



REGULATIONS

The CONCACAF Under-17 Championship is the Qualifying Tournament for the FIFA U-17 Chile World Cup.

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PREAMBLE

- A. The CONCACAF Under-17 Championship is an official event of the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) that serves as a qualifying event for the FIFA U-17 World Cup.
- B. It is played as a Preliminary Phase and a CONCACAF Championship Phase.
- C. Any rights that these regulations do not cede to a national association participating in the CONCACAF Championship Phase shall belong to CONCACAF.

I. TITLE - CONCACAF UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. The CONCACAF Under-17 Championship shall take place every two years. The national associations affiliated to CONCACAF are invited to participate with their national Men's Under-17 team.
- B. CONCACAF will present the CONCACAF Champion with the CONCACAF Under-17 Championship Trophy.
- C. The CONCACAF Champions shall receive 40 gold medals, the runner-up 40 silver medals and the third place team 40 bronze medals.
- D. A Certificate of Participation will be provided to all players participating in the CONCACAF Championship Phase.

II. ENTRIES

- A. The National Men's Under-17 team of all national associations affiliated to CONCACAF have the right to participate.

- B. The competition will serve to qualify the national associations affiliated to CONCACAF for places in the FIFA U-17 World Cup and shall start, except if circumstances do not permit, in the year proceeding the year of the FIFA tournament, and shall be completed in the year of the FIFA Tournament.
- C. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, only national associations affiliated to CONCACAF that are eligible to compete in the FIFA U-17 World Cup shall be permitted to advance from this competition.

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

- A. The competition shall be played in two phases:
 - 1. The Preliminary Phase
 - 2. The CONCACAF Championship Phase
- B. The Preliminary Phase
- C. The Preliminary Phase of the competition shall be played separately within UNCAF and the CFU, thus providing the agreed representation in the CONCACAF Championship Phase for members from such zones. All three (3) Northern zone teams qualify automatically to the Championship Phase. The CONCACAF Championship Phase
 - 1. The CONCACAF Championship Phase of the competition shall be played among no more than twelve (12) teams, each zone of CONCACAF being represented as determined by the CONCACAF Executive Committee.
 - 2. The matches of the CONCACAF Championship Phase of the competition shall be played in a site or sites as determined by the CONCACAF Executive Committee.
 - 3. The CONCACAF Championship Phase shall be governed by these Regulations.

- D. National associations participating in the CONCACAF Under-17 Championship shall:
1. Fully respect and comply with:
 - The Laws of the Game;
 - the CONCACAF Statutes;
 - all CONCACAF Under-17 Championship rules, regulations, directives and decisions (including these regulations);
 - all other CONCACAF rules, regulations, directives and decisions;
 - all decisions and directives of the CONCACAF Executive Committee;
 - the FIFA Disciplinary Code and, upon its enforcement, with the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code;
 - all FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations;
 - the CONCACAF Code of Ethics and the CONCACAF Code of Conduct;
 - all CONCACAF protocols during matches and fully cooperate in their enforcement;
 - all CONCACAF anti-match manipulation and anti-racism stipulations;
 - all CONCACAF marketing and media requirements.
 2. Take all necessary actions for its players, officials and staff to be bound by and comply with all the aforementioned rules, regulations, directives, decisions and protocols, including but not limited to, all disciplinary and appeals rules and procedures, all anti-doping requirements, all anti-match manipulation and anti-racism stipulations and all marketing and media requirements.
 3. Expressly recognize and bind itself to CONCACAF's protocol for racist incidents during matches and agree to fully cooperate in its enforcement.
 4. Refrain from any illegal, immoral or unethical behavior that damages, or could damage, the integrity and reputation of football and must cooperate fully with CONCACAF at all times in its efforts to prevent, investigate and sanction such behavior.

IV. WITHDRAWALS

- A. Teams having entered the competition are obligated to play all their matches until they are eliminated. After entering the tournament, a Team that fails to participate, shall be penalized as follows, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by the CONCACAF Executive Committee.
- B. If a withdrawal takes place:
1. After the Preliminary Phase but before the start of the CONCACAF Championship Phase of the Tournament: a fine of \$15,000 USD.
 2. Anytime during the CONCACAF Championship Phase of the Tournament: a fine of \$20,000 USD.
 3. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the CONCACAF Executive Committee, a team which withdraws at any stage of the competition may be ordered to reimburse the particular Local Organizing Committee, the opposing team and CONCACAF for any expenses they have already incurred as a result of its proposed involvement or non-involvement in the competition and also pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.
 4. Penalties specified herein will not be applied in cases of force majeure, as verified by the CONCACAF Executive Committee.
 5. The national association of any penalized team shall be responsible for ensuring that the specified sanctions are complied with.

V. CONCACAF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- A. The Organizing Committee for the CONCACAF Under-17 Championship, appointed by the CONCACAF Executive Committee, is responsible for the organization of the competition.

- B. The Organizing Committee shall, amongst other matters, be responsible for:
1. Supervising general preparations, deciding on the match system, the draws and forming the groups.
 2. Fixing dates, venues and stadia for the matches.
 3. Determining kick-off times.
 4. Appointing match commissioners, technical study group and, security officers.
 5. Deciding which laboratories will carry out the doping analyses
 6. Informing the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee of any breaches of the applicable doping regulations.
 7. Deciding which matches will be subject to doping tests
 8. Choosing the official football and the stipulated technical material
- C. The Organizing Committee's decisions shall be final.

VI. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- A. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee is responsible for enforcing these Regulations. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may suppletorily apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entree into force of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarily). In particular, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may apply the sanctions described in these regulations, the CONCACAF Statutes and all other CONCACAF rules and regulations as well as the FIFA Disciplinary Code (and, upon its enforcement, in the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code).
- B. In cases of infringement of these and all applicable regulations or unsporting behavior on the part of the participating Teams, their players, officials and/or staff, or in any kind of incident, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
2. Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend and/or disqualify teams, their players, officials and/or staff. Take action against any person(s) or national association(s) which may violate the Competition Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play.

3. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of the CONCACAF-organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.
- C. The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may refer to the CONCACAF Executive Committee any matter relating to an infringement of these Regulations as it sees fit whether for further sanction or any other reason.
 - D. CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written record or by conducting a hearing.
 1. When making a decision, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may refer to the reports made by the referee, assistant referees, fourth official, match commissioners, referee inspector, general coordinator, technical delegate, security officer, diversity officer and any other CONCACAF staff or officials present. 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 shall not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.
 2. At its discretion, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide any procedures to be followed. Decisions of such hearings shall only be valid if at least three members of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee are present.
 - E. The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be subject to appeal:
 1. Cautions and censures imposed on players and officials and any other persons or national associations.
 2. Suspensions of up to two matches, or of up to two months, imposed on players and officials or any other persons.
 3. Fines imposed on players and officials or any other persons (not exceeding \$3,500) or on national associations (not exceeding \$10,000).
 - F. The appropriate national association under the provisions of its own regulations shall punish any other offenses that may be committed

- during the course of the CONCACAF Under-17 Championship by its officials or any other personnel used for the competition. For this purpose, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee shall refer the referee's report of the match in question to the appropriate national association. The national association will, in turn, report back to the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee on the resolution of the matter and any disciplinary action taken.
- G. Except in cases of force majeure as recognized by CONCACAF, if a team does not report for a match, or if it refuses to commence or continue to play, or leaves the stadium before the end of the match, the team shall be considered to have lost the match with a score of 3-0 or more. If in the case of an abandoned match during the group stage, the winning team will be awarded a 3-0 score, or higher depending on the result of the match.
- H. If a game is suspended due to withdrawal, the team(s) refusing to complete the match shall be ineligible to participate in the next two editions of the CONCACAF Under-17 Championships.
- I. Any other infringement of these regulations, whether by players or officials that are punishable by economic sanctions shall be reported to the CONCACAF General Secretariat for consideration by the CONCACAF Executive Committee.
- J. All economic sanctions assessed must be paid by the appropriate national association no later than sixty (60) days after notification. Unless otherwise specified, the total amount of all fines will accrue to CONCACAF.
- K. Cautions and Suspensions
1. Red Cards not served in the preliminary stage are carried over to the championship phase and are to be served.
 2. Single yellow cards during the preliminary stage are not carried over to the championship phase.
 3. Single cautions received during the group stage of the championship stage shall not be carried over to the knock out stage of the competition.

4. Two (2) cautions received in different games during the group stage of the championship stage shall result in automatic suspension from the next game in the competition.
5. Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the competition.
6. Unserved suspensions outstanding at the end of a team's participation in this/the competition will be carried over to the next official match of the player's national team per the FIFA Disciplinary Code and, upon its entry into force, the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee.

VII. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- A. The CONCACAF Appeals Committee shall hear appeals eligible to be lodged against decisions taken by the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee.
- B. The CONCACAF Appeals Committee may suppletorily apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entry into force of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarily). In particular, the CONCACAF Appeals Committee may conduct any appeals procedures in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- C. The CONCACAF 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 CONCACAF Appeals Committee may additionally, at its sole discretion, also consider additional evidence, including television and video recordings, which it considers relevant.
- D. Decisions pronounced by the Appeals Committee are final and binding.

VIII. PROTESTS

- A. Protests subject to the following provisions are objections of any kind connected with matches organized in the CONCACAF Championship Phase of the CONCACAF Under-17 Championship.

- B. Protests shall be submitted, except if the following provisions stipulate a different procedure, in writing to the match commissioner or CONCACAF representative at the match not later than two hours after the game and followed up immediately with a written report, including the original protest, to be sent to the CONCACAF General Secretariat by fax within 24 hours of the match in question.
- C. Protests for reasons outlined in paragraphs D, E, and F, must be accompanied by a fee of \$200 USD, payable to CONCACAF.
- D. Protests against the eligibility of players taking part in any matches in the CONCACAF Championship Phase shall be submitted in writing to the referee or the match commissioner not later than two hours after the match in question and confirmed by fax or registered letter to be sent to the CONCACAF General Secretariat within 24 hours of the match in question.
- E. Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the match commissioner or CONCACAF representative at the match by the head of the team delegation not later than two hours after the match in question.
- F. Protests as to the state of the pitch, markings, the accessory equipment (goals, etc.) or the ball, shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match. If the turf becomes unplayable during the match, the team captain concerned shall immediately inform the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team.
- G. No protests may be made against the referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
- H. National associations may not bring disputes with CONCACAF before a Court of Justice and they shall undertake to submit any such disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of CONCACAF and FIFA.
- I. The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by CONCACAF, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.

- J. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Organizing Committee responsible may impose a fine.
- K. Once the winning teams of the CONCACAF Under-17 Championship have been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during the competition shall be disregarded.

IX. MATCHES PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- A. All matches will be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- B. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.
- C. A maximum of twelve (12) persons shall be allowed on the team bench, five (5) team officials and seven (7) substitutes. The names of these persons and their functions must be indicated on the form provided by the “fourth official” prior to the match.

X. DURATION, PENALTY KICKS

- A. Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes each with an interval of 15 minutes in between.
- B. If during the CONCACAF Championship Phase a match ends in a draw at the end of normal playing time, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks in accordance with the procedure laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- C. Clocks in the stadium showing the amount of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e., after 45 (forty-five) and 90 (ninety) minutes respectively.

- D. At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, orally or by gesturing with his/her hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. Each allowance for lost time shall be announced to the players by the fourth official using the substitution cards or electronic display boards and to the public by the public announcer.

XI. FIELD OF PLAY, STADIA, BALLS

- A. The Organizing Committee shall guarantee that the fields of play chosen for the CONCACAF Championship Phase comply with the Laws of the Game. They shall be subject to the approval of the Organizing Committee.
- B. The footballs for the CONCACAF Championship Phase shall be selected and supplied by CONCACAF.

XII. UNPLAYED AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- A. If a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure (which includes the loss of power at the stadium), the Organizing Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.
- B. Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles will apply:
1. The match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same score line;
 2. The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;

3. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
4. The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
5. Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
6. Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
7. The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the Organizing Committee.

XIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH ENTITY INVOLVED

A. Participating National Associations

1. Behavior of the members of its delegation (officials and players);
2. Health, accident and travel insurance cover for its full delegation;
3. Paying for their own air travel to and from the host country, any costs in obtaining visas for their delegation, and all tips for services rendered as appropriate at the hotels, airports, taxis, etc.;
4. Paying for incidental expenses incurred by delegation members during the course of their stay in the host countries, including laundering of team uniforms, and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation in excess of the 25 persons allotted for;
5. Paying for any costs of extending their stay;
6. Providing CONCACAF with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. National associations that fail to provide CONCACAF with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed a fine of \$3,000 USD, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by the CONCACAF Executive Committee. The fine shall be increased by 50% for each repeated offence.

7. Applying for visas in good time from the diplomatic mission of the organizing countries, if necessary;
 8. Attending press conferences and other official media activities organized by CONCACAF in a timely manner;
 9. Complying with all media/advertising/merchandising provisions issued by CONCACAF.
- B. Host National Association
1. The Organizing Committee
 - a. Overall - Staging the competition in a professional manner;
 - b. Execution, Promotion & Finances - Executing, promoting and financing of the above mentioned tournament, as approved by CONCACAF, providing a final accounting for the tournament, including payment of the percentages due to CONCACAF within thirty (30) days of the final match of the tournament;
 - c. Security - Providing adequate security for all participants, national association officials and match officials from arrival to departure;
 - d. Insurance - Providing liability insurance coverage for each venue in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) USD. A copy of the insurance coverage must be received by the CONCACAF General Secretariat not later than thirty days (30) prior to the first match of the competition;
 - e. Stadium and Training Facilities - Ensuring that both, the stadium and training fields are in a condition suitable for a FIFA qualifier, 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 for the teams and fourth official which should be of a professional standard;

- f. Liaisons - Assigning a dedicated individual, for the duration of the event (arrival to departure), who shall be responsible for assisting in the coordination of local transportation, changes to hotel/meal arrangements, and baggage collection, and any other needs as they arise, for:
- i. Each of the participating national associations. Thereby the liaison must be fluent in the primary language of the country assigned;
 - ii. The game officials;
 - iii. Match Commissioners and Commission representatives.
- g. Media - Appoint an individual who shall be responsible for media relations and advise CONCACAF's Communications Department thirty (30) days in advance of the event the name of the person together with his/her contact numbers (phone/cellular, phone/fax, e-mail address); BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the event, the person appointed will:
- i. Ensure that the media facilities are in the best possible condition;
 - ii. Assist the media in their general inquiries;
 - iii. Ensure that team sheets with correct player names/number/ positions, etc. are available to the media in timely manner, prior to kick-off;
 - iv. Distribute to the media copies of the Media Guide or any other materials that will be supplied by CONCACAF;
 - v. Arrange for the installation of one dedicated phone line for CONCACAF use ONLY for charge calls.
 - vi. Arrange for the installation of the phone lines for the radio broadcasters and the designation of radio booths for each rights holder.
 - vii. Assure that the stadium has wireless internet for the media throughout the stadium.
 - viii. Arrange and provide the meals for the media and photographers as approved by CONCACAF.

- h. MATCH REPORTS - arrange for the Match Commissioner to fax/scan (via email) the CONCACAF Match Reports (provided by CONCACAF) within ninety (90) minutes of completion of each match to CONCACAF at matchreports@concacaf.org or by fax to (305) 397 8813, backup number (786) 216 7228.

2. Team Hospitality

- a. Local Transportation - First class deluxe bus with air conditioning for 25 persons and luggage for service to and from:
 - i. Airport;
 - ii. Training Sites;
 - iii. Games.
- b. Accommodations (Room and Board, etc.) - First class accommodations, pursuant to CONCACAF's approval;
 - i. Rooms - 12 double rooms and one single room per Delegation. Also provide tournament room rates in case extra members of the national association accompany their team;
 - ii. Meals - For 25 persons. Also provide rates per meal or daily costs in case extra members of the national association accompany their team or teams exceed tournament budgets;
 - iii. Laundry - Make facilities available or recommend facilities for the teams to do their laundry. Advise teams of costs prior to the tournament;
- c. Visas for Visiting Teams - Will request handling from the Government agency responsible for visas to expedite requests for teams and delegates;
- d. Airport Taxes - Pay any local airport taxes in the host country, as necessary.

3. Game Officials and Commission Members' Hospitality

- a. Local Transportation:
 - i. Airport transfers;

- ii. To matches;
- iii. To team hotels for passport inspections or event-related meetings;
- iv. Vans and a car available at hotels during non-game hours;
- v. Transport to training facilities as needed.
- b. Accommodations:
 - i. Single room (king bed where available) for Commission Members appointed to the tournament;
 - ii. Double rooms for Referees (two per room);
 - iii. Meals per diem or daily allowance, as arranged with and approved by CONCACAF.

C. CONCACAF

1. Overall supervision of the event.
2. Directing of the media functions during the tournament and providing the Media Guide and other materials.
3. Arranging and paying the air transportation and airport departure taxes of tournament officials.
4. Daily per-diem for the tournament officials.
5. Traveling and daily expenses of the CONCACAF Executive Committee and designated members of other committees and technical or other staff as determined by the General Secretariat.
6. Collecting of team information (i.e., team lists, rooming lists, menus, travel itineraries, visa information and uniform color chart).
7. Assisting the Organizing Committee with the daily operations of the tournament.
8. Disciplinary Measures and communication of actions taken.
9. Daily assignment of officials for the matches.
10. Providing practice balls (# TBD) to the teams upon arrival.
11. Delivery of the game balls for each match to the venue.
12. Provide Certificate of Participation to all competing teams.
13. Work with Host Association to produce a stage to be used for the post-final match award presentation.
14. Provide the trophy for the Champions and medals for the Champions and Runner-up teams.

XIV. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- A. Each participating national association shall select its national representative team from players who are nationals of its country and under its jurisdiction and who satisfy the age requirement of the relevant FIFA U-17 World Cup and Articles 5 to 8 of the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes.
- B. Each player must be in possession of a legal individual passport containing an up to date photograph and giving full particulars on the date of birth (day, month and year) of the player. If the player is not in possession of a legal individual passport, he shall not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- C. Rosters for the CONCACAF Championship Phase
1. Provisional List of Players:
Participating national associations must provide their “List of Players”, on the official form, to the office of the CONCACAF General Secretariat, at least thirty (30) days before their first match. The list is not binding and must contain the names of at least 20 players and not more than a maximum of 30 players. The list will be used for event promotion and data management.
 2. Final Roster:
Participating national associations must provide their “Final Roster” of 20 players, on the official form, to the General Coordinator upon arrival in the venue.
- D. Confirmation of Eligibility
1. Inspection Meeting - The General Coordinator or his/her designee will check the passport details with each player no later than the day before their opening match.
 2. Uniform Numbers - The required numbers on the front and back of the shirts and on the pants of the uniforms shall correspond to the numbers indicated on the Final Roster.
 3. Upon arrival at the venue of the Tournament each national association's head of delegation shall immediately submit the

individual passports of its players for verification to the designated representative of CONCACAF.

- E. Replacement of Injured or Ill Players before start of Tournament
 - 1. Players included in the Final Roster who suffer serious injuries or become ill so that they cannot play, as certified by the team's Head of Delegation, may be replaced up to 24 hours prior to the team's first match. In those cases, the national association concerned will be authorized to add players not already included on the Final Roster and will immediately inform the General Coordinator in writing. The General Coordinator must be provided with all required information (if not previously provided) and passports upon the players' arrivals.
 - 2. No changes will be permitted within 24 hours of opening matches or thereafter.

- F. Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or more if the opposing team has already achieved a margin of difference in excess of 3-0.

XV. DOPING CONTROL

- A. Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental condition of a player, with a view to improving his athletic and mental performance. It is prohibited.

- B. Only the Organizing Committee is empowered to arrange doping tests and to decide which laboratories will carry out the analyses. Every player in a team, including substitute players, will be subject to undergo doping tests.

- C. The Organizing Committee reserves the right:
 - 1. To arrange random doping tests during the Preliminary Phase;
 - 2. To arrange doping tests at all the matches in the CONCACAF Championship Phase.

- D. Any player that tests positive for the use of banned substances or refuses to take a doping test or falsifies the result of a test or attempts

- to do so, whether intentionally or not, shall be referred by the Organizing Committee to the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee for appropriate actions.
- E. Any official who encourages or incites a player, either intentionally or through negligence, to commit such an infringement as stated in paragraph D above, will be referred by the Organizing Committee to the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee for appropriate actions.
 - F. Furthermore, reference is made to the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, which contain the list of prohibited substances and methods, and are fully applicable to the present competition.
 - G. If a player tests positive for the use of prohibited substances, he shall be immediately declared ineligible from further participation in the competition.

XVI. REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The participating national associations shall comply with the current FIFA Equipment Regulations with the exception of the provisions regarding player names as outlined below. Players and officials are not allowed to visibly display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing kit, equipment or body.

- A. **Players' Names (optional)**
 - 1. Players may be identified by means of their surname or an abbreviation or nickname on their shirts. The player's name shall correspond with the name on the players' list;
 - 2. If used, players' names shall be placed on the back of the shirt, above the number;
 - 3. The capital letters used for the names shall not exceed 7.5 cm (seven and a half centimeters) in height. They may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline to ensure better legibility;

4. The color of the names shall contrast clearly (light on dark, or vice versa) with the colors of the players' shirt, or appear on a neutral-colored patch;
5. The capital letters used shall be of one single color and shall be free of advertising, design features or other elements.

XVII. REFEREES, ASSISTANT REFEREES AND FOURTH OFFICIALS

- A. The referees and assistant referees chosen for the matches in the CONCACAF Championship Phase shall be from a country whose team is not included in the same group as the match in question. They shall be selected from the current FIFA International Lists.
- B. CONCACAF's Referees Committee shall appoint the referees and assistant referees for the matches in the CONCACAF Championship Phase. Two referees and two assistant referees shall be appointed for each match.
- C. The Referees Committee decisions shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- D. After each match the referee shall complete the official CONCACAF report forms. In the CONCACAF Championship Phase, he shall hand it over immediately after the match to the Match Commissioner or the CONCACAF General Coordinator at the venue.
- E. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible, such as:
 1. Misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion;
 2. Unsporting behavior of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a national association at a match;
 3. Any other incidents.

XVIII. TECHNICAL RULES

The CONCACAF Championship

A. CONCACAF Championship Phase

1. The CONCACAF Championship Phase shall be played among no more than twelve (12) teams. Each CONCACAF Zone shall be represented in the CONCACAF Championship as determined by the CONCACAF Executive Committee.
2. Only eligible national associations affiliated to FIFA can qualify for the FIFA U-17 World Cup Chile 2015.
3. Officials from the teams participating in the CONCACAF Championship Phase are obliged to attend the Championship Phase draw and related tournament workshop. CONCACAF will cover the airfare, accommodation and ground transportation for each head coach and team administrator to attend such events.
4. The CONCACAF Championship shall be played in a single venue. The twelve (12) teams shall be divided into a Group Stage consisting of two (2) groups (A & B) of six (6) teams each followed by two (2) World Cup Qualifying Playoff matches.
5. The teams that finish first place of each group will proceed to participate in the tournament Championship Match and will automatically qualify for the FIFA U-17 World Cup Chile 2015. Should any team ineligible to participate in FIFA competitions

finish first to third place in any of the groups, such team shall be replaced by the next team with the highest point ranking in the group which is eligible to participate in FIFA competitions. The replacement team shall be ranked behind the teams that finished ahead in the group. For avoidance of doubt, a fourth place team that is promoted to replace an ineligible team, will be ranked as third place in the group. The CONCACAF tie breaker procedure established in Article XVII.7 below will be used to rank replacement teams which are tied on points.

6. The second and third place eligible teams of each group will compete for the final two (2) play-off spots for the FIFA U-17 World Cup Chile 2015. The match ups will be determined by ranking the four (4) eligible teams based on points accumulated at the group stage. On the occasion that teams tie on points, the CONCACAF tie breaker established in Article XVII.7 below shall apply in rankings the teams. The top team in the ranking shall play the fourth place team and the second place team shall play the third place team. The winners of these games will qualify for

the FIFA U-17 World Cup Chile 2015. The remaining teams will be eliminated from the tournament.

7. At the end of the group play, and should two or more teams finish tied on points (including ties among third place teams), the manner in which teams will advance to the next round will be resolved as follows and in the order indicated:
 - a. Greater number of Points in matches between the tied teams;
 - b. Greater Goal Difference in matches between the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
 - c. Greater number of goals scored in matches among the tied teams (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
 - d. Greater Goal difference in all group matches;
 - e. Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - f. Drawing of lots.

XIX. MEDIA, ADVERTISING AND MERCHANDISING

- A. Marketing, Radio, Television, Promotion and Advertising rights for the CONCACAF Championship Phase belong exclusively to CONCACAF.
- B. Concessions for souvenir sales, official programs and others of a similar nature are fully vested with CONCACAF.
- C. Rights for the merchandising of the event, both on and off site, exclusively belong to CONCACAF.
- D. Technical Films / Tapes - Permission to make technical films/tapes, exclusively reserved for the use of participating national associations, must be obtained from the CONCACAF General Secretariat.

- E. Logo - Only Logo sent by CONCACAF may be used for promoting the event. Such Logo shall be used in accordance with its use regulations. All use must be pre-approved by CONCACAF before publication.
- F. Web Pages- Before attaching CONCACAF web page to event, approval by CONCACAF must be granted.
- G. Participating Teams shall agree, as a condition of their participation, that the terms “CONCACAF”, “The Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football”, “Confederación Norte, Centroamericana y del Caribe Asociación de Fútbol”, “CONCACAF Under-17 Championship”, “Men’s U-20 CONCACAF Championship”, “Campeonato Sub-17 de CONCACAF” and “Championnat U-17 de CONCACAF” commonly used to identify the CONCACAF Under-17 Championship, and their equivalent, abbreviated or as translated into other languages, may only be used by such Teams in a sporting context with no commercial implications. CONCACAF owns the copyright for all the mentioned terms.
- H. They shall also agree to abide by any advertising provisions issued by CONCACAF.

XX. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

A. Revenue Share

1. The Host national association shall retain all revenue from:
 - a. Admission tickets sales;
 - b. Concessions granted by the Organizing Committee for the sale of food and beverages
 - c. Other rights specifically granted by CONCACAF.
2. CONCACAF shall retain all revenue from:
 - a. All commercial rights;

- b. The Gross Receipts from Admission Ticket Sales, the Organizing Committee shall deduct 5% (minimum US\$300) in favor of CONCACAF and 2.5% (minimum US\$150) in favor of the Regional Union in which the finals are played. These percentages shall be paid within a thirty (30) day period after each match of the Preliminary Phase has ended or after the Final Phase has concluded. In the event there is not an established Regional Union, CONCACAF shall receive 7.5% of the gross receipts (minimum US\$450).
- c. Any other revenue source not mentioned herein.

XXI. PROTOCOL

During the CONCACAF Championship, the FIFA fair play flag, the CONCACAF flag and the flags of the host country and both competing national associations shall be flown at every match inside the ground. The FIFA anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the field, followed by the national anthems of the two participants during the line-up. A minimum of 5 flag poles need to be available within the stadium for the presentation of the flags, all located next to each other. An additional pole may be made available for the country's National Flag.

XXII. COPYRIGHT

- A. Copyright of the fixtures and matches adopted by the CONCACAF Executive Committee and drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these regulations are the property of CONCACAF.

XXIII. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- A. The CONCACAF Executive Committee will resolve all matters not provided for in these Regulations. All decisions of the CONCACAF Executive Committee shall be final.

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

These regulations were adopted by the CONCACAF Executive Committee at its meeting held on _____ and entered into force immediately.

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