



REGULATIONS

The CONCACAF Under-17 Championship is the Qualifying Tournament for the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017.

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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 Champion shall receive 35 gold medals and the runner-up 35 silver 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 the CONCACAF Zones of Central America and the Caribbean, thus providing the agreed representation in the CONCACAF Championship Phase for members from such zones. All three (3) teams from the North American Zone qualify automatically to 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 Council.
 2. The matches of the CONCACAF Championship Phase of the competition shall be played in a site or sites as determined by the CONCACAF Council.
 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 Council;
 - 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 Council.
- 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 Council, 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 Council.
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 Council, 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 subsidiarity). 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 Council 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 Council.
- 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. Cautions received during any other competition are not carried over to the Competition.
 2. Cautions received in the Preliminary Competition are not carried over to the Competition.
 3. Pending match suspensions (in relation to a direct red card or an indirect red card) will be carried over to the Competition.

4. Single yellow cards will get eliminated at the end of the Group Stage.
5. Two (2) cautions received in different games of the Competition shall result in an automatic suspension from the next game in the Competition.
6. Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the Competition.
7. Match suspensions not served during the Competition shall be carried over to the representative team's next official match per the FIFA Disciplinary Code (art. 38 par. 2), including to the first match(es) of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup in India for the teams that qualify.

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 entree into force of the CONCACAF Disciplinary Code (when it will apply subsidiarity). 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. MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL

- A. In order to protect players' health as well as to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches at the Competition, each Participating Member Association shall ensure and confirm to the Organizing Committee that its players underwent 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 echocardiogram and EKG to identify any cardiac abnormality. The medical assessment must be carried out between 270 days and 35 days prior to the start of the Competition. The Organizing Committee will provide the PCMA form to all Participating Member Associations.
- B. The duly licensed medical representative of each Participating Member Association (i.e., national team doctor) will be required to sign the PCMA 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 Participating Member Association and shall be received by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat at the latest seven (7) business days prior to the start of the competition.
- C. Further to the above, each Participating Member Association 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.
- D. The Organizing Committee, the Host Association and CONCACAF shall not be held liable for any injury sustained by any participating player or official. Equally, the Organizing Committee, the Host Association and 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.
- E. As stated in these Regulations, each Participating Member Association shall be responsible throughout the Competition for providing medical, travel and accident insurance coverage for all the members of its delegation throughout the Competition. Proof of insurance must be provided to the Organizing Committee no later than 14 days before the start of the Competition. In addition, and in accordance with the FIFA

- Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, the club 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.
- F. Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee.
 - G. In regards to non-traumatic loss of consciousness during a game, the referee will assume sudden cardiac failure until proven otherwise. In such instances, the referee will signal (hand to the chest) 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 Hosting Association to ensure that there is a properly functioning AED immediately at hand and that there is an ambulance with an access and egress plan.
 - H. During the match if there is a traumatic head injury and concussion to a player, and the player remains on the field of play, the referee shall stop play. In these instances, the referee will signal (hand to the top of the head) to the team doctor to enter the field to assess and manage the player. Up to three minutes should be sufficient time to make this assessment. Once the player has left the field of play, he must be given a Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) or similar test. It is the responsibility of the team doctor to determine the player's ability to return to play.
 - I. Further to the above, in regards 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.
 - J. 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 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.

X. 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 sixteen (16) persons shall be allowed on the team bench seven (7) team officials and nine (9) substitutes. The names of these persons and their functions must be indicated on the form provided by the “fourth official” prior to the match.

XI. DURATION, EXTRA TIME, 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 result is required and 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 kicks from the penalty mark 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.

XII. 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.

XIII. 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.

XIV. 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 Council. 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 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 bus with air conditioning for 27 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 -13 double rooms and one single room per Delegation. Also provide tournament room rates in case extra members of the national association accompany their team; 1 Equipment or Medical room per delegation and one Meeting/Meal room.
 - ii. Meals - For 27 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. Advice 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 Council 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 (# 20) 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.

XV. 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 tournament official email at least thirty-one (31) 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 35 players (Incl. 4 GKs). 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 (Incl. 2 GKs) on the official form, to the tournament official email 10 business days prior to the Championship kick-off.
- 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 doctor via a medical report in English, may be replaced up to 24 hours prior to the team's first match. In those cases, the Member 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 new players must be selected from the Provisional List of Players. 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.

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 Council.
 - 2. Only eligible national associations affiliated to FIFA can qualify for the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017.

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 three (3) groups (A, B & C) of four (4) teams:

Group A	Group B	Group C
A1	B1	C1
A2	B2	C2
A3	B3	C3
A4	B4	C4

The matches in the groups shall be played in a Round Robin format, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

5. At the end of Group Stage play, and should two or more teams finish tied in points (including ties among second 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 in points);
 - d. Greater goal difference in all group matches;
 - e. Great number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - f. Drawing of lots.
6. Teams that finish first and second place in each group will qualify to the Final Qualification Stage consisting of two (2) groups of three (3) teams. The six (6) teams that qualify from the Group Stage will contest in the Final Qualification Stage determined by the draw as follows:

Second B/Winner A/Winner C (2B/2A/1C)	= Group D
Winner B/Second A/Second C (1B/1A/2C)	= Group E

Group D	Group E
D1	E1
D2	E2
D3	E3

The matches in the groups shall be played in a Round Robin format, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

7. At the end of the Final Qualification Stage, should two or more teams finish tied in points (including ties among first 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 in points);
 - d. Greater goal difference in all group matches;
 - e. Great number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - f. Drawing of lots.
8. Should any team that is ineligible to participate in FIFA competitions finish first or second in the Group Stage, such team shall be replaced by the next team with the highest point ranking in their group which is eligible to participate in FIFA competitions. The CONCACAF tie breaker procedure established in Article XVIII.7 below will be used to rank replacement teams which are tied in points.
9. The teams that finish first and second place in Groups D & E of the Final Qualification Stage will automatically qualify for the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017. Furthermore, the teams that finish first place in each group will proceed to participate in the tournament Championship Match.

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”, “CONCACAF Under-17 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.
- I. PMAs, as a condition of participation, agree to abide by the Media Regulations for Participating Member Associations, which outline the norms and rules with respect to media opportunity throughout the phases leading up to and during the Championship, and will be circulated under separate cover. Further, PMAs acknowledge through their participation, that the Media Regulations for Participating Member Associations comprise an integral addendum to these Regulations, and may be used as grounds for disciplinary action should any breach occur.

XX. PROTOCOL

- A. 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.

XXI. COPYRIGHT

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

XXII. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- A. The CONCACAF Council will resolve all matters not provided for in these Regulations. All decisions of the CONCACAF Council 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 Council at its meeting held on December 8, 2016 and entered into force immediately.