



CONCACAF FUTSAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

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PREAMBLE

- A. The CONCACAF Futsal Club Championship is an official CONCACAF event for futsal clubs and serves to determine the Futsal Champion within the Confederation.
- B. It is played as a Final competition only.
- C. Any rights not ceded by these regulations to affiliated clubs of Member Association participating in the CONCACAF Futsal Club Championship shall belong to CONCACAF.

I. CONCACAF FUTSAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The CONCACAF Futsal Club Championship shall take place every year. Member Associations affiliated to CONCACAF are invited to participate with their champion futsal club team or a club team approved by CONCACAF

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

- 1. The competition shall be played as final tournament only:
 - a) The Final Phase of the competition shall be played among eight (8) teams, each Union within CONCACAF being represented as determined by the Confederation.
 - b) The matches of the Final Phase of the competition shall be played in a venue or venues as determined by the CONCACAF Council and shall be governed by these official Regulations.

III. CONCACAF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee for CONCACAF's Futsal Championship, appointed by the CONCACAF Council, is responsible for the organization of the competition.

The Organizing Committee shall, amongst other matters, be responsible for:

- 1. Supervising general preparations, deciding on the match system, the draws and forming the groups;
- 2. Approving the match schedule and kick-off times for the matches;

3. Appointing general coordinators, match commissioners, the technical study group, security officers, integrity and diversity officers;
4. Judging infringements concerning the eligibility of players in the final competition;
5. Deciding which matches will be subject to doping tests:
 - a) Deciding which laboratories will carry out the doping analyses;
 - b) Informing CONCACAF's Disciplinary Committee of any breaches of the applicable doping regulations;
6. Replacing Clubs that have withdrawn from the competition;
7. Settling cases of force majeure;
8. Dealing with any aspect of the competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations or the CONCACAF Statutes.
9. The Organizing Committee's decisions shall be final.

IV. HOSTING ASSOCIATION

1. The CONCACAF Council is responsible for appointing the Hosting Association ("HA") for the Final Competition.
2. The HA is responsible for organizing, hosting and staging the final competition. It shall set up a Local Organizing Committee ("LOC") in accordance with the Hosting Agreement, a special contract regulating the working relationship between CONCACAF and the HA. The HA and the LOC shall be subject to the control of CONCACAF. All CONCACAF decisions shall be final. The Unions of CONCACAF may also serve as the LOC and are subjected to all conditions stated in the Hosting Agreement and in these regulations.
3. The obligations and responsibilities of the HA or Union with respect to the final competition are stipulated in the Hosting Agreement. They include but shall not be limited to:
 - a) Overall - Staging the competition in a professional manner.
 - b) Execution, Promotion and Finances - Executing, promoting and financing of the above mentioned tournament, as approved by CONCACAF, providing a final accounting for the tournament, including

payment of the percentages due to CONCACAF within (30) days of the final match of the tournament.

- c) Security - Providing adequate security for all participants (i.g. players, officials, staff, etc.);
- d) Insurance - Providing liability insurance coverage for each venue in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) USD. A copy of the insurance coverage must be received by the CONCACAF General Secretariat no later than thirty days (30) prior to the first match of the competition.
- e) Arena and Training Facilities - Ensuring that both the arena and training courts are in a condition suitable for a CONCACAF competition, based on discussions during the site inspection, including but not limited to all of the equipment for the playing surface, i.e. nets, goals, corner flags, for the teams, third official and timekeeper which should be of professional standard.
- f) Liaisons - Assigning a dedicated individual for the duration of the event (arrival to departure), who shall be responsible for assisting in the coordination of local transportation, changes to hotel/meal arrangements, baggage collection and any other needs as they arise for:
 - i. Each of the participating Clubs. Thereby the liaison must be fluent in the primary language of the country assigned;
 - ii. The Officials;
 - iii. Match Commissioners and commission representatives on match days;
- g) Media - Appoint an individual who shall be responsible for media relations and advise CONCACAF's Communications Department thirty (30) days in advance of the event, the name of the person together with his/her contact numbers (phone/cellular, fax, e-mail address)

BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the event, the person appointed will:

- i. Coordinate all the media communications and events from the Clubs and its member associations;

- ii. Work with CONCACAF Communications to promote the tournament and chronicle the involvement from the Governmental leaders and Sports Ministry;
- iii. Ensure that the media facilities are in the best possible condition;
- iv. Assist the media in their general inquiries;
- v. Ensure that team sheets with correct player names/numbers/positions, etc. are available to the media in a timely manner, prior to kick-off;
- vi. Distribute copies of the media guide or any other materials that will be supplied by CONCACAF to the media;
- vii. Arrange for the installation of one dedicated phone line for CONCACAF use ONLY for charge calls;
- viii. Arrange for the installation of the phone lines for the radio broadcasters and the designation of radio booths for each rights holder;
- ix. Assure that the arena has wireless internet for the media throughout the arena;
- x. Arrange and provide the meals for media and photographers as approved by CONCACAF;
- xi. MATCH REPORTS - arrange for the Match Commissioner to fax/scan (via e-mail) the CONCACAF Match Reports (provided by CONCACAF) within ninety (90) minutes of completion of each match to CONCACAF at matchreports@concacaf.org.

Team Hospitality

- a) Local Transportation - Bus with air conditioning for 17 persons and luggage for service to and from:
 - i. Airport
 - ii. Training Sites
 - iii. Matches
- b) Accommodations (Room and Board, etc.) - Hotel accommodations pursuant to CONCACAF's approval

- i. Rooms - 8 double rooms and 1 single room per delegation. Also, provide tournament room rates in case extra members of the association accompany their team.
- ii. Meals - For 17 persons. Also, provide rates per meal or daily costs in case extra members of the association accompany their team or teams exceed tournament budgets.
- iii. Laundry - Make facilities available or recommend facilities for the teams to do their laundry. Advise teams of costs prior to the tournament.
- iv. Visas for Visiting Teams -Request handling from the government agency responsible for visas to expedite requests for teams and delegates.

Match Officials and Commission Members' Hospitality

- a) Local Transportation
 - i. Airport transfers
 - ii. To matches
 - iii. To team hotels for passport inspections or event-related meetings
 - iv. Vans and a car available at hotels during non-game hours
 - v. Transport to training facilities as needed
- b) Accommodations (Room and Board, etc.) - Hotel accommodations pursuant to CONCACAF's approval.
 - i. Single room (king bed where available) for Commission Members appointed to the tournament.
 - ii. Double rooms for Referees (two per room).
 - iii. Meals per diem or daily allowance as arranged with and approved by CONCACAF.

V. PARTICIPATING CLUBS

A. Participating clubs will be responsible for:

- a. The conduct of the members of its delegation (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition.
- b. Health, travel and accident insurance coverage for all the members of its delegation throughout the Competition.
- c. Complying with these Regulations (including any appendices) and all other laws, rules, regulations, codes, protocols, directives and decisions as determined in article III.H.
- d. Providing CONCACAF with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. Clubs that fail to provide the CONCACAF with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines will be imposed a fine of \$1,000 USD, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by CONCACAF. The fine will be increased by 50% for each repeated offence.
- e. Applying for visas within the required time as stated by the diplomatic missions of the countries to be visited, when necessary.
- f. Attending press conferences and other official media activities organized by CONCACAF and in accordance with its instructions.
- g. Allowing CONCACAF to use the club's marks for the promotion of the Competition, and allow the event sponsors to use the marks in a collective form only, for the sole purpose of promoting the Competition.
- h. All Clubs and their players and officials participating in the Competition agree to fully respect and comply with:
 - a. The Laws of the Game and the principles of Fair Play;
 - b. The CONCACAF Statutes and all CONCACAF regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives and decisions (including these Regulations);
 - c. All decisions and directives of CONCACAF;
 - d. The FIFA Disciplinary Code, and upon its entry into force, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code.
 - e. The CONCACAF Code of Ethics and the CONCACAF Code of Conduct;
 - f. The FIFA Doping Control Regulations;
 - g. All kit and equipment requirements as per section XIII of these regulations.
 - h. All CONCACAF anti-match manipulation and anti-racism stipulations;
 - i. All CONCACAF marketing and media requirements, including but not limited to, the Team Media Day in which individual and group photos and video will be taken of each team upon their arrival at the venue of their first match.
- i. Participating Clubs will also:
 - a. Take all necessary actions for their players and officials to be bound by and comply with all the aforementioned statutes,

- regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, decisions, stipulations and requirements.
- b. Refrain from any illegal, immoral or unethical behavior that damages, or could damage, the integrity and reputation of football and must cooperate fully with CONCACAF at all times in its efforts to prevent, investigate and sanction such behavior.
 - c. Refrain from (directly or indirectly) referring to your team as an inferior or lesser selection, publicly or in the print, and/or electronic media.
 - d. Be responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so will lead to the consequences stipulated in the applicable regulations.
 - e. Arriving in the host city no later than the two days prior to the first match;
 - f. Providing for their own international travel and local transport and any costs incurred in obtaining visas;
 - g. Paying any airport taxes, laundry costs and tips as are customary;
 - h. Making any reasonable request for guidance, information and assistance from the LOC in good time;
 - i. Advising the LOC no later than one week before the match of their travel arrangements.
 - j. Advising the LOC of any special requests such as additional training requests, transportation needs (both at the teams cost), as well as beverages for training, etc. no later than one week prior to the match;
 - k. Advising the LOC of the approximate number of supporters who will be attending and if they are aware of any problematic supporters who might attend or might try to access the stadium;
 - l. Covering all costs associated with section V. unless otherwise agreed by the LOC.
- j. Clubs, their players and officials participating in the Competition shall agree to fully respect and comply with:
 - a) The Laws of the Game and the principles of Fair Play;
 - b) The CONCACAF Statutes and all CONCACAF regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives and decisions (including these Regulations);
 - c) All decisions and directives of the CONCACAF Council;
 - d) The FIFA Disciplinary Code and upon its approval, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code;
 - e) The CONCACAF Code of Ethics and the CONCACAF Code of Conduct;
 - f) The FIFA Doping Control Regulations;

- g) All CONCACAF protocols during matches and fully cooperate in their enforcement (e.g. CONCACAF protocol for racist incidents during matches);
 - h) All CONCACAF anti-match manipulation and anti-racism stipulations;
 - i) All CONCACAF marketing and media requirements, including but not limited to, the team media day in which individual and group photos and video will be taken of each team upon their arrival at the venue of their first match.
- 2.1 Clubs shall take all necessary actions for their players and officials to be bound by and comply with all the aforementioned statutes, regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, decisions, stipulations and requirements.
- 2.2 Refrain from any illegal, immoral or unethical behavior that damages, or could damage the integrity and reputation of futsal and must cooperate fully with CONCACAF at all times in its efforts to prevent, investigate and sanction such behavior.

VI. ENTRIES

The Champions of the Futsal Leagues of the Member Associations invited to participate in this competition or Member Associations affiliated clubs approved by CONCACAF.

VII. WITHDRAWALS, UNPLAYED AND ABANDONED MATCHES

1. All participating Clubs agree to play all of their matches until they are eliminated from the Competition.
2. Any Club that withdraws from official participation may be replaced by another Club. The Organizing Committee shall make the relevant decision.
3. Such withdrawal will be subject to the following sanctions, after consideration of the relevant facts, including force majeure, if the withdrawal takes place (these must be enforced):
 - a) Before the start of the Competition, a fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000 USD).
 - b) Anytime during the Competition, a fine of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000 USD).
 - c) Depending on the circumstances and the decision of the Organizing Committee, any Club that withdraws at any stage of the Competition may be ordered to reimburse CONCACAF and/or the HA for any expenses already incurred as a result of its proposed involvement or non-involvement in the Competition and also pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.
4. If a team does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the pitch before the end of the match, the team shall be considered as having lost, and as a general rule, shall be excluded from further participation in the Competition, so that none of its matches will be deemed valid.
5. In addition to the above, the team in question shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by CONCACAF, the HA and/or the other participating Club(s). Further measures may be taken by the Organizing Committee.

6. The relevant CONCACAF body shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from the Organizing Committee.
7. If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, CONCACAF's Disciplinary Committee may also take additional actions if appropriate.
8. Further measures may be taken by the CONCACAF Council, which could include the suspension of the Club concerned from any other CONCACAF Futsal Club competitions.
9. Appeals cannot be lodged against these decisions.
10. If a participating Club withdraws during the competition or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, the Organizing Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.
11. Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles will apply:
 - a) The match shall recommence at the minute in which play was interrupted with the same score line, rather than being replayed in full;
 - b) The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;
 - c) No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
 - d) Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
 - e) Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned shall remain valid for the remainder of the match;
 - f) The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the Organizing Committee.

VIII. LAWS OF THE GAME

1. All matches shall be played under the Futsal Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and published by FIFA.
2. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.
3. A maximum of twelve (12) people shall be allowed on each team's bench, five (5) officials and seven (7) substitutes. The name and function of each official must be indicated on the Substitution Bench form.

IX. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

1. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee is responsible for enforcing these Regulations. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entry into force of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarity). In particular, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may apply the sanctions described in these regulations, the CONCACAF Statutes and all other CONCACAF rules, regulations and codes as well as the FIFA Disciplinary Code (and, upon its entry into force, in the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code).
2. In cases of infringement of these and all applicable regulations or unsporting behavior on the part of the participating national teams, their players and/or officials, or in any kind of incident, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
 - a) Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend and/or disqualify the national teams, their players and/or officials.
 - b) Take action against any person(s), national team(s), Club(s), or Member Association(s) which may violate these and all applicable Regulations, the Laws of the Game and/or the rules of Fair Play.
 - c) Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of CONCACAF organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.
3. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may refer to the CONCACAF Council any matter relating to an infringement of these Regulations to

- the CONCACAF Council, as it sees fit, whether for further sanction or any other reason.
4. Decisions taken by CONCACAF's Disciplinary Committee may be based upon written record or by conducting a hearing:
 - a) When making a decision, CONCACAF's Disciplinary Committee may refer to the reports made by the First and Second Referee, additionally they may also refer to reports made by and the Assistant Referees, Timekeeper, Match Commissioners, Referee Assessor, General Coordinator, Technical Delegates, Security Officer, Diversity Officer and/or any other CONCACAF Staff or Officials present during the match. Such reports may be used as evidence towards the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with, the reports shall not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.
 - b) At its discretion, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide any procedures to be followed. Decisions of such hearings shall be valid if a minimum of three members of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee are present.

The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be subject to appeal:

- a. Cautions and censures imposed on club teams, Member Associations, players, officials and other persons.
 - b. Suspensions of up to two matches, or of up to two months, imposed on national teams, club teams, Member Associations, players, officials or any other persons.
 - c. Fines imposed on Member Associations and or their affiliated clubs (not exceeding \$10,000 USD) or on players, officials or any other persons (not exceeding \$3,500 USD).
5. Any imposed economic penalties must be paid by the appropriate Member Association and or their affiliated clubs no later than sixty (60) days after notification thereof.
 6. Cautions and suspensions:
 - a) Cautions received during any other competition are not carried over to the Competition.

- b) A single caution received in the Group Stage of the Final Competition shall not be carried over to the knock-out stages.
- c) Two (2) cautions received in different games in the Group Stage of the Final Competition shall result in automatic suspension from the next game in the competition.
- d) Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the competition.
- e) Unserved suspensions outstanding at the end of a team's participation in the Competition will be carried over to the next official match of the player's club per the FIFA Disciplinary Code and, upon its entry into force, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code.

X. APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. The Appeals Committee shall hear appeals lodged against decisions passed by the Disciplinary Committee.
 - a) Appeals on decisions deemed final according to these regulations shall not be heard. .
2. The Appeals Committee may suppletorily apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entry into force of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarity). In particular, the CONCACAF Appeals Committee may conduct any appeal procedures in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
3. The Appeals Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. The Appeals Committee may additionally, at its sole discretion also consider additional evidence, including television and video recordings, which it considers relevant.
4. Any party intending to appeal must inform the Appeals Committee, via the CONCACAF General Secretariat, of its intention to do so in writing within three days of notification of the decision.
5. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal must transfer an appeal fee of \$3,000 USD to CONCACAF's bank account and submit confirmation of such transfer before expiry of the time limit for submitting the appeal. Such confirmation must be e-mailed to the CONCACAF General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org .
6. If the aforementioned requirements have not been complied with, the appeal is not admissible.

7. Decisions pronounced by the Appeals Committee are final and binding.

XI. PROTESTS

1. Protests, subject to the following provisions, are objections of any-kind connected with the matches of the competition.
2. Protests against the eligibility of players chosen to take part in the competition shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or General Coordinator no later than 24 hours before the match in question. Such protests must be accompanied by a check in the amount of five hundred (\$500 USD) payable to CONCACAF.
3. All other protests shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or the CONCACAF General Coordinator at the match no later than two hours after the game and followed up immediately with a written report, including the original protest, to be sent to the CONCACAF General Secretariat by scan and e-mail or fax (such contact information to be provided in due course).
4. Protests against any incidents that occur during the match shall be directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Commissioner or the CONCACAF General Coordinator no later than two hours after the conclusion of the match in question (such contact information to be provided in due course).
5. Protests against the state of the playing surface, the markings, the accessory equipment (goals, etc.) or the match balls shall be made in writing to the Referee before the start of the match. If the playing surface becomes unplayable during the match, the captain of the team concerned shall immediately inform the Referee in the presence of the opposing team's captain.
6. No protests may be lodged against a referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions are considered final.
7. Member Associations and/or the affiliated Clubs may not bring disputes with CONCACAF before a Court of Justice. They shall undertake to submit any such disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of CONCACAF and/or FIFA.

8. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, a fine may be imposed.
9. The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by CONCACAF, either wholly or in part to the losing party.
10. Once the team has been proclaimed champion of the tournament, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure applied during the competition shall be disregarded.

XII. TEAMS

1. The CONCACAF council determines the number of teams to take part in the competition eight (8).

if the home and away format is used, if it becomes necessary, the FIFA tie breaking procedure (away goals rule) will apply. For avoidance of doubt, goals scored by the away team will count double.
 2. Each team taking part in the competition must arrive and officially present itself two (2) days before its first match and must depart the day following the conclusion of their participation in the tournament.
 3. Each team must attend a team arrival meeting (tam) upon arrival at the competition. The schedule and agenda for such team arrival meeting will be communicated in due course.
 4. Each team must attend a match coordination meeting (mcm) on the day before each match. Such meetings are mandatory and must be attended by representatives both teams. The schedule and agenda for each match coordination meeting will be communicated in due course.
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XIII. MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL

1. Each participating Club is required to have a duly licensed medical professional (i.e., a doctor) as part of their official delegation. Such doctor must be fully integrated and familiar with all medical aspects of the delegation and must remain with the delegation throughout the entire official period of competition. The Match Officials (the Referees) will refer to the team doctor in all cases as required and necessary.
2. CONCACAF shall not be held liable for any injury sustained by any participating player or official. Equally, CONCACAF shall not be held liable for any incident (including death) linked to any injury or health problem(s) of any participating player or official.
3. As stated in these Regulations, each participating Club shall be responsible throughout the Competition for providing health, travel and accident insurance coverage for all members of its delegation throughout the competition.
4. Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision, unless waived by CONCACAF, shall be sanctioned by the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee.
5. In regards to non-traumatic loss of consciousness during a game, the referee will assume cardiac failure until proven otherwise. The hand signal is the right-hand fist against the chest. Such signal will indicate to the team doctor and the medical emergency team (stretcher team) to immediately institute comprehensive resuscitation that includes the use of a defibrillator (AED) and CPR. It is the responsibility of the organizing association to ensure that there is a properly functioning AED immediately at hand and that there is an ambulance with an access and egress plan.
6. During the match if there is a traumatic head injury and concussion to a player, and the player remains on the pitch, the referee shall stop play for a total of three (3) minutes. The hand signal is the right fist on the top of the head. Such signal will indicate to the team doctor to enter the field to assess and manage the player. At this time a Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) will be administered. At the end of the three minutes, at the discretion of the team doctor, the player may be ready to return to play or immobilized appropriately and transported off the field using the standard protocol.

7. Further to the above, in regards to traumatic head injury and concussion, full return to play after a previous concussion must include no signs or symptoms of the previous head injury as well as an acceptable Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) assessment.
8. Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental performance of a player. If there is a medical need as defined by the player's doctor, then a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application must be filled 21 days prior to the competition for chronic conditions and as soon as possible for acute situations. The TUE approval system includes a designated administrative and functional committee that will review applications and certify the exemption as the committee defines.
9. Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant FIFA as well as CONCACAF Regulations, circulars and directives shall apply to all CONCACAF competitions.
10. Every player may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which he competes and to out-of-competition testing at any time and place. Furthermore, reference is made to the FIFA Anti-Doping Control Regulations and the list of prohibited substances and methods per the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
11. If, in accordance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, if a player tests positive for the use of banned substances, the player shall be immediately declared ineligible from further participation in the competition and shall be subject to further sanctions from the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee.

XIV. DURATION, EXTRA TIME AND PENALTY KICKS

1. Each match shall last forty (40) minutes, comprising two periods of twenty (20) minutes with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between.
2. During the knockout stage, a winner must be declared, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, If at the end of the 40 minutes of regular time, the teams remain tied, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the "kicks from the penalty spot" procedure specified in the Futsal Laws of the Game approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.

XV. PITCHES, ARENAS AND TRAINING SITES

1. The playing surface, accessory equipment and all facilities for every match of the competition shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Futsal Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations.
2. Matches must be played only at venues with floodlighting installations that ensure that the whole pitch is evenly lit according to CONCACAF specifications.
3. The teams participating in the Championship will be entitled to a 45 minutes training session in the arena hosting their first match, subject to final approval by CONCACAF. Training times will be communicated by CONCACAF.
4. Whenever possible, the teams will be entitled to warm up on at the stadium before each match. If the stadium is not available due to the match schedule, CONCACAF may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.
5. The LOC shall provide training sites for the teams. They shall be in good condition and approved by CONCACAF at least ten days before the start of the final competition. They shall be situated near the team hotel and made available at least five days before the opening match until one day after the team's last match in the championship.
6. Two days prior to the commencement of the first match of the competition and up to the team's elimination, the participating Clubs shall only utilize training sites officially designated for training by CONCACAF.

XVI. TEAM ENTRY

Eligibility of Players and Team Registration

1. A Club which has entered the competition shall not refer (directly or indirectly) to its selection as an inferior selection publicly or in the print and/or electronic media. A team, which fails to heed this requirement, shall be referred to the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee. Participants in the CONCACAF Futsal Club Championship will have to be under contract and/or agreement with the team that they belong to, they should be adequately registered with the respective Member Association and should be eligible to play in any league match of the current season, in accordance to the FIFA transfer deadlines of each country.
2. Each player must be in possession of a legal individual passport containing an up to date photograph and giving full details on the date of birth (day, month, year) of the player. ***If the player is not in possession of a legal individual passport, they shall not be allowed to participate in the CONCACAF Futsal Club Championship.*** The Member Association will be responsible in verifying that the passport is legal and is not altered. All passports must be valid for at least six (6) months following the conclusion of the tournament.

Provisional List of Players

Participating Clubs must provide (on the official CONCACAF form) their “List of Players” to the clubs@CONCACAF.org , no later than 30 days prior to the kick-off from the opening match of the Competition on August 21,2017. This list is binding and shall contain the names of 24 players (three of which must be goalkeepers). The list of players shall at the minimum contain the following for each player:

- the full last name,
- all first names.
- popular name,
- place and date of birth,
- passport number and its expiration date,

The list of players shall be published by the CONCACAF General Secretariat and will be made public.

Team Delegations and Final Roster

Each participating team club shall submit to CONCACAF's Club Competition its final delegation list of up to 17 people, which must include 12 players (two of which must be goalkeepers) no later than ten (10) business days prior to the opening match of the competition on August 21, 2017. The Final List of Players must come from the Provisional List of Players. The Final List of Players shall be published by CONCACAF's General Secretariat and will be made public.

Injured Players

A listed player may only be replaced in the event of serious injury up to 24 hours before their team's first match, after CONCACAF has received a detailed medical assessment in English and only after acceptance by the CONCACAF Sports Medical Committee and/or the Organizing Committee that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the competition.

The Club shall then immediately nominate the substitute and inform CONCACAF accordingly. The substitute shall be selected from the provision list of 24 players.

Penalties for Late Submission of Rosters

In accordance with the deadlines set out above, any team that fails to meet the stipulated deadlines will be subject to a fine of \$2,500 USD and which must be paid prior to the opening match of the competition.

No changes will be permitted within 24 hours of the opening match of the tournament, or thereafter.

- A. Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 5-0, or more if the opposing team has already achieved a margin of difference in excess of 5-0.

XVII. REFEREEING

1. The referees (referees and second referee) and two assistant referees (third referee and timekeeper), (hereinafter referred to collectively as Match Officials) shall be appointed for each match by the CONCACAF Referees Committee. A reserve assistant referee may also be appointed. If appointed, the only duty of the reserve assistant referee shall be to replace the timekeeper if any of the referees are unable to continue officiating the match. The Match Officials shall be neutral. All decisions made by CONCACAF's Referee Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
2. Match Officials shall receive the official refereeing kit and equipment from CONCACAF. They shall wear and use only this kit during match days.
3. Match Officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
4. After each match, appointed referees shall complete the official CONCACAF report forms. Once completed they will hand it over immediately to the Match Commissioner or the CONCACAF General Coordinator at the venue.
5. On the report form, the referee shall note, along with all the match results, all incidents before, during, and after the match, noting as much detail as possible including-
 - a) Misconduct of players and team officials, leading to caution or expulsion.

- b) Unsportsmanlike behavior of officials and/or any person acting on behalf of the Club at the match.
- c) Unsportsmanlike behavior of any supporters.
- d) Any other incidents.

XVIII. ACCREDITATION

1. The LOC shall issue each official Team Delegation Member with an official accreditation bearing an official photograph.
2. Only those players who are in possession of such an accreditation are entitled to play the matches of the Final Competition. The accreditation should be in possession of the players during their participation in the tournament. In accordance with applicable provisions in these Regulations, accreditation for replaced players shall be returned to CONCACAF.
3. The participating Club shall ensure that all accreditation data required by the Confederations submitted by the deadline stipulated by CONCACAF. Further details shall be outlined in the corresponding CONCACAF circular.

XIX. TEAM EQUIPMENT

1. The participating Clubs shall comply with the current FIFA Equipment Regulations with the exceptions of the provisions regarding Player Names as outlined below. Players and officials are not allowed to visibly display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing kit, equipment or body. Commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials shall not be allowed at any official activity organized by CONCACAF (including in the stadiums for official matches and training sessions, as well as during official media conferences and mixed zone activities). Any violations shall be dealt by the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code and, upon its entry into force, with the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code.
2. The numbers used on the team kits must be from 1 to 12, with number 1 reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers.

Team Colors

3. Each team shall provide proper images of two different and contrasting colors (one predominately dark and one predominately light) to CONCACAF, as its official and reserve team kits (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three (3) contrasting colors for goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from the official and reserve team kits and be available for each goalkeeper or field player that may enter the field as a replacement goalkeeper. This information shall be sent to CONCACAF in the official team color form. Only these colors may be worn at the matches.
4. CONCACAF will inform each team of their designated match colors by means of a circular letter and/or at the match coordination meeting.

Team Kit Approval Procedures

5. Each participating Club may be requested to provide CONCACAF with exact samples, including the names and numbers of the following equipment:
 - a) Official and reserve kits (two sets of shirts, shorts, socks);
 - b) Three different sets of the goalkeeper's kit (shirts, shorts, socks);
 - c) Goalkeeper's gloves and caps;
 - d) All equipment that will be worn by the substitute players and the technical staff sitting on the bench during the tournament's matches. The approval procedure for all such kits and the applicable deadlines will be communicated via a circular letter.
6. During the competition, all equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display in the stadiums, training sites, hotels or during transfers to, from or within the host country must be approved by CONCACAF.
 - a) A third goalkeeper uniform is required in the case that a regular player is to substitute in as a goalkeeper.

Team Kit on Match Days

7. The official and reserve team kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts for the flying goalkeepers) shall be taken to every match.

Players' Sleeve Badges

8. CONCACAF may supply a sufficient number of players' sleeve badges with the official competition logo, which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each jersey. A different CONCACAF campaign logo may be affixed on the left-hand sleeve. CONCACAF will issue a circular letter to the participating Clubs outlining the instructions for use of the players' sleeve badges.

Match Balls

9. The match balls used in the competition shall be selected and exclusively supplied by CONCACAF. The match balls shall conform to the provisions of the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations. They shall bear one of the following designations: the official "FIFA STANDARD PRO" logo, the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo.
10. Each team will receive six (6) training balls from CONCACAF upon arrival in the venue. Only these balls delivered by CONCACAF may be used for training and warm-up sessions in the official stadiums and at the official training sites.

Warm-Up Bibs

11. Only warm-up bibs provided by CONCACAF may be used during official training sessions. This includes practices held at the stadium and for the warm-up of players during the match.

Other Equipment

12. The use of any communication equipment and/or systems between and/or amongst players and/or technical staff is not permitted. CONCACAF will provide more information by means of a circular letter.
13. Smoking is not permitted in the competition areas such as dressing rooms, the tunnel area, the technical areas, and the pitch perimeter areas.

XX. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

1. During the competition, the FIFA and CONCACAF flags, the flag of the host country may be displayed. The FIFA Fair Play flag shall also be hoisted or draped in the stadium, clearly visible from the VIP box.
2. The CONCACAF anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the field of play.

XXI. TECHNICAL RULES

The CONCACAF Championship Phase

1. The CONCACAF Futsal Club Championship shall consist of no more than eight (8) teams. Each region within the Confederation shall be represented in the CONCACAF Championship as determined by the CONCACAF Council.
2. CONCACAF will conduct a draw to determine the groups and group positions.
3. The CONCACAF Championship shall be played in a single venue. The eight (8) teams shall be divided into a Group Stage consisting of two groups of four teams followed by Semi-Finals and Finals.

Group A	Group B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4

4. The top two teams from each Group shall advance to the Semi-Finals, with the top team from each Group playing the second-place team from the other Group.
5. The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:
 - a) Greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
 - b) Goal difference in all group matches;

- c) Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;

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

- d) Greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - e) Goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - f) Greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
 - g) Drawing of lots
1. At the end of Group Stage play, and should two or more teams finish tied in points (including ties among second place teams), the manner in which teams will advance to the next round will be resolved as follows and in the order indicated:
 - a. Greater number of points in matches between the tied teams;
 - b. Greater goal difference in matches between the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
 - c. Greater number of goals scored in matches among the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal in points);
 - d. Greater goal difference in all group matches;
 - e. Great number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - f. Drawing of lots.
 6. The two Semi-Final winners shall advance to the Final and determine the CONCACAF Champion. The two Semi-Final losers will play in the third-place match.
 7. If a Semi-Final, Final or 3rd/4th place match is tied at the end of the regulatory 40 minutes, overtime and penalty kicks as outlined in Article 13 will be utilized to determine the winner.

XXII. MEDIA, ADVERTISING AND MERCHANDISING

1. A media officer may be included as part of the official delegation of each participating Club.
2. Marketing, Radio, Television, Promotion and Advertising rights for the CONCACAF Futsal Club Championship belong exclusively to CONCACAF.
3. Concessions for souvenir sales, official programs and others of a similar nature are fully vested with CONCACAF.
4. Rights for merchandising of the event, both on and off site, exclusively belong to CONCACAF.
5. Technical Films/Tapes - Permission to make technical films/tapes, exclusively reserved for the use of a participating Club concerned, must be obtained from the CONCACAF.
6. Logo - Only the logo sent by CONCACAF and its regulations of use may be used for promoting the event. All use must be pre-approved by CONCACAF before publication.
7. Web Pages - Before attaching the CONCACAF web page to the event, approval by CONCACAF must be granted.
8. Participating teams shall also agree to abide by any advertising provisions issued by CONCACAF.

XXIII. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The participating Clubs shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:

1. Board and lodging of the competition in excess of the amounts paid by CONCACAF, including rental of meeting rooms and audio/visual technical equipment.
2. Cost associated with additional members of the association's delegation (in excess of 17 people).

XXIV. TROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS

1. CONCACAF will present the winning team with the CONCACAF Championship trophy.
2. The champion shall receive 17 gold medals, the runner-up 17 silver medals and the third-place team 17 bronze medals.

Special awards will be presented to the following:

a) The Most Valuable Player (Golden Ball)

The Golden Ball Award will be awarded to the Most Valuable Player in the tournament, as determined by CONCACAF.

b) The Top Scorer (Golden Boot)

The Golden Boot Award will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the Championship. If two or more players score the same number of goals, the one with the most assists (as determined by members of the CONCACAF) will receive the award.

If two or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total minutes played in the competition will be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes shall be ranked first.

c) The Best Goalkeeper (Golden Glove)

The Golden Glove will be awarded to the best goalkeeper in the Final Competition based on a ranking compiled by the CONCACAF.

d) The team with the best Fair Play performance (Fair Play Award)

The Fair Play award shall be awarded to the team, which has shown the best sporting spirit and fair play during the tournament in accordance with the Fair Play Regulations.

3. There will be no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the Organizing Committee.

All players and teams that take part in CONCACAF's Competition cannot under any circumstances receive prizes and/or awards other than those

listed above without the expressed authorization of CONCACAF, except those originating from their Associations.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The CONCACAF Organizing Committee, in conjunction with the Hosting Association, shall issue any instructions needed by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

XXV. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- a. Any matters not provided for in these Regulations and any cases of *force majeure* will be decided by the CONCACAF Council. All decisions will be final and binding and not subject to appeal.
- b. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, Spanish or French texts of these Regulations, the English text will be authoritative.
- c. In case of discrepancy in the interpretation of these regulations, the CONCACAF interpretation will prevail.
- d. The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is the property of CONCACAF.
- e. Any waiver by CONCACAF of any breach of these Regulations (including of any document referred to in these Regulations) will not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any breach of any other provision or a waiver of any right arising out of these Regulations or any other document. Any such waiver will only be valid if given in writing. Failure by CONCACAF to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one or more occasions will not be considered to be a waiver of, or deprive CONCACAF of the right to subsequently insist upon strict adherence to that provision or any other provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations.

- f. Enforcement: these Regulations were approved by the CONCACAF Council on July 7, 2017 and came into force immediately thereafter.

Miami, 7 July 2017

For the CONCACAF Council

CONCACAF President

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