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NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders.



GENERAL PROVISIONS



Article 1: FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup™

- 1.1 The FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup™ ("World Cup") is a FIFA competition embodied in the FIFA regulations.
- 1.2 The World Cup takes place every two years. As a general rule, every association affiliated to FIFA may participate in the World Cup.
- 1.3 Participation in the World Cup is free of charge.
- 1.4 The World Cup consists of a preliminary competition and a final competition.
- 1.5 Any rights that are not ceded by the Regulations for the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2022™ ("Regulations") to the Organising Association/Local Organising Committee or any Participating Member Association or to a confederation shall remain with FIFA.
- 1.6 These Regulations regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all associations taking part in the final competition of the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2022™ ("World Cup 2022") and of the Organising Association/Local Organising Committee by forming an integral part of the Hosting Agreement ("HA"). The Regulations and all guidelines and circulars issued by FIFA are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the World Cup 2022.
- 1.7 The FIFA Statutes and all FIFA regulations in force shall apply. Any reference in these Regulations to the FIFA Statutes and regulations refers to the Statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.

Article 2: Preliminary competition

- 2.1 The organisation of the preliminary competition in the applicable form is assigned to the confederations in accordance with the FIFA Statutes in their applicable form. The confederations are required to draw up regulations for the preliminary competition and to submit them to FIFA for approval at least three months before the start of the preliminary competition.
- 2.2 On entering the preliminary competition, all associations automatically undertake to:
- (a) accept that all administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters related to the preliminary competition shall be dealt with by the respective confederation in compliance with the regulations submitted, and FIFA will only intervene if a confederation requests FIFA's assistance or in any cases specifically provided for in the FIFA Disciplinary Code;
 - (b) observe the principles of fair play.



2.3 In the event that a preliminary competition is not held or completed in a manner that determines the relevant number of qualifying member associations (due to cancellation, postponement, abandonment or otherwise), then the applicable confederation shall propose to FIFA, for FIFA's prior written approval, a member association (or member associations) located on the confederation's territory as its Participating Member Association(s). The confederation shall base its proposal strictly on the sporting merits of the member association(s) and shall provide a written report to FIFA explaining the reasons for proposing the member association(s) when seeking FIFA's approval. In the event that FIFA does not approve the confederation's proposed member association(s), the confederation shall propose an alternative member association (or member associations) for FIFA's approval.

Article 3: Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions

3.1 The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions (the "FIFA Organising Committee"), appointed by the FIFA Council, is responsible for organising the World Cup 2022 in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Governance Regulations.

3.2 The FIFA Organising Committee may, if necessary, appoint a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with emergencies.

3.3 The FIFA Organising Committee shall deal with any aspect of the World Cup 2022 that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or the FIFA Governance Regulations.

3.4 The decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee and/or its bureau/sub-committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Article 4: Organising Association/Local Organising Committee – responsibilities

- 4.1** The FIFA Council has appointed the Costa Rican Football Association (“Organising Association”) as the host of the final competition of the World Cup 2022.
- 4.2** The Organising Association is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the World Cup 2022. It shall set up a Local Organising Committee (“LOC”) in accordance with the HA. The Organising Association and the LOC shall be subject to the control of FIFA. All FIFA decisions are final.
- 4.3** The obligations and responsibilities of the Organising Association with respect to the World Cup 2022 are stipulated in the HA.
- 4.4** The Organising Association shall discharge FIFA from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against FIFA and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the World Cup 2022.
- 4.5** The Organising Association shall ensure that any decision taken by FIFA relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

Article 5: Participating Member Associations – responsibilities

- 5.1** The associations that qualify for the World Cup 2022 (the “Participating Member Associations”) agree to comply with and ensure that every Delegation Member (players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives, guests and any other person carrying out duties throughout the World Cup 2022, and for the entire duration of their stay in the host country, on behalf of a Participating Member Association) complies with these Regulations, the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes and FIFA’s regulations, in particular the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Equipment Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA circular letters, regulations, guidelines, directives and/or decisions.

In addition, the players and team officials shall:

- (a) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and the authority of the match officials;
- (b) behave accordingly;
- (c) refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations.



5.2

On entering the World Cup 2022, the Participating Member Associations automatically undertake to:

- (a) observe these Regulations and ensure that their Delegation Members, in particular but not only their players, also observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
- (b) accept and obey all instructions and decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these Regulations;
- (c) participate in all matches of the World Cup 2022 in which their team is scheduled to take part;
- (d) accept all of the arrangements relating to the World Cup 2022 made by the Organising Association in agreement with FIFA;
- (e) accept the use by FIFA and/or the issue of a sub-licence by FIFA to third parties, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of all Delegation Members that may appear in connection with the World Cup 2022;
- (f) ensure the provision of adequate insurance to cover their Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel in consideration of the relevant FIFA rules or regulations.
- (g) ensure the inclusion of female staff in the official delegation list as follows:
 - i. requirement for at least one member of the team's medical staff, such as a physiotherapist or doctor, to be female;
 - ii. requirement for at least one member of the team's coaching staff, such as the head coach, a coach, a fitness coach/trainer, a sports/performance scientist, etc., to be female;
 - iii. requirement for at least two of the eight officials required to sit on the team bench to be female.

Ideally, at least half of the team officials should be female.

Any Participating Member Association that does not comply with art. 5 par. 2(g) i. or art. 5 par. 2(g) ii. or art. 5 par. 2(g) iii. above as from the first matchday of its team until the end of the tournament shall be fined in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

- 5.3** In addition, each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for:
- (a) the conduct of its Delegation Members;
 - (b) paying for incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf during the course of their stay in the host country;
 - (c) paying for any costs of extending the stay, before or after the World Cup 2022, of any Delegation Member or any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
 - (d) applying for visas in good time from the nearest consulate or embassy of the host country, if necessary;
 - (e) attending all media conferences and other media activities organised by FIFA in accordance with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA circular letters, guidelines, directives and/or decisions.

5.4 All Participating Member Associations shall confirm their participation by submitting the entry form and any other required documentation as communicated by FIFA via the corresponding circular(s), duly signed by the deadline(s) set by FIFA. The timely submission to FIFA of any such documents is of the essence. If a Participating Member Association fails to adhere to the time limits and/or fails to meet the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents, the FIFA Organising Committee shall pass a decision.

5.5 All Participating Member Associations shall indemnify, defend and hold FIFA, the Organising Association, the LOC, and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, any non-compliance with these Regulations by the Participating Member Associations, their Delegation Members, their affiliates and any third parties contracted to the Participating Member Associations.



Article 6: Withdrawal, unplayed matches, abandoned matches and replacement

- 6.1** All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the World Cup 2022.
- 6.2** Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the World Cup 2022 no later than 30 days before the opening match thereof shall be fined at least CHF 15,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the World Cup 2022 fewer than 30 days before the opening match thereof shall be fined at least CHF 20,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 6.3** Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose additional disciplinary measures, including the expulsion of the Participating Member Association concerned from subsequent FIFA competitions.
- 6.4** Any match which is not played or which is abandoned – except in cases of force majeure recognised by FIFA – may lead to the imposition of disciplinary measures against the relevant associations by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 6.5** Any Participating Member Association that withdraws or whose behaviour is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered by the FIFA Organising Committee to reimburse FIFA, the Organising Association or any other Participating Member Association for any expenses incurred as a result of its behaviour. In such cases, the association concerned may also be ordered by FIFA to pay compensation for any damages incurred by FIFA, the Organising Association or any other Participating Member Association. The association in question will also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.
- 6.6** If a Participating Member Association withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, FIFA shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

6.7

Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles shall apply:

- (a) The match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same scoreline. The match shall recommence where play was stopped when the match was interrupted (e.g. with a free kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, kick from the penalty mark, etc.). If the match was abandoned while the ball was still in play, it shall restart with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped.
- (b) The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned.
- (c) No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the start list.
- (d) Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced.
- (e) Any disciplinary measures imposed before the match was abandoned will be dealt with in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- (f) The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by FIFA.

6.8

If any Participating Member Association withdraws or is excluded from the World Cup 2022, FIFA shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary. The FIFA Organising Committee may in particular decide to replace the association in question with another association.



DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES



Article 7: Disciplinary matters

- 7.1** Disciplinary infringements are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code in force as well as with all relevant circulars and directives, with which the Participating Member Associations and Delegation Members undertake to comply.
- 7.2** FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and measures for the duration of the World Cup 2022. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Member Associations before the opening match of the World Cup 2022 at the latest.

Article 8: Disputes

- 8.1** All disputes in connection with the World Cup 2022 shall be promptly settled by mediation (with the exception of those falling under art. 7 above).
- 8.2** In compliance with the FIFA Statutes, Participating Member Associations may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law but to the exclusive jurisdiction of FIFA.
- 8.3** The Participating Member Associations acknowledge and accept that, once all stages of appeal have been exhausted at FIFA, their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, unless excluded or if the decision is declared final and binding and not subject to appeal. Any such arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

Article 9: Protests

- 9.1** For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs.
- 9.2** Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA Match Director within two hours of the match in question and followed up with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent by email to disciplinary@fifa.org and cpm@fifa.org within 24 hours of the end of the match, otherwise they shall be disregarded.
- 9.3** Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA headquarters in the host country no later than five days before the opening match of the World Cup 2022 and shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.



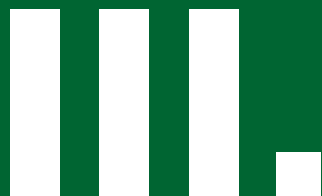
- 9.4 Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items (e.g. goals, flag posts or footballs) shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the head of delegation of the team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA Match Director by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.
- 9.5 Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA Match Director by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.
- 9.6 No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal, unless otherwise stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 9.7 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose disciplinary measures.
- 9.8 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations (and in the FIFA Disciplinary Code, where applicable) are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the World Cup has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded. Notwithstanding the above, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee remains competent to prosecute any disciplinary infringement *ex officio* as established in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 9.9 The FIFA Organising Committee shall pass decisions on any protests lodged, subject to the exceptions stipulated in these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or any other FIFA regulations.

Article 10: Yellow and red cards

- 10.1 The referee has the authority to take disciplinary action from entering the field of play for the pre-match inspection until leaving the field of play after the match ends (including kicks from the penalty mark). If, before entering the field of play at the start of the match, a player or team official commits a sending-off offence, the referee has the authority to prevent the player or team official from taking part in the match (see Laws of the Game, Law 12.3); the referee will report any other misconduct.
- 10.2 Single yellow cards and pending suspensions as a consequence of cautions in different matches in the preliminary competition organised by the confederations are not carried over to the World Cup 2022. Pending match suspensions imposed as a result of a red card in matches in the preliminary competition organised by the confederations are carried over to the World Cup 2022.
- 10.3 Single yellow cards in the World Cup 2022 will be cancelled after the quarter-finals.
- 10.4 If a player receives two cautions during two different matches, she will automatically be suspended from her team's subsequent match.
- 10.5 If a player is sent off as a result of a direct or indirect red card, she will automatically be suspended from her team's subsequent match. In addition, further sanctions may be imposed in the case of a direct red card.
- 10.6 Any suspension that cannot be served during the World Cup 2022 will be carried over to the representative team's next official match in the same age group. Where the suspension cannot be served in the same age group, it shall be carried over to the next highest age group.



COMPETITION FORMAT



Article 11: Number of teams

The number of teams taking part in the World Cup 2022 has been fixed at 16, to be apportioned among the confederations as follows:

Confederation	Number of slots
AFC	3
CAF	2
Concacaf	3
CONMEBOL	2
OFC	1
UEFA	4
Host (Costa Rica)	1

Article 12: Group and knockout stages

12.1 The World Cup 2022 will be played in a group stage, followed by the quarter-finals and semi-finals, the play-off for third place and the final.

12.2 The 16 participating teams will be divided into four groups of four teams. FIFA will seed the teams for the World Cup 2022 draw in accordance with the team ranking as established in the draw procedures. FIFA will divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, taking into account geographical and sporting considerations. The teams in the four groups will be designated as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4



12.3 The group matches will be played following the schedule below. Each team plays each of the other teams in the same group once, according to a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat).

MATCHDAY 1	MATCHDAY 2	MATCHDAY 3
A1 v. A2	A1 v. A3	A4 v. A1
A3 v. A4	A4 v. A2	A2 v. A3
B1 v. B2	B1 v. B3	B4 v. B1
B3 v. B4	B4 v. B2	B2 v. B3
C1 v. C2	C1 v. C3	C4 v. C1
C3 v. C4	C4 v. C2	C2 v. C3
D1 v. D2	D1 v. D3	D4 v. D1
D3 v. D4	D4 v. D2	D2 v. D3

12.4 The two teams finishing first and second in each group will qualify for the quarter-finals.

12.5 The eight teams that qualify from the group stage will contest the quarter-finals as follows:

Match 25: Winner A v. Runner-up B

Match 26: Winner B v. Runner-up A

Match 27: Winner C v. Runner-up D

Match 28: Winner D v. Runner-up C

Note: the above configuration does not necessarily represent the chronological order in which the matches will be played.

12.6 The four winners of the quarter-finals will contest the semi-finals as follows:

Match 29: Winner M25 v. Winner M27

Match 30: Winner M26 v. Winner M28

12.7 The two winners of the semi-finals will contest the final. The two runners-up of the semi-finals will contest the play-off for third place as follows:

Play-off for third

place (Match 31): Runner-up M29 v. Runner-up M30

Final (Match 32): Winner M29 v. Winner M30

Article 13: Equal points and qualification for knockout stage

13.1 If two or more teams in the same group are equal on points after the completion of the group stage, the following criteria, in the order below, shall be applied to determine the ranking:

- Step 1:
 - (a) superior goal difference in all group matches;
 - (b) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.
- Step 2:

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

- (c) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- (d) superior goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- (e) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- (f) highest team conduct score relating to the number of yellow and red cards obtained:

- yellow card:	minus 1 point
- indirect red card (as a result of two yellow cards):	minus 3 points
- direct red card:	minus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card:	minus 5 points


Only one of the above deductions shall be applied to a player in a single match. The team with the highest number of points shall be ranked highest.

- (g) drawing of lots by FIFA.

With respect to the second step, all affected teams will be ranked by applying the criteria (c) to (g) in order. If one team qualifies for a higher or lower ranking pursuant to one criterion, but it is not possible to rank all teams on the basis of the same criterion, the remaining two or three teams will be ranked pursuant to the next criterion, and so on. In any case, the second step of the ranking does not restart for the two or three teams remaining after application of a criterion.



Article 14: Extra time and kicks from the penalty mark

- 14.1** In the group stage, the last matches in each group shall be played simultaneously.
- 14.2** In the knockout stages, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played. Extra time shall consist of two 15-minute periods, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time. The players shall remain on the pitch during this interval.
- 14.3** If the score is still level at the end of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure specified in the Laws of the Game.
- 14.4** If the play-off for third place is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the match is played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark only.
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COMPETITION PREPARATION

IV.

Article 15: Draw and Team Workshop

- 15.1** The draw for the World Cup 2022 shall, in principle, take place approximately three months prior to the opening match of the World Cup 2022.
- 15.2** In principle, the draw will be organised by FIFA and the Organising Association and will be combined with a Team Workshop, team venue inspection visits and other related activities.
- 15.3** FIFA will cover the costs of economy-class flights (from the capital city of the respective Participating Member Association to the city where the draw is taking place) for two representatives – which should in principle be the head coach and main team administrator – of each participating team. In addition, FIFA will cover the costs of accommodation for two representatives for a maximum of three nights, which may be extended to four nights depending on the availability of flights. The LOC will cover the costs of any domestic transport (air, rail or road) from the city where the draw is taking place to the city where the team will play its first group match, so that the team can conduct a team venue visit in the city concerned. Any other costs shall be borne by the Participating Member Association concerned.
- 15.4** Should FIFA decide to host the draw in Zurich and separate (date/location) from the Team Workshop, all costs related to the Participating Member Association's attendance at the draw event shall be borne by the Participating Member Association concerned.

Article 16: Venues and kick-off times

- 16.1** The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be proposed by the Organising Association, subject to approval by FIFA.
- 16.2** The dates and venues of the matches shall be set, allowing each team a minimum rest period of 48 hours between matches.
- 16.3** If necessary, FIFA may decide to change kick off-times after the draw.

Article 17: Friendly matches

17.1 Each team is entitled to play friendly matches in the host country up until five days prior to its first group match of the World Cup 2022 according to the procedure for approval of friendly matches established in the Regulations Governing International Matches.

17.2 In addition, the following rules apply to matches played in the host country:

- (a) Matches in stadiums selected for use during the World Cup 2022 will be prohibited as of 14 days prior to the start of the World Cup 2022.
- (b) The official training sites cannot be used for friendly matches as of 14 days prior to the start of the World Cup 2022.
- (c) Teams drawn into the same group shall not play friendly matches against each other in the host country.
- (d) No World Cup competition marks shall be used in relation to friendly matches, nor shall any other connection be drawn with the World Cup in any marketing, promotional or advertising materials produced for friendly matches.
- (e) No entrance fee may be charged.
- (f) Each team must respect the Media and Marketing Regulations, the Equipment Regulations and any other relevant FIFA regulations or guidelines.
- (g) Friendly matches shall not be broadcast.
- (h) The Participating Member Associations are not entitled to TV or marketing rights.

17.3 Each Participating Member Association playing friendly matches or organising a pre-tournament training camp in the host country shall be responsible for applying for visas for all members of its delegation.

17.4 FIFA may provide further information on friendly matches by means of a circular letter.

Article 18: Team arrivals

18.1 Each team participating in the World Cup 2022 shall arrive at the venue of its first group match at least four days before the team's first match.

18.2 Only official team hotels under contract with FIFA shall be used for the teams' accommodation from four days before the team's first match and up to one day after its elimination.



STADIUMS AND TRAINING SITES

V.

Article 19: Stadiums

- 19.1** FIFA shall carry out stadium inspections in the period leading up to the World Cup 2022 to check whether the required structural criteria are met by the stadiums hosting the World Cup 2022. The FIFA administration shall accept or reject each stadium on the basis of several structural and safety criteria observed during the inspection visits and any other information gathered by FIFA. Such decisions are final.
- 19.2** The Organising Association shall provide FIFA with all documents confirming that the stadiums have been thoroughly inspected by the relevant public authorities and meet all the safety requirements laid down by the applicable national law and the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations.
- 19.3** The stadiums and training sites shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the World Cup 2022 (or earlier if deemed necessary by FIFA if conditions require) and concluding at the earliest one day after the last scheduled match at the respective stadium, unless FIFA gives special permission.
- 19.4** All stadiums and training sites shall be available and free of any and all commercial activities and identifications (e.g. boards and other signage) other than those of FIFA's commercial affiliates at least five days prior to the opening match of the World Cup 2022 until one day after the last scheduled match at the respective stadium.
- 19.5** As a general rule, World Cup 2022 matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums.
- 19.6** All matches shall be played under floodlights. Matches played at night may be played only at venues with floodlighting installations that ensure that the whole pitch is evenly lit according to FIFA specifications as specified in the Broadcast & Media Rights Technical Annexe in force. An emergency independent power system shall also be available in each stadium which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees the FIFA-specified intensity of light for the whole pitch and ensures emergency lighting in the whole stadium.
- 19.7** The FIFA Event Policy on Tobacco shall be complied with at the World Cup 2022 stadiums. If smoking areas are allowed by local legislation, FIFA reserves the right to determine if they shall be established.



Article 20: Pitches

20.1 Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces, subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard. The training sites shall have the same type of turf as the stadium in the same Host City.

20.2 Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, the pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m, width 68m.

20.3 The pitch watering schedule and the height of the grass will be communicated by the FIFA Match Director at the match coordination meeting.

20.4 Each stadium shall have sufficient space behind the goals to allow the players to warm up during the matches. A maximum of six (6) players shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of two (2) officials). Only the goalkeepers may warm up with a ball.

If there is not sufficient space behind the goals, both teams shall warm up in the designated area beside the team bench behind assistant referee no. 1. In this case, only a maximum of three (3) players and one official per team may warm up at the same time and the goalkeepers may not use any balls.

20.5 The field of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. All goals shall be equipped with white goal posts and white goal nets with dark support posts and padding. Each stadium shall have spare goals, nets and corner flags located in close proximity to the field of play for contingency purposes.

Article 21: Stadium roof

21.1 If a stadium has a retractable roof, the FIFA Match Director shall decide before the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced at the match coordination meeting on the day before the match, although it may subsequently be modified prior to kick-off in the event of sudden and significant weather condition changes.

21.2 If the match starts with the roof closed, it shall remain closed for the entire match. If the match starts with the roof open and there is a serious deterioration in the weather conditions, only the referee has the authority to order its closure during the match. In such an event, the roof is to remain closed until the end of the match.

Article 22: Stadium clocks and giant screen

- 22.1** Clocks in the stadium showing the length of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e. after 15 minutes of each half).
- 22.2** Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, shall be used by the fourth official to indicate the substitution of players and the number of minutes to be allowed for time lost.
- 22.3** FIFA shall determine the conditions governing all scoreboard and giant screen transmissions.

Article 23: Training sites

- 23.1** In principle, the Organising Association shall provide two to four training sites per group of four teams. The training sites shall be approved by FIFA.
- 23.2** The training sites shall be made available as of four days before the first match in the venue until one day after the respective venue has hosted its last match in the World Cup. In principle, the training sites shall be made available at any time requested by the teams for their exclusive use according to the training site allocation schedule.
- 23.3** In principle, the teams shall use the training sites on a rotation basis in order to ensure that each team has the same conditions with regard to pitch quality and distance from team hotels. Full details about the allocation of training sites shall be communicated at the Team Workshop.
- 23.4** Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, all training site pitches shall be at least the minimum international standard of 100m x 64m in size.
- 23.5** The training sites shall be situated within a reasonable driving distance by team bus from the team hotel, ideally within 20 minutes' drive.
- 23.6** The training sites shall have the same type of turf (artificial or natural) as the stadium in the same Host City. The pitches shall be in perfect condition, properly mowed and fully marked in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 23.7** The Organising Association shall provide pitch maintenance personnel and suitable training site equipment at all official training sites, including but not limited to cones, free-kick walls, speed ladders and portable goals. Each training site shall be equipped with at least one dressing room with lockers, showers and toilets.
- 23.8** As from four days prior to their opening match of the World Cup 2022 and up to their elimination, the Participating Member Associations shall use only those training sites which have signed the official FIFA Training Site Agreement.
- 23.9** The FIFA Event Policy on Tobacco shall be complied with at the World Cup 2022 training sites. If smoking areas are allowed by local legislation, FIFA reserves the right to determine if they shall be established.



**PLAYERS' AND
OFFICIALS' LISTS**

VI.

Article 24: Eligibility

24.1 Each Participating Member Association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the World Cup:

- (a) All players shall hold the nationality of their country and be subject to its jurisdiction.
- (b) All players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes and other FIFA rules and regulations.

24.2 Each Participating Member Association shall ensure that all players of its representative team meet the following age requirements:

- Upper age limit: all players must be a maximum of 20 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the World Cup 2022 is played (i.e. all players of the teams were born on or after 1 January 2002).
- Lower age limit: all players must be at least 16 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the World Cup 2022 is played (i.e. all players of the teams were born on or before 31 December 2006).

Each Participating Member Association is responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so will lead to the consequences stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

Article 25: Provisional list

25.1 Each Participating Member Association shall submit a provisional list online of a minimum of 22 players (a minimum of four of whom shall be goalkeepers) to FIFA, accompanied by a copy of the passport of each player appearing on the list. The provisional list shall be submitted to FIFA by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter.

25.2 The provisional list shall contain information such as the player's full last name(s), all first names, popular name, name on the shirt, place and date of birth, passport number and expiry date, name and country of the club, height, weight, number of caps attained and number of international goals scored, and it shall be sent to FIFA. Further details of the provisional list, and the deadline by which the list shall be submitted to FIFA, will be stipulated in the relevant circular letter.

25.3 Each Participating Member Association shall include up to 30 team officials on the provisional list so that the relevant authorities can proceed with the background checks for visa and accreditation purposes. Each Participating Member Association shall adhere to the visa requirements and process.

25.4 The provisional list will only be used for internal purposes and FIFA will not release it to the public.

25.5 Any change requests to the provisional list for exceptional cases must be submitted in writing before the final list deadline and are subject to FIFA's approval.



Article 26: Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer

Each Participating Member Association shall appoint a designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer to act as a focal point for all matters related to the safeguarding and well-being of the players and team delegation. This role does not have to be exclusive and can be assigned to the medical doctor or other trained member of the team delegation. It is a mandatory requirement that the designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer complete the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials online course (<https://safeguardingsport.fifa.com/>). The role of the Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer is to:

- as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the team delegation during the World Cup 2022;
- take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being is prioritised;
- liaise with the Competition Safeguarding Manager and the FIFA Event Safeguarding Manager should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse (be it psychological, physical or sexual, or neglect) arise; and
- know the specific safeguarding measures for the World Cup 2022 and the avenues available for reporting concerns.

Article 27: Final list

27.1 The final list of the 21 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) selected to participate in the World Cup 2022 shall be submitted online by the stipulated deadline in the relevant circular letter. A signed copy of this list must also be sent to FIFA by the same deadline. All information requested online about the players should be duly completed.

27.2 The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. Only the 21 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the World Cup 2022.

27.3 A player listed on the final list may be replaced by a player from the provisional list only in the event of serious injury or illness up until 24 hours before the kick-off of her team's first match. The replacement shall be nominated by the participating team, who shall inform FIFA accordingly. Upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment in one of the four official languages of FIFA, the FIFA Medical Committee, represented by the FIFA General Medical Officer, will issue a certificate stating that the injury or illness is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the World Cup 2022. Injured players who are replaced must return their accreditation to FIFA. Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered members of the Participating Member Association's final list. The replacement player must be assigned the shirt number of the injured player being replaced.

- [27.4](#) The final list of 21 players will be published by FIFA after the submission deadline.
- [27.5](#) Along with the above final list of players, a final list of 15 officials shall be submitted online by the stipulated deadline. Each Participating Member Association shall ensure the inclusion of female staff in the official delegation as per art. 5 par. 2(g) i., art. 5 par. 2(g) ii. and art. 5 par. 2(g) iii.
- [27.6](#) Before the start of the World Cup 2022, every player on the final list must prove her identity, nationality and age by producing her legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of birth). Any player who fails to submit these documents will not be allowed to take part in the World Cup 2022.

Article 28: Accreditation

- [28.1](#) FIFA shall issue each player and team official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph. Each Participating Member Association will receive up to 36 accreditations (21 for the players on the final list and up to 15 for the officials on the final list). For the sake of clarity, FIFA will only cover the costs of up to a maximum of 29 delegates, as stipulated in the financial provisions.
- [28.2](#) FIFA may provide a certain number of Supplementary Accreditation Devices (SADs) to each team in order to control and restrict access to the dressing rooms and the field of play on matchdays. Further details will be given to the teams at a later stage.
- [28.3](#) FIFA reserves the right to revoke the accreditation of any official or player due to the misconduct of the individual concerned.
- [28.4](#) The Participating Member Associations shall ensure that all accreditation data required by FIFA is submitted by the deadline stipulated by FIFA. Further details will be outlined in a circular letter.
- [28.5](#) Players must wear their accreditations when entering the stadiums and training sites. Officials must wear their accreditations at all times in the stadiums and training sites. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the World Cup 2022.



**KIT AND TEAM
EQUIPMENT**

VII.

Article 29: Kit and colours approval

- 29.1** The FIFA Equipment Regulations in force apply to all matches of the World Cup 2022, unless specified otherwise in these regulations.
- 29.2** Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light) for its official and reserve team kits (2 sets of shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colours for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be different and contrasting from each other as well as from the official and reserve team kits. This information shall be submitted online via the team colour form by the stipulated deadline. Only these colours, once reviewed and approved by FIFA as stated in art. 29 par. 3 below, may be worn during matches.
- 29.3** The Participating Member Associations will be asked to send exact samples of kits (playing kit and all other items used at the stadium) to FIFA, who will confirm the exact approval procedure. On the basis of this procedure, FIFA will issue a written team kit report, approving or rejecting the kit items.

Article 30: Numbers and names

- 30.1** Only the numbers 1 to 21 may be allocated to the players, with number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. These numbers must be displayed on the front – at chest height – and on the back of the shirts according to the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The numbers shall correspond to the numbers indicated on the final list.
- 30.2** The player's last name or popular name (or abbreviation) shall be affixed above the number on the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The name on the shirt must bear a strong resemblance to the player's popular name as indicated on FIFA's official list of players and in any other official FIFA documentation. In case of doubt, FIFA shall have the final decision regarding the name that appears on the shirt.
- 30.3** Each team shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers for the World Cup 2022. These shirts will only be used in those special circumstances in which an outfield player must take the position of goalkeeper during a match. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three colours as the regular goalkeeper shirts.



Article 31: Match colours designation

31.1 Approximately two months before the start of the final competition, FIFA will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match of the group stage. As far as possible, each team shall wear its first-choice colours as declared on the team colour form. If the two teams' colours and the match officials' colour might cause confusion, the following principles shall be applied by FIFA to allocate the match colours:

- (a) Order of priority from 1 to 5:
 1. Team A playing kit
 2. Team B playing kit
 3. Team A goalkeeper kit
 4. Team B goalkeeper kit
 5. Match officials (referees) kit
- (b) If the above order of priority does not produce a clear colour contrast of the kits, FIFA shall determine an acceptable colour contrast.
- (c) If necessary, one or both teams may have to wear a combination of their first-choice and alternative player or goalkeeper kits.

FIFA will endeavour to ensure that each team wears its first-choice team playing kit at least once during the group stage.

In principle, FIFA shall also consider the option of dark-kit and light-kit colour-contrast assignments in the interests of accommodating individuals with a colour vision deficiency whenever reasonably practicable.

31.2 FIFA shall confirm the playing colours to the Participating Member Associations before the start of each match. The colours shall be reviewed during the Match Coordination Meeting by the referee assessor and the FIFA Match Director. The colours assignment decided by FIFA is final.

31.3 The first-choice and alternative team playing kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts without names and numbers) shall be taken to every match.

Article 32: Other equipment

- 32.1** FIFA will supply a sufficient number of players' sleeve badges with the official competition logo of the World Cup 2022, which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each shirt. A different FIFA campaign logo may be affixed on the left-hand sleeve. FIFA will communicate to the participating teams the instructions for use of the players' sleeve badges.
- 32.2** FIFA will provide each participating team with a set of special equipment upon arrival in the host country (drinks bottles, drinks coolers, medical bags, captain's armbands, etc.). This equipment must be used at the stadium to the exclusion of any similar items.
- 32.3** The footballs used in the World Cup 2022 shall be selected and exclusively supplied by FIFA. Time permitting, each team will receive twenty (20) training balls from FIFA prior to the World Cup 2022 after the successful submission of the required team entry details. Twenty-five (25) training balls will also be provided to the participating teams upon arrival in the host country. Only these balls provided by FIFA may be used for training and warm-up sessions at the official stadiums and training sites.
- 32.4** Only warm-up bibs provided by FIFA may be used during pre-match warm-up in the stadium and on the team benches, and for the warm-up of substitute players during the match.
- 32.5** Participating teams are allowed to use their own wearable tracking system, provided that the system has been tested and certified according to the Laws of the Game, registered with FIFA by the Participating Member Association for use in the final competition and otherwise complies with the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations and any other applicable FIFA regulations.



**MATCH
ORGANISATION**

VIII.

Article 33: Start list

- 33.1** Each team is responsible for arriving at the stadium at the latest 90 minutes before the kick-off of the respective match and for providing the completed start list to the FIFA Match Director upon such arrival.
- 33.2** At the match coordination meeting (before each match), the teams will receive a start list with all 21 players' full names and shirt numbers together with the full names of the officials eligible to be seated on the bench.
- 33.3** The start list should be duly completed by selecting the 11 players who will start the match, indicating the captain, selecting the officials to be seated on the bench (a maximum of eight) and signed by the head coach or the competent participating team official. Both teams must submit their completed start list to the FIFA Match Director at least 90 minutes before kick-off. If the start list is not submitted on time for any reason, the matter will be reported to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 33.4** The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond to the numbers indicated on the start list. Each team is responsible for ensuring that the start list is completed properly and that only the 11 selected players start the match.
- 33.5** If any of the 11 players submitted on the start list are not able to begin the match due to injury or illness, they may be replaced by any of the eligible substitutes as long as the FIFA Match Director is officially informed thereof prior to kick-off. Within 24 hours, the team concerned must also provide FIFA with a medical report issued by the team doctor responsible (in one of the four official languages of FIFA).
- 33.6** Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the start list will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be selected as a substitute player at any time during the match. Such a change to the start list will not reduce the number of official substitutions that may be made by a team during the match. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list before kick-off may be seated on the team bench and would in that case also be eligible for doping control selection.
- 33.7** Only the players who were identified on the official start list submitted to the FIFA Match Director, or were confirmed as a warm-up injury/illness replacement player, may start the match. In the case of any discrepancies of players on the pitch at the beginning of the match, the matter will be submitted to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for a decision.



Article 34: Technical area

- 34.1** The technical area is the area which the coach, other team officials and substitutes are allowed to occupy during the match. It includes the dugout (if applicable), the team bench and a marked zone adjacent to the pitch.
- 34.2** No more than 18 people (ten substitute players and eight officials – one of these officials shall be the team doctor) shall be allowed to sit on the team bench. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the team bench.
- 34.3** If there is sufficient space, technical seats in the stand close to the team bench shall be allocated for accredited officials providing technical support to the team during the match (kit manager, assistant physiotherapist, etc.). Staff occupying such seats shall have access to the dressing rooms, with a valid SAD if applicable.
- 34.4** During the match, substitutes are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up. At the match coordination meeting, the FIFA Match Director shall inform the teams exactly where they may warm up (either behind the first assistant referee or behind the advertising boards behind the goal, depending on space).
- 34.5** Smoking, vaping and the use of any tobacco-related products are not allowed in the technical area, in the vicinity of the field of play or within the competition areas, such as the dressing rooms.
- 34.6** Small, hand-held electronic or communication devices are permitted in the technical area if used for coaching/tactics or player welfare, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

Article 35: Match protocol

- 35.1** The countdown to kick-off provided to both teams in advance of the match shall be strictly complied with by both teams.
- 35.2** The FIFA flag and the flags of the host country and both competing countries shall be flown in the stadium at every match.
- 35.3** The national anthems of the two teams will be played before each match. The Participating Member Associations shall confirm their national anthem to FIFA (maximum duration of 90 seconds) by the date stipulated in the relevant circular.

Article 36: Familiarisation sessions and pre-match warm-up

- 36.1** In order to preserve the quality of the pitch for the matches, no official training sessions will be allowed on the pitches before any match.
- 36.2** Teams that are due to play a match in a stadium in which they have not previously played will be entitled to a familiarisation session in that stadium on either the day before the match or two days before the match in the case of double-header matches. The players and officials will be permitted to walk around the field of play and stadium to familiarise themselves with the set-up.
- 36.3** Familiarisation times will be communicated by FIFA.
- 36.4** The teams will be entitled to warm up on the pitch before each match, weather and pitch conditions permitting. In principle, such warm-up will be 30 minutes long and will take place from 50 minutes prior to kick-off until 20 minutes prior to kick-off. If the pitch is not in good condition or if warm-up sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, or if the pitch is to be used for ceremonies related to the World Cup 2022, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.



REFEREEING

IX.

Article 37: Laws of the Game

- 37.1** All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the World Cup 2022 and as laid down by The International Football Association Board. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.
- 37.2** Players are entitled to a 15-minute interval at half-time.
- 37.3** Extreme weather conditions may warrant cooling breaks to be implemented during the course of a match in accordance with the protocols established by the FIFA Medical Committee and/or documented in the FIFA Football Emergency Medicine Manual. Such breaks will be considered on a match-by-match basis. Responsibility for implementing and controlling cooling breaks resides with the referee.
- 37.4** Goal-line technology, if implemented in the World Cup 2022, may be used for the purpose of verifying whether a goal has been scored to support the referee's decision. The participating teams shall consent, without reservation, to the use of goal-line technology in the World Cup 2022, and unconditionally and irrevocably waive any and all rights and interests they may have in connection with or as a result of the use of goal-line technology in matches of the World Cup 2022.
- 37.5** Video assistant referees (VARs), if implemented in the World Cup 2022, may be used for reviewing match-changing decisions/incidents as per the protocol established by The IFAB.

Article 38: Referees

- 38.1** The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials (hereinafter referred to collectively as "match officials") for the World Cup shall be appointed for each match by the FIFA Referees Committee. They shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing List in force and come from a member association that is not represented by a team playing in the match in question. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
- 38.2** If the referee or one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out her duties, such referee or assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official.
- 38.3** After each match, the referee shall complete the official match report online form whilst still at the stadium, immediately after the match. On the form, the referee shall note all occurrences of significance, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behaviour by supporters and/or by officials or any other person acting on behalf of a participating team at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.



**FINANCIAL
PROVISIONS**

X.

Article 39: Costs borne by FIFA

FIFA shall bear the costs of:

39.1 International air travel (economy class) for up to a maximum of 29 delegates of each Participating Member Association from the capital city of the respective Participating Member Association (or, in exceptional cases, from another city as decided by FIFA) to the capital city of the host country or, if deemed necessary by FIFA, to the international airport nearest to the venue where the team is scheduled to play its first match or any other venue designated by FIFA, with an airline specified by FIFA. Depending on the contracts negotiated between FIFA and the airline(s), FIFA will decide on the weight of excess baggage for which FIFA will bear the costs, and will inform the Participating Member Associations accordingly.

39.2 Board and lodging for up to a maximum of 29 Delegation Members from each Participating Member Association. This includes:

- (a) 10 double rooms and 9 single rooms;
- (b) 1 meeting room/dining room;
- (c) 1 equipment room;
- (d) 1 treatment room;
- (e) 3 meals per day, and an additional light meal for every matchday.

These rooms shall be available starting four nights prior to each team's first match and ending one day after its last match. FIFA may make exceptions in the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting from transport difficulties.

39.3 Laundry service for a set of match or training kits for 29 people per participating team per day, starting four days prior to each team's first match and ending one day after its last match.



Article 40: Costs borne by the Organising Association

The Organising Association shall bear the costs of:

- 40.1** Domestic travel (road, rail or air) within the host country for 29 people per participating team;
- (a) One team bus, one passenger van and one equipment van will be provided for the exclusive use of each participating team during the period commencing four days prior to each team's first match and until one day after its last match.
 - (b) One additional luggage truck will be provided when travelling between the airport and the official team hotel, and between host cities.
- 40.2** Training facilities for the participating teams.

Article 41: Costs borne by the Participating Member Associations

- 41.1** Each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for and bear the costs of:
- (a) adequate insurance cover for its Delegation Members;
 - (b) board and lodging during the World Cup 2022 in excess of the amounts paid by FIFA or the Organising Association specified above;
 - (c) all incidental hotel costs;
 - (d) any costs associated with additional members in excess of the 29 Delegation Members covered;
 - (e) costs for any additional equipment and/or items not covered by FIFA in the team meeting rooms and/or the team dressing rooms;
 - (f) costs for any additional menu items other than those agreed between FIFA and the team hotels.
- 41.2** Any expenses other than those stipulated in these Regulations and explicitly outlined to be borne by FIFA or the Organising Association shall be borne by the relevant Participating Member Association.

Article 42: Ticketing

- 42.1** Each Participating Member Association is entitled to receive a number of complimentary tickets for the World Cup 2022. The total number of complimentary tickets for each Participating Member Association will be communicated by FIFA prior to the opening match of the World Cup 2022 by means of a circular letter.
- 42.2** FIFA will issue ticketing documents to each of the Participating Member Associations. All Participating Member Associations shall comply with these ticketing documents and ensure that their members, Delegation Members and other affiliates also comply with such documents.

MEDICAL

XI.

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Article 43: Team medical doctor

Each Participating Member Association shall include a medical doctor in its official delegation.

Article 44: Sudden cardiac arrest and concussion

44.1 In order to discover heart issues or risk factors which might lead to a sudden cardiac arrest during matches of the World Cup 2022, and to protect players' health, each Participating Member Association shall ensure and confirm to FIFA that its players undergo a pre-competition medical assessment prior to the start of the World Cup 2022. FIFA will provide all Participating Member Associations with an assessment form.

44.2 A player who experiences suspected concussion during a match must undergo an examination by the team doctor in accordance with the protocols documented in the FIFA Football Emergency Medicine Manual. The referee may temporarily suspend play for up to three minutes whenever an incident of suspected concussion occurs. The referee may only allow the player to continue playing with the authorisation of the team doctor, who shall have evaluated the player and concluded that the player is not exhibiting signs or symptoms of concussion. The team doctor will have the final decision based on a clinical examination and subject to an express prohibition against returning a player to play if concussion is suspected.

FIFA recommends that teams follow the return-to-play protocol set forth in SCAT5 for any player who has suffered concussion. SCAT5 recognises that the time frame for return to play may vary, including based on the player's age and history, and that doctors must use their clinical judgment in making decisions with respect to return to play. FIFA requires that before any player who suffers concussion can return to play in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, the team doctor certify that:

- (a) such player has passed each of the steps set out in SCAT5, and
- (b) such player is fit for competition.

Article 45: Doping control

45.1 Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant FIFA regulations, circular letters and directives shall apply to the World Cup 2022.

45.2 Every player may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which she competes and to out-of-competition testing at any time and in any place.

**COMMERCIAL
RIGHTS**

XII.

Article 46: Commercial rights and media matters

46.1 FIFA is the original owner of all of the rights emanating from the World Cup and any other related events under its respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights, such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.

46.2 FIFA shall issue, at a later date, Media and Marketing Regulations for the World Cup 2022, specifying these commercial and intellectual property rights. All Participating Member Associations must comply with these Media and Marketing Regulations for the World Cup 2022 and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with these regulations.

46.3 Media matters and obligations for the competition will be outlined in the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations and those corresponding documents (circular letters, Team Handbook, Media Guidelines, etc.) that relate to TV and media activities. Participating teams must comply with the stipulations contained within these documents with respect to media matters.

The following obligations apply to participating teams:

- Each participating team must assist, and ensure that each Team Delegation Member assists, to the best possible extent, any official FIFA media activity during the competition period.
- Each participating team is required to include a team media officer in its delegation to act as a link between the team and the media officers of FIFA, the local organisers and the accredited media.
- Coaches and/or other team representatives are obliged to attend official media activities organised by FIFA as outlined in the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, including but not limited to:
 - compulsory media activities upon arrival in Costa Rica
 - compulsory media activities around official training sessions on MD-1
 - compulsory media activities on matchdays

The obligations listed above are not exhaustive.

46.4 Journalists, photographers, television and radio commentators and accredited film and television crews are not permitted to enter the pitch at any time before, during or after the match unless authorised to do so by FIFA. This also applies to team TV channel personnel, videographers, social media managers and photographers. Only a limited number of photographers and the television personnel required to operate the broadcasting equipment, all of them issued with special accreditation, may be admitted to the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators.

46.5 In the interests of equality, especially gender equality, FIFA appeals to the media to report on fans both in and outside the stadium in a respectful and balanced way. This includes not commenting or focusing on content relating to their physical appearance, which sexualises and objectifies them. Moreover, in the interests of promoting children's rights and best interests at the World Cup 2022, FIFA appeals to the media to use images of children (i.e. all boys and girls under the age of 18) safely and to seek informed consent, where feasible. The safe use of images of children includes, but is not limited to, not providing any information that could facilitate easily locating a child, not portraying children in an unethical, demeaning, tasteless or provocative manner, ensuring that they are properly dressed in a minimum of shirt and shorts, and not allowing any photography or filming of children in bathrooms, toilets or sleeping areas.

It is the responsibility of media organisations to be fully informed of the relevant national legislation in place that applies to the media in order to prevent the unethical coverage of stories involving children, to safeguard their right to privacy and to comply with the data protection rules governing the use of children's data.



AWARDS

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Article 47: Trophy, awards and medals

- 47.1 A souvenir plaque will be presented to each Participating Member Association. Participation certificates will be presented to each member of each official team delegation.
- 47.2 Medals will be presented to each of the top three teams in the World Cup 2022, i.e. gold medals to the winners, silver medals to the runners-up and bronze medals to the team ranked third. The number of medals provided is equal to the number of people on the final delegation list submitted, i.e. up to a maximum of 36 medals.
- 47.3 FIFA will issue, at a later date, Trophy Regulations. The winning Participating Member Association shall ensure its full compliance with these Trophy Regulations.
- 47.4 At the conclusion of the World Cup 2022, other special awards will be presented (such as the Golden Boot, Golden Glove, Golden Ball, etc.) either at the awards ceremony or at a later date.

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Article 48: Special circumstances

FIFA is responsible for the operational management of the World Cup 2022 and is therefore entitled to issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

Article 49: Matters not provided for

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

Article 50: Languages

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

Article 51: Copyright

The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is the property of FIFA.

Article 52: No waiver

Any waiver by FIFA of any breach of these Regulations (including of any document referred to in these Regulations) will not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any breach of any other provision or a waiver of any right arising out of these Regulations or any other document. Any such waiver shall only be valid if given in writing. Failure by FIFA to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one or more occasions will not be considered to be a waiver of, or deprive FIFA of the right to subsequently insist upon, strict adherence to that provision or any other provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations.

Article 53: Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Council on 24 February 2022 and came into force immediately.

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