept the result of the draw.

Article 14 Determination of the teams qualified for the next stage

- 14.01** To determine the ten best runners-up from the qualifying round and the best runner-up from the elite round, only the matches of the runners-up against the winners and third-placed teams in each group are taken into account and the following criteria are applied in the order given:
- higher number of points;
 - superior goal difference;
 - higher number of goals scored;

- d. lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points);
- e. drawing of lots.

Article 15 Match system and group formation – final round

- 15.01** As a general rule, the final round is played as a tournament.
- 15.02** If the final round cannot be played as a tournament, the UEFA administration decides on the playing system.
- 15.03** Eight teams take part in the final round. The host country qualifies automatically.
- 15.04** An open draw is conducted by the UEFA administration in the country of the host association to allocate the eight teams into two groups of four. The team of the host association is seeded.
- 15.05** The two groups are formed as follows:
- Group A: Teams A1, A2, A3 and A4
 - Group B: Teams B1, B2, B3 and B4
- 15.06** The group matches will be played according to the following schedule. The first-named team is considered as the home team.

	Matchday 1	Matchday 2	Matchday 3
Group A	A1 v A2 A3 v A4	A1 v A3 A2 v A4	A4 v A1 A2 v A3
Group B	B1 v B2 B3 v B4	B1 v B3 B2 v B4	B4 v B1 B2 v B3

- 15.07** The group winners and runners-up play the semi-finals in single leg knockout matches, as follows:

Semi-final 1	Winner group A v Runner-up group B
Semi-final 2	Winner group B v Runner-up group A

- 15.08** The two winners of the semi-finals play the final in a single match, as follows:

Final	Winner semi-final 1 v Winner semi-final 2
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Article 16 Equality of points - final round

- 16.01** If two or more teams in the same group are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine the rankings:
- a. higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question;
 - b. superior goal difference resulting from the group matches played among the teams in question;
 - c. higher number of goals scored in the group matches played among the teams in question;
 - d. if, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the group matches between the teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to h) apply;
 - e. superior goal difference in all group matches;
 - f. higher number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - g. lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received in all group matches (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points);
 - h. drawing of lots.
- 16.02** If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, their final rankings are determined by kicks from the penalty mark (see Paragraph 17.02 to Paragraph 17.04) and not by the criteria listed under Paragraph 16.01 a) to h), provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under Paragraph 16.01 apply.

Article 17 Extra time and kicks from the penalty mark

- 17.01** In the semi-finals, final and any FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup play-off matches, if there is no winner at the end of normal playing time, two 15-minute periods of extra time are played. There is a five-minute break between the end of normal time and the start of extra time. As a rule, the players remain on the field of play during this five-minute break, at the discretion of the referee. If there is still no winner after extra time, kicks from the penalty mark are required.
- 17.02** Kicks from the penalty mark are taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in the *IFAB Laws of the Game*.

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- 17.03** The referee decides which goal will be used for the kicks:
- a. If either goal could be used for the kicks, then, in the presence of the two captains, the referee tosses a coin to decide which goal will be used.
 - b. For reasons of safety/security, state of the field of play, lighting or other similar reasons, the referee may decide which goal will be used without tossing a coin. Such decisions are final and require no justification.
- 17.04** To ensure that the procedure is strictly observed, the referee is assisted by her team, who also note down the numbers of the players on each team who have taken kicks from the penalty mark.

III – Match Scheduling

Article 18 Mini-tournament host selection

- 18.01** Following the draw, the four teams in each group have to agree who will host the mini-tournament. If the four associations cannot agree, the UEFA administration decides according to the following principles.
- 18.02** If more than one association is interested in hosting the mini-tournament, the following criteria apply:
- opinion of the majority of the teams;
 - priority given to associations which are not hosting a mini-tournament in the same phase of the UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship;
 - draw.
- 18.03** If one association is interested in hosting the mini-tournament, the UEFA administration designates that association as host.
- 18.04** If no association expresses an interest in hosting the mini-tournament, the UEFA administration conducts a draw to determine the host. Associations already hosting a tournament in the same phase of the UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship are not included in the draw.

Article 19 Match dates and fixtures

- 19.01** Qualifying competition matches must be played on the following dates included in the European Women's Match Calendar (see Annex A):
- Qualifying round: 13 to 18 September 2014
 - Elite round: 4 to 9 April 2015

19.02 The mini-tournament must be organised according to the following schedule:

Day 1:	Arrival of the UEFA match delegate	
Day 2:	Arrival of all teams Arrival of all referees and other UEFA match officers Organisational meeting	
Day 3:	Matchday 1:	Matches 1 v 3 and 2 v 4
Day 4:	Rest day	
Day 5:	Matchday 2:	Matches 1 v 4 and 3 v 2
Day 6:	Rest day	
Day 7:	Rest day	
Day 8:	Matchday 3:	Matches 2 v 1 and 4 v 3
Day 9:	Departure of all teams Departure of the referees Departure of the UEFA match officers	

19.03 The final round will take place between 15 and 27 July 2015.

19.04 The UEFA administration, in conjunction with the LOC, is responsible for confirming the fixture list of the final round matches.

19.05 The final round will be played according to the following schedule:

Day 1:	Arrival of participating teams	
Day 2:	Head of delegations meeting	
Day 3:	Matchday 1:	Matches 1 v 2 and 3 v 4
Day 4:	Rest day	
Day 5:	Rest day	
Day 6:	Matchday 2:	Matches 1 v 3 and 2 v 4
Day 7:	Rest day	

Day 8:	Rest day	
Day 9:	Matchday 3:	Matches 4 v 1 and 2 v 3
Day 10:	Departure of eliminated teams Rest day for the other teams	
Day 11:	Rest day	
Day 12:	Semi-finals	
Day 13:	Departure of the eliminated teams Rest day for the other teams	
Day 14:	Rest day	
Day 15:	Final	
Day 16:	Departure	

Article 20 Venues and kick-off times

- 20.01** Qualifying competition match venues must be fixed by the host association and entered online at least 60 days before the start of the mini-tournament. Once approved by the UEFA administration, the visiting teams can access the information on the FAME platform.
- 20.02** The host association must ensure that all tournament hotels are easily accessible. Unless the visiting associations give their approval, no tournament hotel may be situated more than a three-hour bus drive from the nearest international airport. Special approval from the UEFA administration is required for tournament venues located on islands or in other places which have few international flights or which necessitate internal flights. Unless the visiting associations agree otherwise, no match venue may be located more than a one-hour bus drive from all tournament hotels. Accommodation must be fixed by the host association at least 60 days before the start of the mini-tournament.
- 20.03** Kick-off times of the qualifying competition matches must be entered online at least 30 days before the start of the mini-tournament. Once approved by the UEFA administration, the visiting teams can access the information on the FAME platform.
- 20.04** For reasons of sporting fairness, matches played on the last matchday of each mini-tournament and the last two matches of each final round group must kick off at the same time.
- 20.05** Unless the UEFA administration grants special approval, associations are not allowed to fix kick-off times before 11.00 or after 21.00 (local time).
- 20.06** The UEFA administration, in conjunction with the LOC, is responsible for confirming the venues and kick-off-times of the final round matches.

Article 21 Team arrivals and departures

- 21.01** Teams must arrive at the tournament venue one day before the start of the mini-tournament or two days before their first match in the final round. Unless they agree otherwise with the host association, teams arriving earlier (i.e. more than one night before the start of the mini-tournament or more than two nights before their first match in the final round) are responsible for the extra costs incurred as a result of their early arrival.
- 21.02** Visiting teams should leave the tournament venue the day after their last match. Teams departing any later bear the extra costs incurred as a result of their late departure.

Article 22 Match abandoned

- 22.01** If there are fewer than seven players on either of the teams, the match is abandoned. In this case, the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body decides on the consequences.
- 22.02** If the referee decides to abandon the match, for example because the field is not fit for play, the remaining match time must, in principle, be played the next day, unless the case is referred to the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body. The date on which the match will be completed must be decided within two hours of the referee's decision to abandon the match, in consultation with the associations concerned. In case of dispute, the UEFA administration fixes the venue, date and kick-off time of the match. Its decision is final.
- 22.03** If the remaining time of the match has to be played the next day or on another date approved by the UEFA administration, the following principles apply:
- The match sheet must contain the same players who were on the match sheet when the match was abandoned, with the exception of players substituted or sent off during the abandoned match as well as players suspended for the abandoned match. The players who were in play at the time the match was abandoned may not be included on the match sheet as substitutes when the match is resumed.
 - Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match.
 - Single yellow cards imposed before the match was abandoned are not carried forward to any other matches before the abandoned match is completed.
 - Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced and the number of players in the starting line-up remains as it was when the match was abandoned.
 - Players who were suspended following a match played after the abandoned match in question can be included on the match sheet.

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- f. The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned.
 - g. The match must restart on the same spot where the abandoned match action occurred (i.e. free-kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, penalty, etc.). If the match was stopped during the normal flow of the game, a dropped ball on the spot where it was abandoned shall be used to restart.
- 22.04** When the team of the host association of the qualifying or elite round mini-tournament is not one of the two teams concerned by the abandoned match, and if the remaining match time cannot be played the next day, the two teams concerned may agree to play the remaining match time in another country in order to save costs. Such a decision has to be approved by the UEFA administration.
- 22.05** In the case of an abandoned match, if the remaining time cannot be played during the mini-tournament and, consequently, must be played at a date confirmed by the UEFA administration, any travel and organisational costs have to be borne by the associations concerned in equal parts. UEFA will cover the travel and accommodation costs of the referees and UEFA match officers.

Article 23 Match or mini-tournament cancelled - qualifying competition

- 23.01** If the host association finds that a match or mini-tournament cannot take place, for example because the field is not fit for play, it must notify the visiting associations, the referees, the UEFA match delegate and the UEFA referee observer before their departure from home, and the UEFA administration at the same time. The UEFA administration takes the necessary decision regarding the reorganisation of the match or mini-tournament.
- 23.02** If any doubt arises as to the condition of the field of play after the visiting team's departure from home, the referee decides on the spot whether or not it is fit for play.
- 23.03** If the referee declares that a match cannot commence because the field is not fit for play or for any other reason, it must, in principle, be played the next day, subject to the approval of the UEFA administration. A decision must be taken within two hours of the referee's decision to cancel the match. In case of dispute, the UEFA administration fixes the venue, date and kick-off time of the match. Its decision is final.
- 23.04** If the circumstances require the host association to notify the visiting association and the referee before their departure from home of a match not being able to be played and if the host association fails to do so, it is responsible for the travel, board and lodging expenses of the visiting association and the referee team.
- 23.05** If, after the arrival of the teams at the venue, a match or an entire mini-tournament cannot commence or has to be abandoned, the travel, board and lodging expenses of the visiting associations, as well as the relevant hosting costs, are borne by the associations concerned in equal parts.

Article 24 Match cancelled - final round

- 24.01** If a final round match cannot commence because the field is not fit for play or for any other reason, it must be played in full the next day. If, for reasons beyond control, the match cannot be played the next day, the UEFA administration takes a final decision.

Article 25 Refusal to play and similar cases

- 25.01** If an association refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full, the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body takes a decision in the matter.
- 25.02** The UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body can validate the result as it stood at the moment when the match was abandoned if the match result was to the detriment of the association responsible for the match being abandoned.
- 25.03** If an association is disqualified during the competition, the results of all of its matches are declared null and void, and the points awarded forfeited.
- 25.04** If an association that has qualified for the final round does not compete, the UEFA administration may replace it and, if so, decide which association is to take its place according to the results achieved by the associations eliminated previously.
- 25.05** An association which refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full loses all rights to payments from UEFA.
- 25.06** Upon receipt of a reasoned and well-documented request from the aggrieved association(s), the UEFA administration may set an amount of compensation due for financial loss.

IV – Stadium Infrastructure

Article 26 Stadiums

- 26.01 Unless stipulated otherwise in these regulations, matches in the competition must be played in a stadium which meets the structural criteria of category 1, as defined in the *UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations*.
- 26.02 The 50 VIP seats required for this stadium category must be covered.
- 26.03 The UEFA administration may grant an exception to a specific structural criterion for the stadium category in question in cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, for instance owing to the current national legislation or if the fulfilment of all the required criteria would force the association to play its home matches on the territory of another association. An exception can be granted for one or more matches in the competition or for the whole duration of the competition. Such decisions are final.
- 26.04 Each host association is responsible for:
- a. inspecting every stadium concerned and returning the corresponding online form to the UEFA administration confirming that the stadiums meet the structural criteria of the required stadium category;
 - b. confirming to the UEFA administration that the stadiums, including their facilities (emergency lighting system, first aid facilities, type of protection against intrusion by spectators into the playing area, etc.), have been thoroughly inspected by the competent public authorities and meet all the safety requirements laid down by the applicable national law.
- 26.05 The UEFA administration accepts or rejects each stadium on the basis of the above form and confirmation, and any other information gathered by UEFA. Such decisions are final.
- 26.06 The UEFA administration may carry out stadium inspections at any time before and during the competition to check whether the required structural criteria are met.

Article 27 Pitches

- 27.01 Unless special permission is granted by UEFA, the grounds reserved for training and matches in the final round may not be used for other matches or events during the three days prior to the tournament or during the event itself.

Article 28 Artificial turf

- 28.01** Matches may be played on artificial turf, in accordance with the *UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations* and provided that such artificial turf meets the FIFA International Artificial Turf Standard. A copy of the relevant FIFA certificate, issued within the 12 months preceding the relevant match, must be provided to the UEFA administration upon request.
- 28.02** The owner of the artificial turf and the host association are fully responsible for meeting the above requirements, in particular those related to:
- a. maintenance work and ongoing improvement measures; and
 - b. safety and environmental measures as set out in the *FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf – Handbook of Requirements* and the *FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf – Handbook of Test Methods*.
- 28.03** The owner of the artificial turf and the host association must obtain sufficient warranties and/or guarantees related to the material and the installation from the manufacturer and the installer of the artificial turf.

Article 29 Floodlights

- 29.01** Matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights.

Article 30 Clocks

- 30.01** Clocks in the stadium showing the amount of time played may run during the match, provided they are stopped at the end of normal time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation also applies in the event of extra time (i.e. after 105 and 120 minutes).

V – Match Organisation

Article 31 Match equipment

- 31.01 Balls must comply with the *IFAB Laws of the Game* as well as with Article 65 of the *UEFA Kit Regulations*.
- 31.02 For qualifying competition matches, as well as for training sessions, balls of excellent quality must be provided by the host association. To ensure fluid matches, at least ten match balls should be made available per match to a minimum of eight ball kids. The balls provided for training must be of the same type and quality as those used for the matches.
- 31.03 The host must provide a minimum of 18 training balls to the participating teams.
- 31.04 For matches and training sessions during the final round, balls are supplied by UEFA.
- 31.05 The use of two-sided substitution boards (preferably electronic) is compulsory for all matches.
- 31.06 For the qualifying competition, visiting teams must bring their national anthems (CD of max. 90 seconds) and national flags with them.

Article 32 Training grounds – qualifying competition

- 32.01 Each team must be allocated its own training ground for the entire duration of the tournament. Exceptionally, two grounds may be shared by four teams. The teams must be able to use these grounds at any time and as often as requested. Each ground must be surfaced in the same way as the match pitches, in perfect condition, freshly mowed, fully marked and equipped with standard and/or mobile goals. The training grounds must be located near the teams' accommodation. Travel time by bus from a team's accommodation to their training ground must not exceed 30 minutes.
- 32.02 The dressing rooms at the training grounds must be of an adequate size, and bathroom and toilet facilities should correspond to normal standards of hygiene.
- 32.03 If the weather and state of the playing field so allow, the teams are entitled to hold a training session of up to 45 minutes the day before the match in the stadium where the match will be played. The host, in cooperation with the referee and UEFA match delegate, will take the final decision in case of any uncertainty.

Article 33 Ticketing – qualifying competition

- 33.01 For qualifying competition matches, an adequate number of complimentary and purchase tickets, to be fixed by mutual agreement, must be set aside for the visiting associations.

33.02 The official UEFA representatives and at least four representatives of the visiting association must be provided with complimentary top-category seats (and associated hospitality) in the VIP sector.

Article 34 Venue data coordinator

34.01 The host association must ensure that the venue data coordinator (VDC) appointed by UEFA to gather live data during the match is provided with:

- a. a commentary position (or an equivalent position) with dedicated broadband internet access, which needs to be in place from the morning of the match until 90 minutes after the final whistle, and
- b. an accreditation permitting access to the referees' dressing room.

VI – Match Procedures

Article 35 Match sheet

- 35.01 Before each match, each team receives a match sheet on which the numbers, full names and dates of birth of the 18 players in the squad must be indicated, together with the full names of the officials seated on the substitutes' bench and on the additional technical seats. The match sheet must be properly completed in block capitals and signed by the captain and the competent association official.
- 35.02 The 11 first-named players must commence the match. The other seven are designated as substitutes. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the match sheet. The goalkeepers and team captain must be identified.
- 35.03 Both teams must hand their match sheets to the referee at least 75 minutes before kick-off. If the match sheet is not completed and returned in time, the matter will be submitted to the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body.
- 35.04 Only three of the substitutes listed on the match sheet may take part in the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the match.
- 35.05 After the match sheets have been completed, signed and returned to the referee by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:
- If any of the first ten outfield players listed on the match sheet are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the seven substitutes listed on the match sheet. Such replacements reduce the quota of substitute players accordingly. During the match, three players may still be replaced.
 - If any of the substitute outfield players listed on the match sheet are not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute outfield players is reduced accordingly.
 - If the goalkeeper listed first on the match sheet is not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, she may be replaced by the goalkeeper listed under the substitutes. The goalkeeper originally listed first on the match sheet may, however, still be used as a substitute goalkeeper. If this is not possible she may be replaced by another goalkeeper not previously listed on the match sheet.
 - If the substitute goalkeeper is not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, she may be replaced by another goalkeeper not previously listed on the match sheet.

The associations concerned must, upon request, provide the UEFA administration with the necessary medical certificates.

Article 36 Match protocol

- 36.01** The UEFA, FIFA and UEFA Respect flags, as well as the two national team flags, must be flown horizontally at the stadium at all matches in the competition.
- 36.02** The following countdown (in minutes before kick-off) must be respected but can be adapted to take into account the distance between the dressing rooms and the pitch.

Minutes before kick-off

90 to 75 minutes (latest)	Arrival at the stadium of the teams, referees, UEFA match delegate and/or referee observer
75 minutes	Both teams complete, sign the match sheet and hand it over to the referee
60 to 15 minutes	Warm-up on the pitch
8 minutes	Stud check in the corridor
6 minutes	Teams enter the pitch and line up facing the VIP box
4 minutes	National anthem of "away" team
3 minutes	National anthem of "home" team
2 minutes	Handshake procedure and team photos
1 minutes	Coin toss
0 minutes	Kick-off (no earlier than 11.00 hours and no later than 21.00 hours local time)

- 36.03** Once the players have lined up, the national anthems of both teams must be played.
- 36.04** At all matches in the competition, the players are invited to shake hands with their opponents and the referees after the line-up ceremony as well as after the final whistle, as a gesture of fair play.

Article 37 Rules governing the technical area

- 37.01** Six team officials, one of whom must be a team doctor, and seven substitute players are allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench, i.e. a total of 13 persons. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the match sheet.
- 37.02** If space so permits, up to five additional technical seats are allowed for association staff providing technical support to the team during the match (kit manager, assistant physiotherapist, etc.). Such seats must be outside the technical area and positioned at least five metres away from the bench, but with access to the dressing rooms. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the match sheet.

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- 37.03** During the match, substitutes are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up. The referee determines exactly where they may warm up (behind the first assistant referee or behind the advertising boards behind the goal) and how many substitutes are allowed to warm up simultaneously. In principle, three substitutes per team are allowed to warm up at the same time; exceptionally, if space so permits, the referee can allow up to seven substitutes of each team to warm up simultaneously in the determined area. The team fitness coach (indicated on the match sheet) may join the players warming up.
- 37.04** Smoking is not allowed in the technical area before, during and after matches.
- 37.05** During matches, players and team officials listed on the match sheet are not allowed access to any TV footage of the match.
- 37.06** The use of electronic communication systems between players and/or technical staff is not permitted.

VII – Player Registration

Article 38 Player eligibility

- 38.01** Each association must select its national representative team from players who hold the nationality of its country and who comply with the provisions of Articles 5 to 8 of the *Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes*.
- 38.02** Each player taking part in the competition must be in possession of a valid passport or identity card of the country for which she is playing, containing a photograph and giving full particulars of her date of birth (day, month, year). Otherwise, she will not be allowed to take part in the competition. The referee or a UEFA match officer may ask to see the official passports/identity cards of the players listed on the match sheet.
- 38.03** The following age limits apply for the competition:
- Upper age limit: All players must have been born on or after 1 January 1996.
 - Lower age limit: A player must be 16 by the end of the calendar year when the match is played. For example:
 - A player born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 1998 (inclusive) is eligible to play in all rounds of the competition (qualifying and elite rounds and final round).
 - A player born between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 1999 (inclusive) is eligible to play only in the elite round and in the final round.
- 38.04** All players (including any potential substitutes as referred to in Paragraph 40.05) must undergo a medical examination to the extent provided for by the *UEFA Medical Regulations*.
- 38.05** The UEFA administration decides on questions of player eligibility. Challenged decisions are dealt with by the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body.

Article 39 Protection of players

- 39.01** A player is allowed to participate (i.e. be on the player list) only in one UEFA women's youth competition per competition round.
- 39.02** A player is allowed to participate (i.e. be on the player list) only in one UEFA women's national team final tournament per season.

Article 40 Player lists

- 40.01** Before each competition round, each participating association must provide the UEFA administration with a final list indicating the 18 participating players, as well as the head coach. This list must be completed online by 12.00 CET the day before the first match of the relevant mini-tournament. Once this list has been submitted no changes are allowed with the exception of Paragraph 40.04 for the qualifying competition and Paragraph 40.05 for the final round.

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- 40.02** For age and identity verification purposes, a signed copy of the final 18-player list printed from FAME must be handed with each player's passport or identity card to the UEFA match delegate. A meeting with the UEFA representatives and the heads of delegation of the participating teams is held for this purpose the day before the start of the mini-tournament or final round.
- 40.03** For identification purposes, the UEFA match delegate arranges to make a visual check of each player participating in the competition. As a rule, this check takes place at a mealtime at the team's accommodation before the first match in a mini-tournament or in the final round. Only one such visual check is made.
- 40.04** The 18 players named on the final 18-player list are entitled to play in the mini-tournament. A maximum of one outfield player named on this list may be replaced upon submission to the UEFA match delegate of written medical evidence of illness or injury in one of UEFA's official languages, together with the new player registration form no later than three hours before the start of the team's first match in the mini-tournament. The replaced player can take no further part in the mini-tournament and no other outfield player may be replaced during the mini-tournament. However, goalkeepers may be replaced at any time during the mini-tournament upon submission of written medical evidence of illness or injury in one of UEFA's official languages, together with the new player registration form, but no later than three hours before the start of the match in question. In cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, the UEFA General Secretary may grant exceptions.
- 40.05** In the final round, injured or sick goalkeepers and a maximum of two injured or sick players may be replaced upon submission of written medical evidence in one of UEFA's official languages, together with the new player registration form, and approved by the UEFA administration after consultation with a UEFA doctor. Replaced players can take no further part in the final round. In cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, the UEFA General Secretary may grant exceptions.
- 40.06** The eight official 18-player lists of the final round are published by the UEFA administration.
- 40.07** The associations are responsible for ensuring that the aforementioned provisions concerning player eligibility and lists of players are observed.

VIII – Refereeing

Article 41 Referee team and referee liaison officer

- 41.01 The *General Terms and Conditions for Referees* apply to the referee teams appointed for the competition.
- 41.02 The referees are taken care of by a referee liaison officer, who is an official representative of the host association.
- 41.03 The referee team is composed of the referee, two assistant referees, the fourth official and, if appointed, two additional assistant referees.
- 41.04 In principle, female referees must be appointed.
- 41.05 Directly after the match, the referee validates the official match report.

Article 42 Appointment and replacement of referees

- 42.01 The Referees Committee, in cooperation with the UEFA administration, appoints a referee for each match. Only referees from the official FIFA list of referees are eligible. The rest of the referee team is, in principle, proposed by the association of the referee, in accordance with criteria established by the Referees Committee. The host association may be requested to appoint referees.
- 42.02 Depending on the number of matches in a mini-tournament, the referees will be appointed as follows:

Single match	UEFA appoints one referee and two assistant referees (proposed by the referee's association) from the same country. Host association appoints one substitute assistant referee (fourth official).
Three teams	UEFA appoints two referees plus two assistant referees (proposed by the referee's association) from the same country. No referees appointed by the host association.
Four teams	UEFA appoints three referees from three different countries plus three assistant referees, one from each of these countries. The three assistant referees are proposed by the associations of the three referees. The host association appoints one substitute referee (fourth official) plus one assistant referee, in principle for the entire tournament.

- 42.03 Neutral referees and assistant referees (total of 14 referees) are appointed for the final round.

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- 42.04 For the final round, the host association appoints two fourth officials, unless the UEFA administration decides otherwise.
- 42.05 The Referees Committee decides on the criteria for the appointment of additional assistant referees for each competition stage.
- 42.06 UEFA arranges for the referee team to arrive at the venue, in principle, the day before the start of the mini-tournament. If a member of the referee team does not arrive at the match venue by the evening before the start of the mini-tournament, the UEFA administration and all teams concerned must be informed immediately. The Referees Committee, in cooperation with the UEFA administration, takes the appropriate decisions. If the Referees Committee decides to replace a member of the referee team, such a decision is final, and no protests against the person or nationality of the replacement are allowed.
- 42.07 If a referee becomes unfit before or during a match and is unable to officiate, the designated substitute referee replaces her. If an assistant referee becomes unfit before or during a match and is unable to officiate, the fourth official replaces her. For matches for which additional assistant referees have been appointed, if a referee becomes unfit before or during a match, and is unable to officiate, one of the additional assistant referees replaces her. Such decisions are made on a case-by-case basis by the UEFA administration in cooperation with the Referees Committee. Such a decision is final.

IX – Disciplinary Law and Procedures

Article 43 UEFA Disciplinary Regulations

- 43.01 The provisions of the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* apply for all disciplinary offences committed by associations, officials, members or other individuals exercising a function at a match on behalf of an association, unless the present regulations stipulate otherwise.

Article 44 Yellow and red cards

- 44.01 A player who is sent off the field of play is suspended for the next match in the competition. In case of serious offences, the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment, including by extending it to other competitions.
- 44.02 In the case of repeated cautions in different matches, the offending player is suspended for one match in the same competition after the second and fourth caution, as well as after any subsequent cautions.
- 44.03 Single yellow cards that have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the elite round and are not carried forward to the final round.
- 44.04 In the final round, single yellow cards that have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the group phase and are not carried forward to the semi-finals nor to any FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup play-off matches.
- 44.05 Cautions and pending yellow-card suspensions expire on completion of the competition.

Article 45 Protests and appeals

- 45.01 Participating associations are entitled to protest against the validity of a match result within 12 hours of the end of the match in question in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.
- 45.02 Appeals must be submitted to the UEFA administration in writing within 24 hours of the dispatch of the grounds of the contested decision.

X – Kit

Article 46 Kit approval

- 46.01 The *UEFA Kit Regulations* apply to all matches in the competition, unless specified otherwise in these regulations.
- 46.02 Participating teams must wear kit that have been sent to and approved by UEFA beforehand.
- 46.03 Any kit alterations must be submitted to the UEFA administration for approval.

Article 47 Colours

- 47.01 As a rule, the home team is entitled to wear its first-choice kit, while the visiting team wears its second-choice kit or, if necessary, a combination of the first-choice and the second-choice kit.
- 47.02 If on the day of the match, in the opinion of the referee or the UEFA administration, the colours of the two teams could be confused, they will be changed. The decision taken by the UEFA administration in consultation with the referee is final.

Article 48 Numbers

- 48.01 The 18 players must wear set numbers between 1 and 23. If the number 1 is used, it must be worn by a goalkeeper. No number may be used by more than one player in the course of a mini-tournament or the final round.
- 48.02 For all matches played in a mini-tournament or the final round, players must wear the number indicated on the final list of 18 players.

Article 49 Badges

- 49.01 The competition badge will be distributed by UEFA to the associations participating in the final round. This badge must appear on the free zone of the right shirt sleeve. The competition badge may not be used for any other purpose, including commercial or promotional activities.
- 49.02 UEFA also provides the associations participating in the final round with a UEFA Respect badge. This badge must be worn horizontally in the centre of the free zone on the left shirt sleeve. The UEFA Respect badge may not be used for any other purpose, including commercial or promotional activities.

Article 50 Equipment used in the stadium

- 50.01 Each association participating in the final round may be provided with special material (drinks bottles, warm-up bibs, etc.) which must be used at the final round, to the exclusion of any similar items.
- 50.02 UEFA provides the teams with a captain's armband which must be used in all final round matches.
- 50.03 For the final round, only warm-up bibs provided by UEFA may be used during pre-match warm-ups held at the stadium and for the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

XI – Financial Provisions

Article 51 Financial rules – qualifying competition

- 51.01 The visiting associations cover their international and national travel expenses to and from the mini-tournament venue.
- 51.02 The host association of a mini-tournament retains its revenue and pays all organisational costs as described in Annex C. Its obligations commence one day before the first group matches and end one day after the last group matches.
- 51.03 The host association pays for the board and lodging of all participating teams (for a maximum of 24 persons per delegation) as well as any costs related to their transport within the host association's territory (see Annex C.6).
- 51.04 The host association pays for the board and lodging of the referee team and the UEFA match officers (i.e. UEFA match delegate and UEFA referee observer) as well as for their transport within the host association's territory. Their international travel expenses and daily allowances are covered by UEFA.
- 51.05 The travel costs and daily allowances of the referees appointed by the host association are borne by the host association.
- 51.06 The UEFA administration charges each travelling association a flat amount of €20,000 which is credited to the host association to help cover the financial demands connected with the staging of the mini-tournament, in accordance with the present regulations.
- 51.07 The UEFA administration credits the host association with a further €20,000 to cover the costs related to the referee team and the UEFA match officers (see Paragraph 51.04) as well as any costs incurred during a possible preliminary site visit.
- 51.08 The UEFA administration credits all associations participating in the elite round with €20,000 to cover travel or organisational costs.

Article 52 Financial rules – final round

- 52.01 The eight teams qualified for the final round receive a financial contribution of €15,000.
- 52.02 As a rule, the host association of the final round is entitled to keep the revenue from the sale of tickets and concessions as duly approved by UEFA in advance.
- 52.03 The host association bears all organisational costs as stipulated in the staging agreement between the host association and UEFA.
- 52.04 The host association must submit a detailed budget to the UEFA administration at least 12 months before the final round.

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- 52.05** The host association must submit all financial claims to the UEFA administration at the latest one month after the last match in the final round.
- 52.06** The host association must submit detailed accounts for the entire final round to the UEFA administration within ten weeks of the final round ending.
- 52.07** Each association taking part in the final round covers:
- a. the travel expenses of its delegation to and from the tournament venue;
 - b. the costs of any additional members of the delegation;
 - c. the cost of extending the duration of their stay;
 - d. the premiums for the compulsory accident and travel insurance taken out for players and officials taking part in the final round.
- 52.08** UEFA covers the board and lodging of the players and officials of the participating associations (26 persons per delegation), the referees and the UEFA match officers as stipulated in the relevant appendix to the staging agreement signed by the host association and UEFA. For the teams, this coverage begins two days before their first match in the final round and ends the day after they have been eliminated, or the day after the end of the final round for the finalists.
- 52.09** In addition, UEFA makes a further financial contribution to the tournament costs as stipulated in the relevant appendix to the staging agreement signed by the host association and UEFA.
- 52.10** The amounts paid by UEFA are gross amounts. As such, they cover any and all taxes, levies and charges.

XII – Exploitation of the Commercial Rights

Article 53 Imagery rights for the competition

- 53.01 On registering for the competition, an association must grant UEFA the right to use and authorise others to use photographic, audiovisual and visual material of its team, players and officials (including their names, relevant statistics, data and images), as well as the association's imagery, free of charge and worldwide for the full duration of any rights for (a) non-commercial, promotional and/or editorial purposes (including the use of such material in the multilateral production of television and media promotion and coverage of the final round); and/or (b) as reasonably designated by UEFA. No direct association will be made by UEFA between individual players or associations and any partner. On request, the associations must supply UEFA free of charge with all appropriate material as well as with the necessary documentation required to allow UEFA to use and exploit such rights in accordance with this paragraph.

Article 54 Commercial rights – qualifying competition

- 54.01 The host association of any match in the qualifying competition is authorised to exploit the commercial rights relating to such matches. In doing so, it must observe the stipulations of Article 48 of the *UEFA Statutes* and the *Regulations governing the implementation of Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes*, and any other instructions or guidelines issued by UEFA from time to time.
- 54.02 UEFA owns and has the sole right, to the exclusion of the participating associations and any other party, to exploit the marketing rights to the qualifying competition generally or as a collective whole, including, by way of example, the right to nominate sponsors in relation to the qualifying competition or the competition (including the qualifying competition) as collective wholes. No participating association may participate in or allow any third party to use any rights granted by the participating association in any aggregation of marketing rights in any way that would permit a third party to create an association with the qualifying competition, the competition or the final round generally or as collective wholes. As a result, any grant by a participating association of marketing rights relating to the qualifying competition must be conditional upon the grantee and other third parties not exploiting the relevant rights in such a manner. By way of example, no participating association may create, or permit a third party to use rights granted by it to create, a website that is promoted as an official or dedicated website of the qualifying competition as a whole.
- 54.03 All associations participating in the qualifying competition undertake to take all legal and other measures that UEFA deems appropriate at its sole discretion to prohibit, prevent and stop any unauthorised exploitation of the commercial rights to the qualifying competition and to protect the ownership thereof.

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- 54.04** The commercial rights to any match in the qualifying competition may not be sold unless the sale is documented in a written agreement that provides for the payment of an appropriate fee to the host association. Any such fee forms part of the match receipts and remains with the host association.
- 54.05** All agreements relating to the exploitation of the commercial rights to any match in the qualifying competition must be presented to the UEFA administration upon request. The withholding of any such agreement will be referred to the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and may result in disciplinary sanctions.
- 54.06** All contracts for the exploitation of the media rights to any match in the qualifying competition must contain:
- a. Article 48 of the *UEFA Statutes* and the *Regulations governing the implementation of Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes*; and
 - b. a stipulation guaranteeing that if any amendments are made to the regulations, then such contracts must be adapted to incorporate the amended provisions within 30 days of the regulations coming into force.
- 54.07** For all qualifying competition matches, if televised and upon UEFA's request, associations undertake to provide UEFA, free of charge and at least 24 hours prior to the kick-off of each match, with access to the television frequency information for receiving the broadcast signal at a location of UEFA's choice. These broadcasts can be recorded by UEFA in particular for the purposes envisaged in Paragraph 53.01, and a copy of the recording may be purchased at cost price by the associations participating in the respective match. If the signal is unavailable for whatever reason, associations undertake to provide UEFA free of charge, in HDCAM or, if not available, in Digibeta (or another broadcast standard to be confirmed with UEFA in advance), with a recording of the entire match, to be sent to a destination of UEFA's choice for receipt within seven days of the match. The associations must ensure that any person owning rights to the above materials grants UEFA the right to use and exploit and authorise others to use and exploit, by any and all means and in any and all media whether now known or invented in the future, throughout the world, for the full duration of such rights, up to 15 minutes of audio and/or visual material from each match, free of charge and without payment of any associated clearance costs. Associations acknowledge that such use may be aimed in particular at directly or indirectly promoting the competition, including with programmes produced by or on behalf of UEFA.
- 54.08** Participating associations may not use or authorise any third party to use any of the registered or unregistered UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship trademarks or any graphic material or artistic forms developed in connection with the competition in programmes, promotions, publications or advertising or otherwise without the prior written consent of UEFA and may not develop, use, register, adopt or create any mark, logo, or symbol which refers to the qualifying competition, the competition or the final round or which, in UEFA's reasonable opinion, is confusingly similar to, is a colourable imitation of, is a derivation of, or unfairly competes with such trademarks, materials or forms.

Article 55 Commercial rights – final round

- 55.01** UEFA owns and has the sole right to exploit all of the commercial rights to the final round. UEFA may exercise this right to exploit these commercial rights at its sole discretion and on a worldwide basis.
- 55.02** All participating associations undertake to take all legal and other measures that UEFA deems appropriate at its sole discretion to prohibit, prevent and stop any unauthorised exploitation of the commercial rights to the final round and to ensure that all such commercial rights to the final round are owned and exercised solely and exclusively by UEFA and that UEFA may exploit them without any restrictions whatsoever. In this regard, no association may use or exploit, directly or indirectly, any commercial rights to the final round without the express prior written agreement of UEFA and subject to such conditions as UEFA may require. Each association must ensure that its partners, commercial or otherwise, do not use or otherwise exploit directly or indirectly any commercial rights to the final round without UEFA's express prior written agreement, which may be granted or withheld at its sole discretion.
- 55.03** Unless otherwise approved by UEFA in writing, a participating association may not display third-party commercial identification or branding in any stadium chosen for the final round.
- 55.04** UEFA has no responsibility or liability in connection with any agreement entered into by an association relating to the exploitation of the commercial rights to the final round.

XIII – Media Matters

Article 56 Media accreditation and access rights

- 56.01** For the qualifying competition, the host association is responsible for organising a media accreditation system (accreditation cards, bibs, etc.) and for delivering the relevant accreditations to all media representatives:
- written press;
 - photographers;
 - audiovisual rights holders;
 - audiovisual non-rights holders.
- 56.02** No media representatives are allowed to go on to the field of play before, during or after the match, with the exception of the host broadcaster camera crew covering the team line-ups at the start of the match and up to two host broadcaster camera crews filming the teams after the end of the match. The same applies to the tunnel and dressing-room area, with the exception of UEFA-approved flash interviews and a camera of the host broadcaster filming the following activities:
- a. team arrivals (as far as to the dressing-room area)
 - b. players in tunnel prior to taking the field (before the match)
 - c. players returning to the pitch at the start of the second half.
- 56.03** A limited number of photographers, cameramen and production staff of the audiovisual rights holders – all equipped with the appropriate pitch-access accreditation – are allowed in the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators (see Annex E).
- 56.04** The team dressing rooms are off limits to media representatives before, during and after the match. However, subject to the teams' prior agreement, one camera of the host broadcaster may enter the dressing room to film the players' shirts and equipment. This filming must be completed well before the arrival of the players, at least two hours before kick-off.
- 56.05** A position should be foreseen for a camera crew from each team to conduct technical filming. Generally they should be on a centred position or a position agreed between the teams and the local press officer.

Article 57 Written press

- 57.01** Written press applies to media that report in writing only, for whatever platform (e.g. newspaper, website, mobile portal). They have access to the post-match press conference and mixed zone.
- 57.02** The host association must provide a media working area with desks, power supply and cabled or Wi-Fi internet connections for at least 10 media representatives (free of charge).

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- 57.03** A section in the main tribune, with a clear and unobstructed view of the field of play and both goals, must be made available for the written press. At least ten seats must be equipped with desks large enough to accommodate a laptop computer and a notepad. This number might be extended depending on the expected media attendance. All seats with desks must be equipped with a power supply and internet connections or alternative Wi-Fi facilities must be available (free of charge).

Article 58 Photographers

- 58.01** Photographers may work in the areas behind the advertising boards behind the goals and they may only change ends at half-time. Photographers may not work from the tribunes or any other area unless given permission to do so by the local media officer. They may photograph all elements of the match, including the warm-up of the teams, the line-up, handshake procedure and coin toss, the game itself, and any post-match ceremonies.
- 58.02** Photographers may attend the post-match press conferences subject to space restrictions. However, no photography is allowed in the mixed zone.
- 58.03** Photographs taken by officially accredited photographers may be published online (including internet and mobile) for editorial purposes only, subject to the following conditions:
- they must appear as stills and not as moving pictures, quasi-video feed or slide shows;
 - there must be an interval of at least 20 seconds between the posting of any two photographs published online.

Article 59 Media access to training sessions

- 59.01** Teams must make their last training session before each match open to the media for at least 15 minutes if requested. In addition and upon request, the head coach and at least one key player from each team should be available to the media on the day before each game.

Article 60 Interviews

- 60.01** Interviews are not permitted during the match on the field of play itself or in its immediate vicinity. Interviews take place in a designated area according to the following rules:
- pre-match interviews are allowed with coaches and players on their arrival at the stadium subject to their agreement;
 - half-time interviews may be conducted with team officials, subject to the prior agreement of the team;
 - flash interviews take place after the match has finished between the pitch and the dressing rooms.

60.02 If requested, teams must make their head coach and players available to the host broadcaster and other rights-holding audiovisual media for post-match interviews.

Article 61 Press conferences and mixed zone

- 61.01 The host association must provide a press conference room with at least ten seats, a head table and chairs for three people and a backdrop.
- 61.02 If applicable, the post-match press conference must start no later than 20 minutes after the end of the match. Both teams are obliged to make at least their head coach available for this purpose.
- 61.03 After the match, a mixed zone should be set up between the teams' dressing rooms and the team transport area. This area offers reporters additional opportunities to conduct interviews and is accessible only to coaches, players and media representatives. It should feature sufficient space to accommodate at least ten media representatives, with barriers between the players and the media.
- 61.04 All players of both teams must go through the mixed zone.

XIV – Closing Provisions

Article 62 Implementing provisions

- 62.01 The UEFA administration is entrusted with the operational management of the competition and is therefore entitled to take the decisions and adopt the detailed provisions and guidelines necessary for implementing these regulations (including the *UEFA Youth Competition Mini-Tournament Manual*).

Article 63 Unforeseen circumstances

- 63.01 Any matters not provided for in these regulations, such as cases of force majeure, are settled by the UEFA General Secretary, whose decisions are final.

Article 64 Non-compliance

- 64.01 Any breach of these regulations may be penalised by UEFA in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.

Article 65 Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

- 65.01 In case of litigation resulting from or in relation to these regulations, the provisions regarding the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) laid down in the *UEFA Statutes* apply.

Article 66 Annexes

- 66.01 All annexes form an integral part of these regulations.

Article 67 Authoritative version

- 67.01 If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or German versions of these regulations, the English version prevails.

Article 68 Adoption and entry into force

68.01 These regulations were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting on 13 May 2014 and come into force on 1 July 2014.

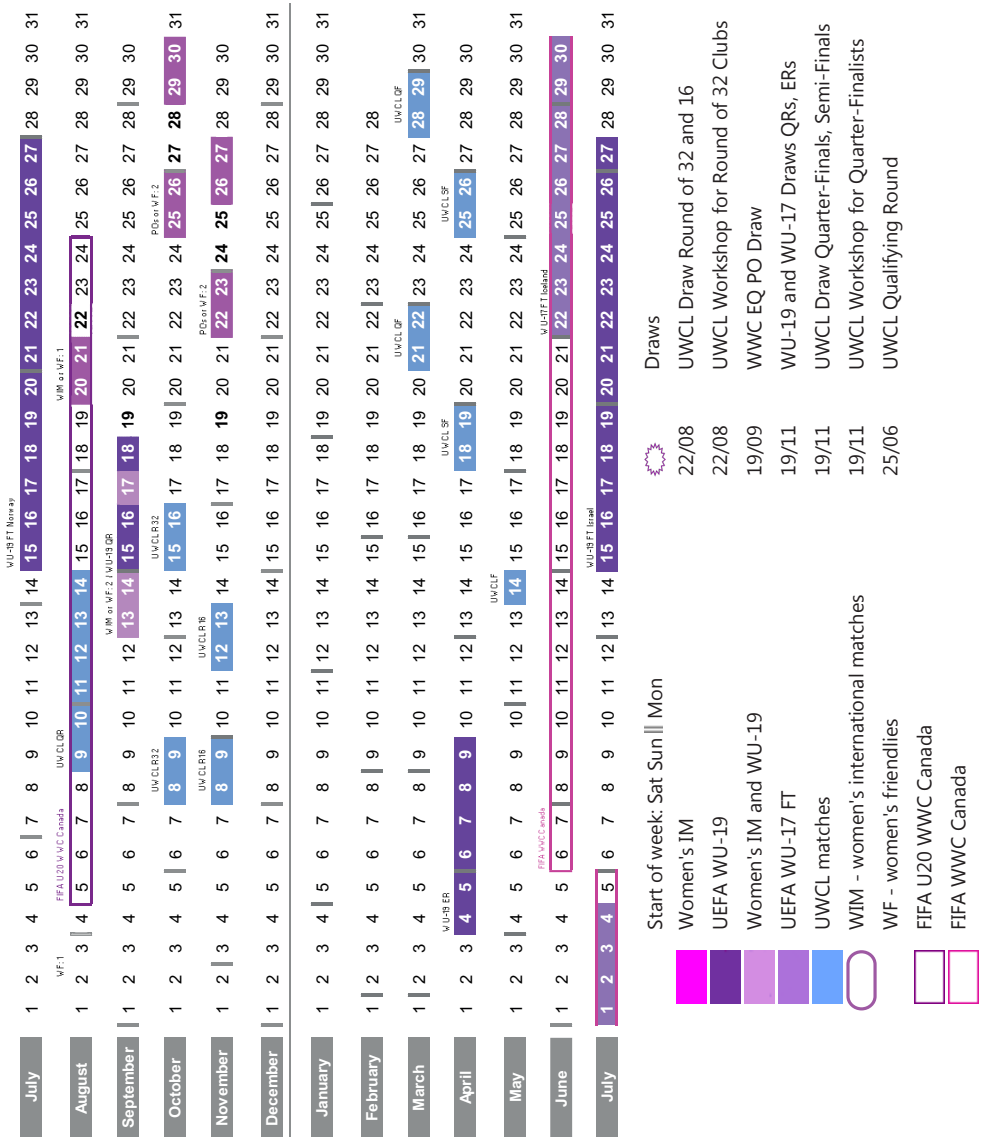
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Annex A – European Women's Match Calendar 2014/15



Annex B – Fair Play Assessment

B.1 Introduction

The fair play assessment forms part of the UEFA Respect campaign. Conduct according to the spirit of fair play is essential for the successful promotion and development of and involvement in sport. The objective of activities in favour of fair play is to foster a sporting spirit, as well as the sporting behaviour of players, team officials and spectators, thereby increasing the enjoyment of all those involved in the game.

B.2 UEFA fair play rankings

In its efforts to promote fair play, UEFA establishes association fair play rankings for each season, based on all matches played in all UEFA competitions (national representative and club teams) between 1 May and 30 April. In establishing these rankings, only those associations whose teams have played at least the required number of matches (i.e. total number of matches assessed divided by the number of associations) are taken into account. For this purpose, fair play conduct is assessed by the appointed UEFA match delegate.

B.3 Criteria for an additional place in the UEFA Europa League

In reward for the fair play example they set, the three best-ranked associations each receive one additional place in the next season's UEFA Europa League. If associations are equal on points in the rankings, lots will be drawn by the UEFA administration to define the associations that receive an additional place. These additional places are reserved for the winners of the respective domestic top-division fair play competitions, provided that this national assessment is based at least on the following criteria: red and yellow cards, positive play, respect for the opponents as well as for the referee, and the behaviour of the team officials and of the crowd. If the winner of the domestic top-division fair play competition in question has already qualified for a UEFA club competition, the UEFA Europa League fair play place goes to the next-ranked team in the domestic top-division fair play rankings which has not already qualified for a UEFA competition.

B.4 Methods of assessment

After the match, the UEFA match delegate is expected to complete a fair play assessment form in consultation with the referee and, where applicable, the referee observer. The referee confirms that fair play aspects have been duly discussed by signing the fair play assessment form.

B.5 Individual items on the assessment form

The assessment form identifies six criteria (items) for the evaluation of the fair play performance of the teams. Assessment should be based on positive rather than negative aspects. As a general rule, maximum assessment marks should not be awarded unless the respective teams have displayed positive attitudes.

B.5.1 Red and yellow cards

Deduction from a maximum of 10 points:

- Yellow card: 1 point
- Red card: 3 points

If a player who has been cautioned with a yellow card commits another offence which would normally be punishable with a yellow card, but who must be sent off for this second offence (combined yellow and red card), only the red card counts, i.e. total of 3 points to be deducted.

If, however, a player who has been cautioned with a yellow card commits another offence for which the punishment is dismissal, a total of 4 points (1+3) must be deducted.

Red and yellow cards is the only item which may take a negative value.

B.5.2 Positive play

- Maximum: 10 points
- Minimum: 1 point

The aim of this item is to reward positive play which is attractive for the spectators. In assessing positive play, the following aspects should be taken into consideration:

- a. Positive aspects:
 - attacking rather than defensive tactics
 - acceleration of the game
 - efforts to gain time, e.g. bringing the ball quickly back into play, even when in a winning position
 - continued pursuit of goals, even if the desired result (e.g. qualification or an away draw) has already been achieved
- b. Negative aspects:
 - deceleration of the game
 - time-wasting
 - tactics based on foul play
 - play-acting, etc.

In general terms, positive play correlates with the number of goal-scoring chances created and the number of goals scored.

B.5.3 Respect for the opponents

- Maximum: 5 points
- Minimum: 1 point

Players are expected to respect the *Laws of the Game*, the competition regulations, opponents, etc. They are also expected to ensure that fellow team members and everyone else involved in the team abide by the spirit of fair play as well.

In assessing the players' behaviour vis-à-vis the opposition, double counting against the item 'red and yellow cards' should be avoided. However, the UEFA match delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards, as well as offences overlooked by the referee.

Assessment should be based on positive attitudes (e.g. helping an injured opponent) rather than infringements. Blameless behaviour, but without any particularly positive attitude or gestures towards opponents, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

B.5.4 Respect for the referee team

- Maximum: 5 points
- Minimum: 1 point

Players are expected to respect the referee team as people, as well as for the decisions they take. Double counting against the item 'red and yellow cards' should be avoided. However, the UEFA match delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards.

A positive attitude towards the referee team should be rewarded by high marks, including the acceptance of doubtful decisions without protest. Normal behaviour, but without any particularly positive attitude or gestures with respect to the referee team, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

B.5.5 Behaviour of the team officials

- Maximum: 5 points
- Minimum: 1 point

Team officials, including coaches, are expected to make every effort to develop the sporting, technical, tactical and moral level of their team through all permitted means. They are also expected to instruct their players to behave in a manner which is in accordance with the fair play principles.

Positive and negative aspects of the behaviour of team officials should be assessed; e.g. whether they calm or provoke angry players or fans, how they accept the referee's decisions, etc. Cooperation with the media should also be considered as a factor in the assessment. Blameless behaviour, but without any particularly positive attitude or gestures, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

B.5.6 Behaviour of the crowd

- Maximum: 5 points
- Minimum: 1 point

The crowd is considered to be a natural component of a football game. The support of the fans may contribute to the success of their team. The crowd is not expected to watch the game in silence. Encouragement of teams by shouting, singing, etc. may have a positive influence on the atmosphere, in accordance with the spirit of fair play.

The spectators are, however, expected to respect the opposing team and the referee. They should appreciate the performance of the opposition, even if they emerge as the winners. They must in no way intimidate or frighten the opposing team, the referee or opposing supporters.

A maximum number of points (5) should not be awarded unless all these requirements are satisfied, especially with respect to the creation of a positive atmosphere.

This item 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) should be recorded under this entry.

B.6 Overall assessment

The overall assessment of a team is obtained by adding up the points given for the individual items, dividing this total by the maximum number of points and multiplying the result by 10.

The maximum number of points per game generally equals 40. If, however, a given team is being supported by a negligible amount of fans, and the item "Behaviour of the crowd" is not being assessed as a result ('N/A' – see Annex B.5.6 above), the maximum number of points obtainable will be 35.

Example:

The various items for team 1 are assessed as 8+7+3+4+5+4, giving a total of 31. The general assessment will therefore be:

- $(31/40) \times 10 = 7.75$

If team 2 had only a small number of fans, and the assessment for the other items was 7+8+2+5+2, with 24 as the total, the general assessment would be:

- $(24/35) \times 10 = 6.857$

The general assessment should be calculated to three decimal points and not rounded up.

B.7 Written comments

In addition to this assessment, the UEFA match delegate should also give brief written comments on the fair play performance of the teams, to explain the positive and negative aspects which formed the basis for his assessment. This written explanation may also include outstanding individual gestures of fair play by players, officials, referees or any other persons.

Annex C – Mini-tournament requirements

C.1 Introduction

This annex sets out the requirements for hosting a mini-tournament in the UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship. The *UEFA Youth Competition Mini-Tournament Manual* that all member associations have received aims to assist the host association with the implementation of these instructions. For the sake of simplicity, "host" refers to the national association hosting a mini-tournament.

C.2 Accommodation requirements

The delegations must be accommodated either in sports schools or medium-standard hotels (standard three-star), both being referred to as hotels in these regulations. If possible, each team should be accommodated on a different floor or wing. The host must:

- a. ensure that the teams can prepare for their matches in a comfortable, quiet and undisturbed environment;
- b. at the organisational meeting, provide the delegations with clear information on safety regulations and procedure applicable in case of an emergency, rules regarding telephones, pay-TV, internet, mini-bars and other extras, as well as the code of conduct in the hotel;
- c. prepare a room occupancy plan and distribute it to the UEFA representatives only;
- d. ensure that all rooms:
 - have bathroom and toilet facilities which meet standard hygiene requirements;
 - have adequate wardrobe space;
 - are equipped with heating and/or air-conditioning;
 - are cleaned daily.

C.2.1 Rooms for the delegations

The host must provide and pay for the following rooms for each delegation (maximum of 24 persons per delegation):

- a. Twin rooms for the players (nine rooms for 18 players); two single beds must be provided in these rooms; one large bed for two players is not acceptable.
- b. Single rooms for the six team officials (six rooms) in the same hotel as their team.
- c. A storage room for each team (ideally on the team's floor/wing)
- d. One room per team for medical treatment and massages which should be located near to the physiotherapist's/masseur's room and contain a massage table.
- e. Additional delegation members may be accommodated at the same place or nearby – at the expense of the visiting association.

C.2.2 Rooms for the referees and UEFA match officers

Single rooms must be provided for the referees and the UEFA match officers.

The refereeing group (eight referees, UEFA referee observer(s) and, if applicable, referee liaison officer) must be accommodated at a different hotel from the teams. In exceptional circumstances, and after approval by the UEFA administration, they can be accommodated in the mini-tournament headquarters. However, the refereeing group should not be accommodated with one single team.

The UEFA match delegate must be accommodated at the mini-tournament headquarters or in one of the hotels used for the teams.

C.2.3 Meeting rooms

The host must cover the costs for the following meeting rooms equipped with a flip chart and TV/DVD set or projector, according to the team's requests:

- a. Each team should be provided with a meeting room for a minimum of 30 people, to be at its disposal for the entire duration of the tournament. If this is not possible, two teams can be asked to share one meeting room. A meeting schedule should be established with the teams before the organisational meeting.
- b. One meeting room must be booked for the referees (at the referees' hotel).

C.2.4 Dining room

A spacious dining room split into different areas – one for the teams, one area for the UEFA match delegate and LOC and, if in the same hotel, one for the referees – must be provided. Officials must refrain from smoking and drinking alcohol in the dining room in front of the players.

C.3 Food requirements

C.3.1 Meals

Meals must follow the following rules:

- a. Three meals a day must be served to the teams and the UEFA representatives in accordance with their match and training schedules. Menus should respect sports nutrition guidelines as well as taking the national eating habits of the participating teams into account.
- b. A detailed menu plan must be submitted to the participating teams one month before the start of the mini-tournament. Should a team have any special dietary requests, these must be submitted to the host at least two weeks before the start of the mini-tournament. Any cost difference between the proposed and requested menus must be borne by the requesting association.

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- c. The hotels should be flexible when it comes to catering for special requests and the teams should be able to bring their own cook, food and drink. The hotels must also be flexible about mealtimes in order to adapt to the kick-off times of matches and the teams' return travel to the hotel.
 - d. A good variety of food in sufficient quantities must be provided. All meals should be served buffet style and the food must be kept at an appropriate temperature all the time.

C.3.2 Snacks, light meals

As a rule, snacks or light meals between ordinary meals must be made available to the teams upon request and paid for by them. However, if such a meal replaces an ordinary meal, the host must cover the costs. If it consists of an additional meal, the requesting team must pay for it.

C.3.3 Drinks

A sufficient supply of still mineral water, soft drinks, coffee and tea must be made available for the participants at the three meals covered by the mini-tournament budget, while milk (hot and cold), fruit juice and chocolate drinks or powder must also be available at breakfast time. In addition, a minimum of 70 litres of still mineral water must be provided per day for each team to cover their needs for their training sessions, matches and other use such as water in their rooms. Still mineral water and energy drinks should also be provided to the refereeing group. All other drinks must be paid for by the teams or individuals concerned.

C.4 Laundry of kit

The host must pay for a 24-hour laundry service (hotel service or other) for the playing kits of the participating teams and referees (kit which has been worn for matches, i.e. shirts, shorts and socks, but not tracksuits).

C.5 Tournament office

A centrally located and easily accessible tournament office must be set up at the hotel or one of the hotels where the teams are staying. It should be equipped with an internet connection or Wi-Fi, a photocopier and a fax – unless these last two services can be provided by the hotel at the host's expenses. This room serves as the mini-tournament headquarters, where:

- a. the UEFA match delegate and, if accommodated in the same hotel, the refereeing group can carry out administrative work;
- b. information can be obtained on the mini-tournament itself.

C.6 Transport

The host is responsible for satisfying the following transport requirements:

- a. The teams, referees and UEFA match officers must be welcomed upon their arrival in the host country and transported to the hotel. They must also be provided with transport from their accommodation to their point of departure at the end of their stay.
- b. Each team must be provided with a modern 50-seater bus (with air-conditioning and dedicated driver) for the entire duration of the tournament to cover all the team's reasonable requests, including local excursions. The host must provide the visiting teams with the transport concept/rules at the organisational meeting.
- c. Two people carriers (minibuses with nine seats) with drivers must be provided to transport the referees to and from matches. The UEFA match delegate must have her own car unless she can travel with the refereeing group.
- d. Anti-doping controls (three additional vehicles per match, i.e. one per team to transport the players and team doctor back to the hotel and one for the doping control officer).
- e. The host is also requested to organise transport for official members of delegations who would like to see matches involving opponents.

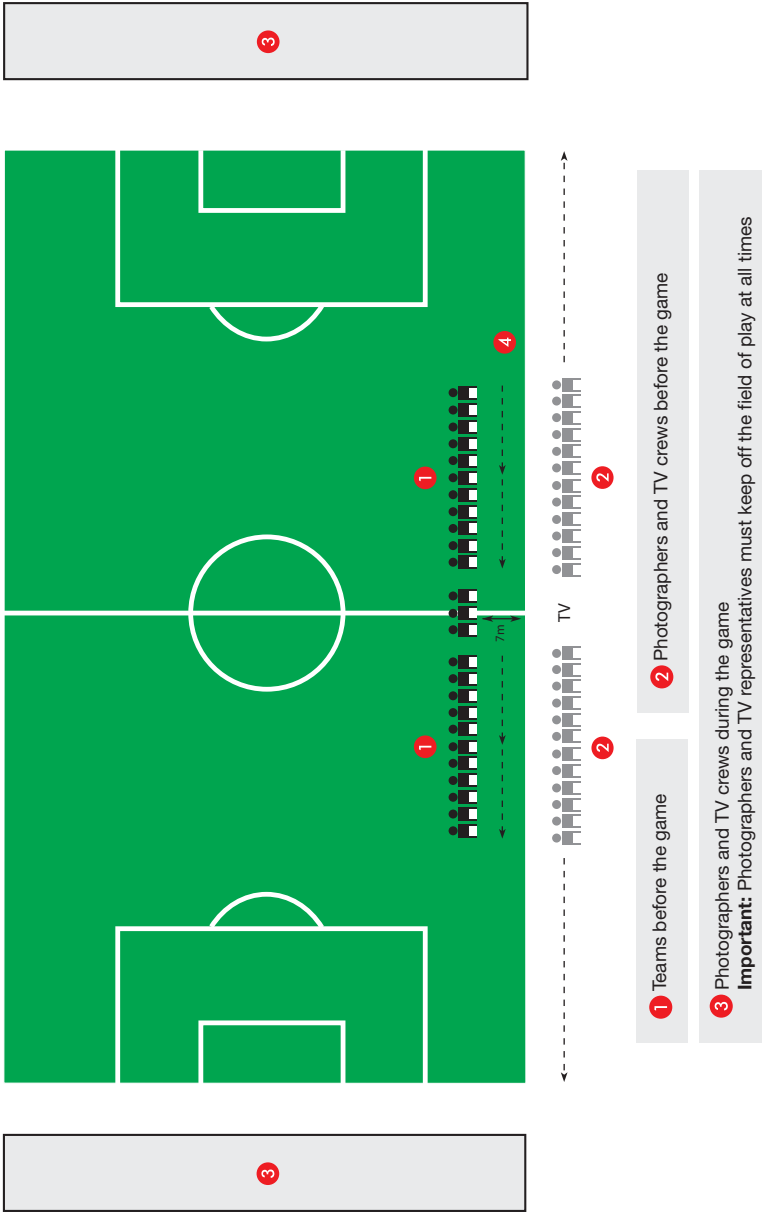
C.7 Match filming

The host is requested, at his own cost, to film each match of the mini-tournament from the main stand or another suitable place with a clear view of the pitch. A total of seven DVDs of the best possible quality must be produced for each match and be distributed to the following persons by 9.00 hours local time the day after the match:

- 1 copy for the head of each delegation (total of 4 copies)
- 1 copy for the UEFA referee observer
- 1 copy for the referee
- 1 copy for the UEFA match delegate (to be sent to the UEFA administration).

Associations wishing to receive footage of other teams' matches must contact them directly.

Annex E – Media Positioning at UEFA Matches



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