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1. NAME OF COMPETITION

1.1. The Concacaf Nations League (hereinafter: the "Competition") is an official Concacaf national teams' competition. The Competition shall be played in 2026 and 2027 and shall take place on the dates and venues Concacaf determines. All member associations affiliated with Concacaf (hereinafter, "Member Associations") are invited to participate.

1.2. Each Member Association is required to participate with their "A" national team. A Member Association participating in the Competition shall be known hereinafter as a "PMA".

1.3. The Competition consists of six (6) stages:

1.3.1. Concacaf Nations League Group Stage ("Group Stage");
1.3.2. Concacaf Nations League A Quarterfinals ("Quarterfinals");
1.3.3. Concacaf Nations League Play-In ("Play-In");
1.3.4. Concacaf Nations League Finals - League A ("League A Finals");
1.3.5. Concacaf Nations League Finals – League B ("League B Finals");
1.3.6. Concacaf Nations League Finals – League C ("League C Finals"), and together with League A Finals and League B Finals, the "Finals");

2. HOST MEMBER ASSOCIATION

2.1. The hosting Member Association ("HMA") will work with Concacaf to organize, promote, and stage the Competition's matches and security for the duration thereof. The Finals shall be organized and managed strictly by Concacaf.

2.2. The HMA shall be subject to the supervision and control of Concacaf, which has the final word on all matters relevant to the Competition. The decisions of Concacaf are final, binding and not subject to appeal.

2.3. The working relationship between the HMA and Concacaf is regulated by a team participation agreement ("TPA") and these 2026-2027 Concacaf Nations League Regulations ("Regulations"). These Regulations, in addition to all directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars issued by Concacaf are binding for all PMAs, including the HMA.

2.4. Concacaf retains all rights not otherwise granted to PMAs.

2.5. The responsibilities of the HMA shall include but not be limited to:

2.5.1. Guaranteeing, planning, and implementing law and order as well as safety and security in the stadiums and other relevant locations in conjunction with the local authorities. The FIFA Safety and Security Regulations and/or Concacaf Safety and Security Guidelines shall apply as the minimum standard to be used during the Competition;
2.5.2. Ensuring the presence of a sufficient amount of grounds staff and security stewards to guarantee the safety of the PMAs, teams, Match Officials, and spectators;

2.5.3. Maintaining and/or securing insurance policies that cover risks related to the Competition, in particular, adequate and broad liability insurance covering the stadium and training facilities, the HMA and its members/employees, spectators, employees, volunteers, and any other persons involved in the organization of the Competition;

2.6. The HMA hereby releases and discharges Concacaf from all responsibility and relinquishes any claim against Concacaf and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organization and course of the Competition.

2.7. Stadium and Training Facilities – The HMA shall ensure that the stadium, and training sites are in line with the latest Concacaf Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide. Also, they must be in conditions suitable for the Competition, based on discussions during site inspection, including but not limited to, all of the equipment for the field, i.e., nets, goals, and corner flags, covered benches (if required) for the PMAs and Match Officials, which should be of a professional standard.

2.8. Media – The HMA shall appoint an individual who shall be Concacaf's counterpart for media operations. They must advise Concacaf's media and communications department at least thirty (30) days prior to the Competition, the name of such individual with his/her contact information (phone/cellular, phone/fax, e-mail address); prior to, during, and after the Competition, the responsibilities of this individual shall include, but are not limited to:

2.8.1. Ensure that the media facilities are in the best possible condition;
2.8.2. Assist media with general inquiries;
2.8.3. Ensure team sheets include the correct player information (name/number/position, etc.), and are readily available to the media in a timely manner prior to kick-off;
2.8.4. Distribute media guides or any other materials that Concacaf requests and supplies;
2.8.5. Arrange for the installation of wireless internet for the host broadcaster and the designation of radio booths for each right holder, if necessary;
2.8.6. Ensure high-speed wireless internet is available for all media throughout the stadium;
2.8.7. Arrange and provide meals for media and photographers, as approved by Concacaf

2.9. Visas for visiting teams – The HMA will request handling from the government agency responsible for visas to expedite requests for teams and delegates as much as possible.

2.10. During the Group Stage, Quarterfinals, and Play-In, the HMAs are responsible for the cost of the accommodation, breakfast, and local transportation for all appointed Concacaf officials. (Referees, Match Commissioner, Venue and Match Coordinator, Security Officer, Media Officer, Broadcast Producer, or any other appointed official).

2.11. The HMA shall provide a minimum of twenty-three (23) training match balls to the visiting team upon arrival and twelve (12) match balls on match day to the Concacaf Venue Coordinator.

2.12. The HMA shall ensure that any decision taken by Concacaf or its judicial bodies relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

3. **Concacaf**

3.1. The responsibilities of Concacaf include but are not limited to:

3.1.1. Supervising general preparations and deciding on the structure and format of the Competition;

3.1.2. Setting the dates and approving the venues of the matches during the Group Stage, Quarterfinals, and Play-In. Concacaf retains the right to determine the dates and select the venues for the Nations League Finals.

3.1.3. Determining the match schedule and kick-off times for the Competition;

3.1.4. Approving the official football for the Competition.

3.1.4.1. Only footballs abiding by the FIFA Quality Mark standard (FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard) will be approved;

3.1.5. Approving the choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory that will carry out the doping analyses as proposed by the FIFA Anti-Doping Unit;

3.1.6. Deciding which matches will be subject to doping control;

3.1.7. Appointing Venue Coordinators, Match Coordinators, Competition Coordinators, Match Commissioners, Security Officers, Referees, Referee Assessors, VAR Officials (if applicable), Disciplinary Committee members, and any other delegates ("Match Officials") for the Competition;

3.1.8. Daily allowance and international travel expenses for the Concacaf Match Officials;

3.1.9. Travel allowance for the visiting PMAs;

3.1.10. Assessing protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility, with the exception of protests concerning the eligibility of players, which are dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee;

3.1.11. Deciding cases of PMAs failing to adhere to the time and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents;

3.1.12. Collecting team information (i.e., team lists, rooming lists, menus, travel itineraries, visa information, uniform colors, etc.);

3.1.13. Dealing with cases of abandoned matches (as per the Laws of the Game) in accordance with these Regulations;

3.1.14. Deciding on the rescheduling of matches due to extraordinary circumstances or force majeure;

3.1.15. Disciplinary measures and communication of actions taken;

3.1.16. Officials' appointments for all matches;

3.1.17. Working with the HMA to produce a stage to be used for the post-final match award ceremony for the Finals;

3.1.18. Provide the trophy, medals, and awards for the Finals;

3.1.19. Replacing Member Associations that have withdrawn from the Competition;

3.1.20. Settling cases of force majeure;

3.1.21. Dealing with any other aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations.

3.2. The decisions taken by Concacaf are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

4. PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

4.1. Each PMA shall be responsible throughout the Competition for:

4.1.1. The conduct of all players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives, and guests of its delegation ("Team Delegation Members") and any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition;

4.1.2. Ensuring the provision of adequate insurance to cover its Team Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf against all risks, including but not limited to, health, injury, accident, disease, and travel in consideration of the relevant rules or regulations;

4.1.3. Covering all travel-related expenses incurred by its Team Delegation Members to and from the HMA, any cost in obtaining visas for their delegation, and all tips for services rendered as appropriate at the hotels, airports, taxis, etc.;

4.1.4. Cover all competition-related expenses incurred by its Team Delegation Members for Group Stage, Quarterfinals, Play-In for both home and away matches. Any cost in obtaining visas for their delegation and all tips for services rendered as appropriate at the hotels, airports, taxis, etc.;

4.1.5. Applying in a timely manner for any required visas to the consulate or embassy of the HMAs where their matches will be played and covering any costs associated with these visas; for this process, the assistance of the HMA is to be sought out as early as possible;

4.1.6. Attending media conferences and other official media activities organized by Concacaf and/or by the HMA in accordance with the applicable regulations;

4.1.7. Ensuring that every member of its delegation or, where applicable, a duly appointed

representative completes the Concacaf TPA and signs the required documents;

4.1.8. Ensuring that every member of its delegation complies with all applicable regulations (including these Regulations), directives, guidelines, and circulars, as well as decisions made by Concacaf and its Council, Referees Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Ethics Committee, and Appeals Committee;

4.1.9. Providing Concacaf with all the requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines. PMAs that fail to provide Concacaf with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed fine(s) pursuant to the Disciplinary Code.

4.1.10. Allowing Concacaf to use its association brands and marks for the promotion of the Competition as stipulated in the Commercial Regulations governing each phase of the Competition for the sole purpose of promoting the Competition.

4.2. PMAs and their players and officials participating in the Competition shall agree to fully respect and comply with:

4.2.1. The Laws of the Game and the principles of fair play;

4.2.2. The Concacaf Statutes and all Concacaf regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, guidelines, and decisions (including these Regulations);

4.2.3. All decisions and directives of the Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee, as well as Concacaf Council;

4.2.4. The Concacaf Disciplinary Code (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, the "Disciplinary Code");

4.2.5. The FIFA Code of Ethics and the Concacaf Code of Conduct;

4.2.6. The revised FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations;

4.2.7. All Concacaf protocols during matches and fully cooperate in their enforcement (e.g., Concacaf protocol for discriminatory incidents during matches);

4.2.8. All Concacaf anti-match manipulation and anti-discrimination stipulations;

4.2.9. All Concacaf commercial and media requirements, as stipulated in the applicable commercial and media regulations, including but not limited to the "Team Media Day", in which individual and group photos and video will be taken of each team upon their arrival at the venue of their first match;

4.2.10. All FIFA Regulations in relation to the eligibility of players;

4.3. PMAs shall take all necessary actions for their players and officials to be bound by and comply with all the aforementioned statutes, regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives,

decisions, stipulations, and requirements.

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

4.5. All PMAs which have entered the Competition shall not refer (directly or indirectly) to its selection as an inferior selection publicly or in the print and/or electronic media. A team that fails to heed this requirement shall (at a minimum) automatically forfeit part or all of its prize money as determined by the Concacaf Council.

5. ENTRIES TO THE COMPETITION

5.1. The "A" national team of all PMAs affiliated with Concacaf has the right to participate.

5.2. The Competition will serve as the qualifying tournament for Concacaf affiliated PMAs to the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup.

5.3. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, participating in this competition is an honor and a responsibility. Therefore, PMAs have an obligation to participate in the Competition once qualified or shall be automatically suspended from Concacaf. Upon suspension, a fine of at least ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000) shall be paid to obtain remission unless the Concacaf Council accepts that failure to enter was due to force majeure.

5.4. Each PMA must have the following roles in their Official Delegation: head coach, team manager/delegate, team doctor, equipment manager, and team media officer. All five (5) of them are mandatory.

5.5. Upon entering the Competition, the PMA and their Team Delegation Members automatically undertake to:

5.5.1. Participate and refer to their team as the best available team in all matches of the Competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;

5.5.2. Accept Concacaf's right to use and/or Concacaf's right to sub-license the right to use on a non-exclusive basis, in perpetuity and free of any charge, any of their records, names, photographs, and images (including any still and moving representation thereof), which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the Team Delegation Members of all PMAs in the Competition in accordance with the relevant terms of the Media Regulations and Commercial Regulations for the Competition (as applicable). To the extent that Concacaf's right to use and/or Concacaf's right to sub-license the right to use any of the records, names, photographs, and images may fall in the ownership and/or control of a third party, the PMAs, and their Team Delegation Members shall ensure that such third party waives, pledges, and unconditionally assigns and/or transfers to Concacaf's with immediate effect, with full title guarantee in perpetuity and without any restriction, any such rights to

ensure Concacaf's unfettered use as set out above;

5.5.3. Respect the principles of fair play. Subject to any other decision by the Concacaf Council, the PMAs shall complete and send the official TPA to the Concacaf General Secretariat in accordance with the deadline stipulated in the relevant Concacaf circular. Only the TPAs sent to the Concacaf General Secretariat by the deadline set shall be valid and considered, unless otherwise approved in writing by Concacaf.

6. LAWS OF THE GAME

6.1. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the Competition and as laid down by the International Football Association Board ("IFAB"). If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

6.2. Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes, with a half-time interval of fifteen (15) minutes.

6.3. If, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, extra time is to be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but with no interval between the two (2) periods of extra time.

6.4. If the score is still level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the IFAB Laws of the Game published by FIFA.

6.5. Each team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes. To reduce disruption to the match, each team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the match; substitutions may also be made at half-time. If both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities for each team. Unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time. In the knockout stage, if the match goes to extra time, teams will each have one (1) additional substitution opportunity; substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time. Substitutions made during half-time, before the start of the extra time, and at half-time of the extra time will not reduce the substitution opportunities available.

6.6. Video Assistant Referee ("VAR") may be used for reviewing match-changing decisions/incidents as per the protocol established by the IFAB.

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7. WITHDRAWAL, UNPLAYED MATCHES, AND ABANDONED MATCHES

7.1. After the TPA is signed, all PMAs have an obligation to play all of their matches until eliminated from the Competition.

7.2. Any PMA that withdraws up to thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Group Stage is subject to a fine of at least thirty thousand U.S. dollars (USD 30,000). Any PMA that withdraws within thirty (30) days before the start of the Group Stage or during the Competition itself is subject to a fine of at least sixty thousand U.S. dollars (USD 60,000).

7.3. Any PMA that withdraws after the conclusion of the Group Stage and up to thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Finals is subject to a fine of at least two hundred thousand U.S. dollars (USD 200,000). Any PMA that withdraws within thirty (30) days before the start of the Finals or during the Finals itself is subject to a fine of at least five hundred thousand U.S. dollars (USD 500,000).

7.4. Depending on the withdrawal circumstances, the Disciplinary Committee may impose sanctions in addition to those provided in par. 7.2 and 7.3 above, including the expulsion of the PMA concerned from subsequent Concacaf competitions.

7.5. Any match that is not played, or which is abandoned – except in cases of force majeure recognized by Concacaf – may lead to the imposition of sanctions against the relevant PMAs by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. In such cases, the Disciplinary Committee may also order that the match be replayed.

7.6. Any PMA that withdraws or whose behavior is liable for a match not being played or abandoned may be ordered to reimburse Concacaf, the opposing team, or any other PMA involved in any expenses incurred as a result of its behavior. In such cases, the PMA concerned may also be ordered by Concacaf to pay compensation for any damages incurred by Concacaf or any other PMA. The PMA in question will also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from Concacaf.

7.7. If a PMA withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, Concacaf shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary. If a match is not played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, Concacaf may, in particular, order a replay. If the withdrawal circumstances are sufficiently severe, the Disciplinary Committee may also take additional action, if necessary.

7.8. If a team does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, or refuses to continue to play, or leaves the pitch before the end of the match, such team shall be considered to have lost the match 3-0 and three (3) points shall be awarded to its opponent. If, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team had already reached a higher score at the time the team in question left the field, then the higher score shall remain. The Disciplinary Committee will decide if a team that has withdrawn will be excluded from further participation in the Competition, and the results of those matches shall be considered to have lost them by a result of 3-0, and three (3) points shall be awarded to the opponent. The results of any matches played before by the team in question will remain as the final result of the match.

7.9. In addition to the above, the PMA in question shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by Concacaf, the HMA, and/or the other PMAs, and shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from Concacaf.

7.10. No appeals can be lodged against these decisions.

7.11. Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after kick-off, the following principles will apply:

7.11.1. The match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted, rather than being replayed in full, and with the same scoreline;

7.11.2. The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;

7.11.3. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;

7.11.4. The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;

7.11.5. Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;

7.11.6. Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;

7.11.7. The match shall restart at the place where play was stopped when the match was abandoned (i.e., with a free kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, penalty kick, etc.). If the match was abandoned while the ball was still in play, it must restart with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped.

7.11.8. The kick-off time, date (which shall be foreseen for the following day), and location shall be decided by Concacaf.

7.11.9. Concacaf shall handle any matters requiring a further decision.

8. REPLACEMENTS

8.1. If any PMA withdraws or is excluded from the Competition, Concacaf shall decide whether to replace the Member Association with another Member Association.

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

9.1. Each PMA must ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the Competition:

9.1.1. All players shall hold the nationality of their country and be subject to its jurisdiction;

9.1.2. All players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes, the

Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes, and other relevant FIFA or Concacaf rules and regulations.

9.2. The Disciplinary Committee shall decide protests regarding the eligibility of players in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

9.3. The PMAs shall be responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the Disciplinary Code.

9.4. If Concacaf believes a player's eligibility is in question, Concacaf reserves the right to consider the player ineligible to participate in any stage of the Competition until Concacaf confirms the player's eligibility status in accordance with the applicable regulations.

10. PLAYERS' LIST

10.1. Each PMA must select its national representative teams from the best players who are nationals of its country and under its jurisdiction and are eligible for selection in accordance with the provisions of the applicable FIFA regulations.

10.2. Each PMA in the Group Stage, Quarterfinals, and Play-In must provide Concacaf with a **provisional list** of up to forty (40) players (four (4) must be goalkeepers) no later than 18:00 ET, two (2) days prior to each match. The provisional list becomes binding after the stipulated deadline, and players may not be added after the specified deadline. This list shall reflect each player's last name, first name, club, date of birth, and passport number as noted explicitly in their national passport, in addition to any other information requested by Concacaf. This information must be submitted through the reporting platform (currently, "Comet"), which will be time-stamped.

10.3. Each PMA in the Group Stage. Quarterfinals, and Play-In must provide Concacaf with a **final list** of a minimum of eighteen (18) players and up to twenty-three (23) players (three (3) must be goalkeepers and at least two (2) of them must travel to the match), no later than ninety (90) minutes before the match. The players in the final list must be chosen from the provisional list. This information must be submitted through Comet, which will be time-stamped.

10.4. Each PMA in the Finals must provide Concacaf with a **provisional list** of up to sixty (60) players (five (5) must be goalkeepers) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Finals. The provisional list becomes binding after the stipulated deadline, and players may not be added to the provisional list after the specified deadline. This list shall reflect each player's last name, first name, club, date of birth, and passport number as noted explicitly in their national passport, in addition to any other information requested by Concacaf. This information must be submitted through Comet, which will be time-stamped.

10.5. Each PMA participating in the Finals must provide Concacaf with a **final list** of twenty-three (23) players (three (3) must be goalkeepers, and all must travel to the Competition) no later than ten (10) days prior to the start of the Finals. The players in the final list must be chosen from the provisional list. This information must be submitted through Comet, which will be time-stamped.

10.6. A player listed on the final list may only be replaced from the Competition in the event of severe injury

or medical matter up to twenty-four (24) hours before the kick-off of his team's first match in the Finals and must come from the provisional list. Concacaf or the Medical Committee must approve such replacements in writing upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment with a doctor's stamp or valid letterhead in one (1) of the four (4) official Concacaf languages. Concacaf or the Medical Committee shall approve the request if the injury is sufficiently severe to prevent the player from participating in the Competition. Upon approval, the PMA shall immediately nominate a replacement and inform the Concacaf General Secretariat accordingly. The replacement player must be assigned the injured player's shirt number.

10.7. The only document considered valid proof of a player's identity and nationality shall be a valid passport that explicitly states the player's day, month, and birth year. Identity cards, passport books, or other supporting official documents shall not be accepted as valid means of identification. The PMAs shall present each player's valid national passport for the country of the PMA to the Venue Coordinator at the team arrival meeting. A player without a valid passport shall not be entitled to play.

10.7.1. Concacaf reserves the right to request additional information from the player to confirm eligibility, such as a birth certificate from the player, their parents', or their grandparents'.

11. START LIST AND SUBSTITUTES ON THE BENCH

11.1. Up to twenty-three (23) players may be entered on the start list (eleven (11) starters and twelve (12) substitutes). Up to five (5) substitutes may replace the selected players at any time during the match. The head coach shall sign the start list upon arrival at the stadium on match day.

11.2. The numbers and names on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers and names indicated on the start list (numbers 1-23 only). All goalkeepers and the captain must be identified; the number one (1) shirt must be reserved for one (1) of the goalkeepers.

11.3. Teams must arrive at the stadium at least ninety (90) minutes before kick-off and return their start list to the Venue Coordinator at least ninety (90) minutes before kick-off. Teams will receive a copy of the start list seventy-five (75) minutes before kick-off.

11.4. After the start lists have been completed, signed by the Head Coach, and returned to the Venue Coordinator, and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:

11.4.1. If any of the starting eleven (11) players listed on the start list cannot start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the twelve (12) substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer participate in the match, and the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, five (5) players may still be substituted.

11.4.2. If any of the substitutes listed on the start list are not able to be fielded for any reason, the player(s) concerned may not be replaced on the bench by an additional player, which means that the quota of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, five (5) players may still be substituted.

11.5. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player removed from the start list may be seated on the substitutes' bench. If so, it would also be eligible for doping control selection.

11.6. No more than twenty-three (23) people (eleven (11) officials and twelve (12) substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials must be indicated in the "Officials on the Substitutes' Bench" section in Comet. A suspended player or official will not be allowed in the Competitions area (i.e., locker room and/or tunnel), the field of play, or sit on the substitutes' bench.

11.7. Team officials and substitutes shall remain within the technical area during the match except in exceptional circumstances, e.g., a physiotherapist/doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player. Team officials and substitutes who fail to comply with the aforementioned provision may be sanctioned and reported to the Disciplinary Committee.

11.8. The HMA shall issue each of the official Team Delegation Members with an accreditation during the Competition.

11.9. Injured players who are replaced up until twenty-four (24) hours before the kick-off of their team's first match of the Competition must return their accreditation to Concacaf. Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered a Team Delegation Member.

11.10. The PMAs shall ensure that all accreditation data required by Concacaf is submitted by the deadline stipulated by Concacaf. Further details, including accreditations and other particular items will be outlined in the relevant Concacaf circular letter.

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Concacaf retains the right to determine the structure, format of play, and match calendar for the Competition.

Concacaf Nations League Group Stage

12. The Group Stage will be played by dividing the PMAs into three (3) leagues (League A, League B, and League C). The Group Stage distribution will be determined based on the results from the 2024-2025 Group Stage standings and the Concacaf Ranking for League A, as of July 20, 2026.

12.1.1. Nations League A will comprise sixteen (16) PMAs.

12.1.1.1. The top four (4) teams in the Concacaf Ranking of July 20, 2026 are pre-seeded into the Quarterfinals stage.

12.1.1.2. The next best twelve (12) teams in the Concacaf Ranking will be drawn into two (2) groups of six (6) teams each.

12.1.2. Nations League B: Will be composed of sixteen (16) PMAs which are drawn into four (4) groups of four (4) teams each.

12.1.3. Nations League C: Will be composed of nine (9) PMAs which are drawn into three (3) groups of three (3) teams.

12.2. League A group stage matches shall be played in a "Swiss style" tournament format, with each team playing a total of four (4) games (two at home and two away) with three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a defeat. Matches may not be played in another country without Concacaf's express permission.

12.3. League B and C group stage matches shall be played in home and away "round robin" tournament format, with three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a defeat. Matches may not be played in another country without Concacaf's express permission.

12.4. The hosts of the League B matches will be chosen using the Concacaf Ranking as follows:

12.4.1. September/October Window: The third highest-ranked PMA when the draw was conducted, will host the first two (2) matches for each team in its respective group, while the second highest-ranked PMA will host the next two (2) group matches. In both cases, an alternative neutral venue can be selected, pending approval from Concacaf.

12.4.2. November Window: the highest-ranked PMA, when the draw was conducted, will host the last two (2) matches in the respective group. An alternative neutral venue can be selected, pending approval from Concacaf.

12.5. The hosts for League C matches will be chosen using the Concacaf Ranking as follows:

12.5.1. September/October Window: The second highest-ranked PMA when the draw was conducted, will host the first two (2) matches for each team in its respective group, while the highest-ranked PMA will host the next two (2) group matches. In both cases, an alternative neutral venue can be selected, pending approval from Concacaf.

12.5.2. The match schedule for League C games, including days, has been pre-determined to provide proper rest time in between matches, as follows:

September Window						
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
3 v 2			**1 v 3**			**2 v 1**
October Window						
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
3 v 1			**2 v 3**			**1 v 2**

12.6. After each group in the Group Stage, PMAs shall be ranked according to the following criteria:

12.6.1. Greatest number of points obtained in all matches;
12.6.2. Goal difference in all matches;
12.6.3. Greatest number of goals scored in all matches.

If two (2) or more teams are equal based on the above criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:

12.6.4. Greater number of points obtained in matches between the tied teams;
12.6.5. Greater goal difference in matches between the tied teams (if more than two (2) teams finish equal on points);
12.6.6. Greater number of goals scored in matches among the tied teams (if more than two (2) teams finish equal on points);
12.6.7. Greatest number of goals scored away from home between the teams concerned (if the tie is only between two (2) teams)
12.6.8. The lowest number of points based on the number of yellow and red cards in all group matches is considered according to the following additions:

- first yellow card: plus 1 point
- second yellow card/indirect red card: plus 3 points
- direct red card: plus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card: plus 5 points;

12.6.9. Drawing of lots by Concacaf

12.7. At the conclusion of the Group Stage, the PMAs will qualify to the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup and the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup Prelims as follows:

- The third and fourth placed teams from League A will advance to the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup Prelims
- The first-place finishers from League B will advance to the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup,
- The best two (2) second place finishers from League B will advance to the 2027 Gold Cup Prelims.

12.8. At the conclusion of the Group Stage, a promotion and relegation system will be implemented as follows:

12.8.1. League A: The teams that finished 5th and 6th will be relegated to League B.
12.8.2. League B: The winners of each of the groups will be promoted to League A. The 4th place finishers will be relegated to League C.
12.8.3. League C: The three winners of each group and the best 2nd place (based on their results during the Group Stage and using the same tie-break criteria as the Group Stage) will be promoted to League B.

Concacaf Nations League A Quarterfinals

12.9. After the Group Stage, the first and second-place finishers from League A will advance to the Quarterfinals, where they will join the four (4) top-ranked League A national teams (based on the Concacaf rankings as of July 20, 2026). The Quarterfinals will be played in a home-and-away format, with the aggregated score winners in each quarterfinal advancing to the League A Final and the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup and the runners-ups will advance to the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup Prelims.

12.10. The following criteria will determine the match-ups between eight (8) PMAs participating in the Quarterfinals:

12.10.1. The top four (4) teams in the ranking have been pre-seeded in the Quarterfinals matchups, using the Concacaf Rankings as of July 20, 2026 as follows:

- Quarterfinal 1: 4th Ranked PMA
- Quarterfinal 2: 3rd Ranked PMA
- Quarterfinal 3: 2nd Ranked PMA
- Quarterfinal 4: 1st Ranked PMA

12.10.2. The four (4) teams that advance from the Group Stage to the Quarterfinals will be ranked based on their performance in the Group Stage according to section 12.6, and distributed in the Quarterfinals as follows:

- Quarterfinal 1: 4th Concacaf Ranked PMA vs Best 1st Place (1A/1B)
- Quarterfinal 2: 3rd Concacaf Ranked PMA vs Next 1st Place (1A/1B)
- Quarterfinal 3: 2nd Concacaf Ranked PMA vs Best 2nd Place (2A/2B)
- Quarterfinal 4: 1st Concacaf Ranked PMA vs Next 2nd Place (2A/2B)

Concacaf Nations League A and C Play-In

12.11. After the Group Stage, the fifth and sixth place finishers from League A will advance to the Play-In, where they will join the three (3) group winners and the best 2nd team from League C (based on their results during the group stage and using the same tie-break criteria as the group stage). The Play-In will be played in a home-and-away format, with the aggregated score winners in each Play-In advancing to the 2027 Concacaf Gold Cup Prelims.

12.12. The four (4) teams that advance from the Group Stage to the Play-In will be ranked based on their performance in the Group Stage, and distributed in the Play-In as follows:

- Play-In 1: Best 5th Place (League A) vs Best 2nd Place (League C)
- Play-In 2: Next 5th Place (League A) vs Best 3rd Group Winner (League C)
- Play-In 3: Best 6th Place (League A) vs Best 2nd Group Winner (League C)
- Play-In 4: Next 6th Place (League A) vs Best 1st Group Winner (League C)

12.13. For the Quarterfinals and Play-In matches, the team scoring the most goals over the two games shall qualify for the next round. If both teams score the same number of goals over the two matches, the goals scored away shall be counted as double to determine the winner of the series. If both teams are tied based on the above tie-break criteria, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each shall be played at the end of the second leg. During the extra time, the away goals are not counted as double.

12.14. Further to the above, if extra time is to be played, each team can make one (1) additional substitution and one (1) additional substitution opportunity. Therefore, each team will be allowed a total of six (6) substitutions and four (4) substitution opportunities. If the score is tied at the end of extra time, the matches will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark per the Laws of the Game.

Concacaf Nations League Finals

Concacaf Nations League Finals – League A

12.15. The League A Finals will comprise the four (4) winners from Quarterfinals. These teams will participate in the semifinal, third-place match, and final match to determine the champion of the Competition.

12.16. The following criteria will determine the match-ups between four (4) PMAs participating in the League A Finals ;

12.16.1. Greatest number of points (three points for a win and one point for a tie) obtained in all the Quarterfinal matches;
12.16.2. Goal difference in all Quarterfinal matches;
12.16.3. Greatest number of goals scored in all Quarterfinal matches.

If two (2) or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:

12.16.4. Greatest number of goals scored in all away matches.

12.16.5. The lowest number of points based on the number of yellow and red cards in all group matches is considered according to the following additions:

- first yellow card: plus 1 point
- second yellow card/indirect red card: plus 3 points
- direct red card: plus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card: plus 5 points;

12.6.6. Drawing of lots by Concacaf

12.17. The four (4) winners of the Quarterfinals will play the semifinals based on the standings as follows: (1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3)

12.18. The League A Finals will be played in a centralized location determined by Concacaf.

12.19. If both teams are tied at the end of regular time during the semifinal matches, and third place match, no extra time will be played and kicks from the penalty spot procedure will take place as per the Laws of the Game.

12.20. If both teams are tied at the end of regular time during the final match, extra time will be played. If extra time is played, each team will have one (1) additional substitution and one (1) additional substitution opportunity. Therefore, each team will be allowed a total of six (6) substitutions and four (4) substitution opportunities. If the score is tied at the end of extra time the matches will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark per the Laws of the Game.

12.21. Concacaf shall fix the dates of the matches.

12.22. The decisions of Concacaf on the structure and format of the Competition are final. Concacaf may change the structure and format in the event of any withdrawals.

Concacaf Nations League Finals – League B

12.23 The League B Finals will comprise the winners of each of the four (4) groups. These teams will participate in the semifinal, third-place match, and final match to determine the champion of League B.

12.24 The following criteria will determine the match-ups between four (4) PMAs participating in the League B Finals;

12.24.1 Greatest number of points (three points for a win and one point for a tie) obtained in all Group Stage matches;

12.24.2 Goal difference in all Group Stage matches;
12.24.3 Greatest number of goals scored in all Group Stage matches.

If two (2) or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:

12.24.4 Greatest number of goals scored in all away matches.
12.24.5 The lowest number of points based on the number of yellow and red cards in all group matches is considered according to the following additions:

- first yellow card: plus 1 point
- second yellow card/indirect red card: plus 3 points
- direct red card: plus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card: plus 5 points;

12.24.6 Drawing of lots by Concacaf

12.25 The four (4) winners of each group will play the semifinals based on the standings as follows: (1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3)

12.26 The League B Finals will be played in a centralized location determined by Concacaf.

12.27 If both teams are tied at the end of regular time during the semifinal matches or third place match, no extra time will be played and kicks from the penalty spot procedure will take place as per the Laws of the Game.

12.28 If both teams are tied at the end of regular time during the final match, extra time will be played. If extra time is played, each team will have one (1) additional substitution and one (1) additional substitution opportunity. Therefore, each team will be allowed a total of six (6) substitutions and four (4) substitution opportunities. If the score is tied at the end of extra time the matches will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark per the Laws of the Game.

12.29 Concacaf shall fix the dates of the matches.

12.30 The decisions of Concacaf on the structure and format of the Competition are final. Concacaf may change the structure and format in the event of any withdrawals.

Concacaf Nations League Finals – League C

12.31. The League C Finals will comprise the three (3) group winners and the best 2nd place team from League C (based on their results during the Group Stage and using the same tie-break criteria as the Group Stage). These teams will participate in the semifinal, third-place match, and final match to determine the champion of League C.

12.32. The following criteria will determine the final ranking of the three (3) group winners of the League C Finals;

12.32.1 Greatest number of points (three points for a win and one point for a tie) obtained in all Group Stage matches;

12.32.1.1 Goal difference in all Group Stage matches;

12.32.1.2 Greatest number of goals scored in all Group Stage matches.

If two (2) or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:

12.32.1.3 Greatest number of goals scored in all away matches.

The lowest number of points based on the number of yellow and red cards in all group matches is considered according to the following additions:

- first yellow card: plus 1 point
- second yellow card/indirect red card: plus 3 points
- direct red card: plus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card: plus 5 points;

12.32.1.4 Drawing of lots by Concacaf

12.33 The three (3) group winners and the best 2nd place will play the semifinals based on the standings as follows: (1 vs. best 2nd place team and 2 vs. 3)

12.34 The League C Finals will be played in a centralized location determined by Concacaf.

12.35 If both teams are tied at the end of regular time during the semifinal matches or third place match, no extra time will be played and kicks from the penalty spot procedure will take place as per the Laws of the Game.

12.36 If both teams are tied at the end of regular time during the final match, extra time will be played. If extra time is played, each team will have one (1) additional substitution and one (1) additional substitution opportunity. Therefore, each team will be allowed a total of six (6) substitutions and four (4) substitution opportunities. If the score is tied at the end of extra time the matches will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark per the Laws of the Game.

12.37 Concacaf shall fix the dates of the matches.

12.38 The decisions of Concacaf on the structure and format of the Competition are final. Concacaf may change the structure and format in the event of any withdrawals.

COMPETITION PREPARATION

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13. FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

13.1 For the Finals, friendly international matches within a period of three (3) months before the first Finals match of the Competition are subject to authorization by Concacaf. A request for permission must be submitted to Concacaf in advance by a PMA(s) concerned with an indication of the venue and date of the planned match, the name of the opposing team, and the financial arrangements. In those cases, where such special permission is granted, financial conditions and provisions (as per FIFA and Concacaf) concerning international matches will apply.

13.2 For the Finals, unless Concacaf gives special permission, the teams participating in the Competition shall not have the right to play friendly international and/or official matches in the venues and/or markets of the Competition in a period commencing sixty (60) days before the first Finals match and ending one (1) month after the conclusion of the last Finals match of the Competition. Such venue and/or market is defined as a one hundred (100)-mile radius from any official stadium. In those cases, where such special permission is granted, financial conditions and provisions (as per FIFA and Concacaf) concerning international matches will apply.

13.3 Once the groups for the Competition have been announced, teams in the same group may not play a friendly international match and may not play in any of the venues of the Competition. Such venue and/or market is defined as a one hundred (100)-mile radius from any official stadium. In those cases, where such special permission is granted, financial conditions and provisions (as per FIFA and Concacaf) concerning international matches will apply.

13.4 In all cases, the PMA concerned shall be responsible for all consequences resulting from failure to observe the abovementioned regulations.

14. VENUES, KICK-OFF TIMES, AND TRAINING SESSIONS

14.1. The venues of the matches shall be submitted to Concacaf by the HMA concerned, and the matches may only be played in stadiums inspected and approved by Concacaf. Concacaf will send a circular indicating deadlines for the submission of these venues.

14.2. All venues shall comply with the Concacaf Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide.

14.3. In the event that a HMA is unable to host a match in its territory due to failure to meet the applicable requirements, and is therefore required to designate a neutral venue, such venue must be located within the same region as the HMA and must be inspected and approved by Concacaf

14.4. The HMA shall notify Concacaf of the venue at least sixty (60) days before the applicable match. In principle, the venue is to be located at a maximum of 150km, which shall be at most a two-hour drive from the nearest operational international airport (airport with sufficient international flights from different locations per week) unless an exemption is specified by Concacaf. The airport should offer landing possibilities for charter flights if the visiting association opts to charter its delegation's flight directly to this airport. If a PMA cannot agree on the venues for the matches, Concacaf shall make the final decision.

14.5 Concacaf shall inform all the interested parties of the proposed kick-off times at least thirty (30) days before the applicable match. If the HMA requests a change, written approval from Concacaf must be obtained at least twenty (20) days before the applicable match with well-founded and documented reasons.

14.6 The venue of the match shall have sufficient high-standard hotels to accommodate all PMAs and Concacaf Delegation.

14.7 On the day before the match and weather permitting, both teams are entitled to have one (1) training session of sixty (60) minutes on a natural grass pitch or ninety (90) minutes if an artificial pitch is where the match is due to take place. In the event of severe adverse weather conditions, the Concacaf Venue and Match Coordinator may cancel the training session. The HMA must provide an alternative location for the visiting team to conduct the match day ("MD")-1 training session. In this case, the teams shall be allowed to inspect the stadium pitch wearing training shoes. Should both teams wish to train at the same time, the visiting team shall be given priority.

14.7.1 Drones may only be used during practice for technical purposes. Concacaf reserves the right to approve or deny the use of such devices. Using drones and/or recording devices to scout and/or observe other teams' sessions may lead to disciplinary sanctions.

14.7.2 Seven (7) days before the arrival of the visiting team, the exact time and duration of the training session shall be mutually agreed upon and confirmed to Concacaf.

14.8 If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch, once the teams have already left to play the match, the referee shall decide whether the pitch is playable or not. If the referee declares the pitch unplayable, Section 6 of the Laws of the Game describes the procedure to be followed.

14.9 All League A matches must be played under floodlights. If a League A HMA venue does not have floodlights, Concacaf may designate a neutral venue with floodlights for the match. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements laid down by Concacaf Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide, i.e., that the whole pitch shall be evenly lit, with a minimum requirement lighting level of at least one thousand (1,000) vertical EV lux. Additionally, the uniformity gradient of light on the field of play should be 1.4:1. An emergency power generator must also be available, which in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the aforementioned intensity of light for the whole pitch. Concacaf is entitled to grant exceptions.

14.10 On match days, the teams must be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match, weather and pitch conditions permitting. In principle, each team is entitled to warm up on the field of play for thirty (30) minutes before the match. If the pitch is not in good condition or the warm-up would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, Concacaf may limit the area on the field of play for the warm-up or shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

14.11 For the Finals, on the day before the Finals' first match, and weather permitting, both teams are entitled to have one (1) walkthrough session of 30 minutes where the match is due to take place. Such walkthroughs shall be done wearing training shoes.

15 DATES, ARRIVALS AT THE VENUES AND OFFICIAL TEAM HOTELS

15.1 Concacaf retains the right to set the match dates and confirm the venues of all matches in the Competition.

15.2 The PMA shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the match is scheduled to be played in the Group Stage, Quarterfinals and Play-In. Concacaf and the HMA shall be informed of the travel itinerary of the PMAs no later than ten (10) days before the first match of the Competition.

16 STADIUM INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT

16.1 Concacaf and each PMA organizing matches in the Competition must ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place to fulfill the requirements described in the Concacaf Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide and comply with the FIFA Safety and Security Regulations and/or Concacaf Safety and Security Guidelines, guidelines, and instructions for international matches. The fields of play, accessory equipment, and facilities must be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations (including the international dimensions of the field per the Laws of the Game). Each stadium must be equipped with a minimum of two (2) white goal posts and white goal nets with dark-colored support posts and a minimum of two (2) spare goals, two (2) spare nets, and four (4) spare corner flags located in close proximity to the field of play for contingency purposes.

16.2 The pitch shall have the international dimensions approved in the Laws of the Game. In addition, the total surface area shall have sufficient space to ensure safety for sufficient warm-up space and pitch-side photographer positions.

16.3 Periodic safety checks for the benefit of spectators, players, and officials must be carried out on the stadiums selected for matches in the Competition by the authorities responsible. If requested, the associations shall provide Concacaf with a copy of the relevant safety certificate, which shall be at most one (1) year old.

16.4 Only stadiums that have been inspected and approved by Concacaf may be selected for the Competition. Should a stadium no longer comply with the Concacaf Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide, or the FIFA Natural Turf Guidelines, Concacaf may reject the selection of the stadium concerned. Brand-new stadiums are to be inspected before use; the application for the final inspection and subsequent use of the facilities must be filed with Concacaf at least three (3) months before the applicable match. Refurbished or renovated stadiums are to be inspected before use; the application for the final inspection and the subsequent use of the facilities shall be filed with Concacaf at least two (2) months before the match concerned.

16.5 As a general rule, matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums. The standing space shall remain vacant if only stadiums with seating and standing areas are available. Regarding the spectator areas, the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations and/or Concacaf Safety and Security Guidelines apply.

16.6 The field of play, accessory equipment, and all facilities for each match of the Competition shall be in

optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations.

16.7 If a stadium has a retractable roof, the Venue Coordinator, referee, and the two (2) teams' officials, must decide before the match whether the roof must be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced at the Match Coordination Meeting, although it may subsequently be modified before kick-off in the event of sudden and significant weather conditions changes. If the match starts with the roof closed, it must remain closed for the entire match. If the match starts with the roof open, and the weather conditions are severely deteriorating, then the Venue Coordinator and the referee have the authority to order its closure during the match, provided that the HMA fully guarantees the safety and security of all spectators, players, and other stakeholders. In such an event, the roof shall remain closed until the end of the match.

16.8 Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Program for Football Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard unless Concacaf gives special dispensation.

16.9 Each stadium shall have enough space for warm-up during the match, ideally behind the goals. A maximum of six (6) players shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of one (1) official without any balls). If insufficient space is behind the goals, each team shall warm up in the designated area beside their substitute bench. In this case, the Venue Coordinator and the referees will determine the maximum number of players and communicate in the Match Coordination Meeting.

16.10 Clocks in the stadium showing the length of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of regular playing time in each half, i.e., after forty-five (45) and ninety (90) minutes, respectively. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e., after fifteen (15) minutes of each half). The half-time interval shall be fifteen (15) minutes.

16.11 At the end of the two (2) periods of regular playing time (forty-five (45) and ninety (90) minutes), the referee must indicate to the fourth official, either orally or by gesturing with his hands, the number of minutes he has decided to allow for time lost. This also applies to the two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes of extra time.

16.12 Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, must be used to indicate the substitution of players and the number of minutes allowed for time lost.

16.13 The use of giant screens must be in compliance with the relevant Concacaf instructions.

16.14 Smoking is not permitted in the technical area, in the vicinity of the field of play, or within competition areas such as the dressing rooms.

16.15 The stadiums must be made available to Concacaf for its exclusive use. They must be free of any and all commercial activities and identifications not previously approved by Concacaf, e.g., boards, and signage other than those of Concacaf's commercial affiliates, from at least ten (10) days before the match and up to two (2) days after the match.

16.16 No other events should be scheduled in the venues hosting the games ten (10) days before the match and up to two (2) days after the match. Football matches in such venues, during the exclusive period, must be approved by Concacaf.

17 TEAM EQUIPMENT

17.1 The PMAs shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. The display of political, religious, or personal messages or slogans in any language or form by players and officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, captain armbands, etc.), or body is prohibited. Disciplinary actions could be taken, including but not limited to, match suspensions and/or fines, based on the severity of the incident. The display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organized by Concacaf (including in the stadiums for official matches and official training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).

17.2 Each team shall provide Concacaf and have available for the matches a minimum of two (2) different and contrasting colors (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light kit) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts, socks, all three (3) goalkeepers' kits, gloves, caps, wristbands, headbands, etc.). In addition, each team must have three (3) contrasting colors for the goalkeepers. These three (3) goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other and different from the official and reserve team kits. The kits must be submitted to Concacaf sixty (60) days before their first match of the Competition for Concacaf approval. Only these colors may be worn at the matches. Any requests to change these kits must be submitted to Concacaf for approval ten (10) days before the match in question.

17.3 Each team must travel to all home and away matches with the complete set of approved kits, including both outfield player kits (official and reserve) and all three (3) goalkeeper kits, to ensure compliance with the color requirements and to address any unforeseen color conflicts. Failure to comply with the uniform requirements may lead to disciplinary sanctions.

17.4 Each team shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers. These shirts will only be used in those exceptional circumstances where an outfield player must take the goalkeeper position during a match. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three (3) colors as the regular goalkeeper shirts.

17.5 Concacaf strives to assign each team their complete official or reserve kits. However, in some cases, this may not be possible. In these situations, one (1) team will be assigned a predominantly dark kit, and the other team will be assigned a predominantly light kit. Only uniforms approved and designated by Concacaf may be used for all matches. Concacaf reserves the right to make changes to these designations based on the contrast of the uniforms; and Concacaf will notify teams of any changes.

17.6 Each player shall wear a number between one (1) and twenty-three (23) (number 1 being reserved exclusively for one (1) of the goalkeepers) in the front and back of his team shirt and on his playing shorts. The color of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

17.7 For the League A Finals, the player's last name or common name (or abbreviation) must be affixed above the number on the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. If the common name is used, such a name is to be approved by Concacaf.

17.8 Concacaf may supply each team with fifty (50) sleeve patches (tournament patches) per game in the Competition with the official competition logo, which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each shirt as stipulated by Concacaf before the Competition. Concacaf shall also issue the PMAs with guidelines for using official terminology and graphics, which also contain instructions for using the players' sleeve badges per the Commercial Regulations.

17.9 Each player shall wear the number allotted to them on the final list in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

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

17.11 Only warm-up bibs provided by Concacaf during the Finals may be used during official training sessions held at the stadium/venue and for the pre-match warm-up and the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

18 FOOTBALLS

18.1 The HMA must supply the footballs to be used in all matches during the Group Stage, Quarterfinals, and Play-In. Moreover, upon arrival at the venue, the HMA must provide the visiting team with at least twenty-three (23) match balls that will only be used for training. The visiting team must return the practice balls before departing the venue.

18.2 The HMA must supply for each match a minimum of twelve (12) match balls (additional to the twenty-three (23) visiting team training match balls) in good condition that meets FIFA Quality Mark standards (FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard).

18.3 Concacaf will supply the footballs to be used in all matches during the Finals. Moreover, Concacaf must provide each team with a total of forty (40) match balls that will only be used for training purposes.

19 FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

19.1 During the Competition, the Concacaf flag and the national flags of both PMAs shall be displayed inside the stadium at every match. In addition, a ceremonial procession of flags onto the pitch will take place, followed by the entry of the teams as the Concacaf anthem is being played, according to Concacaf's pre-match protocol. The national anthems of the two (2) PMAs (maximum ninety (90) seconds each, no lyrics permitted) shall be played after the teams have lined up.

20 TICKETING

20.1 The HMA is responsible for all the match ticketing during the Group Stage, Quarterfinals, and Play-In, and shall manage the ticketing operations to meet all applicable security and safety standards. It shall set aside a minimum of fifty (50) Category A complimentary tickets – any additional tickets to be fixed by mutual agreement and in writing – or complementary and purchasable tickets for the visiting associations. At least five (5) representatives from the visiting PMA shall be seated in the VIP tribune. The visiting PMAs shall inform Concacaf and the HMA in writing no later than fifteen (15) days before the applicable match of the total number of tickets requested for the match. If there is a failure to

submit the request before the deadline, the HMA will not be held responsible for granting additional requests.

20.2 All ticket designs must be pre-approved by Concacaf. The host venue must work with Concacaf to ensure their ticketing systems comply with this requirement and inform Concacaf if there are any potential issues as soon as they are identified.

20.3 Concacaf reserves the right to require terms and conditions to be included in the match tickets in addition to the terms and conditions by the host venue during the Competition.

21 REFEREEING

21.1 The referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, and video match officials (collectively, the "Match Officials") for the Competition must be appointed for each match by the Referee Committee and shall be neutral. The decisions of the Referee Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

21.2 The Match Officials shall receive their official refereeing kit and equipment from Concacaf. They shall wear and use only this kit and equipment on match days.

21.3 Match Officials shall be allowed to use training facilities.

21.4 If the referee is prevented from carrying out their duties, such referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. If one (1) of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out their duties, then such assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official or the reserve assistant referee (when appointed).

21.4.1 A referee with the same nationality as one of the PMAs can be appointed in case of force majeure.

21.5 The referee shall complete and sign the official match report form after each match through Comet immediately after the match at the stadium. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behavior by supporters and/or by officials or any other person acting on behalf of a PMA at the match, and any other incident happening before, during, or after the match in as much detail as possible.

DISCIPLINARY

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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

22 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

22.1 Concacaf's disciplinary committee (the "Disciplinary Committee") will apply the Competition Regulations and the Disciplinary Code. In addition, it may apply the Concacaf Statutes, as appropriate.

22.2 The players agree in particular to:

22.2.1 Respect the rules of Fair Play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
22.2.2 Behave accordingly;
22.2.3 Refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and accept all other relevant FIFA regulations, circulars, and directives.

22.3 The PMA and their Team Delegation Members shall comply with the Concacaf Statutes and FIFA Statutes, the Disciplinary Code, and the FIFA Code of Ethics, including, without limitation, the fight against discrimination, racism, and match-fixing activities.

22.4 In cases of infringement of these and all applicable regulations or unsporting behavior on the part of the PMAs, their players, and/or officials, or in any incident, the Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:

22.4.1 Warn, caution, admonish, sanction, fine, deduct points, suspend, and/or disqualify the PMA, their players, and/or officials.
22.4.2 Take action against any person(s) or PMAs who may violate applicable regulations, circulars, the Laws of the Game, and / or the rules of Fair Play.
22.4.3 Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of the Concacaf-organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.

22.5 The Disciplinary Committee may refer to the Concacaf Council any matter relating to an infringement of these Regulations as it sees fit, whether for further sanction or any other reason.

22.6 The Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written records or videos. Additionally, hearings may be held to investigate a case.

22.7 When deciding, the Disciplinary Committee may refer to the reports made by the Match Officials, delegates, or any other Concacaf official or staff present. Reference may also be made to additional reports, including declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions, and audio and/or video recordings. Such reports may be used as evidence but only in so far as the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and will not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.

22.8 The Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide any procedures to be followed in such hearing.

22.9 Sessions may be held with a single member. Decisions will be made by the sole judge, or they will be adopted by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the president will have the

casting vote.

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

22.10.1 Cautions, warnings, and censures imposed on PMAs, players, officials, and other persons.
22.10.2 Suspensions of up to two (2) matches or of up to two (2) months, imposed on PMAs, players, officials, or any other persons.
22.10.3 Fines imposed on PMAs not exceeding thirty thousand U.S. dollars (USD 30,000) or on players, officials, or any other persons not exceeding ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000).
22.10.4 Decisions made in compliance with Article 21 of the Disciplinary Code.

22.11 All imposed economic penalties must be paid by the appropriate PMA no later than sixty (60) days after notification thereof.

22.12 Cautions and suspensions:

22.12.1 Cautions received during any other competition are not carried over to the Competition.
22.12.2 Pending match suspensions (in relation to the direct or indirect red card) will be carried over to the Competition.
22.12.3 Single yellow cards will get eliminated at the end of the Group Stage and Quarterfinals and shall not be carried over to the Play-In or the Finals.
22.12.4 Two (2) cautions received in different matches during the Competition shall result in an automatic suspension for the next match in the Competition.
22.12.5 Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the Competition.
22.12.6 Unserved suspensions outstanding at the end of a team's participation in the Competition will be carried over to the next official match of the player's national team per the Disciplinary Code.

22.13 If a game is suspended due to withdrawal, the team(s) refusing to complete the match shall be ineligible to participate in the next two editions of the Competition.

22.14 Any other infringement of these Regulations, whether by players, Match Officials, officials, coaches, or officers, that is punishable by economic sanctions shall be reported to the Concacaf General Secretariat for consideration by the Concacaf Council.

23 APPEALS COMMITTEE

23.1 Concacaf's appeals committee (the "Appeals Committee") will hear appeals that meet the requirements that will be said against the decisions made by the Disciplinary Committee.

23.2 The Appeals Committee will apply these Regulations and the Disciplinary Code.

23.3 The Appeals Committee shall reach its decisions based on the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. The Appeals Committee may additionally, at its sole discretion, also consider additional evidence, including television and video recordings, which

it considers relevant.

23.4 The parties must notify the Appeals Committee of their intention to appeal the decision by writing sent within three (3) days, counting from the notification of the grounds for the decision. Said notification must be made via email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.

23.5 Once the period for communicating the intention to appeal has elapsed, the appellant will have five (5) days to present the formal appeal letter. It should contain the appellant's requests, a statement of the facts, evidence, a list of the proposed witnesses (with a brief summary of the foreseeable testimony), and the appellant's conclusions. The latter will not be authorized to present further documentation or evidence once the deadline for submitting the appeal letter has expired.

23.6 Appeals are subject to the payment of a fee of one thousand U.S. dollars (USD 1,000), which must be paid, at the latest, at the time the document is delivered. The appellant must email confirmation of said transfer to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.

23.7 Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned requirements will result in the appeal not being admitted.

23.8 Sessions may be held with a single member. Decisions will be made by the sole judge, or they will be adopted by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the president will have the casting vote.

24 PROTESTS

24.1 For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches organized in the Competition, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs.

24.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the Venue Coordinator or Concacaf representative in the venue no later than two (2) hours after the end of the match in question and followed up within the next twenty-four (24) hours with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent by e-mail to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. Otherwise, they shall be disregarded. Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500), payable to Concacaf.

24.3 Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the Competition shall be submitted in writing to the Concacaf General Secretariat by e-mail no later than two (2) hours after the match in question at general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500), payable to Concacaf.

24.4 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 the delegation of the team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, then the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the opposing team's captain. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the Venue Coordinator or Concacaf representative in the venue by the head of the team delegation no later than two (2) hours after the match in question. Such protest must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500) payable to Concacaf.

24.5 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 Venue Coordinator or Concacaf representative in the venue by the head of the team delegation no later than two (2) hours after the match in question. Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500), payable to Concacaf.

24.6 Only protests regarding requests to review and rectify a clear and obvious case of error related to a disciplinary decision on the field of play by match officials for a direct red card shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or the Concacaf representative at headquarters no later than two (2) hours after the end of the match in question. The protest must be followed up within the next forty-eight (48) hours with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest and any and all evidence (e.g., video, photography, written statements, others) supporting the protest, which must be sent in writing and by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. Otherwise, they will be discarded. Such protests must be accompanied by proof of electronic transfer in the amount of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000), payable to Concacaf. This amount will be refunded if the protest is accepted in its entirety.

24.7 PMAs may not bring disputes with Concacaf before a court of justice/court of law. They shall undertake to submit any disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of Concacaf and/or FIFA (Court of Arbitration for Sport).

24.8 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, Concacaf may impose a fine.

24.9 The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by Concacaf, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.

24.10 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the Competition has ended and/or once the winning team of the Competition has been proclaimed, any protests described in this article or complaints about the sports procedure followed during the Competition shall be disregarded.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

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25 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

25.1 For the matches in the Group Stage, Quarterfinals and Play-In, the HMA is responsible for the operation and cost of:

25.1.1 Accommodations, breakfast, and local transportation for:

- Referees
- Referee Assessors
- Match Commissioner
- Venue Coordinator (when applicable)
- Match Coordinator (when applicable)
- Competitions Coordinator (when applicable)
- Security Officer (when applicable)
- Media Official (when applicable)
- Broadcast Official (when applicable)
- Any other official appointed by Concacaf

25.1.2 Operational cost of the stadium for the matches and official use.

25.1.3 Board and lodging in a high-standard hotel and domestic transportation in the host country for the Match Officials.

25.1.4 Training facilities approved by Concacaf for the PMAs to use during Group Stage, Quarterfinals, and Play-In;

25.1.5 Volunteers and staff to assist with the operations of the Competition.

25.2 The following expenditures may be deducted from the gross receipts:

25.2.1 The levy due to any Confederation and/or Member Association in accordance with such Confederation's and/or Member Associations' statutes and regulations after deduction of the taxes mentioned. The levies due to any Confederation and/or Member Association shall be paid within sixty (60) days of the match at the official rate of exchange on the day the payment is due.

25.2.2 State, provincial, and municipal taxes, as well as the hire of the grounds, not exceeding thirty percent (30%) (cf. Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes).

25.3 Concacaf shall bear the costs of:

25.3.1 International travel and the daily allowances for the respective Concacaf delegation members, as fixed by Concacaf;

25.3.2 Participation allowance for the PMA, the amount of which shall be determined by Concacaf (if applicable).

25.3.3 Prize money for the PMAs, the amounts of which shall be determined by Concacaf (if

applicable);

25.3.4 Doping expenses;

25.3.5 The costs of insurance taken out by Concacaf to cover its own risks.

25.4 The PMAs shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:

25.4.1 International travel costs, ground transportation, lodging, and meals for the official delegation during the Group Stage, Quarterfinals and Play-In

25.4.2 Adequate insurance covering their Team 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 TPA and applicable rules and regulations.

25.4.3 International travel, visas, and daily allowances for Team Delegation Members;

25.4.4 During the Group Stage, Quarterfinals and Play-In, the PMAs must cover all international travel costs for Team Delegation Members.

25.5 Any disputes arising from financial provisions shall be resolved amongst the appropriate Members Associations but may be submitted to Concacaf for review.

25.6 Any expenses and costs incurred by a PMA other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be the sole responsibility of such PMA.

MEDICAL-DOPING

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26 MEDICAL-DOPING

26.1 To protect players' health and prevent them from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches at the Competition, each PMA shall ensure and confirm to Concacaf that its players and officials undergo a pre-competition medical assessment ("PCMA") prior to the start of the Competition. The PCMA will include a full medical assessment as well as an EKG to identify any cardiac abnormality. If the EKG is abnormal, and echocardiogram must be obtained and be normal before a player can be released to play. The PCMA must be carried out between two hundred and seventy (270) days and ten days (10) days before the first match of the Competition. Concacaf will provide a PCMA form to all PMAs.

26.2 The duly licensed medical representative of each PMA (i.e., national team doctor) will be required to sign the PCMA declaration form certifying the accuracy of the results and confirming that the players and officials have passed the pre-competition medical assessment. The medical assessment form shall also include the signatures of the President and General Secretary of the PMA. The Concacaf General Secretariat shall receive it at the latest ten (10) days before the first match of the Competition.

26.3 Further to the above, each PMA is required to have a duly licensed medical professional (i.e., a doctor) as part of their official delegation. Such doctor must be fully integrated and familiar with all medical aspects of the delegation and must remain with the delegation throughout the entire official period of the Competition. The Match Officials will refer to such team doctor in all cases as required and necessary.

26.4 Concacaf shall not be held liable for any injury any participating player or official sustained. Additionally, Concacaf shall not be held liable for any incident (including death) linked to any injury or health problem(s) of any participating player or official.

26.5 As stated in these Regulations, each PMA shall be responsible throughout the Competition for providing health, travel, and accident insurance coverage for all the members of its delegation throughout the Competition. In addition, and in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, the PMA with which any participating player is registered shall be responsible for the player's insurance coverage against illness and accident during the entire period of the player's release.

26.6 Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee.

26.7 Regarding non-traumatic loss of consciousness during a game, the referee will assume sudden cardiac arrest until proven otherwise. The hand signal is the right-hand fist against the chest. Such signal will indicate to the team doctor and the medical emergency team (stretcher team) to immediately institute comprehensive resuscitation that includes the use of a defibrillator (AED) and CPR. It is the responsibility of the HMA to ensure that there is a properly functioning AED immediately at hand and that there is an ambulance with an access and egress plan. Additionally, the LOC should ensure an emergency action plan is in place and communicate with each team's medical staff before each match.

26.8 During the match, if a traumatic head injury leads to a player's concussion, and the player remains on the field of play, the referee shall stop play for as much as three (3) minutes as injury time. The hand

signal is the right fist on the top of the head. Such signal will indicate to the team doctor to enter the field to assess and manage the player. A Sideline Concussion Assessment Test ("SCAT") will be administered at this time. At the end of the three minutes, at the discretion of the team doctor, the player may be ready to return to play or immobilized appropriately and transported off the field using the standard protocol.

26.9 Further to the above, regarding traumatic head injury and concussion, full return to play after a previous concussion must include no signs or symptoms of the previous head injury as well as an acceptable "SCAT" assessment, as well as a progressive/staged return to play protocol and return to baseline neuropsychological testing.

26.10 Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing a player's physical and/or mental performance to improve athletic and/or mental performance. If there is a medical need as defined by the player's doctor, then a Therapeutic Use Exemption ("TUE") application must be filed at least thirty (30) days before competition for chronic conditions and as soon as possible for acute situations. The TUE approval system includes a designated administrative and functional committee that will review applications and certify the exemption as the committee defines.

26.11 Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the Disciplinary Code, and all other relevant FIFA and Concacaf regulations, circulars, and directives, shall apply to all Concacaf competitions.

26.12 Every player may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which the player competes and to out-of-competition testing at any time and place. Furthermore, reference is made to the FIFA Anti-Doping Control Regulations and the list of prohibited substances and methods per the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA").

26.13 If, in accordance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Control Regulations, a player tests positive for the use of banned substances, the player shall be immediately declared ineligible for further participation in the Competition and shall be subject to further sanctions from the Disciplinary Committee.

COMMERCIAL & MEDIA

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27 COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

27.1 Concacaf is the original and sole owner of any and all rights emanating from the Competition as a collective whole and any other related events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions on content, time, place, and law. These rights include, among others, all kinds of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing, and promotional rights, and incorporeal rights (such as those pertaining to emblems) as well as rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as outlined in specific regulations.

27.2 For the Group Stage, Quarterfinals, and Play-In, Concacaf grants to the PMAs seventy-five percent (75%) of the on-field sponsorship inventory. For the avoidance of doubt, the above grant does not include twenty-five percent (25%) of on-field sponsorship inventory, which is reserved by Concacaf, and includes but is not limited to, the team and fourth official bench branding, substitution board branding, field boards, and referee escorts.

27.3 PMAs may only use the Competition marks and the composite logo for the purpose of referring descriptively to their participation in the Competition. All commercial or promotional use of the Competition marks and the composite logo by PMAs and/or their PMA affiliates and/or any third party contracted to the PMAs is strictly prohibited.

27.4 For the Finals and to assist with the implementation of the Commercial Regulations, each PMA (i) must ensure that all Team Delegation Members participate in a Competition photo and video shoot (all such photographs and images to be used and/or sub-licensed by Concacaf in accordance with the remainder of this paragraph), and (ii) shall secure written confirmation from each Team Delegation Member of Concacaf's right to use and/or Concacaf's right to sub-license the right to use, in perpetuity and free of any charge, any of their records, names, photographs, and images (including any still and moving representation thereof), which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the Team Delegation Members in both stages of the Competition (including, but not limited to photographs of Team Delegation Members taken for accreditation purposes).

27.5 For the Finals, PMAs are expressly prohibited from bringing beverage products or containers that compete with any commercial affiliate, as confirmed by Concacaf, into the controlled areas. Concacaf will have the ability to provide the winning PMA products from commercial affiliates for the post-match locker room celebration. The winning PMA is expressly prohibited from bringing non-commercial affiliate products and/or branded items (i.e., different from any commercial affiliate) during the Competition period in controlled areas as referenced herein.

27.6 At all times, Concacaf reserves all its rights to exploit, sell, create, license, sublicense, and dispose of merchandising rights for the Competition and to authorize and license others to do so. PMAs are not authorized to create or sell their own co-branded merchandise without the prior written approval of Concacaf; Concacaf, however, may appoint a third-party licensee to work directly with each PMA and local licensees, if any, to establish any product offering and associated royalties from local merchandising of co-branded products, when previously authorized and confirmed in writing by Concacaf.

27.7 Concacaf will issue separate Commercial Regulations for the Competitions specifying these

commercial and intellectual property rights. All Concacaf members must comply with the Commercial Regulations for the Competition and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates, and other affiliates also comply with these regulations.

28 MEDIA

28.1 Concacaf will issue separate Media Regulations for the Competition specifying each PMAs mandatory promotional and media activities that will take place prior to and during the Competition. These will include, among others, interview requests, pre- and post-match press conferences, and open training sessions.

28.2 Each PMA must comply with the Competition Media Regulations and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates, and other affiliates also comply with these Regulations.

28.3 For more details, please refer to the Media Regulations.

FINAL PROVISIONS

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29 LIABILITY

29.1 The HMA of the Competition shall be exclusively responsible for the organization of the matches. It shall discharge Concacaf from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against Concacaf and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any claims relating to such matches.

30 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

30.1 Concacaf shall issue any instructions necessitated by exceptional circumstances that may arise related to the Competition. These provisions and/or instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

31 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR AND FORCE MAJEURE

31.1 Matters not provided for in these Regulations, and any cases of force majeure shall be decided by Concacaf. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

32 LANGUAGES

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

33 COPYRIGHT

33.1 The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations shall be the property of Concacaf.

34 NO WAIVER

34.1 Any waiver by Concacaf of any breach of these Regulations (including of any document referred to in these Regulations) shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any other breach of such provision or any breach of any other provision or a waiver of any right arising out of these Regulations or any other document. Any such waiver shall only be valid if given in writing. Failure by Concacaf to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one (1) or more occasions shall not be considered to be a waiver of or deprive Concacaf of the right to subsequently insist upon strict adherence to, that provision or any other provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations.

35 ENFORCEMENT

35.1 These regulations were approved by the Concacaf Council in January 31, 2026 and came into force immediately thereafter.