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# General Provisions

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 1. CONCACAF UNDER-20 CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1.1. The Concacaf Under-20 Championship (hereinafter: the "Competition"), is an official Concacaf National teams' competition. The Competition shall be played in 2026 and shall take place in the dates and venues Concacaf determines in its sole discretion. All Member Associations affiliated to Concacaf are invited to participate.
- 1.2. The Competition consists of three (3) stages:
  - 1.2.1. Qualifying Stage
  - 1.2.2. Group Stage and
  - 1.2.3. Knockout Stage

### 2. HOST VENUE

- 2.1. The Competition shall be played in Member Associations selected by Concacaf, in its sole and absolute discretion, to host a predetermined number of matches (hereinafter, the "Host Venue"). The Host Venue shall work with Concacaf to organize, promote, host, and stage the matches in the Competition as well as the security for the duration thereof. This includes and is not limited to, providing a final accounting for the Competition, including payment of the percentages due to Concacaf within thirty (30) days of the final match of the Competition.
- 2.2. The Host Venue shall be subject to the supervision and control by Concacaf, which has the final approval on all matters relevant to the Competition. The decisions of Concacaf are final, binding, and not subject to appeal.
- 2.3. Working relations between the Host Venue and Concacaf are regulated by the memorandum of understanding between the parties (hereinafter: the "MOU"), the team participation agreement between the parties (hereinafter: the "TPA"), and these Concacaf Under-20 Championship Regulations (hereinafter: the "Regulations"). The Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars issued by Concacaf shall be binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organization, and hosting of the Competition.



- 2.4. Any rights that are not ceded by these Regulations to any participating Member Association (hereinafter: "PMA") or any other party previously in writing or by circular shall exclusively belong to Concacaf.
- 2.5. The responsibilities of the Host Venue 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 and/or Concacaf Stadium Safety and Security Regulations or Guidelines shall apply as the minimum standards governing the Competition;
  - 2.5.2. Ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards to guarantee safety of teams, Competitions Officials, Match Officials, and spectators;
  - 2.5.3. Maintaining insurance policies to cover all risks relating to the Competition, including but not limited to, adequate and broad liability insurance with respect to the facilities, spectators, employees, volunteers, and any other persons involved in the organization of the Competition except the Team's Delegation Members;
  - 2.5.4. Securing liability insurance against possible spectator accidents or deaths.
- 2.6. Stadium and Training Facilities – The Host Venue shall ensure that both the stadium and training facilities are in line with the latest Concacaf Stadium Guidelines 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, corner flags, covered benches (if required) for the teams, and a fourth official (which should be of a professional standard).
- 2.7. Laundry – The Host Venue shall make facilities available or recommend facilities for the teams to do their laundry.
- 2.8. Media – The Host Venue shall appoint an individual who shall be responsible for media relations and shall advise Concacaf's Media and Communications Department thirty (30) days in advance of the event: the name of the person, together with his/her contact numbers (phone/cellular, e-mail address). Before, during and after the event, such individual appointed shall:

- 2.8.1. Ensure that the media facilities are in the best possible condition;
  - 2.8.2. Assist the media in their general inquiries;
  - 2.8.3. Arrange for the installation of internet access (Wi-Fi) for Concacaf use only;
  - 2.8.4. Arrange for the installation of internet connection for the host broadcaster and the designation of radio booths for each rights holder; and
  - 2.8.5. Assure that the stadium has wireless internet for the media throughout the stadium, including the field of play.
- 2.9. The Host Venue shall ensure that any decision taken by Concacaf or judicial bodies relating to its duties and responsibilities are enforced immediately.

### **3. CONCACAF**

- 3.1. The responsibilities of Concacaf include, but are not limited to:
- 3.1.1. Supervising general preparations and deciding the structure and format of the Competition;
  - 3.1.2. Setting the dates and approving the venues of the matches during the Competition;
  - 3.1.3. Determining the match schedule and kick-off times for the Competition;
  - 3.1.4. Choosing the official football for the Competition.
    - 3.1.4.1. Only footballs abiding by the FIFA Quality Mark standard (i.e., FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard) shall be approved and selected;
  - 3.1.5. Approving the choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory that will perform the doping analyses as proposed by the FIFA Anti-Doping Unit;
  - 3.1.6. Deciding which matches will be subject to doping tests;

- 3.1.7. Appointing Competition Officials: Venue Coordinators, Match Coordinators, Match Commissioners, Competitions Coordinators, Disciplinary Committee Members, (hereinafter: "Competition Officials"), Referees, Referee Assessors and any other delegates required as determined by Concacaf for the Competition;
- 3.1.8. Providing daily allowance and international travel expenses for the Competition Officials;
- 3.1.9. Assessing protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility, with the exception of protests concerning the eligibility of players, which are assessed by the Concacaf Disciplinary Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Disciplinary Committee");
- 3.1.10. Collecting PMA information (i.e., team lists, rooming lists, menus, travel itineraries, visa information, uniform colors, etc.);
- 3.1.11. Deciding cases of PMAs failing to adhere to the time limits and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents;
- 3.1.12. Dealing with cases of abandoned matches as per the International Football Association Board (hereinafter: "IFAB") laws of the game (hereinafter: "Laws of the Game") in accordance with these Regulations;
- 3.1.13. Deciding on the rescheduling of matches due to extraordinary circumstances or force majeure;
- 3.1.14. Implementing disciplinary measures and communication of relevant actions taken;
- 3.1.15. Daily assignment of Competition Officials;
- 3.1.16. Providing match balls to PMAs for training upon arrival and match balls to the venue;
- 3.1.17. Working with the Host Venue to produce a stage to be used for the post-final match award presentation;
- 3.1.18. Replacing Member Associations (as determined by Concacaf) that

have withdrawn from the Competition;

3.1.19. Providing the trophy, medals, and awards (if applicable);

3.1.20. Settling cases of force majeure; and

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. Team Hospitality

### 3.2.1. Local Ground Transportation

3.2.1.1. One coach bus with air conditioning for the official delegation for official Competition movements (service to and from airport, hotel to and from stadium, hotel to and from training facility and any other official activity of the Competition);

3.2.1.2. Equipment truck service airport-hotel-airport, and hotel-stadium-hotel on match days.

### 3.2.2. First class accommodation (room and board, etc.),

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3.2.2.1. Hotel accommodation for the Team Delegation Members. Additionally, provide Competition room rates in case additional members of the Member Association accompany their team;

3.2.2.2. One (1) equipment/medical room per Member Association and one (1) meeting/meal room;

3.2.2.3. Meals for the Team Delegation Members. Additionally, provide rates per meal or daily cost in case additional members of the Member Association accompany their team or teams exceed tournament budgets.

3.3. The decisions taken by Concacaf are final and binding and are 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 (hereinafter: "Team Delegation Members"), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition;
  - 4.1.2. Ensuring adequate insurance coverage for 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 applicable rules or regulations;
  - 4.1.3. Covering all travel-related expenses incurred by its Team Delegation Members to and from the Host Venue, including but not limited to, any cost in obtaining visas for their Team Delegation Members and all tips for services rendered as appropriate at the hotels, airports, taxis, etc.;
  - 4.1.4. Covering the extended stay of any Team Delegation Member. Each PMA shall also be responsible for covering the costs of any additional member of their delegation exceeding the number approved by Concacaf;
  - 4.1.5. Applying in a timely manner for any required visas to the consulate or embassy of the country of the Host Venue where their matches will be played and covering any costs associated with these visas; for this process, the assistance of the Host Venue should be solicited as early as possible;
  - 4.1.6. Attending media conferences and other official media activities organized by Concacaf and/or by the Host Venue in accordance with the applicable regulations;
  - 4.1.7. Ensuring that every Team Delegation Member complies with all applicable regulations (including these Regulations), directives, guidelines, and circulars, decisions made by Concacaf and the Concacaf Council (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Council"), Concacaf Referees Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Referees Committee"), Disciplinary Committee, Concacaf Ethics Committee (as

such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Ethics Committee"), and Concacaf Appeals Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Appeals Committee");

- 4.1.8. Providing Concacaf with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. PMAs that fail to provide Concacaf with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed a fine, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure
- 4.1.9. Allowing Concacaf to use its Association 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, comply, and, if applicable, enforce:
  - 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 Council;
  - 4.2.4. The Disciplinary Code;
  - 4.2.5. The FIFA Code of Ethics, the Concacaf Code of Conduct, and the Safeguarding Regulations;
  - 4.2.6. The FIFA Doping Control Regulations;
  - 4.2.7. All Concacaf protocols during matches (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



Commercial and Media Regulations, including but not limited to, the Team Media Day in which individual and group photos and videos will be taken of each PMA upon their arrival at the venue of their first match;

4.2.10. 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 (including these Regulations), rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, decisions, stipulations, and requirements.
- 4.4. All PMAs shall indemnify, defend and hold Concacaf, the Host Venue, and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, assigns, and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of any kind whatsoever or of any 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 by the PMA.

## 5. ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

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- 5.1. The National Under-20 team of each Member Association affiliated to Concacaf has the right to participate.
- 5.2. The Competition will serve to qualify the Member Associations affiliated to Concacaf to four (4) places in the FIFA Under-20 World Cup 2027 and shall start, except if circumstances do not permit, in the year proceeding the year of the FIFA tournament and shall be completed no later than the year of the FIFA Tournament.
  - 5.2.1. The Qualifier round of this competition will determine the Caribbean PMA that would advance to the Play-in match for the second slot in the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games. The best Caribbean PMA will be determined based on their results in the Qualifier's group stage, according to the tie-break criteria in 12.3. If the groups are not equal, a weighted point system will be used to determine the best Caribbean team from the qualifiers. This PMA will face Cuba in the play-in match, which advanced as a pre-seeded contender based on their Concacaf Under-20 Ranking.
  - 5.2.2. The Competition will serve as the qualifying tournament for the 2027 Pan



American Games. The representative PMAs in the Pan American Games will be determined as follows: The Champion, the Top Caribbean team, the top Central American team, and the Top North American team.

- 5.2.3. This Competition will serve as the qualifying tournament for the 2028 Olympic Football Tournament. Should a non-affiliated Member Association finish in a position to advance to the 2028 Olympics, that Member Association would be replaced by the next affiliated Member Association, based on the tournament's final results.
- 5.3. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, only Member Associations affiliated to FIFA that are eligible to compete in the FIFA U20 World Cup 2027 shall be permitted to advance from this Competition.
- 5.4. Each PMA is required to have in their Official Delegation the following roles: Head Coach, Team Manager/Delegate, Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer, and Duly Licensed Medical Professional. All of these roles are mandatory.
- 5.5. Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer: Each PMA shall appoint a designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer to act as a focal point for all matters related to the safeguarding and well-being of the Team Delegation Members. This role does not have to be exclusive and can be assigned to the medical doctor or other trained Team Delegation Member. It is a mandatory requirement that the designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer complete the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials online course (<https://safeguardinginsport.fifa.com/>). The role of the Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer is to:
- 5.5.1. Act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the PMA during the Competition;
- 5.5.2. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being is prioritized;
- 5.5.3. Liaise with the Concacaf designated official in venue should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse (be it psychological, physical or sexual, or neglect) arise;
- 5.5.4. Know the specific safeguarding rules and measures for the Competition and the avenues available for reporting concerns.
- 5.6. Upon entering the Competition, the PMA, and their Team Delegation Members

automatically undertake to:

- 5.6.1. Participate and refer to their best available team in all matches of the Competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;
- 5.6.2. 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 Concacaf Media 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 with immediate effect, full title guarantee in perpetuity and without any restriction, any such rights to ensure Concacaf's unfettered use as set out above;
- 5.6.3. Respect the principles of fair play. Subject to any other decision by the 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 taken into consideration unless approved in writing by Concacaf.

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## **6. LAWS OF THE GAME**

- 6.1. All matches shall be played in accordance with IFAB's Laws of the Game in force at the time of the Competition. In the case of 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 of two periods of forty-five (45) minutes each, 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 Laws of the Game.
- 6.5. Each team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes in a match. To reduce disruption to the match, each team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game; 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 (if applicable). Where the Competition Regulations allow an additional substitution in 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 to each team.
- 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 the 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 Qualifier or the Championship shall be subject to a fine of at least fifteen thousand US dollars (USD 15,000). Any PMA that withdraws within thirty (30) days before the start of the Qualifier or the Championship, shall be subject to a fine of at least twenty thousand US dollars (USD 20,000).
- 7.3. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the Disciplinary Committee may impose sanctions in addition to those provided for in section 7.2 above, including the expulsion of such Member Association from subsequent Concacaf competitions.
- 7.4. 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 applicable PMA by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. In such cases, the Disciplinary Committee may also order that the match be replayed.
- 7.5. Any PMA that withdraws or whose behavior is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered to reimburse Concacaf, the opposing PMA, or any other PMA involved, any expenses incurred as a result of its behavior. In such cases, the applicable PMA may also be ordered by Concacaf to pay compensation for any damages incurred by Concacaf or any other Member Association. The applicable PMA in question will also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from Concacaf.
- 7.6. 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 order a replay. If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the Disciplinary Committee may also take additional action, if necessary.
- 7.7. 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 each of those future matches shall be considered to have lost the match 3-0 and three (3) points shall be awarded to those opponents. For clarity, the results of any matches played before by the team in question shall remain as the final result of such matches.

- 7.8. In addition to the above, the team in question shall pay compensation for any damage or losses suffered by Concacaf, the Host Venue, and/or the other PMAs and shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from Concacaf.
- 7.9. The decisions by Concacaf in this section 7 are final and binding, and not subject to appeal.
- 7.10. Further to section 7.6 above, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles shall apply:
  - 7.10.1. The match shall be recommenced at the minute at which play was interrupted, and with the same score, rather than being replayed in full;
  - 7.10.2. The match shall restart with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;
  - 7.10.3. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
  - 7.10.4. The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
  - 7.10.5. Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
  - 7.10.6. Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
  - 7.10.7. 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 shall restart with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped;

7.10.8. The kick-off time, date (which shall be rescheduled for the following day or otherwise as soon as possible), and location shall be decided by Concacaf in its sole discretion;

7.10.9. Any matters requiring a further decision shall be handled by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

## **8. REPLACEMENTS**

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

8.1.1. Once the official draw has been concluded for the Qualifying Stage, in the case that a PMA withdraws or is unable to compete due to medical reasons, unforeseen circumstances or force majeure, (for clarity, each of which must be approved by Concacaf), Concacaf reserves the right to reallocate a PMA from one group to another group in the open slot available in order to preserve fairness and equality throughout the Competition.

8.1.2. Once the official draw has been concluded for the Championship, in the case that a PMA withdraws or is unable to compete due to medical reasons, unforeseen circumstances or force majeure, (for clarity, each of which must be approved by Concacaf), Concacaf reserves the right to reallocate the next best ranked PMA from the Qualifying Stage (based on their performance in the Qualifying Stage determined through a weighted system if necessary) into the Championship open slot in order to preserve the fairness and equality throughout the Competition.

## **9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

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

9.1.1. All players shall hold the nationality of such PMA 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 all other relevant FIFA rules and regulations.
- 9.1.3. Upper Age Limit: All players shall be no more than twenty (20) years old by the end of the calendar year in which the FIFA competition is played (i.e., all players of the teams were born on or after January 1, 2007).
- 9.1.4. Lower Age Limit: All players shall be no less than sixteen (16) years old by the end of the calendar year in which the FIFA competition is played (i.e., all players of the teams were born on or before December 31, 2011).
- 9.2. Any issues regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.
- 9.3. 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 said player ineligible to participate in any stage of the Competition until the player's eligibility status is confirmed by Concacaf in accordance with the applicable regulations.

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## 10.PLAYERS' LISTS

### 10.1. Qualifier Players' List:

- 10.1.1. Each PMA in the Qualifier must provide Concacaf with a provisional list of a minimum of twenty- one (21) players and up to sixty (60) players ( five (5) must be goalkeepers) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the opening match, which for the avoidance of doubt Concacaf shall provide further specifics circular Players may be added or removed from the provisional list before the final list deadline. This list shall reflect each player's last name, first name, date of birth and passport number as specifically noted in their international passport, in addition to any other information requested by Concacaf. This information shall be submitted through the Concacaf-approved

competition management platform (Currently Comet) which will be time-stamped.

10.1.2. Each PMA in the Qualifier shall submit to Concacaf its final list of up to twenty-one (21) players (three (3) must be goalkeepers and no more than eighteen (18) field players), no later than 10 days prior to the opening match, which for the avoidance of doubt Concacaf shall provide further specifics via circular. The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. The Provisional List becomes binding after the submission of the final list. Only 21 players on the final list will be permitted to participate in the qualifiers. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf- approved competition management platform (Currently -Comet) which will be time-stamped.

## 10.2. Championship Players' List:

10.2.1. Each PMA in the Championship shall provide Concacaf with a provisional list of a minimum twenty-one (21) players and up to sixty (60) players ( five (5) must be goalkeepers) no later than 30 days prior to the start of the opening match., which for the avoidance of doubt, Concacaf shall provide further specifics via circular Players may be added or removed from the provisional list before the final list deadline. This list shall reflect each player's last name, first name, date of birth and passport number as specifically noted in their International Passport, in addition to any other information requested by Concacaf. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf approved competition management platform (currently Comet) which will be time-stamped.

10.2.2. Each PMA participating in the Championship shall submit to Concacaf its final list of up to twenty-one (21) players (three (3) must be goalkeepers and no more than eighteen (18) field players), no later than 10 days prior to the opening match, which for the avoidance of doubt, Concacaf shall provide specifics vi circular. The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. The

Provisional List becomes binding after the submission of the final list. Only the twenty-one (21) players on the final list will be permitted to participate in the competition. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf approved competition management Platform (currently Comet) which will be time-stamped.

10.3. A player listed on the final list may only be replaced during the Competition in the event of serious injury or medical matter up until twenty-four (24) hours before the kick-off of her team's first match and must come from the provisional list. Concacaf or the Concacaf Medical Committee (hereinafter: 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 through the [Concacaf Player Injury Report](#). Concacaf or the Medical Committee shall approve the request if the injury is sufficiently serious 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 shirt number of the injured player being replaced

10.4. The only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity and nationality shall be a valid passport book that explicitly states the player's day, month, and year of birth. Passport cards, identity cards or other supporting official documents shall not be accepted as a valid means of identification. The PMAs shall present each player's valid national passport for the country of the PMA to the Venue Coordinator in the Team Arrival Meeting. A player without a valid passport shall not be entitled to play.

10.4.1. Concacaf reserves the right to request additional information from the player to confirm eligibility, such as birth certificate from the player, her parents, or grandparents.

## **11. START LIST AND SUBSTITUTES ON THE BENCH**

11.1. Up to twenty-one (21) players may be entered on the start list (eleven (11) starters and ten (10) substitutes). Up to a maximum of five (5) substitutes may take place at any time during the match. The start list shall be signed by the head coach upon arrival at the stadium on matchday.

11.2. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers

indicated on the start list (numbers 1-21 only). All goalkeepers and the captain must be identified as such, the number one (1) shirt must be reserved for one of the goalkeepers.

- 11.3. Teams must arrive at the stadium and confirm their start list in the Concacaf-approved competition management platform (currently Comet) at the latest ninety (90) minutes prior to kick-off. Teams shall receive a copy of the start list seventy-five (75) minutes prior to 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 are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the ten (10) substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer take part in the match, and as such the total number of available substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. However, during the match, up to five (5) players may still be substituted.
  - 11.4.2. If any player is listed as injured or absent on the start list, that player shall no longer be eligible to participate in the match; and as such the total number of available substitutes shall be reduced accordingly. However, during the match up to five (5) players may still be substituted.
- 11.5. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, any injured or ill player who was removed from the start list may be seated on the substitutes' bench, and if so, would then also be eligible for doping control selection.
- 11.6. No more than seventeen (17) people (seven (7) Team Delegation Members and ten (10) substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials must be indicated on the start list provided to the Venue Coordinator. A suspended player or Team Delegation Member will not be allowed in the Competition areas (i.e., locker room and/or tunnel), field of play or shall not sit on the technical seats, on the substitutes' bench or participate in any media activities.
- 11.7. Team Delegation Members and substitutes shall remain within the technical area during the match except in special circumstances, e.g., a physiotherapist/doctor entering the field of play, with the Referee's permission, to assess an injured player. Team Delegation Members and substitutes who fail to abide by the aforementioned provision can be sanctioned and reported to

the Disciplinary Committee.

- 11.8. The Host Venue 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 must return their accreditation to Concacaf. Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered an official 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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# Format

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## 12. FORMAT AND STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

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

### QUALIFIER ROUND

12.1. The Qualifier shall be played in six (6) groups (A, B, C, D, E and F) among the eligible PMAs ranked between 7 and 41. For the avoidance of doubt, the top six (6) PMAs in the ranking shall prequalify directly to the Championship. The total number of teams in each group will be determined by the total number of teams registered for the competition. After Round Robin play, the top team from each group will advance to the Concacaf Under-20 Championship. The decisions of Concacaf are final and not subject to appeal.

A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1
A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2
A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3
A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4
A5	B5	C5	D5	E5	F5
A6	B6	C6	D6	E6	

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12.2. The matches in the groups shall be played in a round robin format, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three (3) points assessed for a win, one (1) point assessed for a draw, and zero (0) points assessed for a defeat.

12.3. At the conclusion of each group in the Qualifier, PMAs shall be ranked according to the following criteria:

12.3.1. Greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;

12.3.2. Goal difference in all group matches;

12.3.3. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

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

12.3.4. Greater number of points obtained in group matches between the tied teams;

12.3.5. Greater goal difference in group matches between the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points);

12.3.6. Greater number of goals scored in group matches among the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points);

12.3.7. The lowest number of points based on the cumulative 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  
(as a result of two yellow cards)
- direct red card: plus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card: plus 5 points;

12.3.8. The latest Concacaf Under-20 Ranking published prior to the start of the Qualifier.

12.4. The six (6) group winners from groups A, B, C, D, E and F will advance to the Concacaf Under-20 Championship.

### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

12.5. The Championship shall be played in three (3) groups (A, B and C) of four (4) teams each. The top 6 teams in the ranking will be pre-seeded in the Championship Stage. The decisions of the Concacaf are final and not subject to appeal.

A1	B1	C1
A2	B2	C2
A3	B3	C3
A4	B4	C4

12.6. The matches in the groups shall be played in a round robin format, each team



playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three (3) points assessed for a win, one (1) point assessed for a draw, and zero (0) points assessed for a defeat.

12.7. At the conclusion of each group in the Championship, PMAs shall be ranked according to the following criteria:

12.7.1. Greatest number of points obtained in all matches

12.7.2. Goal difference in all group matches

12.7.3. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

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

12.7.4. Greater number of points obtained in group matches between the tied teams.

12.7.5. Greater goal difference in group matches between the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points);

12.7.6. Greater number of goals scored in matches among the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points);

12.7.7. 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:  
(as a result of two yellow cards) plus 3 points
- direct red card: plus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card: plus 5 points;

12.7.8. The latest Concacaf Under-20 Ranking published prior to the start of the Championship.

12.8 After Round Robin play, the top two (2) teams from each group and the two (2) best third-place teams (based on their group stage results using the tie break criteria in section 12.7) shall advance to the Knockout Stage, consisting of Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Final match. The eight (8) teams that qualify to the knockout Stage will be ranked from 1-8 as follows: The winners of each group will be ranked 1, 2 and 3 based on the group stage results; the second place teams will be ranked 4, 5 and 6 based on the group stage results; and the two (2) best 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams will be ranked 7 and 8 based on the group stage results. The Quarterfinals matchups would be determined as follows:

- QF 1: Ranked #1 vs Ranked #8
- QF 2: Ranked #2 vs Ranked #7
- QF 3: Ranked #3 vs Ranked #6
- QF 4: Ranked # 4 vs Ranked # 5

12.8. The four (4) teams that qualify from the Quarterfinals will contest the Semifinals as follows:

- Winner QF1 vs Winner QF4 = SF1
- Winner QF2 vs Winner QF3 = SF2

12.9. The winners of the Semifinals, will advance to the Final as follows:

- Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

12.10. If both teams are tied at the end of regular time during the knockout stage, extra time will be played. Further to the above, if extra time is to be played, each team will have one additional substitution and one additional substitution opportunity. Therefore, each team will be allowed a total of six substitutions and 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

12.11. The decisions of Concacaf on the structure and format of the Competition are final. In the event of any withdrawals, Concacaf may change the structure and format in accordance with the provisions.



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# Competition Preparation

### **13. FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES**

- 13.1. In accordance with the Concacaf Regulations Governing International Matches, a request for permission must be submitted to Concacaf in advance by the applicable PMA 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) with respect to international matches shall apply.
- 13.2. Unless Concacaf gives special permission, the teams participating in the Competition shall not have the right to play friendly and/or official matches in the venues of the Competition during a period commencing sixty (60) days prior to the start of the Competition and ending one (1) month after the conclusion of The Competition. In those cases where such special permission is granted, financial conditions and provisions (as per FIFA and Concacaf regulations) with respect to international matches shall apply.
- 13.3. Once the groups for the Competition have been announced, teams in the same group may not play a friendly match in any of the venues of The Competition.
- 13.4. In all cases, the applicable PMA shall be responsible for all consequences which may result from failure to observe the regulations mentioned above.

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

- 14.1. The venues of the matches shall be submitted to Concacaf by the applicable Host Venue and the matches may only be played in stadiums that have been inspected and approved by Concacaf.
- 14.2. The venue of the match shall have sufficient high-standard hotels to accommodate the PMAs and Concacaf delegation.
- 14.3. On the day before the first match of the Competition and weather permitting, teams are entitled to have one (1) walkthrough session of thirty (30) minutes where the match is due to take place. In the event of severe adverse weather conditions or in order to preserve the pitch conditions, the Venue and Match Coordinator may cancel the walkthrough session. Such walkthroughs shall be done by wearing training shoes.

- 14.4. Drones may only be used during a team's practice solely to record their own session for technical purposes. Concacaf reserves the right to approve or deny the use of such devices. The use of drones and/or recording devices to scout and/or observe other teams' training sessions may lead to disciplinary sanctions.
- 14.4.1. It is the sole responsibility of each PMA to request and obtain all necessary governmental authorizations and permits for the operation of drones during the Competition. Failure to secure such authorization will not exempt the PMA from liability for any unauthorized drone use or related infractions under these Regulations.
- 14.4.2. The unauthorized use of drones during the Competition may result in a fine of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000) per occurrence. Additionally, the Disciplinary Committee may apply the FIFA Code of Ethics. Depending on the severity of the violation, the Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions, including but not limited to the deduction of points from the applicable PMA.
- 14.5. If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the visiting PMA has already left to play the match, the Referee shall decide whether the pitch is playable or not. If the Referee declares the pitch unplayable, the procedure in the Laws of the Game shall apply.
- 14.6. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements included in the Concacaf Stadium Guidelines, 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 of 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.
- 14.7. All matches in the Competition must be identified, promoted, and advertised in accordance with Concacaf's applicable Commercial and Media Regulations and the Competition Branding Guidelines.
- 14.8. On matchdays, the teams must be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match; time, weather, and pitch condition permitting. In principle, such warm-up will be thirty (30) minutes in length. 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.

## **15. DATES, ARRIVALS AT THE VENUES AND OFFICIAL TEAM HOTELS**

- 15.1. Concacaf retains the right to set the match dates and confirm the Stadium of all matches in the Competition.
- 15.2. The PMA shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than two (2) days before the PMA's first match of the Competition and depart the day after the last game of their respective group. PMAs must book their flight to depart after the last match in which they were eliminated from the competition. Concacaf shall be informed of the travel itinerary of the visiting PMAs no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first match.
- 15.3. During the Competition, only official team hotels under contract with Concacaf or Concacaf's designated service company shall be used for the official PMAs' accommodation. Concacaf will provide further details about accommodation policies, and in particular about the use of venue-specific team hotels, via circular .

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## **16. STADIUM INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT**

- 16.1. Concacaf and the Host Venue organizing matches in the Competition must ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place fulfill the requirements described in the Concacaf Stadium Guidelines and comply with the safety and security standards of any applicable Concacaf and FIFA regulations, 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 applicable regulations (including the international dimensions of the field per 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 white goals, two (2) spare white goal 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 international dimensions per Laws of the Game. In addition, the total surface area shall have sufficient space to ensure safety, as well as for warm-up 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 Host Venue shall provide Concacaf with a copy of the relevant safety certificate, which shall not be more than 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 Concacaf standards, Concacaf may reject the selection of such stadium. Brand-new stadiums are to be inspected prior to use; the application for the final inspection and subsequent use of the facilities must be filed with the Concacaf at least six (6) months prior to the applicable match. Refurbished or renovated stadiums are to be inspected prior to use; the application for the final inspection and the subsequent use of the facilities shall be filed with Concacaf for at least four (4) months prior to the applicable match.
- 16.5. As a general rule, matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums. If only stadiums with both seating and standing areas are available, the standing space shall remain vacant. With Respect to the spectator areas, the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations shall 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 applicable regulations.
- 16.7. If a stadium has a retractable roof, the Venue Coordinator, in consultation with the Match Coordinator, 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 prior to kick-off in the event of sudden and significant weather condition 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 there is serious deterioration in the weather conditions, the Match Coordinator has the authority to order its closure during the match, provided that the safety and security of all spectators, players and other stakeholders remain fully guaranteed by the Host Venue. 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

special dispensation is given by Concacaf.

- 16.9. Each stadium shall have sufficient 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 footballs). If there is not sufficient space behind the goals, each team shall warm up in the designated area beside their substitute bench. In this case, the maximum number of players will be determined by the Match Coordinator and the Referees and communicated 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 normal playing time in each half, i.e., after forty-five (45) and ninety (90) minutes respectively. This stipulation will also be valid if extra time is played (i.e., after every fifteen (15)-minute period). The half-time interval shall be fifteen (15) minutes.
- 16.11. At the end of the two (2) periods of normal playing time (forty-five (45) and ninety (90) minutes), the Referee must indicate to the fourth official, either orally or by gesturing with his/her hands, the number of minutes that he/she 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 to be 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 or 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 and 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 five (5) days prior to the match and up to two (2) days after the match.



## 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, and disciplinary actions may be taken including but not limited to match suspensions and/or fines, based on the severity of the incident. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players or officials is not allowed 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 with a minimum of two (2) different and contrasting colors (one (1) predominately dark and one (1) predominately light kit) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts, socks, all three goalkeeper's kits, gloves, caps, wristbands, headbands etc.). In addition, each team shall provide three (3) contrasting colors for the goalkeepers. These three (3) goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the official and reserve team kits. Pictures of the kits must be sent to Concacaf sixty (60) days prior to their first match of the Competition for Concacaf approval. Only these colors may be worn at any of the matches. Any requests to change these kits must be submitted to Concacaf for approval ten (10) days prior to the match in question.
- 17.3. Each team must supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers. These shirts will only be used in those special circumstances in which an outfield player must take the position of goalkeeper during a match. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three (3) colors as the regular goalkeeper shirts. Each team must supply outfield player kits (shirts and shorts) without names and numbers to be used in the event of damage or blood stained.
- 17.4. Concacaf strives to assign each team their full 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, any changes will be communicated by Concacaf.

- 17.5. Each player shall wear a number between one (1) and twenty-one (21) (number one (1) being reserved exclusively for one (1) of the goalkeepers) in the front and back of her team shirt and on her 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 latest FIFA Equipment Regulations. It is not for a requirement that the name of the player appear on his shirt during the Competition.
- 17.6. Concacaf shall supply each team with forty-two (42) sleeve patches (Competition patches) 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 the use of official terminology and graphics which also contain instructions for the use of the players' sleeve badges per the Commercial Regulations.
- 17.7. Each player shall wear the number allotted to him on the final list throughout the same stage of the competition, in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.
- 17.8. The official and reserve team kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the uniform shirts/shorts without names and numbers) shall be taken to every match.
- 17.9. Only warm-up bibs provided by Concacaf 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. Concacaf must supply the footballs to be used in all matches during the Competition. Moreover, Concacaf must provide the teams with a total of forty-two (42) match balls that will only be used for training purposes.
- 18.2. Concacaf must supply for each match a minimum of twelve (12) match balls in good condition that meet the FIFA Quality Mark standard (FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard).
- 18.3. The footballs shall be selected and supplied by Concacaf.

## 19. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

- 19.1. During the Competition, the Concacaf flag, and the national flags of the PMAs shall be flown inside the stadium at every match. In addition, a ceremonial procession of flags onto the pitch may take place, followed by the entry of the teams as the Competition or Living Football 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 Host Venue is responsible for all match ticketing during the Competition and shall manage the ticketing operations in a manner that meets all applicable security and safety standards. It shall set aside a minimum of thirty-five (35) Category A complimentary tickets – any additional tickets to be fixed by mutual agreement and in writing – of complimentary and purchasable tickets for the visiting PMAs. At least five (5) representatives from the visiting Associations shall be seated in the VIP tribune for their match. The visiting PMA shall inform Concacaf and the Host Venue in writing no later than fifteen (15) days before the match of the total number of tickets requested for the match. If there is failure to submit request before the deadline, the Host Venue will not be held responsible for granting additional request.
- 20.2. The Host Venue shall agree to provide Concacaf, upon request and free of charge, with the number of complementary tickets and suites (where applicable) as stipulated in the Commercial and Media Regulations or the MOU no later than ten (10) business days prior to the applicable match.
- 20.3. All ticket designs must be pre-approved by Concacaf. The Host Venue must work with Concacaf to make sure their ticketing systems comply with this requirement and must inform Concacaf if there are any potential issues as soon as these are identified.
- 20.4. At least five percent (5%) of the total stadium capacity must be available exclusively for visiting supporters in a secure, segregated area of the stadium. Field-side seating is not permitted, and all non-permanently fixed seating must be approved by Concacaf.
- 20.5. 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. TROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS**

- 21.1. The winner of the Concacaf Under-20 Championship will be presented with the Championship Trophy (hereinafter: the Trophy). The winning team will be provided with the Trophy during a ceremony immediately following the final whistle.
- 21.2. Twenty-eight (28) medals will be presented to each of the top teams in the Concacaf Under-20 Championship, i.e., gold medals to the winners and silver medals to the runners-up.
- 21.3. Medals will be presented to each of the officials who officiate at the play-off final.
- 21.4. A fair play contest will be held during the Competition, for which Concacaf will draw up special regulations. Concacaf shall determine the ranking at the end of the Championship.
- 21.5. At the conclusion of the Championship, the following special awards will be presented:

### **Fair Play trophy:**

The team with the best Fair Play performance (Fair Play Award). The Fair Play Award shall be awarded to the team, which has shown the best sporting spirit and fair play during the tournament as determined by Concacaf.

### **Top Scorer:**

The Top Scorer will be awarded to the player who scored the most goals throughout the Competition. If two (2) or more players score the same number of goals, the total minutes played during the competitions will be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes ranked first.

**Best Goalkeeper:**

The Best Goalkeeper award will be awarded to the best goalkeeper throughout the Competition on the basis of a ranking compiled, including minutes played, goals received, total saves or other considerations determined by Concacaf.

**Best Player:**

The Best Player award will be awarded to the best player throughout the Competition, determined by Concacaf.

- 21.6. There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by Concacaf.

**22. REFEREEING**

- 22.1. The referees, assistant referees, and fourth officials (hereinafter collectively the "Match Officials") for the Competition must be appointed for each match by the Concacaf Referee Committee and shall be neutral. The decisions of the Concacaf Referee Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
- 22.2. 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.
- 22.3. Match Officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
- 22.4. If the referee is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, such referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. If one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, such assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official or by the reserve assistant referee (when appointed).
- 22.5. After each match, the referee shall complete and submit the official match report form. He/she shall do it through the Concacaf-approved competition management platform (currently, "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 PMA at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.



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# Disciplinary

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## 23. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 23.1. The Disciplinary Committee shall apply the Regulations and the Disciplinary Code. In addition, it may apply the Concacaf Statutes as appropriate.
- 23.2. The players agree in particular to:
- 23.2.1. Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
  - 23.2.2. Behave accordingly;
  - 23.2.3. Refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations as well as to accept all other relevant FIFA regulations, circulars, and directives.
- 23.3. The PMA and their Team Delegation Members shall comply with Concacaf and FIFA Statutes, the Disciplinary Code and the FIFA Code of Ethics, in particular in matters regarding the fight against discrimination, racism and match-fixing activities.
- 23.4. In case of infringement of these and all applicable regulations or unsporting behavior on the part of the PMA, their players and/or officials, or in any kind of incident, the Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
- 23.4.1. Warn, caution, admonish, sanction, fine, deduct points, suspend and/or disqualify the PMA, their players and/or Team Delegation Members.
  - 23.4.2. Take action against any person(s) or PMAs which may violate these and / or applicable Regulations, the Laws of the Game and / or the rules of Fair Play.
  - 23.4.3. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of the Concacaf-organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.
- 23.5. The Disciplinary Committee may refer to the Council any matter relating to an infringement of these Regulations as it sees fit whether for further sanction or any other reason.
- 23.6. The Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written record or videos. Additionally, hearings may be held to investigate a case.

- 23.7. When making a decision, the Disciplinary Committee may refer to the reports made by the Competition Officials or any other Concacaf official or staff present. Reference may also be made to additional reports, including but not limited to declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions, audio and/or video recordings. Such reports may be used as evidence but only to the extent the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and shall not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.
- 23.8. The Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and shall decide any procedures to be followed in such hearing.
- 23.9. Sessions may be held with a single member of the Disciplinary Committee. 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 shall have the casting vote.
- 23.10. The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be subject to appeal:
- 23.10.1. Cautions, warnings, and censures imposed on PMAs, players, officials, and any other persons.
  - 23.10.2. Suspensions of up to two (2) matches, or of up to two (2) months, imposed on PMAs, players, officials, or any other persons.
  - 23.10.3. Fines imposed on PMAs (not exceeding ten thousand US dollars (USD 10,000)) or on players, officials, or any other persons (not exceeding three thousand five hundred US dollars (USD 3,500)).
  - 23.10.4. Decisions made in compliance with Article 36 of the Disciplinary Code.
- 23.11. All imposed economic penalties must be paid by the appropriate applicable PMA no later than sixty (60) days after notification thereof.
- 23.12. Cautions and suspensions:
- 23.12.1. Cautions received in any other competition are not carried over to the Competition.



- 23.12.2. Pending match suspensions (in relation to the direct red card or an indirect red card) shall be carried over to the Competition.
- 23.12.3. Single yellow card will get eliminated at the end of the Qualifier Stage and not carrier over into the Championship.
- 23.12.4. Single yellow card will get eliminated at the end of the Quarterfinals of the Championship and not carried over into the Semifinals.
- 23.12.5. Two (2) cautions received in different matches during the Competition shall result in an automatic suspension for the next match in the Competition.
- 23.12.6. Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the Competition.
- 23.12.7. Unserved suspensions outstanding at the end of a PMA's participation in the Competition shall be carried over to the representative team's next official match per the Disciplinary Code, including the first match(es) of the FIFA Under-20 World Cup, for the teams that qualify.

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23.13. If a match is suspended due to withdrawal, the PMA(s) refusing to complete the match shall be ineligible to participate in the next two (2) editions of the Competition.

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

## **24. CONCACAF APPEALS COMMITTEE**

- 24.1. The Appeals Committee will hear the appeals that meet the requirements against the decisions made by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 24.2. The Appeals Committee will apply these Regulations and the Disciplinary Code.
- 24.3. The Appeals Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents

and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. The Appeals Committee may additionally, at its sole discretion, also consider additional evidence, including television and video recordings, which it considers relevant.

- 24.4. The parties must notify the Appeals Committee of their intention to appeal the decision, by writing within three (3) days, from the date notification of the grounds for the decision was communicated. Said notification must be made via email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to [general.secretariat@concacaf.org](mailto:general.secretariat@concacaf.org) with a copy to [disciplinary@concacaf.org](mailto:disciplinary@concacaf.org).
- 24.5. Once the period for communicating the intention to appeal has lapsed, 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 appellant may not present any further documentation or evidence once the deadline for submitting the appeal letter has lapsed.
- 24.6. Appeals are subject to the payment of a fee of one thousand US dollars (USD 1,000), which must be paid, at the latest, at the time the document is delivered. The appellant must send confirmation of said transfer via email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to [general.secretariat@concacaf.org](mailto:general.secretariat@concacaf.org) with a copy to [disciplinary@concacaf.org](mailto:disciplinary@concacaf.org).
- 24.7. Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned requirements will result in the appeal not being admitted.
- 24.8. Sessions may be held with a single member of the Appeals Committee. 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 shall have the casting vote.

## 25. PROTESTS

- 25.1. 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.

- 25.2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the 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 via e-mail to the Concacaf General Secretariat at [general.secretariat@concacaf.org](mailto:general.secretariat@concacaf.org) with a copy to [disciplinary@concacaf.org](mailto:disciplinary@concacaf.org), otherwise they shall be disregarded. Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation of the amount of five hundred US dollars (USD 500) payable to Concacaf
- 25.3. Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the Competition shall be submitted in writing to the Concacaf General Secretariat via e-mail no later than two (2) hours after the match in question, at [general.secretariat@concacaf.org](mailto:general.secretariat@concacaf.org) with a copy to [disciplinary@concacaf.org](mailto:disciplinary@concacaf.org). Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred US dollars (USD 500) payable to Concacaf.
- 25.4. 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 Team Delegation Member of the PMA lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Commissioner or Concacaf Representative in the Venue by the head of the Team Delegation Member 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 US dollars (USD 500) payable to Concacaf.
- 25.5. 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 Match Commissioner or Concacaf Representative in the venue by the head of the Team Delegation Member two (2) hours after the match in question. Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred US dollars (USD 500) payable to Concacaf.
- 25.6. No protests may be made about the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal.
- 25.7. Member Associations may not bring disputes with Concacaf before a court of

law. They shall undertake to submit any disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of Concacaf and/or FIFA.

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

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

25.10. 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.



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# Financial Provisions

## 26. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

26.1. For the matches in the Competition, the Host Venue is responsible for the operation and cost of:

26.1.1. Operational cost of the Stadium for the matches and official use during the Competition;

26.1.2. Training facilities approved by Concacaf for the PMAs to use during the Competition;

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

26.2. Concacaf shall bear the costs of:

26.2.1. International travel and the daily allowances for the respective Concacaf delegation members, as determined by Concacaf;

26.2.2. Board and lodging in a high-standard hotel in the Host Venue for the Match Officials, Competition Officials, the Match Commissioner, the Referee Assessor, any other Concacaf officials (i.e., security officer, media officer etc.) and PMAs in each group during the Competition;

26.2.3. The official delegation for the Competition will be composed of a maximum of twenty-eight (28) people:

26.2.3.1. A maximum of twenty-one (21) players

26.2.3.2. A maximum of seven (7) Team Delegation Members

26.2.3.3. One (1) Team Liaison Officer (TLO) – if applicable

26.2.4. Concacaf is responsible for the operation and cost of accommodation, breakfast and local transportation for:

- Referees
- Referee Assessor
- Match Commissioner
- Venue Coordinator (when applicable)
- Match Coordinator (when applicable)
- Operations Coordinator (when applicable)
- Security Officer (when applicable)
- PMAs for their official movements

- Equipment truck for the PMAs for their arrival/departure and match days;

26.2.5. Prize money for the PMAs, the amounts of which shall be determined by Concacaf (if applicable);

26.2.6. Doping expenses;

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

26.3. The following expenditure may be deducted from the gross receipts:

26.3.1. The levy due to the Confederation in accordance with the Confederation's statutes and regulations after deduction of the taxes mentioned under 26.3.3;

26.3.2. The levies due to the Confederation shall be paid within 60 days of the match at the official rate of exchange on the day the payment is due;

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

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26.4. The PMAs shall not be permitted to stay at the same hotel or at the hotel chosen for the Concacaf delegation unless written approval by Concacaf has been provided.

26.5. If the financial outcome of a match is insufficient to cover the expenses mentioned under par. 25.1. above, the Host Venue shall bear the deficit.

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

26.6.1. Adequate insurance to cover 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 applicable FIFA and Concacaf rules or regulations.

26.6.2. International travel, visas, and the daily allowances for the respective Team Delegation Members;

26.6.3. Any additional cost for lodging and meals for the additional staff

traveling in addition to the Team Delegation Members from the PMA.

- 26.7. Any disputes arising from financial provisions shall be resolved amongst the applicable PMAs but may be submitted to Concacaf for final decision.
- 26.8. Any expenses and costs incurred by a PMA other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be borne by the applicable PMA.





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# Medical/Doping

## 27.MEDICAL/DOPING

- 27.1. In order to protect players' health as well as to prevent players 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 (hereinafter: "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, an echocardiogram must be obtained and be normal before a player can be released to play. The medical assessment must be carried out between two hundred and seventy (270) days and (ten) 10 days prior to the start of the first match of the Competition. Concacaf will provide a PCMA form to all PMAs.
- 27.2. The duly licensed Medical Professional 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 PCMA. The PCMA declaration form shall also include the signatures of the President and General Secretary of the PMA and shall be received by the Concacaf General Secretariat at the latest ten (10) days prior to the start of the Competition.
- 27.3. Further to the above, each PMA is required to have a duly licensed Medical Professional (i.e., a doctor) as a Team Delegation Member. 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.
- 27.4. Concacaf shall not be held liable for any injury sustained by any participating player or official. Equally, Concacaf shall not be held liable for any incident (including death) linked to any injury or health problem(s) of any participating player or official.
- 27.5. As stated in these Regulations, each PMA shall be responsible throughout the Competition for providing health, travel, and accident insurance cover for all Team Delegation Member 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 player's insurance coverage against illness and accident during the entire period of the player's release.
- 27.6. Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be sanctioned by the

Disciplinary Committee.

- 27.7. Regarding non-traumatic loss of consciousness during a game, the Referee will assume sudden cardiac failure 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 Host Venue 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 Host Venue should ensure an emergency action plan is in place and communicated with each team's medical staff in advance of each match.
- 27.8. During the match, if there is a traumatic head injury and concussion to a player, and the player remains on the field of play, the Referee 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. At this time, a Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (hereinafter: "SCAT") will be administered. At the end of the three (3) 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.
- 27.9. Further to the above, in regard to traumatic head injury and concussion, full return to play after a previous concussion must include no signs or symptoms of the previous head injury as well as an acceptable SCAT assessment.
- 27.10. Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental performance of a player, with a view to improving athletic and/or mental performance. If there is a medical need as defined by the player's doctor, then a Therapeutic Use Exemption (hereinafter, "TUE") application must be filed at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the first match of the 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.
- 27.11. Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant FIFA as well as Concacaf Regulations, circulars and directives shall apply to all Concacaf competitions.
- 27.12. 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).

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



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# Commercial & Media

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## 28.COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- 28.1. Concacaf is the original and sole owner of all of the rights emanating from the Competition as a collective whole and any other related events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to 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 set forth in specific regulations.
- 28.2. The Competition Marks and the Composite Logo may only be used by PMAs 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. PMAs must grant Concacaf the right to use and authorize others, including Concacaf commercial partners, to use photographic, audio-visual, and visual material of the PMAs, players, and officials (including their names, numbers, relevant statistics, data and images), as well as the PMA name, logo, emblem, and PMA shirt (including, but not limited to, references to the shirt sponsors and kit manufacturers) free of charge and worldwide in perpetuity for (i) non-commercial, commercial, promotional and/or editorial purposes and/or (ii) as reasonably designated by Concacaf. No direct association will be made by Concacaf between individual players or PMAs and any partner, other than for match-specific initiatives featuring at least two PMAs, or for any content series that features multiple PMAs and/or multiple players participating in the Competition. On request, the PMAs must supply Concacaf free of charge with all appropriate material as well as the necessary documentation required to allow Concacaf to use and exploit such rights in accordance with this section.
- 28.3. To assist with the implementation of these Commercial and Media 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 the Concacaf's right to use and/or the 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).

- 28.4. PMAs are expressly prohibited from bringing beverage products or containers that compete with any commercial affiliate, as confirmed by Concacaf, into the controlled areas. PMAs are expressly prohibited from bringing non-commercial affiliate product and/or branded items (i.e., different from commercial affiliate) during the Competition period in controlled areas as referenced herein.
- 28.5. 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 participating Team 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.
- 28.6. Concacaf will issue separate Commercial Regulations for the Competition specifying these commercial and intellectual property rights. All Concacaf members must comply with the Commercial Regulations for the Competition and must ensure that their Team Delegation Members and any other affiliates also comply with these regulations.

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## 29. MEDIA

- 29.1. Concacaf will issue separate Media Regulations for the Competition specifying each PMA's 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.
- 29.2. Each PMA must comply with the Competition Media Regulations and must ensure that their Team Delegation Members, and any other affiliates also comply with these regulations.
- 29.3. For more details, please refer to the Media Regulations.



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# Final Provisions

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## **FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **30. LIABILITY**

- 30.1. The Host Venue of the Competition shall be exclusively responsible for the organization of the matches and shall discharge and release Concacaf from all responsibility and liabilities and shall relinquish any claim against Concacaf, its employees, directors, officers, and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any claims relating to such matches.

### **31. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

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

### **32. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR AND FORCE MAJEURE**

- 32.1. Matters not provided for in these Regulations and any cases of force majeure shall be decided by Concacaf in its sole discretion. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

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### **33. LANGUAGES**

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

### **34. COPYRIGHT**

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

### **35. NO WAIVER**

- 35.1. 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 of any

breach of any other provision or a waiver of any right arising out of these Regulations or any other document. Any such waiver shall only be valid if given in writing. Failure by Concacaf to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one or more occasions 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.

## **36.ENFORCEMENT**

- 36.1. These regulations were approved by the Concacaf Council on September 5, 2025, and come into force immediately thereafter.



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