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# EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

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The overriding principle of the FIFA Equipment Regulations is to treat all Member Associations on an equal basis in the spirit of fair play and to allow Manufacturers to enhance our sport, fostering medical protection and performance support as well as aesthetic creativity and design. In return, those parties are expected to follow the rules outlined on the subsequent pages.

We wish to draw your attention to the fact that there are some differences in the requirements for Equipment used in football matches held on the occasion of a Final Competition or a Preliminary Competition.

These Regulations are also intended to provide an example for the Member Associations and Confederations to adjust their own competition regulations accordingly. A global and consistent policy for the use of Equipment will be for the benefit of all parties involved.

#### The terms given below denote the following:

**Association:** any football association recognised by FIFA. It is a member of FIFA, unless a different meaning is evident from the context.

**Cap:** any head gear in the form of a cap, hat, knitted cap or bonnet, including any goalkeeper caps and further caps, whether worn inside the Pitch Area by any Players or Team Officials.

**Club:** any football club whose representative team participates in the FIFA Club World Cup.

**Collar Zone:** the band which is 5cm wide around the neck of the jersey, shirt or top starting at the neck opening (where no actual collar is presented) or at the base of a clearly defined structural collar as indicated in the illustrations in Annexe A

**Colour:** one single colour from the Pantone® or Pantone Matching System® (PMR®) catalogue or referenced by another international colour matching system for one selected colour. Any variation of a Pantone® colour other than a variation resulting from different materials used in an Equipment item or reference of another international colour matching system is considered another colour.

**Competition Regulations:** the relevant regulations for a FIFA Event as issued by the FIFA Executive Committee, being the binding regulations for the relevant FIFA Event regulating the rights, duties and responsibilities of all Member Associations participating in the Preliminary Competition or the Final Competition.

**Confederation:** a group of Associations recognised by FIFA that belong to the same continent (or assimilable geographic region).

**Congress:** the supreme and legislative body of FIFA.

**Controlled Stadium Area:** the Pitch Area of a stadium as well as the team dressing rooms, stands, mixed zones, interview rooms, media and television facilities and VIP rooms.

**Country Name:** the official name of the country of the Member Association, including standardised abbreviations thereof.

**Decorative Elements:** a representation of geometric figures, designs and further aesthetic elements, which are added to, and used in, the design of any Equipment item as further defined in art. 8 below.

**Elbow Point:** the exact position where the upper arm ends and the forearm starts at the elbow as indicated in the illustrations in Annexe A.

**Equipment:** all garments and apparel items, in particular items listed in Annexe A, whether already existing or hereafter invented, which are worn by the following individuals involved in a Match:

- a) Players;
- b) Team Officials;
- c) Match Officials; and
- d) Ball boys and girls, player escorts and flag bearers.

Equipment includes Playing Equipment items, Special Equipment items, football boots and shinguards.

**Executive Committee:** the executive body of FIFA.

**FIFA:** the Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

**FIFA Event:** any football competition that features the representative teams of Member Associations and is organised by, or under the auspices of, FIFA, including each of the two separate phases of the competition, being the Preliminary Competition and the Final Competition.

**FIFA World Champions Badge:** a special badge designed by FIFA and provided to the reigning champion of the latest edition of the FIFA World Cup™, the FIFA Women's World Cup™, the FIFA Club World Cup, the FIFA Futsal World Cup or the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup.

**Final Competition:** the final competition of a FIFA Event which is scheduled to take place in a host country appointed by FIFA featuring those Member Associations whose representative teams have qualified as a result of the Preliminary Competition.

**Foundation Year:** means the official year of the foundation of the Member Association displayed in a script or figure.

**IFAB:** The International Football Association Board.

**International List:** the International FIFA Referee List as issued by FIFA on an annual basis.

**Laws of the Game:** the rules defining the sport of association football in the form authorised by The IFAB, as potentially amended by The IFAB from time to time, including their official interpretation and guidelines for referees.

**Manufacturer:** a company that designs, produces (directly or through a non-branded licensee) and sells products bearing its own registered trademarks for use in the sports market. Suppliers or further entities distributing such products are not considered Manufacturers.

**Manufacturer's Identification:** a registered trademark of a Manufacturer which is displayed on an Equipment item in a manner defined in art. 39 par. 1.

**Match:** any football match held in connection with a FIFA Event as well as any Preliminary Olympic Match.

**Match Commissioner:** the official Match commissioner who is appointed and entrusted by FIFA with supervising the orderly organisation of a Match and ensuring that FIFA's regulations and instructions are observed.

**Match Officials:** collectively all referees, assistant referees, the fourth official on the International List and any further appointed match officials. When applicable, it also includes the fifth official as well as the additional assistant referees.

**Media and Marketing Regulations:** the regulations issued, and to be issued, by FIFA governing the manner in which:

- a) all commercial rights relating to a Final Competition and/or a Preliminary Competition may be exploited;
- the media and marketing rights to Matches held in a Final Competition and/or a Preliminary Competition are protected for the benefit of FIFA and the Member Associations.

**Member Association:** an Association that has been admitted into membership of FIFA by the Congress.

**National Flag:** the officially recognised national flag of the country of the Member Association, or parts thereof, in its exact geometric form or a proportional representation thereof.

**National Team Nickname:** a descriptive name or designation given to the representative team of a Member Association which is commonly and publicly used in the country of the Member Association and abroad. A slogan, campaign or similar message associated with a representative team or Member Association shall not be considered a National Team Nickname.

**Number Zone:** the zone that must be created on the back and/or on the front of the shirt pursuant to art. 6 par. 4 to ensure the legibility of the numbering.

**Official Equipment:** the Playing Equipment that a Member Association's representative team normally wears as its first choice.

**Official Member Association Emblem:** the official emblem or logo (whether registered or unregistered) selected by a Member Association to commonly and publicly represent the Member Association.

**Official Member Association Mascot:** the official mascot (whether registered or unregistered) selected by a Member Association to be commonly and publicly identified with, or to represent, the representative team of a Member Association or the Member Association itself.

**Official Member Association Name:** the official name and designation of a Member Association as notified to the FIFA general secretariat, in the national language(s) of the relevant country or the Member Association or in any other official FIFA language, as well as commonly and publicly used abbreviations thereof.

**Official Member Association Symbol:** any commonly and publicly used symbol or graphic element (whether registered or unregistered), other than the Official Member Association Emblem, as selected by the Member Association to officially represent the representative team of a Member Association or the Member Association itself, including any official national symbol of the country of the Member Association.

**Pitch Area:** the field of play and its immediate surroundings inside a stadium, including tunnels, technical areas and warm-up areas, but not including the stadium.

**Player:** any football player, including outfield players, goalkeepers and substitutes, called up by a Member Association to play for the representative team of the Member Association who, pursuant to the relevant Competition Regulations, may be required to be notified to FIFA on the List of Players.

**Playing Equipment:** comprises collectively the components/items of shirt, shorts and socks.

**Preliminary Competition:** the continental and intercontinental qualification phase for a Final Competition, featuring the representative teams of all Member Associations that have applied to enter the respective FIFA Event. As a result of the Preliminary Competition, representative teams are either eliminated from the FIFA Event or qualified for the Final Competition.

**Preliminary Olympic Match:** any football match organised by, or under the auspices of, FIFA which is held in the preliminary competitions of the football tournaments held on the occasion of the Olympic Games or the Youth Olympic Games (if applicable).

**Quality Seal:** a tag, label or comparable element of the Manufacturer, designed to officialise an Equipment item and to protect the Equipment item against counterfeiting.

**Religious Symbol:** any symbol, including archetypes or artwork, used by a religion or used to represent a religion or religious disposition, not including symbols forming part of a National Flag or the Official Member Association Emblem of the respective country of a Member Association.

**Reserve Equipment:** any Playing Equipment of a Member Association's representative team consisting of a different Colour to the Official Equipment.

**Shoulder Point:** the position where the shoulder ends and the upper arm starts.

**Sleeve Free Zone:** the free surface of at least 12cm in length and 8cm in width, centred along the outer seam of each sleeve which is centred between the Shoulder Point and the Elbow Point, as set out in art. 9. The Sleeve Free Zone is exclusively reserved for specified badges that may be provided by FIFA.

**Special Equipment:** any Equipment item other than Playing Equipment.

**Supplier:** any company or further entity, other than a Manufacturer, that provides, distributes or in any form supplies Equipment to a Member Association or any Team Delegation Member.

**Team Delegation:** collectively all Team Delegation Members.

**Team Delegation Member:** any of the Players and Team Officials of a Member Association.

**Team Officials:** all coaches, assistant coaches, managers, media officers, medical staff (doctors, physiotherapists, etc.), representatives and other individuals appointed by a Member Association to be present in the Controlled Stadium Area forming part of a Team Delegation.

**Technology Label:** an identification label used by a Manufacturer to communicate a material used in the manufacturing of an Equipment item or a term identifying the manufacturing method.

#### Interpretation

Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.

References to "include" or "in particular", "e.g." or similar are to be construed as being inclusive and without limitation to the listed examples.

References to "days" mean actual days, not business days.

References to "chapters", "sections", "subsections", "articles", "paragraphs" and/or "annexes" are, unless expressly stated otherwise, references to chapters, sections, subsections, articles or paragraphs of these Regulations.

References to the male gender in these Regulations are for simplification and apply to both men and women unless specified specifically.

All annexes and illustrations attached to these Regulations form an integral part of these Regulations.

All capitalised terms shall have the meanings as defined in this Chapter I.

## Scope of application

#### 1.1

These Regulations govern the authorisation of all Equipment used in connection with Matches inside the Pitch Area by all:

- a) Team Delegation Members;
- b) Match Officials; and
- c) Ball boys and girls, player escorts and flag bearers.

#### 1.2

These Regulations shall not govern any football match held in the final competition of the football tournaments held on the occasion of the Olympic Games and the Youth Olympic Games (if applicable).

#### 1.3

Save as explicitly otherwise regulated in the relevant Competition Regulations, the relevant Media and Marketing Regulations or these Regulations, for the purpose of the final competition of the FIFA Club World Cup, any reference under these Regulations to a Member Association shall apply analogously to the Clubs participating in the FIFA Club World Cup. These Regulations shall not govern any football match held in the continental competitions based on which the Clubs participating in the FIFA Club World Cup are determined.

## **2** Principles

#### 2.1

All Member Associations must fully comply with these Regulations, further guidelines, directives and decisions issued by FIFA at any time and must ensure that all of their Team Delegation Members fully comply with these Regulations, and any further guidelines, directives and decisions issued by FIFA.

#### 2.2

All Member Associations shall be responsible for the correct implementation of these Regulations, further guidelines, directives and decisions issued by FIFA, and must ensure that the Manufacturer supplying Equipment to their Team Delegations correctly implements these Regulations, and any further quidelines, directives and decisions issued by FIFA.

#### 2.3

All Member Associations shall also be responsible for ensuring that all of their Team Delegation Members comply with these Regulations, and any further quidelines, directives and decisions issued by FIFA.

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All Team Delegation Members shall comply with these Regulations, and any further guidelines, directives and decisions issued by FIFA.

#### 2.5

The basic compulsory Equipment of a Player is defined in Law 4 of the Laws of the Game. The use of any Equipment item on the field of play in connection with any Match is subject foremost to the referee's authority as defined in the Laws of the Game. The use of any Equipment item on the field of play in connection with any Match of a Final Competition remains subject to the approval procedure set out in Chapter VIII below.

#### 2.6

Except as explicitly authorised to the Member Associations under these Regulations, no additional elements such as marks, insignia of the Member Association, a Manufacturer, a Supplier or any third party, further Colours, numbers, names, recognitions or Decorative Elements are permitted on Equipment items without the prior written consent of the FIFA general secretariat.

## Components of basic compulsory Equipment

#### 3.1

Except for the Playing Equipment used for beach soccer, in accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, the basic compulsory Equipment of a Player comprises the following separate Equipment items:

- a) a jersey or shirt with sleeves;
- b) shorts;
- c) socks (stockings);
- d) shinguards; and
- e) footwear.

#### 3.2

The basic compulsory Equipment of a beach soccer Player comprises the following separate Equipment items:

- a) a jersey or shirt with sleeves; and
- b) shorts.

#### **Section 1: General terms**

## 4

#### **Playing Equipment**

#### 4.1

Each individual component of Playing Equipment must be worn consistently by all Players of the same representative team and must be produced consistently by the same Manufacturer. Different components of Playing Equipment may be produced by different Manufacturers.

#### 4.2

In accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, the inside of all Playing Equipment items is required to comply with the Laws of the Game and may be freely used by the Member Association provided that:

- (a) under any prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, no detrimental effect is caused to the identical visible appearance and clear distinction of the Players; and
- (b) the inside of any such Playing Equipment item is not applied or used in a manner so that it is visible from the outside.

#### 4.3

Subject to FIFA's approval pursuant to Chapter VIII, Playing Equipment items may contain special performance or comparable tools to support the performance and/or to protect the health of Players. Any such tool integrated into a Playing Equipment item must not affect the identical visible appearance of the respective Playing Equipment item of all Players of the same representative team, including:

- a) being transparent or of the identical Colour as the respective part of the Playing Equipment item associated with the performance tool or tool to protect health;
- b) not being designed or used in a manner limiting the ability of all Players,
   Match Officials, spectators and media to clearly distinguish the opposing teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light;
- not bearing any identifications associated with the Member Association or Manufacturer's Identifications; and
- d) not being used as a Decorative Element of the respective Playing Equipment item.

#### 4.4

Each Playing Equipment item shall be composed of structural sections which are combined in order to make up a full shirt (including sleeves, Collar Zone, chest area), a pair of shorts (including waistband and legs) or socks (including the top edges of a sock). Any such structural section may be determined by a change of fabric (e.g. cotton or polyester) and/or technique (e.g. woven).

#### 4.5

No structural section of a Playing Equipment item or material used for numbers, Player names, or badges, or to identify the Member Association, the Manufacturer or any third party, may be made of reflective material or change Colour or appearance due to any external influence, including pressure, light, temperature, water or other liquid.

## 5 Colours

#### 5.1

Playing Equipment items worn by outfield players, goalkeepers and Match Officials shall enable all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media to clearly distinguish the opposing teams and outfield players and goalkeepers irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.

#### 5.2

Save as explicitly stated otherwise under these Regulations, no Playing Equipment item worn by an outfield player or goalkeeper may consist of more than four Colours. Colours used in identifications of Member Associations, Manufacturer's Identifications and/or other marks or insignia shall not be deemed a Colour of the Playing Equipment.

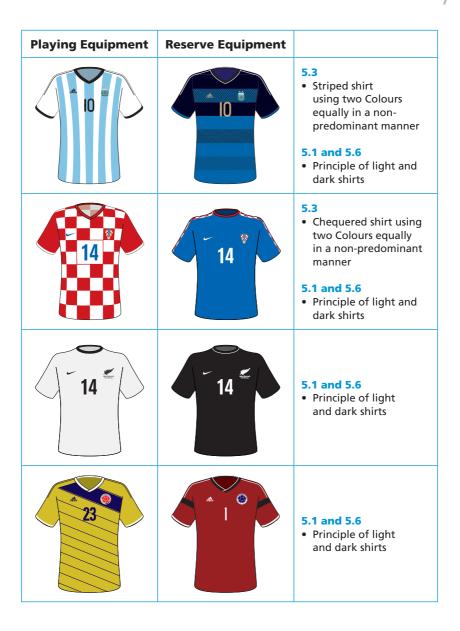
#### 5.3

With the sole exception of vertically, horizontally or similarly striped and chequered shirts using two Colours equally in a non-predominant manner, in the event that three or four Colours are used on the surface of a Playing Equipment item, based on the visual impression created by such Playing Equipment item when used by the Players, one of the Colours used must be clearly predominant and the remaining Colours on the same Playing Equipment item must be clearly minor. The predominant Colour must be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the Playing Equipment item.

In the event of vertically, horizontally or similarly striped or chequered shirts using two Colours equally in a non-predominant manner, the third or fourth Colour on the surface of the shirt shall be used in a manner not affecting the predominant visual impression of the two Colours used as stripes and chequers and one of these two Colours must be predominant on shorts or socks. Vertically, horizontally or similarly striped or chequered shirts must not use more than two Colours equally in a non-predominant manner.

#### 5.4

Notwithstanding art. 5 par. 2 above, a fifth Colour may be used for numbering and naming purposes (e.g. Player's name, numbers). The Colours used for numbering and naming purposes shall be the same for all outfield players of the same team. Based on the principle of light and dark contrast of Colours used for numbering and naming purposes and irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, the Colour used for numbering and naming purposes must be clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the Colours used for the respective Playing Equipment item.



#### 5.5

The Colours of the Playing Equipment worn by a goalkeeper must be clearly distinguishable from the Colours of the Playing Equipment worn by the outfield players of his own team, the outfield players of the opposing team, the goalkeeper of the opposing team and the Match Officials. The Playing Equipment of all goalkeepers of the same team must be identical. To ensure that the Playing Equipment worn by a goalkeeper is clearly distinguishable in any case, the Member Associations may provide additional Reserve Equipment for the goalkeepers in varying Colours or Colour combinations.

#### 5.6

The Colours or Colour combinations of Official Equipment and Reserve Equipment used by a Member Association must be clearly distinguishable based on the principle of light and dark contrast of used Colours irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light. Member Associations may provide additional Reserve Equipment to offer an additional Colour or Colour combination in order to improve a clear distinction and differing visibility from the Official Equipment. In the event that, in FIFA's, the Match Officials' or the Match Commissioner's reasonable discretion, no clear distinction and differing visibility can be achieved between the Official Equipment, the Reserve Equipment or any additional Reserve Equipment of one Member Association and the opposing team, in exceptional cases FIFA, the Match Officials or the Match Commissioner are entitled to request on a Match-by-Match basis one Member Association to combine Playing Equipment items of the Official Equipment with Playing Equipment items of the Reserve Equipment or additional Reserve Equipment.

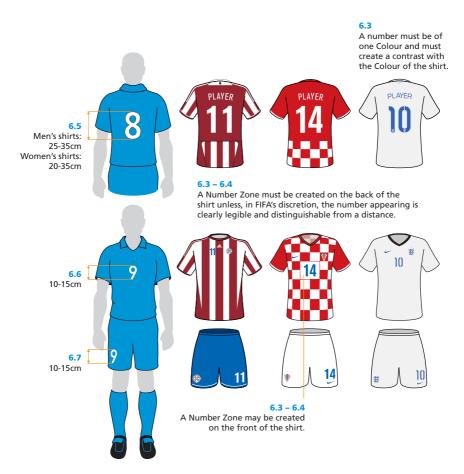
#### **5.7**

The Colour of any tape or similar material temporarily applied to a Playing Equipment item must be of the same group of a basic Colour as the predominant Colour of the same Playing Equipment item.

#### 5.8

Except as otherwise provided for pursuant to art. 36 par. 2 below in relation to football boots, the Colour of any Equipment item covering the ankle of a Player, such as a support bandage, additional sock or similar item, shall be of the same group of a basic Colour as the predominant Colour of the socks.

## 6 Numbers



6.6 Stroke width 3-5cm

#### 6.1

The numbering of the Players shall be regulated by the relevant Competition Regulations to be issued by FIFA.

#### 6.2

A number must appear on the back (centred) and the front (not necessarily centred) of any shirt and on the front of any shorts used as Playing Equipment. This art. 6 par. 2 shall not apply to the numbering on the front of any shirt used as Playing Equipment during Matches of the FIFA Club World Cup.

#### 6.3

A number (i.e. one or more digits) must consist of one single Colour only or the same group of a basic Colour provided that, in FIFA's reasonable discretion, in such case the visual impression of one single Colour is created and a light and dark contrast of Colours between the stroke of the number and the specific Playing Equipment items is equally achieved. Based on the principle of light and dark contrast of Colours used for the respective Playing Equipment item and irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, the Colour used for the stroke of any number appearing on Playing Equipment must be clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the Colours used for the respective Playing Equipment item. This distinction may be achieved by displaying the numbers on a single-coloured patch. The number may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline to improve the clear legibility and distinction of the number. The Colour of the numbers appearing on the shirt may be different from the Colour of the number appearing on the shorts.

#### 6.4

A Number Zone must be created on the back of the shirt unless, in FIFA's discretion, the number appearing is clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media, from the Colours used for the respective Playing Equipment item and irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light. A Number Zone may be created on the front of the shirt and the shorts.

Any Number Zone must contain one single Colour to ensure the legibility of the number and must be kept free of any Decorative Elements. Pinstripes of a maximum width of 2mm in a different Colour shall not constitute an interruption of the Number Zone.

On the back of the shirt, the minimum surface of the Number Zone is defined by the height and width of a two-digit number. Its minimum vertical boundaries are 2cm above the highest point and 3cm below the lowest point of the two digits. Its minimum horizontal boundaries are 3cm from the left edge of the left-hand digit and 3cm from the right edge of the right-hand digit. If created on the front of the shirt or the shorts, the surface of a Number Zone shall be in proportion to the size of the number, providing sufficient space to ensure the visibility of the number irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.

#### 6.5

The size of the number applied on the back of each shirt used by Players in any men's Match must be between 25cm and 35cm in height and positioned in the centre of the back of the shirt.

The size of the number applied on the back of each shirt used by Players in any women's Match must be between 20cm and 35cm in height and positioned in the centre of the back of the shirt.

The number must be entirely visible when the Player's shirt is tucked into the shorts and irrespective of a specific cut of the Player's shirt.

#### 6.6

The stroke width of the figure of the numbers on the back of the shirts used by Players must be between 3cm and 5cm. The number on the front of the shirt must be positioned at chest level irrespective of a specific cut or size of the Player's shirt. The size of the number applied on the front of the shirt must be between 10cm and 15cm in height.

#### 6.7

The number on the front of the shorts may be positioned on either leg. The size of the number applied on the front of the shorts must be between 10cm and 15cm in height.

#### 6.8

The sizes of the numbers applied to the shirts or shorts of the Players of the same representative team must be consistent.

#### 6.9

Numbers appearing on Playing Equipment shall be sewn on or affixed by heat transfer or similar technique. The number shall be attached permanently to the Playing Equipment. No number shall be attached with Velcro or other temporary means.

#### 6.10

The Official Member Association Emblem may only appear in its entirety once on the bottom of each figure of the number on the back of the shirt. The size of the Official Member Association Emblem shall not exceed 5cm<sup>2</sup> and shall not affect the legibility of the number.

Except for the Official Member Association Emblem, a number shall not contain, or give the visual impression of, any identification of the Member Association, a Manufacturer's Identification, identification of a Supplier or elements which in FIFA's reasonable discretion create an association with the Member Association, Manufacturer, Supplier, a sponsor or any third party.

#### 6.11

Numbers applied on the shirt or shorts may contain breathing holes not exceeding 2mm in width. Each figure may further be divided into no more than four parts by lines which must not be more than 2mm wide. No such breathing holes or division into lines shall contain any Manufacturer's Identification, identification of a Supplier, sponsor/product advertising, commercial or further message of any kind, Decorative Elements, design features or other elements.



The Emblem of the Member
Association may appear once at
the bottom of each figure of the
number on the back of the shirt.

max. 5cm<sup>2</sup>

## **7** Players' names

#### 7.1

Players' names must appear on the back of the shirt used as Playing Equipment for all Matches played in Final Competitions. Players' names may appear on the back of the shirt used as Playing Equipment for all Matches played in Preliminary Competitions and all Preliminary Olympic Matches. In the event that a Player's name appears on the back of the shirt pursuant to this art. 7 par. 1, the terms and conditions of art. 7 pars 2-7 below shall apply.

#### 7.2

The Player's name must correspond to the name indicated on the List of Players pursuant to the relevant Competition Regulations.

#### 7.3

Based on the principle of light and dark contrast of used Colours and irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, the Colour used for the stroke of each character of the Player's name appearing on a shirt must be clearly legible and distinguishable by all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the Colours used for the shirts. This distinction may be achieved by displaying the Player's name on a single-coloured patch. The Player's name may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline to improve the clear legibility and distinction of the Player's name.

#### 7.4

The letters used for the Player's name shall not contain any identification of the Member Association, Manufacturer's Identification, identification of a Supplier, sponsor/product advertising, commercial or further message of any kind, Decorative Elements, design features or other elements. In the event that the Colour of the letters used for the Player's name is different from the Colour used for the number displayed on the back of the shirt, the Colour of the letters used for the Player's name shall be considered one of the four colours used on the surface of the shirt pursuant to art. 5 par. 2 above, and in such case a fifth Colour pursuant to art. 5 par. 4 above may only be used for numbering purposes.

#### 7.5

The Player's name must be positioned above the number on the back of the shirt. The letters used for the Player's name applied on the back of the shirt shall be between 5cm and 7.5cm in height and must be separated from the number by at least 4cm.

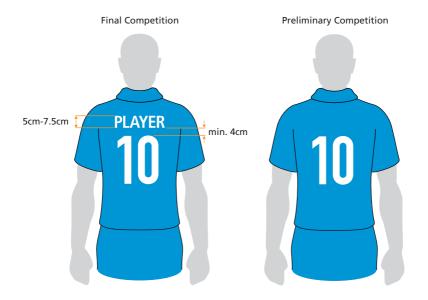
#### 7.6

The letters used for the Player's name must be Latin characters. Phonological diaeresis, such as accents or umlauts, are permitted.

#### 7.7

Players' names appearing on shirts shall be sewn on or affixed by heat transfer or similar technique. The Player's name shall be attached permanently to the Playing Equipment. No Player's name shall be attached with Velcro or other temporary means.

**7.1 – 7.7** Players' names



 Players' names may appear on the back of the shirt for matches in Preliminary Competitions but are not required.

#### **Section 2: Special terms**

Subsection 1: Decorative Flements and Sleeve Free Zone

## 8

### **Decorative Elements**

#### 8.1

Playing Equipment items may contain Decorative Elements which shall, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, not be designed or used in a manner:

- a) limiting the ability of all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media to clearly distinguish the opposing teams; or
- b) adversely affecting the legibility of the numbering and Players' names on the shirt or the legibility of the numbering on the shorts.

Decorative Elements may not, by any means, dominate a Playing Equipment item, such as by means of Colour, size and/or position. Any Decorative Element must be permanently incorporated in a Playing Equipment.

#### 8.2

Decorative Elements contained in the Official Equipment and the Reserve Equipment may be identical, provided that no Decorative Elements are designed or used in a manner limiting the distinction between the Official Equipment and Reserve Equipment.

#### 8.3

Decorative Elements may form part of a Manufacturer's generic product line, provided these Decorative Elements do not produce, or by any other means give, the (visual) impression of a Manufacturer's Identification, identification of a Supplier, sponsor/product advertising, a commercial or further message of any kind, or any other elements which, in FIFA's reasonable discretion, create an association with a sponsor, Manufacturer or Supplier (e.g. slogans), the shape of a country, a Religious Symbol, a political or comparable symbol by displaying or stylising or by any other means giving the impression of registered trademarks or recognisable, but unregistered, designs.

## 9

#### Sleeve Free Zone

#### 9.1

A space needs to be kept free on each sleeve of the shirt, where no Manufacturer's Identification or any type of identification of the Member Association, or parts thereof, or similar elements of the shirt such as marks may be displayed. This Sleeve Free Zone is exclusively reserved for specified badges for FIFA identification purposes. No other elements shall be positioned immediately adjacent to the badges exclusively provided by the FIFA general secretariat.

The Sleeve Free Zone on each sleeve must be at least 12cm high, 8cm wide and be centred between the Shoulder Point and the Elbow Point. The Sleeve Free Zone must be of the same fabric (e.g. cotton or polyester) and/or technique (e.g. woven) of the sleeve of the shirt.



#### Subsection 2: Identifications of Member Associations on Playing Equipment

## 10

#### Identifications of Member Associations

#### 10.1

Subject to the restrictions set out in arts 11-13 below in relation to the respective Playing Equipment item, Member Associations may display the following types of Member Association-related identification on their Playing Equipment:

- a) Official Member Association Emblem;
- b) Official Member Association Mascot;
- c) Official Member Association Symbol;
- d) Official Member Association Name;
- e) National Team Nickname:
- f) Foundation Year:
- g) Country Name;
- h) National Flag; and
- i) other marks and insignia (as described in arts 14-18 below) as applicable to the Member Association.

#### 10 2

Any type of identification of the Member Association listed in art. 10 par.1 above must be registered with FIFA and may not contain or stylise, or by any other means give the impression of, any Manufacturer's Identification, identification of a Supplier, sponsor/product advertising, commercial or further message of any kind, Decorative Elements (i.e. save as otherwise permitted pursuant to art. 11 pars 8 and 9 below) or other elements which, in FIFA's reasonable discretion, create an association with a sponsor, Manufacturer or Supplier (e.g. slogans), design features or other elements.

#### 10.3

Except for the National Flag, which in the event it is used as an identification of the Member Association, and unless otherwise explicitly permitted in these Regulations, must be used in its geometric form and according to its correct proportions, there are no restrictions on the shape of any type of identification of the Member Association listed in art. 10 par. 1 above.

#### 10.4

Any type of identification of the Member Association listed in art. 10 par. 1 above may be printed, embroidered or sewn on as a badge. Any identification of the Member Association shall be attached permanently to the Playing Equipment. No such identification of the Member Association may be attached with Velcro or other temporary means.

#### 10.5

Any type of identification of the Member Association listed in art. 10 par. 1 above must not interfere with other elements of the Playing Equipment identifying the Player (e.g. Player's number) and must not impede the clear distinction of the Players and the opposing team. In particular the Foundation Year must, by means of its Colour and/or position, not interfere with the numbering on the shirt.

#### 10.6

The terms and conditions of arts 10-13 shall not apply to Manufacturer's Identifications, which are specifically governed by Chapter VI below.

## 11

## Identifications on shirts

#### 11.1

Subject to the restrictions set out in art. 11 pars 2-9 below, Member Associations may display the identifications of the Member Association listed in art. 10 par. 1 above on the front and the back of the shirt, in the Collar Zone and/or on the sleeves.

#### 11.2

On the front of the shirt, Member Associations may display the following identifications of the Member Association no more than once per type of identification:

- a) Official Member Association Emblem:
- b) either Official Member Association Mascot or Official Member Association Symbol;
- c) Official Member Association Name;
- d) either Country Name or National Team Nickname;
- e) National Flag; and/or
- f) other marks and insignia as applicable to the Member Association.

These identifications of the Member Association may be positioned at chest level on the front of the shirt only and shall neither limit the legibility of the number positioned on the front of the shirt nor be tangent to any other element of the shirt, such as marks, any further identification of the Member Association, the FIFA World Champions Badge or any further recognition referred to in art. 16 below. The Member Association is entitled to determine the exact locations of these identifications at its sole discretion, whereas in the event that the Member Association has chosen to display the Official Member Association Emblem and the Country Name, those identifications are required to be adjacent to each other.

#### 11.3

On the back of the shirt, the Official Member Association Emblem may appear once on the bottom of each figure of the number as set out in art. 6 par. 10 above.

#### 11.4

In the Collar Zone (whether inside or outside of the collar) on the back of the shirt only, in a centred position, Member Associations may display one single identification of the Member Association to be chosen from among:

- a) Official Member Association Name;
- b) Official Member Association Symbol;
- c) Foundation Year;
- d) Country Name;
- e) National Flag; or
- f) National Team Nickname.

Such identification of the Member Association may be integrated in a Decorative Element displaying a representation of the National Flag, or parts thereof or Colours contained therein, and may not be used in its exact geometric form. No identification of the Member Association may be displayed in that part of the Collar Zone (whether inside or outside) located on the front or side of the shirt.

#### 11.2 and 11.6 - 11.7

The following Member Association identifications may be displayed on the shirt according to the following maximum measurements (not including identifications in the Collar Zone):

- Official Member Association Emblem: 100cm<sup>2</sup>

- Official Member Association Emblem: 100cm<sup>2</sup>
- Official Member Association Symbol: 100cm<sup>2</sup>
- Official Member Association Name: 12cm² (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
- National Team Nickname: 12cm<sup>2</sup>
- (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
   Country Name: 12cm<sup>2</sup>
- (lettering 2cm maximum in height)

- National Flag: 25cm<sup>2</sup>





National Flag 25cm<sup>2</sup>, Emblem 100cm<sup>2</sup>,

On each sleeve of the shirt, between the Shoulder Point and the Elbow Point, Member Associations may display only the National Flag once, whereas the Sleeve Free Zone must be respected on the left and right sleeves, irrespective of whether the shirt has long or short sleeves.

#### 11.4, 11.6 and 11.7

In the Collar Zone of the shirt, the Member Association Name, Symbol, Country Name, National Flag, Foundation Year or National Team Nickname may appear in a maximum size of 20cm<sup>2</sup>. Height of lettering of the Member Association Name, Country Name, Foundation Year or National Team Nickname maximum 2cm in height.



In relation to identifications of the Member Association located on the shirt, the following measurements must be observed:

a) Official Member Association Emblem: max. of 100cm², subject to the prevailing terms and conditions of art. 6

par. 10 above with respect to the

numbering;

b) Official Member Association Mascot:
c) Official Member Association Symbol:
max. of 100cm²;
max. of 100cm²;
max. of 100cm²;
max. of 12cm²;
max. of 12cm²;

f) Country Name: max. of 12cm²; q) National Flag: max. of 25cm²; and

 h) Official Member Association Name, Official Member Association Symbol, Foundation Year, Country Name, National Flag and the National Team

Nickname used in the Collar Zone: max. of 20cm<sup>2</sup>.

The measurements for any other marks and insignia as applicable to the Member Association are described in arts 14-18 below.

#### 11.7

Any letters used for the Official Member Association Name, the National Team Nickname, the Foundation Year (i.e. if used as a script) and/or the Country Name must not exceed 2cm in height. Any numbers used for the Foundation Year must not exceed 2cm in height.

#### 11.8

Subject to the restrictions set out in art. 8 above, Member Associations may use or stylise one of the following types of Member Association-related identification completely or in part on the shirt in the form of a Decorative Element:

- a) Official Member Association Emblem;
- b) Official Member Association Mascot;
- c) Official Member Association Symbol; or
- d) National Flag.

Unless a dominating visual impression of the Decorative Elements is created pursuant to art. 8 par. 1 above, the Member Association is entitled to determine the exact location of such Decorative Element at its sole discretion.

Unless used or stylised on the shirt in the form of a Decorative Element pursuant to art.11 par. 8 above, one single identification of the Member Association may be chosen from among the Official Member Association Emblem, the Official Member Association Mascot, the Official Member Association Symbol, the Official Member Association Name and the National Team Nickname to be displayed on the shirt in the form of jacquard weave, embossing, laser etching or print as a special manufacturing technique. There is no limitation as to the number, size and positioning of the type of identification of the Member Association chosen. The Colour of the special manufacturing technique pattern must be tonal with the Colour of the surface of the Playing Equipment item on which the special manufacturing technique pattern is displayed. The special manufacturing technique pattern must not dominate, contain a contrasting Colour or affect the distinctiveness of the Playing Equipment items.

# 12 Identifications on shorts

#### 12 1

Member Associations may display the following identifications no more than once per identification:

- a) either Official Member Association Emblem or Official Member Association Symbol:
- b) Official Member Association Name; and/or
- c) either National Flag or Country Name.

#### 12.2

Any identification of a Member Association may only be displayed on the front of the shorts, and no identification of a Member Association may appear on the back, whereas the following identifications of the Member Association (if chosen) must be located adjacent to each other at the bottom of the same leg of the shorts:

- (a) either Official Member Association Emblem or Official Member Association Symbol; and/or
- (b) Official Member Association Name.

The National Flag, Country Name, Official Member Association Emblem, Official Member Association Symbol or Official Member Association Name may either be displayed at the bottom of either leg or centred on the front waistband of the shorts.

In relation to identifications located on the shorts, the following measurements must be observed:

a) Official Member Association Emblem: max. of 50cm²;
 b) Official Member Association Symbol: max. of 50cm²;
 c) Official Member Association Name: max. of 12cm²;
 d) National Flag: max. of 25cm²; and
 e) Country Name: max. of 12cm².



#### 12.1 - 12.4

On the front of the shorts, on either leg, the following Member Association identifications may be displayed according to the following maximum measurements:

- Official Member Association Emblem: 50cm<sup>2</sup>
- Official Member Association Symbol: 50cm<sup>2</sup>
- Official Member Association Name: 12cm² (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
- Country Name: 12cm2 (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
- National Flag: 25cm<sup>2</sup>

Any letters used for the Official Member Association Name or Country Name must not exceed 2cm in height.

### 12.5

One single identification of the Member Association may be chosen from among the Official Member Association Emblem, the Official Member Association Mascot, the Official Member Association Symbol, the Official Member Association Name and the National Team Nickname to be displayed on the shorts in the form of jacquard weave, embossing, laser etching or print as a special manufacturing technique. There is no limitation as to the number, size and positioning of the type of identification of the Member Association chosen. The Colour of the special manufacturing technique pattern must be tonal with the Colour of the surface of the Playing Equipment item on which the special manufacturing technique pattern is displayed. The special manufacturing technique pattern must not dominate, contain a contrasting Colour or affect the distinctiveness of the Playing Equipment items.

## 13 Identifications on socks

#### 13.1

Member Associations may display the same two identifications of the Member Association on both socks, to be chosen from among:

- (a) either Official Member Association Emblem or Official Member Association Symbol;
- (b) Official Member Association Name; and/or
- (c) either National Flag or Country Name.

This type of identification of the Member Association may be freely positioned on the socks, whereas each such identification shall be displayed no more than once on each sock.

In relation to identifications of the Member Association located on the socks, the following measurements must be observed:

a) Official Member Association Emblem: max. of 50cm²;
 b) Official Member Association Symbol: max. of 50cm²;
 c) Official Member Association Name: max. of 12cm²;
 d) National Flag: max. of 25cm²; and
 e) Country Name: max. of 12cm².

#### 13.3

Any letters used for the Official Member Association Name or Country Name must not exceed 2cm in height.



#### 13.1 - 13.3

Up to two Member Association identifications may be displayed on each sock (both socks must display the same identifications) according to the following maximum measurements:

- Official Member Association Emblem: 50cm<sup>2</sup>
- Official Member Association Symbol: 50cm<sup>2</sup>
- Official Member Association Name: 12cm² (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
- Country Name: 12cm<sup>2</sup> (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
- National Flag: 25cm<sup>2</sup>

### Subsection 3: Other marks and insignia

## 14

### FIFA World Champions Badge

#### 14.1

The Member Association being the reigning champion of the latest edition of the FIFA World Cup<sup>TM</sup>, the FIFA Women's World Cup<sup>TM</sup>, the FIFA Futsal World Cup or the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup may display during all Matches of its respective representative team the FIFA World Champions Badge in the form designed and exclusively provided by FIFA on the front of its shirt at chest level. The FIFA World Champions Badge measures 80mm x 55mm, remaining subject to changes at FIFA's discretion.



### 14.2

The display and use of the FIFA World Champions Badge remains subject to prior written approval by FIFA and the detailed instructions on its applicable form as issued and updated by FIFA.

#### 14.3

This art. 14 shall apply analogously to the Club being the reigning champion of the latest edition of the FIFA Club World Cup, providing that the reigning Club champion may display the FIFA World Champions Badge on the front of its shirt during all matches.

### 15 Winners' stars

#### 15.1

Member Associations whose first men's or women's representative teams have won one or more of the previous editions of the FIFA World Cup<sup>™</sup>, the FIFA Women's World Cup<sup>™</sup>, the FIFA Futsal World Cup or the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup may display on the Playing Equipment items used by such first men's or women's representative teams a five-pointed star, or other symbol as instructed by FIFA, per each edition of the FIFA World Cup<sup>™</sup>, the FIFA Women's World Cup<sup>™</sup>, the FIFA Futsal World Cup or the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup won by such first men's or women's representative teams of the Member Association. Within the borders of such five-pointed star or other symbol as instructed by FIFA, the Member Association may make reference to the year of the edition of the respective FIFA Event won by the Member Association (e.g. "1994" or "94").

The number and configuration of the five-pointed stars, or other symbols as instructed by FIFA, on the Playing Equipment items shall be specific to each relevant first representative team that has won one or more of the previous editions of the FIFA World Cup™, the FIFA Women's World Cup™, the FIFA Futsal World Cup or the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup (e.g. the shirt of the first men's representative team may not display any five-pointed star concerning any championships won by the Member Association's first women's team, the futsal team or the beach soccer team and vice versa). Irrespective thereof, the number and configuration of the five-pointed stars, or other symbols as instructed by FIFA, corresponding to the respective first representative men's or women's team, may also be displayed on the Playing Equipment items of other representative teams within the same category, as applicable (e.g. the men's youth teams may display a five-pointed star per edition of the FIFA World Cup™ won by the first men's team; similarly, the women's youth teams may display a five-pointed star per edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup™ won by the first women's team).

The five-pointed star(s) shall be positioned as follows:

- a) on the front of the shirt at chest level, immediately adjacent to the Official Member Association Emblem;
- b) on the front of the shorts immediately adjacent to the Official Member Association Emblem; and/or
- c) on the socks.

#### 15.3

This art. 15 shall not apply to Clubs that have won one or more of the previous editions of the FIFA Club World Cup.



## Recognition of continental championships

#### 16.1

A Member Association being the reigning champions of a continental competition corresponding to the FIFA Events listed in art. 15 par. 1 above may display and use during all Matches of a Preliminary Competition an official badge or further recognition designed by the respective Confederation subject:

- (a) to the full compliance with all relevant provisions of these Regulations; and
- (b) to such official badge or further recognition not containing any form of commercial statements or advertising for sponsors, products, Manufacturers, Suppliers or any third parties.

Such official badge or further recognition shall be positioned on the front of the shirt at chest level or on a sleeve of the shirt, between the Shoulder Point and the Elbow Point, whereas the Sleeve Free Zone must be respected irrespective of whether the shirt has long or short sleeves. The size of such official badge or further recognition shall not exceed 80mm x 55mm.

The shirts of the Member Association used for all Matches of Final Competitions must not display any recognition, sign, badge or further insignia indicating the Member Association's reigning championship in any continental competition.

#### 16.2

With the sole exception of the winners' stars referred to in art. 15 above in connection with the FIFA World Cup™, the FIFA Women's World Cup™, the FIFA Futsal World Cup or the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, the Playing Equipment items used by the Member Associations must not display any form of recognition, sign, badge or further insignia indicating historical championships (i.e. other than the reigning championship) in any football competition.



17.1 – 17.2

A shirt may be customised for a particular matchday and display:

- Country Names or National Flags
- Match date
- Name of the city where the Match will take place

# 17 Matchday customisation of shirts

#### 17.1

The shirt for any Match may be customised with the following Match-related information:

- a) Country Names or the two National Flags of the opposing teams;
- b) Match date: and/or
- c) name of the host city and/or country of the Match.

The Member Association must not display on any Playing Equipment item the official name of the relevant FIFA Event or any alteration, abbreviation or translation thereof.

#### 17.2

Any such Match-related information must be displayed on the front of the shirt at chest level only. The surface area for such Match-related information must not exceed 50cm<sup>2</sup> and the lettering must not exceed 2cm in height.

# 18 Official FIFA badges

#### 18.1

All Member Associations must display in the right Sleeve Free Zone the official badges exclusively provided by the FIFA general secretariat for the relevant FIFA Event.

#### 18.2

At its sole discretion, FIFA may require the display of a second official badge to be exclusively provided by the FIFA general secretariat (e.g. Fair Play badge; badge of an official campaign, etc.) in the left Sleeve Free Zone.

### **Section 1: Special Equipment for Players**

### 19

### General principle

#### 19.1

Except for the specific Special Equipment items set out below, in accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, a Player may use Special Equipment only provided that its sole purpose is to protect him physically and it poses no danger to him or any other Player. Special Equipment items must be made of material that is not dangerous to the Player wearing the item or any other Player and the Match Officials. The use of any Special Equipment item remains subject to inspection and approval by FIFA and/or the Match Officials appointed to the respective Match.

#### 19.2

Special Equipment items worn by outfield players and goalkeepers shall not affect the clear distinction for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media of opposing teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.

#### 19.3

No structural section of, or material used for, Special Equipment or any other Equipment item listed in arts 35-38 below may be made of reflective material or change Colour or appearance due to any external influence, including pressure, light, temperature, water or other liquid.

### **20**

### Captain's armband

#### 20.1

A captain's armband exclusively provided by FIFA must be used for all Matches of Final Competitions. FIFA may provide two captain's armbands in contrasting Colours or two different types of captain's armbands.

#### 20.2

For any Matches of a Preliminary Competition and any Preliminary Olympic Matches, the captain's armband shall be of one dominant Colour, or exceptionally composed of the Colours of the National Flag clearly distinguishable from the Colour used on the sleeves of the shirt of the Player. The captain's armband must be an Equipment item separate from the shirt.

Captain's armbands shall remain free of, and shall not produce, in FIFA's discretion, the visual effect of an identification of a Member Association other than a National Flag, a Manufacturer's Identification, identification of a Supplier, a sponsor, any Decorative Element or any further elements such as marks, statements or slogans, except for the word "captain" or an abbreviation or translation thereof.

## **21** Goalkeeper gloves

Goalkeepers may wear gloves of any Colour. The goalkeeper gloves shall be an Equipment item separate from the shirt. The goalkeepers of the same team may wear different goalkeeper gloves produced by the same or different Manufacturers.

#### 21.2

The name, as defined in art. 7 par. 2 above, and/or the number of the goalkeeper may appear once on each goalkeeper glove.

#### 21.3

Member Associations may display one single identification of the Member Association on each goalkeeper glove, to be chosen from among:

- a) Official Member Association Emblem;
- b) Official Member Association Symbol:
- c) Official Member Association Name:
- d) National Flag; or
- e) Country Name.

This identification of the Member Association may be freely positioned on the goalkeeper gloves and shall be displayed no more than once.

#### 21.4

In relation to identifications of the Member Association located on the goalkeeper gloves, the following measurements must be observed:

a) Official Member Association Emblem: max. of 50cm<sup>2</sup>: b) Official Member Association Symbol: max. of 50cm<sup>2</sup>: c) Official Member Association Name: max. of 12cm<sup>2</sup>: max. of 25cm<sup>2</sup>; and d) National Flag: max. of 12cm<sup>2</sup>. e) Country Name:

Any letters used for the goalkeeper's name, the Official Member Association Name or the Country Name must not exceed 2cm in height.

#### 21.6

The terms and conditions of this art. 21 shall not apply to all gloves worn by outfield players and Team Officials pursuant to art. 23 below.



21.2 Goalkeeper's name lettering max. 2cm in height

#### 21.2 - 21.5

The goalkeeper's name and/or number may appear once on each glove. Lettering for name and number must not exceed 2cm in height.

One Member Association identification may be displayed on each glove (both gloves must display the same identifications) according to the following maximum measurements:

- Official Member Association Emblem: 50cm<sup>2</sup>
- Official Member Association Symbol: 50cm<sup>2</sup>
- Official Member Association Name: 12cm² (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
- Country Name: 12cm² (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
- National Flag: 25cm<sup>2</sup>



# **22** Goalkeeper Caps

#### 22.1

All goalkeepers may, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, wear a Cap of any Colour. The goalkeepers of the same team may wear different Caps.

#### 22.2

Any Cap worn by a goalkeeper inside the Pitch Area must be produced by the Manufacturer of a Playing Equipment item.

#### 22.3

The name, as defined in art. 7 par. 2 above, and/or the number of the goalkeeper may appear once on the Cap. The figures used for the goalkeeper's number shall not exceed 2cm in height.

#### 22.4

Member Associations may display one single identification of the Member Association on each Cap, to be chosen from among:

- a) Official Member Association Emblem;
- b) Official Member Association Symbol;
- c) Official Member Association Name;
- d) National Flag; or
- e) Country Name.

This identification of the Member Association may be freely positioned on the Cap and shall be displayed no more than once.

#### 22.5

In relation to identifications of the Member Association located on the Cap, the following measurements must be observed:

a) Official Member Association Emblem: max. of 50cm²;
 b) Official Member Association Symbol: max. of 50cm²;
 c) Official Member Association Name: max. of 12cm²;
 d) National Flag: max. of 25cm²; and
 e) Country Name: max. of 12cm².

Any letters used for the goalkeeper's name, the Official Member Association Name or the Country Name must not exceed 2cm in height.

#### 22.7

The terms and conditions of this art. 22 pars 1 to 6 shall apply analogously to all Caps worn by outfield players and Team Officials.



#### 22.3

The goalkeeper's name and/or number may appear once on the goalkeeper Cap. Lettering for name and number must not exceed 2cm in height.

#### 22.4 - 22.6

One Member Association identification may be displayed on a Cap according to the following maximum measurements:

- Official Member Association Emblem:
- Official Member Association Symbol: 50cm²
- Official Member Association Name: 12cm²
- (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
   Country Name: 12cm² (lettering 2cm maximum in height)
- National Flag: 25cm<sup>2</sup>

### **23**

### Gloves worn by outfield players and Team Officials

#### 23.1

The outfield players and Team Officials may wear gloves. The gloves shall be an Equipment item separate from the shirt. The Colour of any gloves worn by outfield players and Team Officials must be either black or of the same group of a basic Colour as the sleeve of the shirt. The gloves worn by outfield players and Team Officials must be produced by the Manufacturer of a Playing Equipment item.

#### 23.2

Neither the name, nor any abbreviation thereof, nor the number of a Player may be displayed on the gloves of outfield players.

Member Associations may display one single identification of the Member Association on each glove of an outfield player or a Team Official. This identification of the Member Association may be freely positioned on the aloves and shall be displayed no more than once. The size of the identification of the Member Association shall not exceed 12cm<sup>2</sup>.

### **24** Headband and wristbands

#### 24 1

The Players may wear a headband or wristbands. Neither the name, nor any abbreviation thereof, nor the number of a Player may be displayed on a headband or wristband.

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On each headband or wristband, Member Associations may display one single identification of the Member Association. This identification of the Member Association may be freely positioned on the headband or wristband and shall be displayed no more than once. The size of the identification of the Member Association shall not exceed 12cm<sup>2</sup>.

### 25 Head covers

### 25.1

For the use of any form of any type of head covers other than Caps (see art. 22 above), headbands (see art. 24 above) or headgear worn for medical purposes (see art. 26 below), the provisions of Law 4 of the Laws of the Game apply. Neither the name, nor any abbreviation thereof, nor the number of a Player may be displayed on any head cover.

#### 25.2

No identification of the Member Association, and no further elements such as marks, insignia, statements or slogans shall be displayed on head covers.

# 26 Special items for medical or performance-related purposes

#### 26.1

Special items worn by Players for medical or performance-related purposes, such as headgear, face masks, knee and arm protectors, (sun)glasses, splints and electronic performance or tracking system devices may be approved by FIFA after analysis of the submitted material and subject to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game.

#### 26.2

Neither the name, nor any abbreviation thereof, nor the number of a Player, nor any type of identification of the Member Association, nor further elements such as marks, insignia, statements or slogans shall be displayed on such special items worn by Players for medical or performance-related purposes.

## **27** Beach soccer foot bindings and other support bandages

#### 27.1

Beach soccer foot bindings, other support bandages, additional socks or similar items may be approved by FIFA after analysis of the submitted material and subject to Law 4 of the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

#### 27.2

Beach soccer foot bindings, other support bandages, additional socks or similar items must not display any type of identifications of the Member Association, the name, or any abbreviation thereof, or the number of a Player and must not contain any Decorative Elements that are visible whilst worn by a Player.

# **28** Items worn under Playing Equipment

#### 28.1

Players may use Equipment items worn under the Playing Equipment, such as underwear, T-shirts, bras, thermal shorts or any sort of cooling apparel. Such Equipment items worn under the Playing Equipment may be separate from, or permanently attached to, the shirt or shorts. The Colour of any such visible Equipment items worn under the Playing Equipment must be of the same

group of a basic Colour as the corresponding part (e.g. sleeves or legs) of a Playing Equipment item. In the event that a Player is wearing a short-sleeve shirt as a Playing Equipment item, a long-sleeve T-shirt worn under the Playing Equipment must be of the same visual appearance as the long-sleeve shirt worn by other Players of the same team.

#### 28.2

Unless not visible when worn under the Playing Equipment, no identification of the Member Association, or further elements such as marks, insignia, statements or slogans shall be displayed on the Equipment items worn under the Playing Equipment.

#### 28.3

The terms and conditions of this art. 28 shall not apply to any special items worn by Players under the Playing Equipment for medical or performance-related purposes pursuant to art. 26 above.

### Warm-up bibs

#### 29 1

FIFA may decide to restrict the use of warm-up bibs for any Matches of Final Competitions. In case of any such restriction, FIFA will exclusively provide each participating Member Association with a sufficient number of warm-up bibs in contrasting Colours for the use of the representative team before and during the Matches as well as for the official training sessions. In the event that FIFA decides not to restrict the use of warm-up bibs for any Matches of Final Competitions, the rules of art. 29 par. 2 below shall apply.

#### 29.2

For any Matches of a Preliminary Competition and all Preliminary Olympic Matches, teams may use warm-up bibs which must be clearly distinguishable, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the Colours of the shirts being used as Playing Equipment by both opposing teams and the Match Officials. Member Associations may display on the warm-up bibs any type of identification of the Member Association listed in art. 10 par. 1 above. The Member Association is entitled to determine the number of the identifications of the Member Association displayed, their size and the exact locations of such identifications at its sole discretion.

### **Section 2: Special Equipment for individuals present in Pitch Area**

## **30** General principle

#### 30.1

The terms and conditions of arts 30-33 below apply to any Special Equipment item worn in the Pitch Area by Players, Match Officials or Team Officials during the warm-up period and prior to, during (only if a substitute player) and after the Match.

#### 30.2

In case that, in FIFA's, the Match Officials' or the Match Commissioner's reasonable discretion, no clear distinction and differing visibility can be achieved between the Playing Equipment of the opposing teams, the Equipment of the Match Officials and the Special Equipment items worn inside the Pitch Area by substitute players or Team Officials during a Match, FIFA, the Match Officials or the Match Commissioner are entitled to request the substitute players and/or Team Officials to use warm-up bibs to ensure a clear distinction and differing visibility of the Playing Equipment items and the Equipment of the Match Officials from such Special Equipment items.

#### 30.3

FIFA may, from time to time, issue Competition Regulations and/or Media and Marketing Regulations governing the Final Competitions and/or the Preliminary Competitions containing specific rules for Special Equipment to be used in the Controlled Stadium Area by Players, Match Officials and Team Officials during the warm-up phase and prior to, during (only if a substitute player) and after the Match.

## **31** Tops

#### 31.1

Players (e.g. during the warm-up period and prior to, during (only if a substitute player) and after the Match), Match Officials and Team Officials may wear tops (e.g. tracksuit jackets, rain jackets, winter jackets, anthem jackets, coats, T-shirts, pre-match shirts, training jerseys, sweatshirts, polo shirts) in the Pitch Area.

#### 31.2

Member Associations may display on the tops any type of identification of the Member Association listed in art. 10 par. 1 above. The Member Association is entitled to determine the number of the identifications of the Member Association displayed, their size and the exact locations of such identifications at its sole discretion.

### 32 Bottoms

#### 32 1

Players (e.g. during the warm-up phase prior to, during (only if a substitute player) and after the Match), Match Officials and Team Officials may wear bottoms (e.g. tracksuit bottoms, rainwear bottoms, shorts and winter trousers) in the Pitch Area.

### 32.2

Member Associations may display on the bottoms any type of identification listed in art. 10 par. 1 above. The Member Association is entitled to determine the number of the identifications of the Member Association displayed, their size and the exact locations of such identifications at its sole discretion.



# **33** FIFA Equipment for Match Officials

#### 33.1

FIFA will exclusively provide all Match Officials with a full set of Equipment items produced by the official FIFA supplier in different Colours.

#### 33.2

During the warm-up phase and prior to and during all Matches a Match Official is appointed to, the Match Official must wear only Equipment provided by FIFA. Match Officials may not use any Equipment items other than those provided by FIFA.

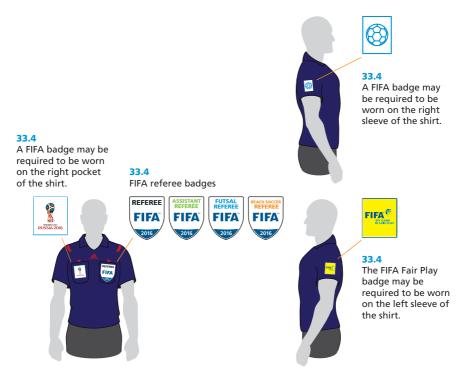
#### 33.3

During the same Match, all Match Officials must wear Equipment of the same

#### 33.4

FIFA may require all Match Officials to display, during all Matches, sleeve badges determined by FIFA (e.g. the Fair Play badge, the Handshake for Peace badge) or the official badges exclusively provided by the FIFA general secretariat for the relevant FIFA Event on the right front side of the shirt and/or on both sleeves of the shirt. FIFA is entitled to determine the total number and exact locations of these badges at its sole discretion.

In addition thereto, during all Matches the shirts of all Match Officials must display the Match Officials' respective FIFA badge (referee, assistant referee, futsal or beach soccer) on the left front side of the shirt.



### **Section 3: Special Equipment for other persons**

### 34

### Ball boys and girls, player escorts and flag bearers

#### 34.1

FIFA will exclusively provide the ball boys and girls, player escorts (if any) and flag bearers with all Equipment items for all Matches of Final Competitions.

#### 34.2

For all Matches of a Preliminary Competition and all Preliminary Olympic Matches, the ball boys and girls may wear Special Equipment items consisting of one dominant Colour which must be clearly distinguishable for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the Colours of the Players of the opposing teams and the referees, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.

#### 34.3

FIFA may issue Media and Marketing Regulations governing a Final Competition and/or a Preliminary Competition containing specific rules for Special Equipment to be used in the Pitch Area by ball boys and girls, player escorts and flag bearers.

### **Section 4: Other Equipment items**

### 35 Footballs

#### 35.1

The provisions of Law 2 of the Laws of the Game apply to the use of footballs.

#### 35.2

Footballs may display an unlimited number of Decorative Elements in any position and of any size.

#### 35.3

Except for Final Competitions, for which FIFA will exclusively provide all footballs, the footballs used for any Match may display one single type of identification of the Member Association to be chosen from among:

- a) Official Member Association Emblem;
- b) Official Member Association Symbol; or
- c) Official Member Association Name.

This identification of the Member Association may be freely positioned on the football and shall be displayed no more than once.

#### 35.4

In relation to identifications displayed on footballs, the following measurements must be observed:

a) Official Member Association Emblem: max. of 50cm²;
 b) Official Member Association Symbol: max. of 50cm²; and
 c) Official Member Association Name: max. of 12cm².

#### 35.5

Any letters used for the Official Member Association Name must not exceed 2cm in height.

The provisions of Law 4 of the Laws of the Game apply to the use of football boots.

#### 36.2

In the event that, in FIFA's, the Match Officials' or the Match Commissioner's reasonable discretion, no clear distinction and differing visibility can be achieved between the Colour of the surface area of the football boots covering the ankle and the predominant Colour of the socks of the opponent team, then FIFA, the Match Officials or the Match Commissioner are entitled to request the Player to cover such surface area covering the ankle with a tape or similar material to be temporarily applied of the same group of a basic Colour as the predominant Colour of the Player's socks.

#### 36.3

The Players of the same team may wear football boots of different Manufacturers and of a different visual appearance at their own discretion.

## 37 Shinguards

#### 37.1

The provisions of Law 4 of the Laws of the Game apply to the use of shinguards.

#### 37.2

The Players of the same team may wear shinguards of different Manufacturers and of a different visual appearance at their own discretion.

## 38 On-field equipment

#### 38.1

The provisions of Law 1 of the Laws of the Game apply to the use of any further on-field equipment, such as goals, goal nets, flag posts and their flags.

#### Section 1: General terms

# Types of Manufacturer's Identification, Technology Labels and Quality Seals

### Forms of registered trademarks

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#### 39.1

Member Associations may display the following types of Manufacturer's Identification on Equipment items:

- a) Name (being a "word mark");
- b) Logo (being a "design mark");
- c) Product line (being a "word mark, design mark or composite word/design mark");
- d) Figurative logo (being a "composite word/design mark"); and
- e) Script (being a "word mark" written in a specific font).

### 39.2

Member Associations are permitted to display no more than three different registered trademarks per type of Manufacturer's Identification as set out in art. 39 par.1.

#### 39.3

Subject to the specific terms and conditions relating to the respective Equipment items as set out in arts 40-56 below, Member Associations may also display Technology Labels and Quality Seals on Equipment items.

#### 39.4

Suppliers are not permitted to display any form of identification or any further recognisable branding, Technology Label or Quality Seal on any Equipment items.

# 40 General principle

#### 40.1

No Manufacturer's Identification, Technology Label or Quality Seal shall be designed or used in a manner limiting the ability of all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media to clearly distinguish the opposing teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.

#### 40.2

Irrespective of the chosen type of Manufacturer's Identification, Member Associations must only display trademarks of Manufacturers for which the Manufacturers have obtained trademark protection. Technology Labels and Quality Seals are not required to be registered trademarks.

#### 40.3

No Manufacturer's Identification, Technology Label or Quality Seal may interfere with or be tangent to any other identification displayed on the respective Equipment item, such as a Player's number or name, the identification of the Member Association or the FIFA World Champions Badge.

#### 40.4

Any type of Manufacturer's Identification, Technology Label or Quality Seal may be printed, embroidered or sewn on as a badge. Any type of Manufacturer's Identification, Technology Label or Quality Seal shall be attached permanently to the Playing Equipment. No such Manufacturer's Identification, Technology Label or Quality Seal may be attached with Velcro or other temporary means.

#### 40.5

No Manufacturer's Identification, Technology Label or Quality Seal may be made of reflective material or change Colour or appearance due to any external influence, including pressure, light, temperature, water or other liquid.

#### 40.6

Any type of Manufacturer's Identification may be displayed on any Equipment item by means of a tonal application on the following items:

- a) on buttons on the collar opening of a shirt; and
- b) on fastening items, such as zipper pulls,

provided in any case that such items are designed in a manner so as not to cause injury and not to produce from a distance the visual impression of the display of a Manufacturer's Identification.



### No Manufacturer's Identifications as Decorative Elements

#### 41.1

Decorative Elements may not display any type of Manufacturer's Identification or any other registered trademark and may not be directly attributable to a Manufacturer or a product line of such Manufacturer by any other means and may not produce the visual effect of a Manufacturer's Identification.

### 41.2

In case of a dispute regarding the nature of a representation on an Equipment item, the FIFA general secretariat, at its discretion, will decide whether the representation on an Equipment item is to be regarded as a Manufacturer's Identification, a Decorative Element or another admissible element. Upon request, the Member Associations may be required to ask for the Manufacturer's comment upon this classification.

### Section 2: Manufacturer's Identification on Playing Equipment items

### 42 Identifications on shirts

#### 42.1

Subject to the restrictions set out in arts 42 and 45 below, Member Associations may display all types of Manufacturer's Identifications on the front and on the sleeves of the shirt.

#### 42.2

Member Associations may display one type of Manufacturer's Identification once at chest level on the front of the shirt. The Member Association is entitled to determine, at its sole discretion, the exact position of this Manufacturer's Identification at chest level.

#### 42.3

The Member Associations may additionally display the Manufacturer logo (being a design mark) in the form of a strip in one of the following positions:

- a) across the bottom of both sleeves:
- b) centred down the outer seam of both sleeves (from the collar across the top of the shoulders down the bottom of the sleeve excluding the Sleeve Free Zone): or
- c) centred down the outer seams of the shirt.



Any Manufacturer logo incorporated into this strip may be displayed once or in the form of a repeated pattern with a series of Manufacturer logos attached to each other or with a maximum space of 2cm between the Manufacturer logos.

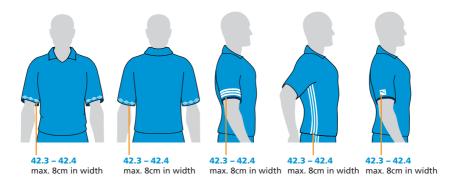
Any Manufacturer logo incorporated into this strip in one of the positions described in subsections (b) and (c) of this paragraph above, whether once or in the form of a repeated pattern with a series of Manufacturer logos, must from a front view not produce, in FIFA's discretion, the visual impression of the display of an additional Manufacturer's Identification on the front of the shirt (i.e. in addition to the Manufacturer's Identification displayed at chest level on the front of the shirt as set out in art. 42 par. 2 above). The display of a Manufacturer logo incorporated into such a strip on a shirt (worn by a Player standing upright, arms by his side) must only partially be visible from a front view and fully visible only from:

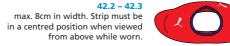
- a) a side view if a Manufacturer logo is displayed on the sleeves of the shirt; or
- b) viewed directly from above if a Manufacturer logo is displayed on the shoulders of the shirt.

#### 42.4

In relation to the Manufacturer's Identifications located on the shirt, the following measurements must be observed:

- a) Manufacturer's Identification
   on the front of the shirt: max. of 20cm²; and
- b) Manufacturer logo in the form of a strip: max. of 8cm width.





All types of Manufacturer's Identification are prohibited in the Collar Zone of the shirt.

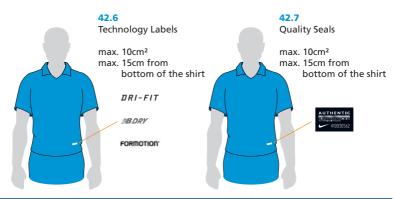
#### 42.6

In addition to the Manufacturer's Identifications and the Quality Seals as set out in art. 42 par. 7 below, the Member Association may display one single Technology Label on the shirt. The top edge of the Technology Label must be positioned no higher than 15cm above the bottom edge of the shirt and the size of the Technology Label must not exceed 10cm<sup>2</sup>.

#### 42.7

In addition to the Manufacturer's Identifications and the Technology Label as set out in art. 42 par. 6 above, the Member Association may display up to two Quality Seals on the shirt. The positioning and measurements of the Quality Seals shall be as follows:

- (a) if only one Quality Seal is displayed on the shirt, the top edge of the Quality Seal must be positioned no higher than 15cm above the bottom edge of the shirt and the size of the Quality Seal must not exceed 10cm², whereas the maximum size of the Manufacturer's Identification integrated in the Quality Seal shall not exceed 5cm²; or
- (b) if two Quality Seals are displayed on the shirt, art. 42 par. 7 (a) above shall apply to the first Quality Seal and a second, smaller Quality Seal, with a size not exceeding 5cm<sup>2</sup>, may be displayed on the shirt, anywhere other than in the Collar Zone, chest or sleeves.



Manufacturer	Technology Label Examples	<b>Quality Seal Examples</b>	
adidas	climacool		
auluas	adizero <sup>-</sup>		
Nike	DRI-FIT	AUTHENTIC 2016	
Puma	COOL		
Umbro	CLIMATE CONTROL	OFFICIAL LICENSED	
New Balance	<b>∌B</b> DRY	new bolance  B sadarnass	
Under Armour	<b>cold</b> <sup>°</sup> gear		

# 43 Identifications on shorts

#### 43.1

Subject to the restrictions set out in arts 43 and 45 below, Member Associations may display only once one type of Manufacturer's Identification on either leg of the shorts. The Member Association may determine, at its own discretion, the position and type of the additional Manufacturer's Identification on the shorts.

#### 43.2

The Member Associations may additionally display the Manufacturer logo (being a design mark) only once on the front or the back of the shorts, or in the form of a strip on the shorts in one of the following positions:

- a) across the bottom edge of both legs of the shorts; or
- b) down the outer seams of both legs of the shorts.

Any Manufacturer logo incorporated into such a strip may only be displayed once or in the form of a repeated pattern with a series of Manufacturer logos attached to each other or with a maximum space of 2cm between the Manufacturer logos.





Any Manufacturer logo incorporated into a strip in the position described in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph above, whether once or in the form of a repeated pattern with a series of Manufacturer logos, must from a front view not produce, in FIFA's discretion, the visual impression of the display of an additional Manufacturer's Identification on the front of the shorts (i.e. in addition to the Manufacturer's Identification displayed on the front of the shorts as set out in art. 43 par. 1 above). The display of a Manufacturer logo incorporated into a strip on shorts (worn by a Player standing upright) must be only partially visible from a front view and fully visible only from a side view.

#### 43.3

In relation to the Manufacturer's Identifications located on the shorts, the following measurements must be observed:

a) Manufacturer logo on the shorts: max. of 20cm²; and b) Manufacturer logo in the form of a strip: max. of 8cm width.

#### 43.4

In addition to the Manufacturer's Identifications and the Quality Seals as set out in art. 43 par. 5 below, the Member Association may display one single Technology Label on the shorts. The top edge of the Technology Label must be positioned either no higher than 5cm above the bottom edge of the shorts or no lower than 5cm below the bottom of the waistband at the top of the shorts. The size of the Technology Label must not exceed 10cm<sup>2</sup>.

#### 43.5

In addition to the Manufacturer's Identifications and the Technology Label as set out in art. 43 par. 4 above, the Member Association may display one Quality Seal on the shorts. The top edge of the Quality Seal must be positioned either no higher than 5cm above the bottom edge of the shorts or no lower than 5cm below the top of the shorts. The size of the Quality Seal must not exceed 10cm², whereas the maximum size of the Manufacturer's Identification integrated in the Quality Seal shall not exceed 5cm².

### 44

#### Identifications on socks

#### 44.1

Subject to the restrictions set out in art. 44 pars 1-4, Member Associations may display up to two types of Manufacturer's Identifications on each sock. The Manufacturer's Identifications shall be positioned horizontally between the ankle and the top edge of each sock.

The Manufacturer logo (being a design mark) may additionally be displayed once on each sock or in the form of a strip across the top edge of each sock. Any Manufacturer logo incorporated into this strip may only be displayed once or in the form of a repeated pattern with a series of Manufacturer logos attached to each other or with a maximum space of 2cm between the Manufacturer logos.

#### 44.3

The Member Associations may additionally display one type of Manufacturer's Identification on the foot part of each sock, positioned beneath the ankle. Such additional Manufacturer's Identification shall not be visible whilst the football boots are worn. The maximum size of such additional Manufacturer's Identification shall not exceed 20cm<sup>2</sup>.

#### 44 4

In relation to the Manufacturer's Identifications located on each sock, the following measurements must be observed:

a) Manufacturer logo: max. of 20cm<sup>2</sup> for one single

Manufacturer logo or a max.

of 10cm<sup>2</sup> each for two Manufacturer logos: and

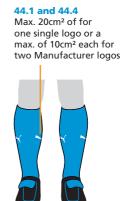
b) Manufacturer logo in the form of a strip: max. of 5cm width.

The above measurements are based on a brand-new and unworn sock.





44.1 - 44.2 and 44.4



## 45 Identification by means of special manufacturing techniques

#### 45.1

The Member Association may choose to display one single type of Manufacturer's Identification on the shirt and/or on the shorts in the form of a jacquard weave, embossing, laser etching or tonal print as special manufacturing techniques. The use of any other special manufacturing technique requires FIFA's prior written approval. The size of the Manufacturer's Identification displayed in the form of a special manufacturing technique shall not exceed 20cm². There is no limitation as to the number and positioning of the type of Manufacturer's Identification chosen.

### 45.2

The special manufacturing technique pattern must be incorporated in the main Colour and/or in one of the minor Colours of the Playing Equipment item in question. The special manufacturing technique pattern must not dominate, contain a contrasting Colour, or affect the distinctiveness of the Playing Equipment items.

### Section 3: Manufacturer's Identification on Special Equipment items for Players

## 46

Captain's armband, goalkeeper gloves, Caps, gloves worn by outfield players and Team Officials, headband and wristbands and head covers

#### 46.1

Member Associations may display only one type of Manufacturer's Identification on each of the following Special Equipment items for Players:

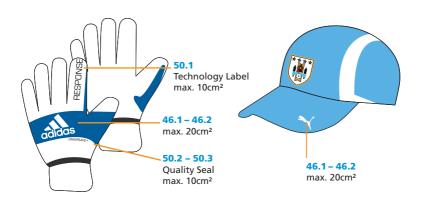
- a) goalkeeper gloves;
- b) Caps;
- c) gloves worn by outfield players and Team Officials; and
- d) headband or wristbands.

The Member Association must not display any type of Manufacturer's Identification or identification of a Supplier on any form of head cover other than a Cap or headband.

#### 46.2

The Member Association may determine, at its own discretion, the position of the Manufacturer's Identification on any Special Equipment item listed in art. 46 par. 1 above. The measurements of the chosen Manufacturer's Identification on the respective Special Equipment item must in any case not exceed 20cm<sup>2</sup>.

### **46.3** Art. 20 par. 3 shall apply in connection with the captain's armband.



## Special items for medical or performance-related purposes, beach soccer foot bindings and similar items

#### 47.1

Except for one tonal identification of its Manufacturer, which is not visible whilst the special items are worn by Players for medical or performancerelated purposes, or whilst the beach soccer foot bindings, other support bandages, additional socks and/or similar items are used, any such special Equipment items worn by Players shall not display any type of Manufacturer's Identification, identification of a Supplier or any further recognisable branding or identification of the Manufacturer, Supplier or any third party.

### Items worn under Playing Equipment

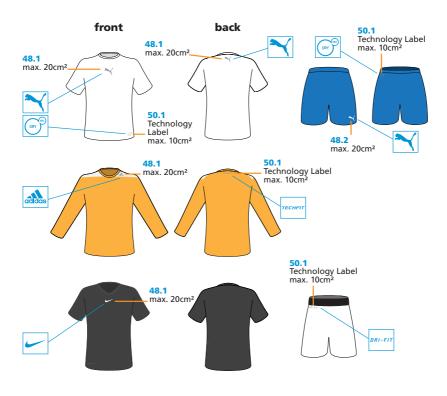
Member Associations may display two types of Manufacturer's Identifications on underwear, a T-shirt, bra or any sort of cooling apparel, one to be positioned on the front and one on the back of the underwear, T-shirt, bra or any sort of cooling apparel. The measurements of the chosen Manufacturer's Identifications on underwear, a T-shirt, bra or any sort of cooling apparel must not exceed 20cm<sup>2</sup>. Any Manufacturer's Identifications displayed on underwear, a T-shirt, bra or any sort of cooling apparel shall not be visible whilst the item is worn under a shirt independent of any external influence, including pressure, light, temperature, water or other liquid.

#### 48 2

Member Associations may display only one type of Manufacturer's Identification on thermal shorts, to be positioned, at the Member Association's discretion, on either leg of the thermal shorts. The measurements of the chosen Manufacturer's Identification on thermal shorts must not exceed 20cm<sup>2</sup>. In case the thermal shorts are permanently attached to the shorts, the terms and conditions of art. 43 above shall apply and no additional Manufacturer's Identification may be displayed on such thermal shorts.

#### 48.3

The terms and conditions of this article 48 shall not apply to any special items worn by Players under the Playing Equipment for medical or performancerelated purposes pursuant to art. 47 above.



## 49 Warm-up bib

#### 49.1

Subject to FIFA not providing the participating Member Associations with warm-up bibs in connection with any Matches of Final Competitions, the rules of art. 49 par. 2 below shall apply with respect to the display of any type of Manufacturer's Identification on the warm-up bibs.

### 49.2

For any Matches of a Preliminary Competition and any Preliminary Olympic Matches, Member Associations may display two types of Manufacturer's Identification on the warm-up bibs, to be positioned, at the Member Association's discretion, on the front and back of the warm-up bibs. The measurements of the chosen Manufacturer's Identifications on the warm-up bibs must not exceed 100cm<sup>2</sup>.



## Technology Labels and Quality Seals on Special Equipment items for Players

#### 50.1

In addition to the Manufacturer's Identifications and the Quality Seals as set out in art. 50 par. 2 below, the Member Association may display one single Technology Label on the following Special Equipment items for Players:

- a) goalkeeper gloves;
- b) Caps;
- c) gloves worn by outfield players and Team Officials;
- d) headband or wristbands:
- e) items worn under Playing Equipment items; and
- f) beach soccer foot bindings and other support bandages.

The size of the Technology Label shall not exceed 10cm<sup>2</sup>. The Member Association may determine, at its own discretion, the position of the Technology Label displayed on the relevant Special Equipment item. The Member Association must not display any type of Technology Label on any form of head cover other than a Cap.

#### 50.2

In addition to the Manufacturer's Identifications and the Technology Label as set out in art. 50 par. 1 above, the Member Association may display up to two Quality Seals on the following Special Equipment items for Players:

- a) goalkeeper gloves;
- b) Caps;
- c) gloves worn by outfield players;
- d) headband or wristbands;
- e) items worn under Playing Equipment items; and
- f) beach soccer foot bindings and other support bandages.

The Member Association must not display any type of Quality Seal on any form of head cover other than a Cap.

The positioning and measurements of these Quality Seals shall be as follows:

- (a) if only one Quality Seal is displayed on the relevant Special Equipment item, the Quality Seal may be displayed in a position to be chosen at the Member Association's discretion and its size must not exceed 10cm², whereas the maximum size of the Manufacturer's Identification integrated in the Quality Seal shall not exceed 5cm²; or
- (b) if two Quality Seals are displayed on the relevant Special Equipment item, art. 50 par. 3 (a) above shall apply to the first Quality Seal and a second, smaller Quality Seal, of a size not exceeding 5cm², may be displayed in a position to be chosen at the Member Association's discretion.

### Section 4: Manufacturer's Identification on Special Equipment items for individuals present in Pitch Area

### **51** то

#### 51.1

Subject to the restrictions set out in art. 51 pars 1-5 below, Member Associations may display a maximum of five of all types of Manufacturer's Identifications on each of the tops (e.g. tracksuit jackets, rain jackets, winter jackets, coats, T-shirts, pre-match shirts, training jerseys, sweatshirts, polo shirts). This includes a maximum of two bands of Manufacturer logos (being a design mark) displayed in the form of a strip in one of the following positions:

- a) across the bottom of both sleeves; or
- b) down the outer seam of both sleeves.

Any Manufacturer logo incorporated into this strip may be displayed once or in the form of a repeated pattern with a series of Manufacturer logos attached to each other or with a maximum space of 2cm between the Manufacturer logos.

**51 and 52**A maximum of five Manufacturer's Identifications may be displayed on tops and bottoms.



51 and 52 max. 20cm² (on both tops and bottoms)

With respect to the Collar Zone of any top, a Manufacturer's Identification may only be displayed in a centred position on the back of the top or, if the top does not have a collar, in a similar position. No Manufacturer's Identification may be displayed on the front or sides of the Collar Zone.

### 51.3

In relation to the Manufacturer's Identifications located on the tops, the following measurements must be observed:

a) stand-alone Manufacturer's Identification: max. of 20cm²; and b) Manufacturer logo in the form of a strip: max. of 8cm width.

#### 51.4

In addition to the maximum of five Manufacturer's Identifications and the Quality Seals as set out in art. 51 par. 5 below, the Member Association may display one single Technology Label on the tops. The size of the Technology Label shall not exceed 10cm<sup>2</sup>. The Member Association may determine, at its own discretion, the position of the Technology Label displayed on the tops.

#### 51.5

In addition to the maximum of five Manufacturer's Identifications and the Technology Label as set out in art. 51 par. 4 above, the Member Association may display up to two Quality Seals on the tops. The positioning and measurements of these Quality Seals shall be as follows:

- (a) if only one Quality Seal is displayed on the tops, the top edge of the Quality Seal must be positioned no higher than 15cm above the bottom edge of the top and the size of the Quality Seal must not exceed 10cm², whereas the maximum size of the Manufacturer's Identification integrated in the Quality Seal shall not exceed 5cm²; or
- (b) if two Quality Seals are displayed on the tops, art. 51 par. 5 (a) above shall apply to the first Quality Seal and a second, smaller Quality Seal, of a size not exceeding 5cm², may be displayed in a position to be chosen at the Member Association's discretion.

## **52** Bottoms

#### 52.1

Subject to the restrictions set out in art. 52 pars 1-4, any Member Association may display a maximum of five Manufacturer's Identifications from among all types of Manufacturer's Identifications on each of the bottoms (e.g. tracksuit bottoms, rainwear bottoms, shorts and winter trousers). This includes a maximum of two bands of Manufacturer logos (being a design mark) displayed in the form of a strip in one of the following positions:

- a) across the bottom edge of both legs of the bottoms; or
- b) down the outer seams of both legs of the bottoms.

Any Manufacturer logo incorporated into this strip may be displayed once or in the form of a repeated pattern with a series of Manufacturer logos attached to each other or with a maximum space of 2cm between the Manufacturer logos.

#### 52.2

In relation to the Manufacturer's Identifications located on the bottoms, the following measurements must be observed:

a) stand-alone Manufacturer's Identification: max. of 20cm²; and b) Manufacturer logo in the form of a strip: max. of 8cm width.

#### 52.3

In addition to the Manufacturer's Identifications and the Quality Seals as set out in art. 52 par. 4 below, the Member Association may display one single Technology Label on the bottoms. The size of the Technology Label shall not exceed 10cm<sup>2</sup>. The Member Association may determine, at its own discretion, the position of the Technology Label displayed on the bottoms.

In addition to the Manufacturer's Identifications and the Technology Label as set out in art. 52 par. 3 above, the Member Association may display up to two Quality Seals on the bottoms. The positioning and measurements of these Quality Seals shall be as follows:

- a) if only one Quality Seal is displayed on the bottoms, the top edge of the Quality Seal must be positioned no higher than 15cm above the bottom edge of the bottoms and the size of the Quality Seal must not exceed 10cm², whereas the maximum size of the Manufacturer's Identification integrated in this Quality Seal shall not exceed 5cm²; or
- b) if two (2) Quality Seals are displayed on the bottoms, art. 52 par. 4 (a) above shall apply to the first Quality Seal and a second, smaller Quality Seal, of a size not exceeding 5cm², may be displayed in a position to be chosen at the Member Association's discretion.

### Section 5: Manufacturer's Identification on Special Equipment items for other persons



## Ball boys and girls, player escorts and flag bearers

#### 53.1

For all Matches of a Preliminary Competition and all Preliminary Olympic Matches, the Special Equipment items worn by ball boys and girls, player escorts and flag bearers may display Manufacturer's Identifications as set out in arts 51 and 52 above for tops and bottoms.

### Section 6: Manufacturer's Identification on further Special Equipment

## **54** Footballs

#### 54.1

FIFA will exclusively provide the footballs for all Matches of Final Competitions.

### 54.2

For all Matches of a Preliminary Competition and all Preliminary Olympic Matches, one type of Manufacturer's Identification may be displayed on footballs. The Member Association may, at its own discretion, determine the number of repetitions and the positions of the displayed Manufacturer's Identification on the footballs.

The measurements of the chosen Manufacturer's Identification on the footballs may differ but must in any case not exceed 50cm<sup>2</sup> per repetition.

#### 54.3

In addition, the name of the football may be displayed on the football. The Member Association may determine, at its own discretion, the number of repetitions of the name of the football and their positions on the footballs. The measurements of the name of the football on the footballs may differ but must in any case not exceed 50cm<sup>2</sup>.

#### 54.4

In addition, Member Associations may display on each football the type of pitch surface (such as grass, artificial turf, indoor, sand) for which the football is produced or the Manufacturer's quality guarantees.



## 55 Football boots

#### 55.1

Subject to art. 36 par. 2 above, the Manufacturers may, at their own discretion, determine the type and size of the Manufacturer's Identifications, recognisable branding and further design elements on football boots worn by Players and Match Officials, including the number of repetitions and the positions on football boots.

## **56** On-field equipment

#### 56.1

For all Matches of a Preliminary Competition and all Preliminary Olympic Matches, Member Associations may display one Manufacturer's Identification on any on-field equipment items (goals, goal nets, flag posts and their flags) by the Manufacturer of the respective on-field equipment item. However, on goals, the selected type of Manufacturer's Identification may only be displayed on the back of the goalposts/crossbar.

### 56.2

The measurements of the chosen Manufacturer's Identification on the on-field equipment must in any case not exceed 12cm<sup>2</sup>.

#### 56.3

The applicable regulation number and the year of manufacture of the goal frame may also be positioned in conjunction with the Manufacturer's Identification on goals in order to fulfil the respective regional standards.

## **57**

### Sponsor advertising by teams, Players and Team Delegation Members

#### 57.1

On all Playing Equipment items used on, or brought into (permanently or temporarily), the Pitch Area, for all Matches, any form of advertising for sponsors, products, Manufacturers (exceeding the extent of Manufacturer's Identifications permitted under Chapter VI above), Suppliers or any third parties, of political, religious, commercial, personal statements, images and/or other announcements, is strictly prohibited.

For the purpose of the FIFA Club World Cup, the participating Clubs may engage in sponsor/product advertising in accordance with the regulations or guidelines to be issued by FIFA for the respective edition of the FIFA Club World Cup.

#### 57.2

On all Special Equipment items or other Equipment items used on, or brought into (permanently or temporarily), the Pitch Area, any form of advertising for sponsors, products, Manufacturers (exceeding the extent of Manufacturer's Identifications permitted under Chapter VI above), Suppliers or any third parties, of political, religious, commercial, personal statements, images and/or other announcements, is prohibited for all

- a) Matches of a Final Competition inside the entire Controlled Stadium Area; and
- b) Preliminary Matches on the field of play.

### **57.3**

FIFA may issue Competition Regulations and Media and Marketing Regulations governing a Final Competition and/or a Preliminary Competition containing specific rules for advertising for sponsors, Manufacturers or third parties displayed on Special Equipment items used inside the Controlled Stadium Area.

### Sponsor advertising by Match Officials

#### 58.1

For all Matches, all forms of advertising for sponsors, Manufacturers (exceeding the extent of Manufacturer's Identifications permitted under Chapter VI above), Suppliers or third parties, of political, religious, personal statements, images and/or other announcements, are strictly prohibited on all Equipment items used by Match Officials.

### Sponsor advertising by ball boys and girls, player escorts and flag bearers

#### 59.1

For all Matches, all forms of advertising for sponsors (exceeding the extent of advertising for sponsors permitted under Law 1 of the Laws of the Game), Manufacturers (exceeding the extent of Manufacturer's Identifications permitted under Chapter VI above), Suppliers or third parties, of political, religious, personal statements, images and/or other announcements, are strictly prohibited on all Equipment items used or worn by ball boys and girls. player escorts and flag bearers.

### **60** Sponsor advertising on on-field equipment

#### 60.1

The provisions of the section "Interpretation of the Laws of the Game and Guidelines for Referees", subsection "Commercial advertising" of the Laws of the Game prohibit all forms of commercial advertising on the field of play, therefore all forms of commercial advertising are prohibited on on-field equipment.

#### Section 1: General terms

### Approval requirement

#### 61.1

The Member Association is responsible for full compliance with these Regulations and further applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and decisions issued by FIFA in relation to any Equipment items used for Matches.

#### 61.2

In connection with any Equipment items used for a Final Competition, the Member Association must seek the approval of FIFA for any such Equipment items pursuant to the terms and conditions of arts 63-67 below.

#### 61.3

Notwithstanding the principle that the use of any Equipment item on the field of play remains subject foremost to the referee's authority as defined in the Laws of the Game as set out in art. 2 par. 5 above, unless FIFA explicitly requests the submission by the Member Association of an Equipment item for inspection and approval, in connection with any Equipment items used for the Preliminary Matches and all Preliminary Olympic Matches, the Member Association may seek the approval of FIFA for any such Equipment items. In such cases, the terms and conditions of arts 63-67 below shall apply accordingly.

## **62** Match Commissioner

### 62.1

The Match Commissioner has the responsibility to report to the FIFA general secretariat any non-compliance with the terms and conditions of these Regulations or any other FIFA regulations, circulars, guidelines, directives and/ or decisions during a Match held in a FIFA Event or a Preliminary Olympic Match. If necessary, the Match Commissioner is authorised to confiscate questionable Equipment items in return for a receipt and to submit the Equipment items to the FIFA general secretariat along with a written report.

### **Section 2: Final Competition**

### **63**

### Approval process

### 63.1

The FIFA general secretariat is responsible for the approval of all Equipment items used in connection with the Matches held in a Final Competition. All approvals by the FIFA general secretariat shall be given in writing.

#### 63.2

By no later than the deadline to be defined in the applicable Competition Regulations or as specifically notified by FIFA, each Member Association participating in the relevant Final Competition must submit to the FIFA general secretariat one physical sample of a complete set of all Equipment items (i.e. all Playing Equipment items and all Special Equipment items), including Official Equipment and all Reserve Equipment for outfield players and goalkeepers. All samples of these Playing Equipment items must be submitted to FIFA displaying a Player's number and sample Players' names in compliance with arts 6 and 7 above and in the identical manner as foreseen to be used during Matches. No approval will be given by the FIFA general secretariat in the absence of physical samples on the basis of electronic drawings only.

#### 63.3

For each Final Competition, FIFA may organise an Equipment approval day in order to approve all Equipment items to be used in connection with the relevant Final Competition. On the Equipment approval day, the Member Associations participating in the Final Competition must provide one sample of all Equipment items set out in art. 63 par. 2 above for the purpose of approval.

#### 63.4

The approval of Equipment items used in connection with the Matches held in a Final Competition remains at the sole discretion of the FIFA general secretariat, taking into account all relevant provisions of these Regulations and further applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and decisions of FIFA. The decision of the FIFA general secretariat will be notified in writing to the respective Member Association seeking the approval.

The Member Association is prohibited from using the relevant Equipment item during any Match held in a Final Competition prior to receipt of the notification by FIFA of its decision on the requested approval.

#### 63.6

The Member Association must specify on the official entry form for the relevant Final Competition the Colours of its Playing Equipment, including the Official Equipment and each set of Reserve Equipment. The Member Association may indicate on the official entry form Reserve Equipment as Equipment exclusively used for specific Matches of a Final Competition (e.g. the potential final Match). Irrespective of such indication, FIFA, the Match Officials or the Match Commissioner are free, in their reasonable discretion, to determine the Equipment to be used by the Member Association in the specific Match(es).

#### 63.7

FIFA is entitled to determine, at its sole discretion, whether the representative team of a Member Association must use the Official Equipment, Reserve Equipment or a combination of Official Equipment and Reserve Equipment during each Match of a Final Competition.

## **64** Effect of approval

#### 64.1

Any approval given by the FIFA general secretariat does not affect the Member Association's responsibilities and liabilities as set out in these Regulations and shall, subject to art. 64 par. 3 below, have no prejudging effect on any future approval requests by the same or any other Member Association.

#### 64.2

The Member Associations shall be responsible for using only Equipment items approved by the FIFA general secretariat during any Matches. In the event that, following FIFA's approval, an Equipment item is subsequently modified by the Member Association, the Manufacturer or any third party in any manner, FIFA's original decision to approve the Equipment shall automatically and with immediate effect be considered null and void and the Member Association is prohibited from using any such modified Equipment item with immediate effect.

Approved Equipment items may be valid for use in other Final Competitions during the same calendar year. In such cases, the Member Association must notify the FIFA general secretariat in writing of its decision to use the approved Equipment, identifying the specific Final Competition the Member Association intends to use pre-approved Equipment items for and confirming that all Equipment items are identical to the approved Equipment items.

## Process in case of disapproval

In the event that the FIFA general secretariat withholds the approval of any Equipment item, the FIFA general secretariat shall provide the Member Association with a written explanation together with the communication that the requested approval has been withheld.

#### 65.2

In the event that the FIFA general secretariat withholds the approval of any Equipment item used in connection with the Matches held in a Final Competition, the Member Association may either

- a) lodge a complaint against the decision of the FIFA general secretariat with the FIFA Marketing and TV Committee, which shall make a final decision. Any such complaint shall be submitted by the Member Association together with a reasoning in writing and within 30 days of the initial decision of the FIFA general secretariat being notified to the Member Association. In such cases, the FIFA Marketing and TV Committee will, within 30 days of submission of the complaint, notify the Member Association in writing of its final decision with respect to the complaint and shall provide the Member Association with an explanation for its final decision: or
- b) seek the approval of the FIFA general secretariat for a modified Equipment item by providing FIFA with a sample of the modified Equipment item. In such cases, the FIFA general secretariat will take a decision on whether the modified Equipment item may be approved pursuant to the terms and conditions of art, 63 above.

The terms and conditions of this art. 65 shall not apply if FIFA, the Match Officials or the Match Commissioner in connection with a Match request Players to

- a) temporarily cover parts of an Equipment item with tape or similar material; and/or
- b) combine Playing Equipment items of the Official Equipment with Playing Equipment items of the Reserve Equipment or additional Reserve Equipment.

## **66** Effect of disapproval

#### 66.1

In the event that the FIFA general secretariat withholds the approval of any Equipment item, the Member Association is prohibited from using the relevant Equipment item during any Match held in a Final Competition.

## 67 Preliminary examination

#### 67.1

Member Associations may, directly or represented by their appointed Manufacturer(s), at any time, submit any Equipment item to the FIFA general secretariat for preliminary examination.

### 67.2

Upon submission of an Equipment item to FIFA, the FIFA general secretariat, at its sole discretion and taking into account all relevant provisions of these Regulations and further applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and decisions of FIFA, shall notify the Member Association, with a copy to the relevant Manufacturer(s), in writing within 30 days of submission about its preliminary decision to approve or disapprove the submitted Equipment item. Any response given by the FIFA general secretariat in the absence of physical samples on the basis of electronic drawings only shall not be deemed to be a pre-approval or preliminary decision and shall not create any binding effect for FIFA.

A preliminary decision taken in such cases does not release the Member Association from its obligation to comply with the approval procedure for the Final Competition pursuant to arts 63 and 65 above. Notwithstanding this, the preliminary decision by the FIFA general secretariat shall be valid for the Preliminary Competition and the Final Competition of the relevant FIFA Event.

### **Section 3: Preliminary Competitions and other Matches**

## **68** Specification requirement

### 68.1

The Member Association must specify on the official form for any Matches held in connection with a Preliminary Competition and any Preliminary Olympic Matches the Colours of its Playing Equipment, including the Official Equipment and Reserve Equipment.

### 68.2

The Member Association must only use those Playing Equipment items specified on the official form during any Matches held in connection with a Preliminary Competition and any Preliminary Olympic Matches.

### Determination of Playing Equipment

In the event that, in the opinion of the Match Officials or Match Commissioner, the Playing Equipment of the two opposing teams is not clearly distinguishable for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media under the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, the Match Officials or Match Commissioner may instruct the host team to use Official Equipment and the visiting team to use either its Reserve Equipment or a combination of both. In exceptional cases, both teams may be asked to wear different Colours.

## **70** Measurement method

#### 70.1

All mandatory elements of a Playing Equipment item, such as numbering or Players' names, and the components of such elements, such as the stroke or breathing holes, will be measured once permanently applied to the respective Equipment item. In order to meet the minimum size requirements for mandatory elements of a Playing Equipment item as set forth in these Regulations, the Member Associations may consider slightly larger sizes before application on the respective Playing Equipment items.

#### 70.2

All identifications of a Member Association, Manufacturer's Identifications and further elements displayed on Equipment items will be measured according to their smallest and simplest geometric form, such as square, rectangle, triangle or circle, and the dimensions of this form will be calculated using the applicable mathematical formula.

#### 70.3

To calculate the surface area of any identification of a Member Association, Manufacturer's Identification or further elements displayed on Equipment items, the widest part of any such identification or element will be measured from edge to edge. On an exceptional basis, the identifications or elements may be divided into several individual geometric forms.

#### 70.4

The Member Association may submit to FIFA a concrete proposal as to how to measure non-standard types of Manufacturer's Identifications, identifications of the Member Association or further elements. Any such measurement proposal requires the review and the written approval of the FIFA general secretariat.

### 70.5

The product line (as set out in art. 39 par.1 (c) above) and figurative logo (as set out in art. 39 par.1 (d) above) of Manufacturers will be measured as several individual geometric forms if the distance between the various elements of the types of Manufacturer's Identification exceeds 0.5cm.

# **71** Disciplinary matters

### 71.1

Any violations of these Regulations or any other FIFA regulations, circulars, guidelines, directives and/or decisions that do not come under the jurisdiction of another body shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all relevant circulars and directives.

## **72** No liability

#### 72.1

FIFA shall not be liable to a Member Association for any losses, fees, damages, or any costs whatsoever which may arise as a result of, or in connection with, the requirements contained in these Regulations.

## **73** Diverging texts

These Regulations exist in the four official FIFA languages (English, French, German, Spanish).

### 73.2

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

#### 74.1

To the extent that the Competition Regulations and/or the Media and Marketing Regulations for the relevant FIFA Event are inconsistent with any aspect of these Regulations, the Competition Regulations and/or the Media and Marketing Regulations for the relevant FIFA Event shall take precedence over the terms of these Regulations. The relevant terms of these Regulations shall be deemed amended accordingly.

## 75 Matters not provided for

Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the FIFA Executive Committee, whose decision is final.

# **76** Adoption and enforcement

These Regulations were adopted by the Executive Committee on 25 September 2015 and come into force on 1 October 2015.

### 76.2

These Regulations replace in full the version adopted on 19 March 2010 and in force since 1 April 2010.

Zurich, September 2015

For the FIFA Executive Committee

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### **List of Equipment items**

### 1. Playing Equipment items

- 1.1 Shirt or jersey ("shirt" in these Regulations)
- 1.2 Shorts (or tracksuit trousers for goalkeepers)
- 1.3 Socks (or stockings) ("socks" in these Regulations)

### 2. Special Equipment items

- 2.1 Captain's armband
- 2.2 Goalkeeper gloves
- 2.3 Caps
- 2.4 Gloves worn by outfield players and Team Officials
- 2.5 Headbands
- 2.6 Wristbands
- 2.7 Head covers
- 2.8 Special items for medical purposes
- 2.9 Special items for performance-related purposes
- 2.10 Beach soccer foot bindings and other support bandages
- 2.11 Underwear
- 2.12 T-shirts
- 2.13 Bras
- 2.14 Thermal shorts
- 2.15 Cooling apparel
- 2.16 Warm-up bibs
- 2.17 Sweatshirts
- 2.18 Polo shirts, including pre-match shirts and training jerseys
- 2.19 Jackets, including winter jackets, rain jackets, anthem jackets, coats
- 2.20 Rain gear and ponchos
- 2.21 Tracksuits (including tops and bottoms, rainwear bottoms, shorts and winter trousers)

### 3. Other Equipment items

- 3.1 Footballs
- 3.2 Football boots
- 3.3 Shinguards
- 3.4 On-field equipment

