



REGULATIONS FOR THE CONCACAF FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP

PREAMBLE

- A. The CONCACAF Futsal Championship is an official CONCACAF event, which serves as a qualifying tournament for the FIFA Futsal World Cup.
- B. It is played as a Preliminary Phase and a Final Phase.
- C. Any rights not ceded by these regulations to a national association participating in the Preliminary or Final Phase shall belong to CONCACAF.

I. TITLE - CONCACAF FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. The CONCACAF Futsal Championship shall take place every four years. The national associations affiliated to CONCACAF are invited to participate with their national Futsal team.
- B. CONCACAF will present the winning team with a suitable trophy.
- C. CONCACAF will present all players in the Final Phase with a diploma of participation.

II. ENTRIES

- A. The national Futsal teams of CONCACAF members have the right to participate.
- B. The competition will serve to qualify members of CONCACAF for places in the FIFA Futsal World Cup and shall take place, except if circumstances do not permit, in the year preceding the year of the FIFA tournament.
- C. However, only those eligible to compete in the FIFA Futsal tournament shall be permitted to advance from this competition.

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

A. The competition shall be played in two phases:

1. The Preliminary Phase
2. The Final Phase

The Preliminary Phase

1. The Preliminary Phase of the competition shall be played among the qualifiers of each zone of the Confederation or combination thereof, thus providing proper representation in the Final Phase for members from each zone.

The Final Phase

1. The Final Phase of the competition shall be played among no more than eight (8) teams, each zone of CONCACAF being represented as determined by the Executive Committee.
2. The matches of the Final Phase of the competition shall be played in a site or sites as determined by the Executive Committee and shall be governed by these Regulations.

IV. WITHDRAWALS

A. Teams having entered the competition are obligated to play all their matches until they are eliminated. If after entering the tournament, a Team that fails to participate, shall be penalized as follows, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of *force majeure* as determined by the Executive Committee.

B. If a withdrawal takes place:

1. After entering the tournament but on or before the day of the draw for the first round of the tournament a fine of \$5,000 USD plus forfeiture of any entry fee;
2. After the draw but on or before the date of the first match of the tournament a fine of \$7,500 USD;
3. Any time during the Preliminary Phase of the tournament a fine of \$10,000 USA;