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GENERAL PROVISIONS

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1. Concacaf Gold Cup

- 1.1 The Concacaf Gold Cup (hereinafter: the "Competition"), is an official Concacaf Men's Senior National Teams' competition. All Concacaf Member Associations are invited to participate and may qualify for the Competition as described herein, and such qualifying Member Associations shall be referred to as Participating Member Associations (know hereinafter as: the "PMAs"). The Competition is held every two years (odd years). This edition of the Competition shall be played in 2025 and shall take place on the dates and at the venues Concacaf determines.
- 1.2 The Member Associations are required to participate with their "A" National Team (the "Team(s)").
- 1.3 The Competition consists of three (3) stages:
 - 1.3.1 Concacaf Gold Cup Preliminary Stage (hereinafter: the "Gold Cup Prelims");
 - 1.3.2 Concacaf Gold Cup Group Stage (hereinafter: the "Group Stage")
 - 1.3.3 Concacaf Gold Cup Knockout Stage (hereinafter: the "Knockout Stage" and together with the Group Stage are the "Gold Cup");
- 1.4 Qualifying for the Competition
 - 1.4.1. The qualifying competition to advance to the Gold Cup shall be played among the Men's National Teams of the Member Associations. Concacaf may also invite one (1) guest participant.
 - 1.4.2. Upon entering the Competition, all Member Associations agree to and accept that all administrative and refereeing matters related to such Competition shall be in accordance with the submitted and approved regulations.
 - 1.4.3. Upon entering the Competition, all Member Associations agree to and accept that all disciplinary and appellate matters (e.g., sanctions, procedures, etc.) shall be in accordance with the submitted and approved regulations.
 - 1.4.4. The procedure for Member Associations to qualify to participate in the

Competition will be determined as follows:

Gold Cup Prelims

- 1.4.4.1. The four (4) runners-up of the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League quarterfinals.
- 1.4.4.2. The two (2) third-place finishers from League A group stage of the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League.
- 1.4.4.3. The two (2) fourth-place finishers from League A group stage of the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League.
- 1.4.4.4. The four (4) winners between the League A and League C play-in of the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League.
- 1.4.4.5. The two (2) best second-place finishers of League B group stage of the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League.

The Group Stage

- 1.4.4.6. The four (4) winners of the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League quarterfinals.
- 1.4.4.7. The winner of the four (4) League B group stage of the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League.
- 1.4.4.8. Additionally, the seven (7) winners of the Gold Cup Prelims and one (1) guest participant will complete the sixteen (16) teams in the Group Stage.

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2. Host Venue

- 2.1. 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. The Host Venue shall provide a final accounting statement 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 supervision and control by Concacaf, which has the final word on all matters related to the Competition. The decisions of Concacaf are final and binding, and not subject to appeal.
- 2.3. Working relations between the Host Venue and Concacaf are regulated by

the Stadium Agreement, the Team Participation Agreement (the "TPA") and these Gold Cup regulations (the "Regulations"). The Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars issued by Concacaf shall be binding for all parties participating in and involved in the preparation, organization, and hosting of the Competition.

- 2.4. Any rights that are not ceded by these Regulations to any 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 be the minimum standard of the Competition;
 - 2.5.2. Ensuring the presence of a sufficient amount of grounds staff and security stewards to guarantee the safety of the PMAs, Match Officials, and spectators.
 - 2.5.3. Maintaining insurance policies that cover risks related to the Competition, in particular, adequate and broad liability insurance covering the facilities, spectators, employees, volunteers, and person involved in the organization of the Competition, with the exception of the Team Delegation Members;
- 2.6. Stadium and Training Facilities – Ensuring that the stadiums, and training sites are in line with the latest Concacaf Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide. Also, they must be in conditions suitable for the Competition, based on discussions during site inspection, including but not limited to all of the equipment for the field, i.e., nets, goals, and corner flags, covered benches (if required) for the PMAs and match officials which should be of a professional standard.
- 2.7. Media – Appoint an individual who shall be Concacaf's counterpart for media operations. They must advise Concacaf's media and communications department at least thirty (30) days prior to the Competition, the name of such individual with his/her contact information (phone/cellular, phone/fax, e-mail address); Prior to, during and after the Competition, the responsibilities of this individual shall include but are not limited to:

- 2.7.1. Ensure that the media facilities are in the best possible condition;
- 2.7.2. Assist the media in their general inquiries;
- 2.8. The Host Venue shall ensure that any decision taken by Concacaf or judicial bodies relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

3. Concacaf

- 3.1. The responsibilities of Concacaf include but are not limited to:
 - 3.1.1. Supervising general preparations and deciding on the structure and format of the Competition;
 - 3.1.2. Setting the dates and approving the venues of the matches during the 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 (FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard) shall be considered and approved;
 - 3.1.5. Approving the choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory that will carry out the doping analyses as proposed by the FIFA Anti-Doping Unit;
 - 3.1.6. Deciding which matches will be subject to doping test;
 - 3.1.7. Appointing venue managers, match directors, venue coordinator (for Gold Cup Prelims), match coordinators, operations coordinators, match commissioners, referees, referee assessors, VAR officials (if applicable), disciplinary committee members, security officers, and any other delegates (hereinafter: the "Match Officials") for the Competition;
 - 3.1.8. Daily allowance and international travel expenses for the Match 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 dealt with 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: the "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. Disciplinary measures and communication of relevant actions taken;
- 3.1.15. Daily assignment of Match Officials;
- 3.1.16. Providing match balls to PMAs for training upon arrival and match balls to the venue;
- 3.1.17. Work with the Host Venue to produce a stage to be used for the post-final match award presentation;
- 3.1.18. Provide the trophy, medals, and awards,
- 3.1.19. Replacing Member Associations (as determined by Concacaf) that have withdrawn from the Competition;
- 3.1.20. Settling cases of force majeure;
- 3.1.21. Dealing with any other aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations;

4. Participating Member Associations

4.1 Each PMA in the Competition 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 the provision of adequate insurance to cover its Team Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to health, injury, accident, disease, and travel in consideration of the relevant rules or regulations;
- 4.1.3 Covering all travel-related expenses incurred by its Team Delegation Members to and from the host country, 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 Members. Each PMA shall also be responsible to cover the costs of any additional member of their delegation above the number approved by Concacaf;
- 4.1.5 Applying in a timely manner for any required visas to the consulate or embassy of the Host Countries where their matches will be played and covering any costs associated with these visas; for this process, the assistance of the Host Venue is to be sought out as early as possible;
- 4.1.6 Attending media conferences and other official media activities organized by Concacaf and/or by the 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, or otherwise as determined by the Concacaf General Secretariat. PMAs shall be imposed a fine of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000) for late submission of the final roster.

- 4.1.8.1 Allowing Concacaf to use its association brands for the promotion of the Competition as stipulated in the commercial regulations herein governing each phase of the Competition, for the sole purpose of promoting the Competition.

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

- 4.2.1 The Laws of the Game and the principles of fair play;
 - 4.2.2 The Concacaf statutes and all Concacaf regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, guidelines, and decisions (including these Regulations);
 - 4.2.3 All decisions and directives of the Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee as well as Council;
 - 4.2.4 The Concacaf Disciplinary Code (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Disciplinary Code");
 - 4.2.5 The FIFA code of ethics and the Concacaf code of conduct;
 - 4.2.6 The FIFA doping control regulations;
 - 4.2.7 All Concacaf protocols during matches and fully cooperate in their enforcement (e.g., Concacaf protocol for discriminatory incidents during matches);
 - 4.2.8 All Concacaf anti-match manipulation and anti-discrimination stipulations;

4.2.9 All Concacaf commercial and media requirements, as stipulated in the commercial and media regulations, including but not limited to, the "Team Media Day" in which individual and group photos and video will be taken of each 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, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, decisions, stipulations, and requirements.

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

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4.4 All PMAs must refrain from publicly referring to its final roster and/or team as inferior (or B team). This includes and is not limited to public comments by Team Delegation Members and publications on official PMA online platforms. Non-compliance with this requirement will result in a fine of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000).

5 Entries for the Competition

5.1 The Men's Senior National Team of all PMAs, and any other guest member associations invited by Concacaf have the right to participate.

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

5.3 Each PMA is required to have in their delegation the following roles: head coach, team manager/delegate, team doctor, equipment manager and team media officer. All five (5) of these roles are mandatory.

5.4 On entering the Competition, the PMA and their Team Delegation Members automatically undertake to:

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

5.4.2 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's with immediate effect, with full title guarantee in perpetuity and without any restriction, any such rights to ensure Concacaf's unfettered use as set out above;

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5.4.3 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.

6 Laws of the Game

6.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the Competition and as laid down by the IFAB. 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 two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes, with a half-time interval of fifteen (15) minutes.

6.3 If, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, extra time is to be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval

of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but with no interval between the two (2) periods of extra time.

- 6.4 If the score is still level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.
- 6.5 Each team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes. To reduce disruption to the match, each team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the 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. An additional substitution will be allowed 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 shall not reduce the substitution opportunities available.
- 6.6 Video Assistant Referee (VAR) may be used for reviewing match-changing decisions/incidents as per the protocol established by the IFAB.

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7 Withdrawal, Unplayed 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 Gold Cup Prelims and Gold Cup is subject to a fine of at least thirty thousand U.S. dollars (USD 30,000). Any PMA that withdraws within thirty (30) days before the start or during the Competition, shall be subject to a fine of at least sixty thousand U.S. dollars (USD 60,000).
- 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 the applicable Member Association from subsequent Concacaf competitions.
- 7.4 Any match which 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 responsible for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered to reimburse Concacaf, the opposing PMA, and/or any other PMA involved, and/or 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 it deems 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 those matches shall be considered to have lost them by a result of 3-0

and three points shall be awarded to those opponents. The results of any matches played before by the team in question, those results will remain as the final result of the match.

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 will apply:

7.10.1 The match shall be recommenced at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full and with the same score line;

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 scheduled for the following day or otherwise as soon as possible), and location shall be decided by Concacaf;

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 such PMA in question with another Member Association.

9 Eligibility of Players

- 9.1 Each PMA must ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the Competition:
 - 9.1.1 All players shall hold the nationality of 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 other relevant FIFA rules and regulations.
- 9.2 Any issues regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.
- 9.3 The PMA 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 Each PMA must select its national representative teams from the best players who are nationals of its country and under its jurisdiction and are eligible for selection in accordance with the provisions of the applicable FIFA regulations.
- 10.2 Each PMA in the Gold Cup Prelims must provide Concacaf with a **provisional list** of up to forty (40) players (four (4) of which must be goalkeepers) no later than 18:00 ET, two (2) days prior to each match. The provisional list becomes binding after the stipulated deadline, and players may not be added after the specified deadline. This list shall reflect each player's last name, first name, club, date of birth, and passport number as specifically noted in their international passport. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf-approved platform (currently, "Comet"), which will be time-stamped.
- 10.3 Each PMA in the Gold Cup Prelims must provide Concacaf with a **final list** of a minimum of eighteen (18) players and up to twenty-three (23) players (three (3) of which must be goalkeepers and at least two (2) goalkeepers must travel to the match), no later than ninety (90) minutes before each match. The players in the final list must be chosen from the provisional list. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf-approved platform (currently, "Comet"), which will be time-stamped.

- 10.4 Each PMA in the Gold Cup must provide Concacaf with a **provisional list** of up to sixty (60) players (at least five (5) of which must be goalkeepers) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the opening match of the Competition. The provisional list becomes binding after the stipulated 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 platform (currently, "Comet"), which will be time-stamped. The provisional list will be made public by Concacaf.
- 10.5 Each PMA participating in the Gold Cup shall submit to Concacaf its **final list** of a minimum of twenty-three (23) players and a maximum of twenty-six (26) players (three (3) of which must be goalkeepers and all must travel to the Competition) no later than ten (10) days prior to the opening match, of which Concacaf will provide specifics by way of a circular. The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf-approved platform (currently, "Comet"), which will be time stamped. The final list will be made public by Concacaf.
- 10.6 A player listed on the Gold Cup final list may only be replaced in the event of serious injury or medical matter up until twenty-four (24) hours before the kick-off of its PMA's first match and such replacement must come from the provisional list. Concacaf or the Concacaf Medical Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, 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. 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 association 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.
- 10.7 The only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity and nationality shall be a valid passport that explicitly states the player's day, month, and year of birth. Identity cards, passport books, 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 match director at the team arrival arrival meeting. A player without a valid passport shall not be entitled to play.
- 10.7.1 Concacaf reserves the right to request additional information from the player to confirm eligibility, such as a birth certificate from the player, his parents, or grandparents.

11 Start list, Substitutes on the Bench and Technical Seats

- 11.1 Up to twenty-three (23) players may be entered on the start list (eleven (11) starters and twelve (12) substitutes). Up to a maximum of five (5) substitutes may take the place of the selected players 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 Any additional players (up to three (3)) must be seated on the technical seats or their assigned team suite.
- 11.3 The numbers and names on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers and names indicated on the start list (numbers 1-26 only). All goalkeepers and the captain must be identified as such, number one (1) shirt must be reserved for one (1) of the goalkeepers.
- 11.4 Teams must arrive at the stadium and confirm their start list in the Concacaf-approved platform (currently, "Comet") at the latest ninety (90) minutes prior to kick-off. Teams will receive a copy of the start list seventy-five (75) minutes prior to kick off.
- 11.5 After the start lists have been completed, signed by the head coach, and returned to the match director and, if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:
- 11.5.1 If any of the starting eleven (11) players listed on the start list are not able to start the match for any reason, such player(s) may be replaced by any of the twelve (12) substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer take part in the match, and the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, five (5) players may still be substituted.
- 11.5.2 If any of the substitutes listed on the start list are not able to be fielded for any reason, such player(s) may not be replaced on the bench by an additional player, which means that the quota of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, five (5) players may still be substituted.
- 11.6 Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the 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.
- 11.7 No more than twenty-three (23) people (eleven (11) Team Delegation Members and twelve (12) 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 Concacaf match director. A suspended player or Team Delegation Member will not be allowed in the Competitions area (i.e., locker room and/or tunnel), field of play or sit on the substitutes' bench or technical seats and participate in any media activities.
- 11.8 Team Delegation Member 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 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.

- 11.9 For the Gold Cup, each team may have up to ten (10) Team Delegation Members in the designated technical seats. The location of these seats will vary by stadium, either positioned behind the team bench in the bleachers or on the field of play in a designated area. Team Delegation Members must remain in their assigned area for the duration of the match and are not permitted to move back and forth. They are expected to maintain the highest level of professionalism, and failure to follow directives may result in disciplinary action.
- 11.10 Before the pre-match ceremony, all Team Delegation Members must be in their assigned locations for the match. Team Delegation Members who are not designated officials on the bench will not be permitted in the bench area during the national anthems or the start of the match. Additionally, during the knockout stages, if the match proceeds to penalty kicks, Team Delegation Members seated in the technical seats will not be allowed on the bench. Only properly accredited Team Delegation Members with the proper credentials will have access. Failure to follow directives may result in disciplinary action.
- 11.11 Concacaf shall issue each of the official Team Delegation Members with an accreditation during the Competition.
- 11.12 Injured players who are replaced up to twenty-four (24) hours before the kick-off of their team's first Group Stage match must return their accreditation to Concacaf. Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered an official Team Delegation Member.
- 11.13 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.



FORMAT



12. FORMAT

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

Concacaf Gold Cup Prelims

12. The Gold Cup Prelims will be played in a format which features a home and away matchup to determine the seven (7) remaining PMAs to qualify for the Gold Cup.

12.1 Host Member Associations (hereinafter, "HMA") shall only host matches in venues submitted to Concacaf and subsequently inspected and approved by Concacaf. The HMA shall notify Concacaf of the venue at least sixty (60) days prior to the first match its scheduled to host. The venue is to be located at a maximum of one hundred kilometers (100 km) from the nearest operational international airport (airport must have sufficient international flights from different locations on a daily basis) unless an exemption is granted by Concacaf. If a HMA cannot provide a venue that passes Concacaf's inspection, Concacaf has the sole and exclusive right to decide the host venue.

12.2 Concacaf, at its discretion, will select the dates and times of the Gold Cup Prelims matches and will inform PMAs of the proposed kickoff time at least 30 days prior to each match.

12.3 The fourteen (14) PMAs playing in Gold Cup Prelims will be divided into seven matchups:

Matchup #1	1 st	v	14 th
Matchup #2	2 nd	v	13 th
Matchup #3	3 rd	v	12 th
Matchup #4	4 th	v	11 th
Matchup #5	5 th	v	10 th
Matchup #6	6 th	v	9 th
Matchup #7	7 th	v	8 th

12.4 The PMAs in each matchup will be determined via the "Concacaf Ranking" after the November 2024 International Match Window.

12.5 The winners of the home and away matches will advance to the Group Stage.

If the aggregate goals between the two teams are equal at the end of the second-leg match's regulation time, the tie-breaker criteria will be determined as follows.

12.5.1 Greater number of away goals scored in regulation time in the two matches.

12.5.2 If the score is still tied, two (2) fifteen (15)-minute periods of extra time will be played. If extra time is required, there will be a five (5)-minute break between the end of regular time and the start of extra time. As a rule, the players must remain on the field of play during this five (5)-minute break, at the discretion of the referee.

12.5.3 Away goals will not hold any additional value during extra time.

If the result is still tied after the second period of extra time, then kicks from the penalty spot procedure will take place as per the Laws of the Game.

12.5.4 A sixth substitute and one additional substitution opportunity will be allowed in extra time. Unused substitutions and opportunities will carry over to the extra time.

Concacaf Gold Cup – Group Stage and Knockout Stage

12.6 The Group Stage will be played in a format featuring four (4) groups of no more than sixteen (16) PMAs. The PMAs may include eligible Concacaf Member Associations and one (1) non-Concacaf member association as an invited guest. The decisions made by Concacaf Council are final and binding, and not subject to appeal.

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

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12.7 The Group Stage shall be played in a round robin format: each team plays one (1) match against each of the other teams in the same group. Teams shall earn three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a loss.

12.8 At the conclusion of the Group Stage, teams will be ranked by Concacaf according to the following criteria:

12.8.1 Greatest number of points earned in the Group Stage;

12.8.2 Goal differential in Group Stage matches;

12.8.3 Greatest number of goals scored in the Group Stage.

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

12.8.4.1 Greater number of points obtained in matches between the tied teams;

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

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

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

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

12.8.4.5 Drawing of lots by Concacaf

12.9 After Group Stage, the top two (2) teams from each group shall advance to the Knockout Stage consisting of quarterfinals, semifinals and the final match. The eight (8) teams that qualify from the Group Stage will contest in the quarterfinals as follows:

Winner Group D v Second Group A (1D v 2A) = Winner QF # 1
 Winner Group A v Second Group D (1A v 2D) = Winner QF # 2
 Winner Group C v Second Group B (1C v 2B) = Winner QF # 3
 Winner Group B v Second Group C (1B v 2C) = Winner QF # 4

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12.10 The four (4) teams that qualify from the quarterfinals will contest the semifinals as follows:

Winner 1 vs Winner 4 = SF1
 Winner 2 vs Winner 3 = SF2

12.11 The winner of SF1 will play against the winner of SF2 in the final match.

12.12 If both teams are tied at the end of regular time during the Quarterfinals and Semifinal stage matches, no extra time will be played and kicks from the penalty spot procedure will take place as per the Laws of the game

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

12.14 Match dates and times shall be scheduled by Concacaf.

- 12.15 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

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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 a PMA concerned with an indication of the venue and date of the planned match, the name of the opposing team and the financial arrangements. In those cases, where such special permission is granted, financial conditions and provisions (as per FIFA and Concacaf) with respect to international matches will apply.
- 13.2 Unless Concacaf gives special permission, the PMAs in the Competition shall not have the right to play friendly and/or official matches in the venues and/or markets of the Competition in a period commencing sixty (60) days before the start and ending one (1) month after the conclusion of the Competition. Such venue and/or market is defined as 100-miles radius from any official stadium. In those cases, where such special permission is granted, financial conditions and provisions (as per FIFA and Concacaf) with respect to international matches will apply.
- 13.3 Once the groups for the Competition have been announced and until the competition has concluded, teams in the same group may not play a friendly match against each other.
- 13.4 In all cases, the PMA shall be responsible for all consequences which may result from failure to observe the regulations mentioned above.

14 Venues, Kick-Off Times and Training Sessions

- 14.1 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 home PMA, the visiting PMAs and Concacaf delegation.
- 14.3 On the day before each match of the Gold Cup Prelims and weather permitting, both teams are entitled to have one (1) training session of sixty (60) minutes when the match is due to take place. In the event of severe adverse weather conditions, the Concacaf Venue Coordinator may cancel the training session. The HMA must provide an alternative location for the visiting team to conduct the MD-1 training session. In this case, the teams shall be allowed to inspect the stadium pitch wearing training shoes. Should both teams wish to train at the same time, the visiting team shall be given priority.
- 14.4 On the day before each match of the Gold Cup and weather permitting, both teams are entitled to have one (1) walkthrough session of thirty (30) minutes where the match is due to take place. Such walkthroughs shall be done wearing training shoes.

- 14.5 Drones may only be used during practice 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.
- 14.5.1 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.
- 14.5.2 The unauthorized use of drones during the competition may result in a fine of fifteen thousand U.S. dollars (USD 15,000) per occurrence. Additionally, the Disciplinary Committee may apply 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 offending party.
- 14.6 Concacaf will determine the time and date of the official walkthrough at the stadium for each team according to the match schedule.
- 14.7 If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the visiting association 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 to be followed is described in the Laws of the Game.
- 14.8 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 laid down by 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.
- 14.9 On matchdays, the teams must be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match, weather and pitch conditions permitting. In principle, the first game will be entitled to warm up on the field of play before the match for thirty (30) minutes. The duration of the warmup on the field of play before the match for the teams of the second match will depend on the time the first match of the day ends. Alternative warm-up areas for the second game teams will be provided to start their warmup before entering the field of play. If the pitch is not in good condition or the warm-up would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, Concacaf may limit the area on the field of play for the warm-up or shorten or cancel the warm-up session.
- 14.10 For the Competition, each team will be provided with a training site for their use in each venue according to the match schedule. The training sites shall be made

available in each venue for the use of the team's starting three (3) days before their first match of the competition and upon arrival to the venue, for the following matches according to the tournament match schedule.

15 Dates, Arrivals at the Venues and Official Team Hotels

- 15.1 Concacaf retains the right to set the match dates and confirm the venues of all matches in the Competition.
- 15.2 For the Gold Cup Prelims, the PMA shall arrive at the venue no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the match is scheduled to be played. Concacaf and the HMA shall be informed of the travel itinerary of the PMAs no later than ten (10) days before the start of the competition.
- 15.3 For the Gold Cup, the PMA shall arrive at the venue no later than three (3) days before the PMA's first match of the final competition and depart the day after the last game of their respective group. PMAs must book their flight to depart after their last game when eliminated from the competition. Concacaf shall be informed of the travel itinerary of the visiting Associations no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the competition.
- 15.4 For the Gold Cup, only official team hotels under contract with Concacaf or Concacaf's designated service company shall be used for the PMAs' accommodation. Concacaf will provide further details about accommodation policies, and in particular about the use of venue-specific team hotels, in a circular letter.

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16 Stadium Infrastructure and Equipment

- 16.1 Concacaf and the Host Venues must ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place fulfill the requirements described in the Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide – Senior Mens' National Team Competitions and comply with the safety and security standards and other 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 relevant regulations (including the international dimensions of the field per the Laws of the Game). Each stadium must be equipped with a minimum of 2 white goal posts and white goal nets with dark-colored support posts and a minimum of 2 spare goals, 2 spare nets and 4 spare corner flags located in close proximity to the field of play for contingency purposes.
- 16.2 The pitch shall have international dimensions. 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 associations 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 the stadium concerned. 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 Confederation at least six (6) months prior to the match concerned. 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 at least four (4) months prior to the match concerned.
- 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. Regarding the spectator areas, the FIFA stadium safety and security regulations apply.
- 16.6 The field of play, accessory equipment, and all facilities for each match of the Competition shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations.
- 16.7 If a stadium has a retractable roof, the Match Director in consultation with the Venue Manager 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 Director 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 association. 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 balls). 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 Director 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 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 (45 and 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 could 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 and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organized by Concacaf (including in the stadiums for official matches and official training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).
- 17.2 Each PMA 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, and headbands etc.). In addition, each PMA shall provide three (3) contrasting colors for the goalkeepers. The 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. The physical kits must be sent to Concacaf three (3) months before the start of the Gold Cup for Concacaf approval. Only these colors may be worn at matches. Any requests to change these kits must be submitted to Concacaf for approval thirty (30) days prior to the match in question.

- 17.3 Each PMA shall 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 colors as the regular goalkeeper shirts.
- 17.4 Concacaf strives to assign each PMA their full official or reserve kits. However, in some cases, this may not be possible. In these situations, one PMA will be assigned a predominantly dark kit, and the other PMA 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 notified by Concacaf.
- 17.5 Each player shall wear a number between one (1) and twenty-three (23) (number 1 being reserved exclusively for one (1) of the goalkeepers) in the front and back of his team shirt and on his playing shorts. The color of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the FIFA equipment regulations.
- 17.6 For the Gold Cup, the player's last name or common name (or abbreviation) must be affixed above the number of the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible in accordance with the FIFA equipment regulations. If the common name will be used, such name to be approved by Concacaf.
- 17.7 Concacaf shall supply each PMA with sixty (60) sleeve patches (tournament patches) with the official competition logo per match, 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.
- 17.8 Each player shall wear the number allotted to them on the final list in accordance with the FIFA equipment regulations.
- 17.9 The official and reserve team kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts without names and numbers) shall be taken to every match.
- 17.10 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 PMAs with a total of forty (40) 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 FIFA Quality Mark standard (FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard).

18.3 The match balls 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 teams shall be flown inside the stadium at every match. In addition, a ceremonial procession of flags onto the pitch will take place, followed by the entry of the teams according to Concacaf's pre-match protocol. The national anthems of the two teams (maximum 90 seconds each, no lyrics permitted) shall be played after the teams have lined up.

20 Ticketing

20.1 The HMA is responsible for all match ticketing during the Gold Cup Prelims and shall manage the ticketing operations to meet all applicable security and safety standards. It shall set aside a minimum of fifty (50) Category A complimentary tickets – any additional tickets to be fixed by mutual agreement and in writing – or complementary and purchasable tickets for the visiting associations. At least five (5) representatives from the visiting PMA shall be seated in the VIP tribune or in a Suite (if available). The visiting PMAs shall inform Concacaf and the HMA in writing no later than fifteen (15) days before the match of the total number of tickets requested for the match. If there is a failure to submit the request before the deadline, the HMA will not be held responsible for granting additional requests.

20.2 The HMA shall reserve 150 Category A tickets, fifty (50) VIP Tickets, and one (1) suite with a minimum capacity of 12 (if available) for Concacaf commercial partners and internal use. Concacaf will confirm in writing the total number of tickets requested no later than thirty (30) days before each respective match.

20.3 Concacaf is responsible for all match ticketing during the Gold Cup and shall manage the ticketing operations in a manner that meets all applicable security and safety standards. Concacaf shall set aside the following:

- 20.3.1 Fifty (50) Category 1 and twenty-five (25) Category 2 complimentary tickets for Group Stage.
- 20.3.2 Fifty (50) Category 1 and fifty (50) Category 2 complimentary tickets for quarterfinals.
- 20.3.3 Seventy-five (75) Category 1 and twenty-five (25) Category 2 complimentary tickets for semifinals.
- 20.3.4 One hundred (100) Category 1 complimentary tickets for final.
- 20.3.5 One (1) VIP Suite per match.

20.3.6 Two hundred (200) purchasable Category 1 Tickets and two hundred (200) Category 2 Tickets per match (as available).

20.4 These allotments are subject to each PMA confirming the request for these tickets no later than sixty (60) days in advance of the first match of the Competition. If PMAs do not confirm this request in writing by the deadline, these tickets may not be available.

20.4.1 Ticket requests for purchase must be confirmed and paid for at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Competition's first match. If payment has not been processed, tickets are not guaranteed and may not be available.

20.4.2 PMAs may return no more than ten percent (10%) of the originally requested tickets per stadium. However, the returned tickets must be in Concacaf's possession at least fourteen (14) days before the relevant match. Otherwise, they will be deemed sold.

21 Trophy, Awards and Medals

21.1 The winner of the Competition 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 Forty (40) medals will be presented to each of the top teams in the Competition, i.e., gold medals to the winners, silver medals to the runners-up.

21.3 Medals will be presented to each of the officials who officiate at the final.

21.4 A fair play contest will be held during Gold Cup, for which Concacaf will draw up special regulations. Concacaf shall determine the ranking at the end of the Competition.

21.5 At the conclusion of the Competition the following special awards will be presented:

Fair Play trophy:

The team with the best fair play performance (the "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 award (hereinafter: the "Top Scorer Award") will be awarded to the player who scored the most goals throughout the Gold Cup. If two (2) or more players score the same number of goals, the number of assists (as determined by Concacaf) shall be decisive. If two (2) or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total number of

minutes played during the Gold Cup will be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes ranked first.

Best Player:

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

Best Goalkeeper:

The Best Goalkeeper award will be awarded to the best goalkeeper throughout the Competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by Concacaf.

Young Player Award:

The Young Player award will be presented to the young player with the biggest impact at the Competition, as 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, fourth officials and video match officials (hereinafter referred to collectively as Match Officials) for the Gold Cup Prelims and Gold Cup must be appointed for each match by the Referee Committee and shall be neutral. The decisions of the Referee Committee are final and binding, 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 (1) 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 sign the official match report form. He/she shall do it through Comet immediately after the match at the stadium. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behavior by supporters and/or by officials or any other person acting on behalf of an Association at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.

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23 Disciplinary Committee

23.1 The Disciplinary Committee, will 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 cases 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 officials.

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 Match Delegates, Officials or any other Concacaf Official or staff present. Reference may also be made to additional reports including such as declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions, audio and/or video recordings. Such reports may be used as evidence but only in so far as the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and will not affect

a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.

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

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

23.10 The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee are final and binding, and not be subject to appeal:

23.10.1 Cautions, warnings, and censures imposed on PMAs, players, officials, and other persons.

23.10.2 Suspensions of up to two matches, or of up to two months, imposed on PMAs, players, officials, or any other persons.

23.10.3 Fines imposed on PMAs not exceeding sixty thousand U.S. dollars (USD 60,000) or on players, officials or any other persons not exceeding ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000).

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 PMA no later than sixty (60) days after notification thereof.

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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) will be carried over to the Competition.

23.12.3 Single yellow cards will be eliminated at the end of the Preliminary Stage and at the end of the Quarterfinals and shall not be carried over to the Semifinals of the Competition.

23.12.4 Two (2) cautions received in different games during the Competition shall result in automatic suspension for the next game in the Competition.

23.12.5 Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the Competition.

23.12.6 Unserved suspensions outstanding at the end of a PMA's participation in the Competition will be carried over to the next official match of the player or team official's National Team per the Disciplinary Code.

- 23.13 If a game is suspended due to withdrawal, the PMA(s) refusing to complete the match shall be ineligible to participate in the next two 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 that will be said, 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 days, counting from the notification of the grounds for the decision. Said notification must be made via email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.
- 24.5 Once the period for communicating the intention to appeal has elapsed, the appellant will have five days to present the formal appeal letter. It should contain the appellant's requests, a statement of the facts, evidence, a list of the proposed witnesses (with a brief summary of the foreseeable testimony) and the appellant's conclusions. The latter will not be authorized to present further documentation or evidence once the deadline for submitting the appeal letter has expired.
- 24.6 Appeals are subject to the payment of a fee of one thousand U.S. dollars (USD 1,000), which must be paid, at the latest, at the time the document is delivered. The appellant must send confirmation of said transfer by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to 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. Decisions will be made by the sole judge, or they will be adopted by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the president will have the casting vote.

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 Match Director or Concacaf representative in the venue no later than two (2) hours after the end of the match in question and followed up within the next twenty four (24) hours with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent by e-mail to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org, otherwise they shall be disregarded. Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500) payable to Concacaf.
- 25.3 Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the Competition shall be submitted in writing to the Concacaf General Secretariat by e-mail no later than two (2) hours after the match in question, at general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount five hundred U.S. 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 of delegation 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 Director or Concacaf representative in the venue by the head of the PMA delegation no later than two (2) hours after the match in question. Such protest must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500) payable to Concacaf.
- 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 Director or Concacaf representative in the venue by the head of the team delegation no later than two (2) hours after the match in question. Such protests must be accompanied by a wire transfer confirmation in the amount of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500) payable to Concacaf.
- 25.6 Only protests regarding requests to review and rectify a clear and obvious case of error related to a disciplinary decision on the field of play by match officials for a direct red card shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or the

Concacaf representative at headquarters no later than two (2) hours after the end of the match in question. The protest must be followed up within the next 48 hours with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest and any and all evidence (e.g., video, photography, written statements, others) supporting the protest, which must be sent in writing and by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org, otherwise they will be discarded. Such protests must be accompanied by proof of electronic transfer in the amount of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000) payable to Concacaf. This amount will be refunded if the protest is accepted in its entirety.

- 25.7 Member Associations may not bring disputes with Concacaf before a Court of Justice. They shall undertake to submit any disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of Concacaf and 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

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26 Financial Information

Concacaf Gold Cup Prelims

26.1 Concacaf shall bear the costs of:

- 26.1.1 Daily allowance and international travel expenses for the Concacaf Match Officials.
- 26.1.2 Boarding and lodging in a high-standard hotel for the Concacaf Match Officials.
- 26.1.3 Traveling allowance for the visiting PMAs
- 26.1.4 Doping expenses
- 26.1.5 The costs of insurance taken out by Concacaf to cover its own risks

26.2 The HMA is responsible for Local Transportation for:

- 26.2.1 Referees
- 26.2.2 Referee Assessor
- 26.2.3 Match Commissioner
- 26.2.4 Venue Coordinator
- 26.2.5 Match Coordinator
- 26.2.6 Competitions Coordinator (when applicable)
- 26.2.7 Security Officer (when applicable)
- 26.2.8 Media Officer (when applicable)
- 26.2.9 Broadcast Officer (when applicable)
- 26.2.10 Any other official appointed by Concacaf

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26.3 The HMA is responsible for the operational cost of the Stadium for the matches and official use during the Gold Cup Prelims.

26.4 The HMA is responsible for training facilities approved by Concacaf for the PMAs to use during the Gold Cup Prelims

26.5 The HMA is responsible for providing volunteers and staff to assist with the operations of the Gold Cup Prelims

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

- 26.6.1 International travel costs, ground transportation, lodging, and meals for the official delegation during the Gold Cup Prelims.
- 26.6.2 Adequate insurance to cover their Team Delegation Members and any other persons carrying 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.
- 26.6.3 International travel, visas, and the daily allowances for the members of the respective delegations

- 26.6.4 During the Gold Cup Prelims, the PMAs must cover all international travel costs for the entire delegation.

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27 Concacaf shall bear the costs of:

- 27.1 International travel and the daily allowances for the respective Concacaf delegation members, as fixed by Concacaf;
- 27.2 Board and lodging in a high-standard hotel in the host country for the Match 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;
- 27.3 The official delegation for the Gold Cup will be composed of a maximum of 40 people:
 - 27.3.1 A minimum of twenty-three (23) and a maximum of twenty-six (26) players.
 - 27.3.2 A minimum of fourteen (14) and a maximum of seventeen (17) Team Delegation Members.
 - 27.3.3 One (1) team liaison officer (TLO)
 - 27.3.4 Each PMA is responsible for appropriately distributing the total number of players and match officials.

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28 Concacaf is responsible for the operation and cost of accommodations, breakfast and local transportation for:

- 28.1 Referees
- 28.2 Referee Assessor
- 28.3 Match Commissioner
- 28.4 Venue Manager
- 28.5 Operations Coordinator
- 28.6 Match Director
- 28.7 Match Coordinator
- 28.8 Security Officer
- 28.9 PMAs for their official movements
- 28.10 Equipment truck for the PMAs for their arrival/departure and match days.
- 28.11 Travel and Preparation Allowance for the PMA, the amount of which shall be determined by Concacaf (if applicable).
- 28.12 Prize money for the PMAs, the amounts of which shall be determined by Concacaf (if applicable);
- 28.13 Doping expenses;
- 28.14 The costs of insurance taken out by Concacaf to cover its own risks.

- 29 The PMAs shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:
 - 29.1 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.
 - 29.2 International travel, visas and the daily allowances for the respective Team Delegation Members;
 - 29.3 Any additional cost for lodging and meals for the additional staff traveling outside the official delegation from the PMA.
30. Any disputes arising from financial provisions shall be resolved amongst the Associations concerned but may be submitted to Concacaf for a final decision to be taken.
31. Any expenses and costs incurred by a PMA other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be borne by the PMA concerned.

MEDICAL/DOPING

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32. Medical/Doping

- 32.1 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 (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 270 days and 10 days prior to the start of each match during the Competition. Concacaf will provide a PCMA form to all PMAs.
- 32.2 The duly licensed medical representative of each PMA (i.e., national team doctor) will be required to sign the PCMA declaration form certifying the accuracy of the results and confirming that the players and officials have passed the pre-competition medical assessment. The medical assessment form shall also include the signatures of the President and General Secretary of the PMA and shall be received by the Concacaf General Secretariat at the latest ten (10) days prior to the start of the Competition.
- 32.3 Further to the above, each PMA is required to have a duly licensed medical professional (i.e., a doctor) as part of their official delegation. Such doctor must be fully integrated and familiar with all medical aspects of the delegation and must remain with the delegation throughout the entire official period of the Competition. The Match Officials (the Referees) will refer to such team doctor in all cases as required and necessary.
- 32.4 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.
- 32.5 As stated in these Regulations, each PMA shall be responsible throughout the Competition for providing health, travel and accident insurance cover for all the members of its delegation throughout the Competition. In addition, and in accordance with the FIFA regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, the PMA with which any participating player is registered shall be responsible for player's insurance coverage against illness and accident during the entire period of the player's release.
- 32.6 Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 32.7 Regarding non-traumatic loss of consciousness or collapse during a game, the referee will assume sudden cardiac arrest until proven otherwise. The hand signal is the right-hand fist against the chest. Such signal will indicate to the team doctor and the medical emergency team (stretcher team) to immediately institute

comprehensive resuscitation that includes the use of a defibrillator (AED) and CPR. It is the responsibility of the 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.

- 32.8 During the match, if there is a traumatic head injury leading to a concussion to a player, and the player remains on the field of play, the referee shall stop play for as much as three 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 (SCAT) will be administered. At the end of the three minutes, at the discretion of the team doctor, the player may be ready to return to play or immobilized appropriately and transported off the field using the standard protocol.
- 32.9 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 Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) assessment, as well as a progressive/staged return to play protocol and return to baseline neuropsychological testing.
- 32.10 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 (TUE) application must be filed 21 days prior to 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.
- 32.11 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.
- 32.12 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).
- 32.13 If, in accordance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Control Regulations, a player tests positive for the use of banned substances, the player shall be immediately declared ineligible for further participation in the Competition and shall be subject to further sanctions from the Disciplinary Committee.

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COMMERCIAL & MEDIA

COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

33. Commercial Rights

- 33.1 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.
- 33.2 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.
- 33.3 To assist with the implementation of these commercial regulations, each PMA (i) must ensure that all Team Delegation Members participate in a Competition photo and video shoot (all such photographs and images to be used and/or sub-licensed by the Confederation in accordance with the remainder of this paragraph), and (ii) shall secure written confirmation from each Team Delegation Member of the Confederation's right to use and/or the Confederation'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).
- 33.4 PMAs are expressly prohibited from bringing beverage products or containers that compete with the Commercial Affiliate, as confirmed by Concacaf, into the Controlled Areas. Concacaf may provide to the winning PMA products from Commercial Affiliate for the post-match locker room celebration. The winning PMA is 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.
- 33.5 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 PMA and local licensees, if any, to establish any product offering and associated royalties from local merchandising of co-branded products, when previously authorized and confirmed in writing by Concacaf.

- 33.6 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 members, official, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with these Regulations.

34. Media

- 34.1 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.
- 34.2 Each PMA must comply with the Competition's media regulations and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates, and other affiliates also comply with these regulations.
- 34.3 For more details, please refer to the media regulations.

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35. Liability

- a. Any and all Competition HMAs shall be exclusively responsible for the organization of the matches and shall discharge and release Concacaf from all responsibilities 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.

36. Special Circumstances

- a. 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.

37. Matters Not Provided For and Force Majeure

- a. Matters not provided for in these Regulations and any cases of force majeure shall be decided at Concacaf's sole reasonable discretion. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

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38. Languages

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

39. Copyright

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

40. No Waiver

- a. 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.

41. Enforcement

- a. These Regulations were approved by the Council on April 8, 2025, and come into force immediately thereafter.

