



U-15 BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

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CONCACAF U-15 Boys' Championship is a Development Tournament within the Confederation.



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GENERAL PROVISIONS

I. THE CONCACAF UNDER-15 BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship (hereinafter: the Competition) is a development competition within the Confederation.
2. The competition is played every two years and shall take place when and where the CONCACAF Council determines.
3. The competition shall be played among the forty (40) of the forty-one (41) Member Associations from CONCACAF. Each zone of CONCACAF being represented as determined by the CONCACAF Council.
4. The CONCACAF U-15 Boy's Championship shall be governed by these Regulations
5. CONCACAF shall be responsible for organizing, hosting and staging the Competition.
6. Any rights that are not ceded by these Regulations to any participating Member Association or any other party shall exclusively belong to CONCACAF.
7. These Regulations for the 2017 CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship (hereinafter: the Regulations) regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all taking part in the Competition. The Regulations, the CONCACAF Statutes and all other CONCACAF rules, regulations, circulars, directives and decisions in force shall apply and are binding on all Participating Member Associations and their respective national teams and on all persons involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the Competition.

II. THE CONCACAF UNDER-15 BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. The CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship Organizing Committee (hereinafter: Organizing Committee) appointed by the CONCACAF Council is responsible for the organization of the Competition. The CONCACAF Council retains the right for all final decisions.
2. The Organizing Committee shall, amongst other matters, be responsible for:

- a. Supervising general preparations, determining the competition system, as well as forming the competition groups for the Tournament
- b. Approving the match schedule and kick-off times;
- c. Fixing the dates, venues, stadia for training sessions, and tournament matches;
- d. Designation of General Coordinators, Assistant General Coordinators; Technical Study Groups, Referees, Referee Assessors and Disciplinary Committee Members;
- e. Executing and coordinating the operations and logistics of the tournament
- f. Replacing Member Associations that have withdrawn from the Competition;
- g. Settling cases of force majeure;
- h. 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.

III. TERRITORY OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition is being held in the territory of the United States of America with the authorization of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). However, the USSF has no involvement, obligations nor responsibilities in relation to the organization, hosting and staging of the Competition. CONCACAF shall be fully responsible for organizing, hosting and staging the Competition.

IV. PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

1. Each Participating Member Association shall be responsible throughout the Competition 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 cover for all the members of its delegation throughout the Competition.

- c. Paying for their own air travel to and from the host country, any costs in obtaining visas for their delegation, and all tips for Services rendered as appropriate at the hotels, airports, taxis, etc., with the exception of the support provided by CONCACAF to assist countries which must travel to another country to interview for their visas.
 - d. Credit Card to pay for all incidental expenses including laundry for team uniforms incurred by its delegation members during the course of their stay in the host countries and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation in excess of the 23-official member delegation.
 - e. Paying for any costs of extending the stay of any member of its delegation throughout the Competition, unless otherwise approved by CONCACAF.
 - f. Providing CONCACAF with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. Member Associations that fail to provide CONCACAF with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed a fine of \$3,000 USD, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by the Organizing Committee or CONCACAF Council. The fine shall be increased by 50% for each repeated offence.
 - g. Applying for visas in a timely manner from the diplomatic mission of the host country or countries, as necessary.
 - h. Attending press conferences and other official media activities organized by CONCACAF and in accordance with its instructions.
 - i. Complying with all media/advertising/merchandising directives issued by CONCACAF
 - j. Allowing CONCACAF to use its Association 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. CONCACAF may issue separate guidelines that cover the commercial usage of player images.
2. All delegations shall arrive at least two (2) days prior to the commencement of the Competition, and they shall leave one day after

having finished their participation in the Competition, either by way of elimination, or by reason of the Competition having been concluded.

3. Member Associations and 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 entry into force, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code;
 - e. The CONCACAF Code of Ethics and the CONCACAF Code of Conduct;
 - f. All CONCACAF protocols during matches and fully cooperate in their enforcement (e.g. CONCACAF protocol for racist incidents during matches);
 - g. All CONCACAF anti-match manipulation and anti-racism stipulations;
 - h. All CONCACAF marketing and media requirements.
- 3.1 Member Associations 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.
 - 3.2 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.

V. ENTRIES FOR THE CONCACAF UNDER-15 BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Under-15 national teams of CONCACAF Member Associations have the right to participate in the Competition.

2. Under-15 national teams from other FIFA confederations may be invited to participate in the Competition.

VI. WITHDRAWALS, UNPLAYED MATCHES AND ABANDONED MATCHES

1. All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches until they are eliminated from the Competition.
2. Any Member Association that withdraws from official participation can be replaced by another Member Association. 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:
 - a. Before the start of the Competition a fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000 USD).
 - b. During the Competition, a fine of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000 USD).
 - c. Depending on the circumstances and the decision of the Organizing Committee, any Member Association that withdraws at any stage of the Competition may be ordered to reimburse CONCACAF and the LOC 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 a 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 and/or the other Participating Member Association(s), and shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from CONCACAF. 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, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may also take additional actions if necessary.
8. Furthermore, the Member Association in question may be disqualified from taking part in the next two editions of the Competition. Further measures may be taken by the CONCACAF Council, including the suspension of the Member Association concerned from any other CONCACAF competition.
9. No appeals can be lodged against these decisions.
10. If a Participating Member Association withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure (which includes the loss of power at the stadium), CONCACAF 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 at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same score line;
 - 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. the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
 - e. players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
 - f. any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;

- g. the kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the Organizing Committee.

VII. LAWS OF THE GAME

1. Excepting for art. XVII.1 (duration of the matches) and art. XX.1 (Seven (7) substitutes during the matches) or any other specific rules contained in the Regulations, all matches will be played under the 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.

VIII. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

1. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee is responsible for enforcing these Regulations. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may suppletorily apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entree into force of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarily). In particular, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may apply the sanctions described in these regulations, the CONCACAF Statutes and all other CONCACAF rules and regulations as well as the FIFA Disciplinary Code (and, upon its enforcement, 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) or Member Association(s) which may violate these Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play.
 - c. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of the 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 as it sees fit whether for further sanction or any other reason.

4. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written record or by conducting a hearing.
 - a. When making a decision, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may refer to the reports made by the Referee, Assistant Referees, Fourth official, Referee Inspector, General Coordinator, technical delegate, security officer, diversity officer and/or any other CONCACAF staff or officials present. Such reports may be used as evidence but only in so far as the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and 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 only be valid if at least three members of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee are present.
5. The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be subject to appeal:
 - a. Cautions and censures imposed on Member Associations, players, officials and other persons.
 - b. Suspensions of up to two matches, or of up to two months, imposed on Member Associations, players, officials or any other persons.
 - c. Fines imposed on Member Associations (not exceeding \$10,000 USD) or on players, officials or any other persons (not exceeding \$3,500 USD).
6. All imposed economic penalties must be paid by the appropriate Member Association no later than sixty (60) days after notification thereof.
7. Cautions and suspensions:
 - a. Cautions received during any other competition are not carried over to the Competition.
 - b. Single yellow cards will accumulate throughout the tournament.

- c. Two (2) cautions received in different games in the Competition shall result in an automatic suspension from the next game in the Competition.
- d. Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served in the matches following the red card
- e. Unserved suspensions outstanding at the end of a team's participation in the Competition will not carry over to any other competition.

IX. APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. The CONCACAF Appeals Committee shall hear appeals eligible to be lodged against decisions taken by the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee.
2. The CONCACAF Appeals Committee may suppletorily apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entree into force of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarily). In particular, the CONCACAF Appeals Committee may conduct any appeals procedures in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
3. The CONCACAF 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 CONCACAF Appeals Committee may additionally, at its sole discretion, also consider additional evidence, including television and video recordings, which it considers relevant.
4. Decisions pronounced by the Appeals Committee are final and binding.

X. PROTESTS

1. Protests, subject to the following provisions, are objections of any kind connected with 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 General Coordinator or CONCACAF representative not later than 24 hours before the first match of the Competition. Such protests must be accompanied by a check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500 USD) payable to CONCACAF.
3. All other protests shall be submitted in writing to the General Coordinator or CONCACAF representative at the match not 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
4. Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be directed to the Referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the CONCACAF General Coordinator or CONCACAF representative at the match not later than two hours after the match in question.
 5. Protests against the state of the pitch, the markings, the accessory equipment (goals, etc.) or the football shall be made in writing to the Referee before the start of the match. If the turf 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 made against the Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
 7. Member Associations 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 winning team of the Competition has been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during the competition shall be disregarded.

XI. MEDICAL

1. Each participating Member Association 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 such 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 Member Association 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 shall be sanctioned by the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee.
5. In regards to non-traumatic loss of consciousness during a game, the Referee will assume sudden cardiac failure until proven otherwise. In such instances, the Referee will signal (hand to the chest) 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 Hosting 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 field of play, the Referee will signal (hand to the top of the head) to the team doctor to enter the field to assess and manage the player. Up to three minutes should be sufficient time to make this assessment. Once the player has left the field of play, he must be given a Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) or similar test. It is the responsibility of the team doctor to determine the player's ability to return to play.
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.

XII. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

1. Marketing, radio, digital, television and advertising rights for the Competition are fully vested with CONCACAF.
2. Concessions for souvenir sales, official programs and others of a similar nature for the Competition are fully vested with CONCACAF.

3. Rights for the merchandising of the event, both on and off site, for the Competition, exclusively belong to CONCACAF.
4. Permission to make technical films or tapes, exclusively reserved for the use of a participating Member Association concerned, must be obtained from the CONCACAF General Secretariat.
5. Any use of the event trademarks and logos must first receive the approval of CONCACAF.
6. CONCACAF shall be granted the right by each association to use its marks, logos, player images and emblems for the sole purpose of promoting the competition.

Express Agreements

The Participating Member Associations shall agree, as a condition of their participation in the 2017 CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship:

- a. To abide by any advertising provisions issued by CONCACAF.
- b. To abide by the Commercial Guidelines and/or the Commercial Regulations as issued by CONCACAF.
- c. To provide to CONCACAF the right to use the official Member Association marks on a royalty free basis and without restriction as follows:
 - i. for the purposes of promoting the event and CONCACAF institutional and media rights holders including television, radio, internet and media,
 - ii. for use individually by CONCACAF paired with the opponent's logo for match-day specific ticket sales and promotions

Broadcast Rights and Matters

PMAs may not license any media rights for this event, including but not necessarily limited to television, radio, and internet.

Each participant in the 2017 CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship, including players, coaches, team officials, Referees and officials, agrees to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified and otherwise recorded during the 2017

CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship under the conditions and for the purposes now or hereinafter authorized by CONCACAF in relation to the promotion of the championship, CONCACAF and the sport of football. Each participant further agrees to comply with and be bound by the CONCACAF Statutes, rules and regulations.

Participating teams agree to provide to CONCACAF the right to use collective and individual player images as follows:

- a. Collective player images (within the scope of an action shot) to promote the tournament by CONCACAF.
- b. Individual player images for promotion of matches exclusively by CONCACAF and the PMAs, and/or in promotional materials, aimed at ticket sales and tune-ins.

PMAs wishing to record for re-broadcast or livestream matches or parts of matches at the 2017 CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship should contact the CONCACAF Media Department for express written permission. Permission to stream the matches on forums such as Federation web pages, Facebook or Twitter may be granted in exchange for certain concessions to be denominated at the sole discretion of CONCACAF. The initial deadline for such applications will be June 30, 2017.

Notwithstanding the above, PMAs and their delegation members are prohibited from recording or making video imagery of matches or other events within the premises of the 2017 CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship stadium, without the express written consent of CONCACAF.

THE COMPETITION

XIII. TEAMS

1. The CONCACAF Council determines the number of teams to take part in the Competition. The number of teams taking part in the 2017 CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship has been fixed at 40.
 - a. Each team taking part in the Competition must arrive and officially present itself two (2) days before its first match.
 - b. 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.

XIV. TEAM ENTRY

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS AND TEAM REGISTRATION

1. Eligible players to participate in the tournament shall be born on January 1, 2002 and thereafter.
2. Each Participating Member Association shall select its national representative team from the best players who are nationals of its country and under its jurisdiction, and are eligible for selection in accordance with the provisions of the applicable FIFA Regulations.
 - a. NON-FIFA Members and Members with Belonger Status, due to the stringent naturalization standards in their territories, may have on their roster:
 - i. A maximum of five (5) non-citizen players who hold Permanent Resident/Residency or Belonger Status in each of the respective territories and who fully meet the tournament age and other requirements (born on or after January 1, 2002)
 - ii. Such Permanent Resident/Residency or Belonger Status will have to be proven by means of the presentation of the proper “legal/official” documentation issued by each of your territories governmental authorities (Permanent Residency card or similar document)
3. A Member Association participating in the Competition shall ensure, as a condition of its participation, that every member of its official delegation (officials and players) be included in the team’s Official Delegation List and complete an entry form to be specified by CONCACAF.
4. Each player must be in possession of a legal individual passport containing an up-to-date photograph and giving full particulars on the date of birth (day, month and year) of the player. If a player is not in possession of a legal individual passport, he shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition. The passport must not expire until six months after the end of the tournament.
5. Players passport copies must be submitted along with the Provisional List of Players set out in these Regulations.
6. Upon arrival at the venue of the Competition each Member Association’s head of delegation or team administrator shall immediately submit the

individual passports of its players for verification to the designated representative of CONCACAF.

7. The Member Associations shall be responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the applicable regulations.

PROVISIONAL LIST OF PLAYERS

Participating Member Associations must provide (on the official CONCACAF form) their “List of Players” via the tournament specific email, CU15C@concacaf.org, no later than July 13, 2017. This list shall contain the names of 30 players and shall become binding on August 3, 2017, the deadline date for the Final List. The list will be used for event promotion and data management. 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,
- name and country of the club.

TEAM DELEGATIONS AND FINAL ROSTER

Each Participating Member Association shall submit to the CONCACAF via the tournament specific email its Final Delegation list of up to 23 persons (CONCACAF shall only be responsible for 23 persons), which must include 18 players (two of whom shall be goalkeepers) and 5 staff members (one of which shall be a licensed medical professional i.e. doctor), no later than August 3, 2017.

PENALTIES FOR LATE SUBMISSION OF ROSTER

In accordance with the deadlines set out above, any team that fails to meet the stipulated deadlines will be subject to a fine of \$3,000 USD and which shall be payable before the opening match of the Competition.

INJURED PLAYERS

A listed player may only be replaced in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before the team’s first match, after CONCACAF has received a detailed medical assessment (in English). The substitute shall

be selected from the provisional list of 30 players.

XV. REFEREEING

1. The Referees, assistant Referees, fourth officials and reserve assistant Referees (hereinafter referred to collectively as match officials) shall be appointed for each match by the CONCACAF Referees Committee. They shall be neutral. The decisions of the CONCACAF Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
2. If the Referee is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, such Referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. If one of the assistant Referees is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, such assistant Referee shall be replaced by the reserve assistant Referee.
3. The match officials shall receive the official Refereeing kit and equipment from CONCACAF. They shall wear and use only this kit on match days.
4. The match officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
5. After each match the Referee shall complete the official CONCACAF report forms and hand it over immediately after the match to the CONCACAF General Coordinator at the venue as directed.
6. On the report form, the Referee shall note, along with all the match results, all incidents before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible, such as:
 - a. Misconduct of players and team officials, leading to caution or expulsion.
 - b. Unsporting behavior of officials and/or any person acting on behalf of the Member Association at a match.
 - c. Unsporting behavior of any supporters.
 - d. Any other incidents.

XVI. DURATION, EXTRA TIME, PENALTY KICKS

1. Each match shall last 70 minutes, comprising two periods of 35 minutes with an interval of 10 minutes in between.

2. In the group stage, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the result will stand as a tie.
3. In the Championship Game, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, two 10 minute overtime periods will be played. If the score is still tied at the end of overtime, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
4. At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (35 and 70 minutes), the Referee shall indicate to the fourth official, orally or by gesturing with his/her hands, the number of minutes that he/she has decided to allow for time lost. Each allowance for lost time shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official and announced by the public address announcer to those in attendance.

XVII. ACCREDITATION

1. CONCACAF shall issue each official Team Delegation Member and match official with an official accreditation that will serve as their room key and meal card. If lost the MA or match official will be responsible for paying for a new one.
2. Only those players who are in possession of such an accreditation are entitled to play the matches of the Competition. The accreditation should always be available. In accordance with applicable provisions in these Regulations, accreditation for replaced players shall be returned to CONCACAF.
3. The Participating Member Associations shall ensure that all accreditation data required by CONCACAF is submitted by the deadline stipulated by CONCACAF. Further details shall be outlined in the corresponding CONCACAF circular.

XVIII. START LIST

1. All 18 players shall be named on the start list for each match (11 selected players and 7 substitutes). All the seven substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match.
2. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond to the numbers indicated on the start list. The start list shall be signed by the head coach.

3. Each team is responsible for arriving at the stadium at the latest 90 minutes before the kick-off of the respective match and for providing the completed start list to the CONCACAF General Coordinator upon such arrival.
4. Each team is responsible for ensuring that the start list is completed properly and submitted on time, and that only the selected players start the match. In the case of any discrepancies, the matter will be submitted to the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee.
5. If any of the 11 players submitted on the start list are not able to begin the match due to sudden injury or illness, they may be replaced by any of the eligible substitutes as long as the CONCACAF General Coordinator is officially informed prior to kick-off.
6. Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the start list will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be selected as a substitute player at any time during the game. Such a change to the start list will not reduce the number of official substitutions that may be made by a team during the match.
7. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list may be seated on the substitutes' bench.
8. Only the players who were identified on the official start list submitted to the CONCACAF General Coordinator, or were confirmed as a warm-up injury/illness replacement player, may start the match. In the case of any discrepancies of players on the pitch at the beginning of a match, the matter will be submitted to the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee for a decision.

SUBSTITUTES' BENCH

9. No more than 12 people (5 officials and 7 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials and their functions must be indicated on the "Officials on the Substitutes' Bench" form to be provided by the "fourth official" prior to the match to the CONCACAF General Coordinator. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench.

XIX. TEAM EQUIPMENT

1. The Participating Member Associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. No names will be required on the

player's uniforms. The display of political, religious, or personal messages or slogans in any language or form by players and officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not 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 with by the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code and, upon its entry into force, with the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code.

TEAM COLORS

2. Each Participating Member Association shall provide CONCACAF of two different and contrasting colors (one predominately dark and one predominately light) for its official and reserve team kits (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colors for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the official and reserve team kits. Each goalkeeper must have these three kit options. This information shall be sent to CONCACAF on the requested date via circular letter. Only these colors may be worn at the matches.
3. CONCACAF will inform the teams of the colors that they shall wear for each match by means of a circular letter and/or at the match coordination meetings.

PLAYERS' NUMBERS

4. Throughout the Competition, each player shall wear the number assigned to them on the final list, these numbers must be between 1 to 18. Such number shall be displayed on the front and back of their shirt and on their shorts in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The colors of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light or dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

GOALKEEPERS' SHIRTS WITHOUT NAME AND NUMBER

5. In addition to all of the above (and as the only exception), each team shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers. These shirts will only be used in those special circumstances in which an

outfield player must take the position of goalkeeper during a match. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three colors as the regular goalkeeper shirts.

TEAM KIT ON MATCH DAYS

6. The official and reserve team kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts without names and numbers) shall be taken to every match.

FOOTBALLS

7. The footballs used in the Competition shall be selected and exclusively supplied by CONCACAF. The footballs 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” or “FIFA Inspected” reference.
8. Each team will receive ten (10) training balls from CONCACAF upon arrival in their first 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

9. Only warm-up bibs provided by CONCACAF may be used for the warm-up of players during the match.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

10. 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.
11. Smoking is not permitted in the competition areas such as the dressing rooms, the tunnel areas, the technical areas, and the pitch perimeter areas.

XX. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. The CONCACAF Championship shall be played in a single venue. The 40 teams shall be divided into 3 divisions. Division 1 will be two groups of 4 teams (A and B) equaling 8 teams. Division 2 will be 4 groups of 4 teams (C, D, E and F) equaling 16 teams. Division 3 will be 4 groups of 4 teams (G, H, I, and J) equaling 16 teams

		Group A	Group B		
		A1	B1		
Division 1		A2	B2		
		A3	B3		
		A4	B4		
	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	
	C1	D1	E1	F1	
Division 2	C2	D2	E2	F2	
	C3	D3	E3	F3	
	C4	D4	E4	F4	
	Group G	Group H	Group I	Group J	
	G1	H1	I1	J1	
Division 3	G2	H2	I2	J2	
	G3	H3	I3	J3	
	G4	H4	I4	J4	

The matches in the groups shall be played in a Round Robin format, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

2. 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 be ranked in each group will be determined as follows:
 - a. Greatest number of points obtained in group matches
 - b. Goal difference in all group matches (if more than two teams finish equal on points)
 - c. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches
 - d. Greatest number of points obtained in group matches between the teams concerned;
 - e. Drawing of lots

Division 1:

3. The Semi-Final:
 - Semifinal 1 - 1st place Group A vs 2nd place Group B
 - Semifinal 2 - 1st place Group B vs 2nd place Group A
 - 3rd place finisher in Group A vs 3rd place finisher in Group B
 - 4th place finisher in Group A vs 4th place finisher in Group B

The Championship Final:

Winner of Semifinal 1 vs Winner of Semifinal 2 will play the final

4. The Final round match-ups shall be as follows:

Division 2:

1st place finisher in Group C vs 1st place finisher in Group D
1st place finisher in Group E vs 1st place finisher in Group F
2nd place finisher in Group C vs 2nd place finisher in Group D
2nd place finisher in Group E vs 2nd place finisher in Group F
3rd place finisher in Group C vs 3rd place finisher in Group D
3rd place finisher in Group E vs 3rd place finisher in Group F
4th place finisher in Group C vs 4th place finisher in Group D
4th place finisher in Group E vs 4th place finisher in Group F

Division 3:

1st place finisher in Group G vs 1st place finisher in Group H
1st place finisher in Group I vs 1st place finisher in Group J
2nd place finisher in Group G vs 2nd place finisher in Group H
2nd place finisher in Group I vs 2nd place finisher in Group J
3rd place finisher in Group G vs 3rd place finisher in Group H
3rd place finisher in Group I vs 3rd place finisher in Group J
4th place finisher in Group G vs 4th place finisher in Group H
4th place finisher in Group I vs 4th place finisher in Group J

XXI. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

1. The Participating Member Associations shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:
 - a. Adequate insurance to cover their Team Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risk, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease, and travel in consideration of the applicable FIFA rules or regulations on the release of players to association teams. Proof of insurance must be submitted to the CONCACAF General Secretariat 15 days before the first match of the Competition **no later than July 31, 2017.**
 - b. Paying for their own air travel to and from IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, costs in obtaining visas for their

delegation as designated by CONCACAF, and all tips for services rendered as appropriate at the hotels, airports, taxis, etc

- c. Board and lodging of the Competition in excess of the amounts paid by CONCACAF, including rental of meeting rooms and audio/visual technical equipment.
- d. Cost associated with additional members of the association's delegation (in excess of 23 people).

2. CONCACAF shall bear the costs of the following:

- a. All domestic ground transportation for official competition functions, including to and from the airport, for matches, training sessions, and match coordination meetings match day minus 2 of Member Association's first official game until the day following their last official game;
- b. Board and lodging for 23 persons from each participating Member Association at IMG Academy.
- c. Economy air travel, room and board, and approved per diem for the match officials;
- d. Approved traveling and daily expenses of designated members of any committees, technical or other staff (as determined by the CONCACAF General Secretariat).

XXII. TROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS

1. CONCACAF will present the winning national team with the CONCACAF Under-15 Boys' Championship trophy.
2. The champion shall receive 23 gold medals, the runner up 23 silver medals
3. A Certificate of Participation will be provided to all players participating in the Competition.
4. There will be no additional official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by CONCACAF.

The players and teams of Member Associations who take part in CONCACAF's Competitions 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.

FINAL PROVISIONS

XXIII. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

CONCACAF shall issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations. All circulars issued by CONCACAF related to this Competition shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

XXIV. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

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

XXV. LANGUAGES

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

XXVI. COPYRIGHT

The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is the property of CONCACAF. Copyright of the fixtures and matches adopted by the CONCACAF Council and drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these regulations are the property of CONCACAF

XXVII. NO WAIVER

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 shall 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.

XXVIII. ENFORCEMENT

These Regulations come into force immediately on circulation by CONCACAF.