



REGULATIONS

The Scotiabank Concacaf U-13 Champions League is a Development Tournament within the Confederation

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. The Scotiabank Concacaf U-13 Champions League (hereinafter: The Competition) is an official event sanctioned by the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (hereinafter: Concacaf) which serves as a development tournament for the Confederation.
- B. Any rights relating to the Competition that these Regulations do not specifically grant to a participating Club or Member Association will belong to Scotiabank and Concacaf.
- C. Any club that, due to contractual obligations, is not able to wear Scotiabank branded uniforms does not qualify to participate in the Competition.
 - a) By agreeing to participate in the Competition, the participating Club, including all its delegates and their legal parents or guardians grant to Scotiabank the right, title and interest in their images for all media (including print, photographs, Internet, video, etc.) throughout the country, and internationally and consent to the use of their name in perpetuity, and release Scotiabank, its successors and assigns from all manner of action, cause of action, contracts, claims and demands whatsoever which they may have or which they, their heirs, executors or assigns may bring or may be a part of in connection with what is mentioned in this document. The Club allows Concacaf and Scotiabank to use its marks for the promotion of the Competition, and allowing the event sponsors to use the marks in a collective form only, for the sole purpose of promoting the Competition.

I. SCOTIABANK CONCACAF U-13 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

- 1. The Competition shall take place every year. All of Concacaf's Member Associations are eligible to participate with a U-13 Club team. Concacaf and Scotiabank will jointly determine which associations will be invited to nominate their National Under-13 champion or best performing club to participate in each edition of the Competition.
- 2. These Regulations for the Competition, the Concacaf Statutes and all other Concacaf rules, regulations, circulars, directives and decisions in force (hereinafter: the Regulations) regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all taking part in the Competition. The Regulations shall apply and are binding on all parties named in these Regulations other than Scotiabank but including without limitation participating

Clubs and all officials, players and on all persons involved in the preparation, and organization of the Competition.

II. THE COMPETITION ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. The Organizing Committee for the Competition, appointed by Scotiabank and Concacaf, is responsible for the overall organization of the competition.
2. The Organizing Committee, in consultation with Concacaf, shall be responsible for:
 - a) Supervising the general preparations, determining the competition system, as well as forming the Competition groups;
 - b) Fixing the dates, venues, stadiums for training sessions and matches;
 - c) Approving the match schedule and kick-off times;
 - d) Designating the General Coordinators, Assistant General Coordinators, Match Commissioners, technical study groups, referees, referee assessors and disciplinary committee members;
 - e) Executing and coordinating the operations and logistics of the Competition;
 - f) Replacing Clubs that have withdrawn from the Competition;
 - g) Settling cases of force majeure;
 - h) Choosing the Competition official ball and any other required technical material.
 - i) Dealing with any aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations or the Concacaf Statutes.
3. Concacaf and Scotiabank reserve the right for final approval of any of the aforementioned matters.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCOTIABANK

1. Scotiabank is responsible for hosting the Competition. It may establish relations and conclude contracts with various entities in order to assist in the delivery of the Competition. Scotiabank remains fully responsible for the delivery of the Competition, subject to other parties fulfilling their obligations, notwithstanding any such established relations and/or concluded contracts.
2. Concacaf shall discharge Scotiabank from all responsibility and

relinquish any claim against Scotiabank and its officers, employees and representatives, to the extent of any damages resulting from any act or omission of Concacaf relating to the Competition.

3. Scotiabank shall be responsible for:
 - i. Providing accommodations and meals for eighteen (18) persons (16 players and 2 team officials) per team, beginning two (2) days prior to commencement of the Competition and through the day after the completion of the Competition, except as otherwise provided by the Organizing Committee.
 - ii. Make available at the team hotel an option of up to three (3) additional rooms per delegation to be used for extra team officials only. The rate for these rooms should be similar to the rate negotiated by Scotiabank for the teams. The cost of these additional rooms shall be at the team's expense and must be paid for in full no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the competition.
 - iii. Parents and family members may not stay in the same hotel as the players, but may attend the tournament at their own expense.
 - iv. Information on travel, flights and accommodation will be communicated by the organizing travel agents as an option for supporting families and friends.
 - v. Providing local ground transportation for the participating 18 persons per team and luggage service to and from the airport, training sites, and match venues exclusively.
 - vi. Providing water and re-hydrating beverages for all training sessions and Competition matches.
 - vii. Having training sites in good and adequate conditions available for all participating Clubs.
 - viii. Providing adequate security for all participants, officials, and match officials from arrival to departure.
 - ix. Providing medical and emergency services at all matches.
 - x. Providing all members of each Club with the required accreditations.
 - xi. Arranging and covering the costs of laundry related to the Competition.
 - xii. Expenses not considered in this section shall be deemed extras, and shall be at the sole cost of and born solely by the Club incurring such extra expense.
 - xiii. 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. Transport to training facilities as needed.
- b. Accommodations:
- i. Single room (King bed where available) for Commission Members appointed to the Competition as agreed between Concacaf and Scotiabank.
 - ii. Double rooms for Referees (two per room) as arranged by Scotiabank.
 - iii. Meals as arranged by Scotiabank with the hotel.
 - iv. All laundry

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING CLUB TEAMS

1. Each participating Club shall be responsible throughout the Competition for:
 - a) Paying for any local airport taxes or any other tax levied to enter or exit the host country as necessary.
 - b) The conduct of the members of its delegation (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition.
 - c) Incidental expenses, including laundry, incurred by its delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation.
 - d) Providing Concacaf with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. Clubs that fail to provide Concacaf with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed a fine of \$250 USD, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by the Organizing Committee. The fine shall increase by 50% for each repeated offence.
 - e) Any expenses of extending the stay of any member of its delegation.
 - f) Any expenses resulting from damages caused by team delegates.
 - g) Any expenses resulting for late and/or incomplete or incorrect information/documentation provided by the delegation.
 - h) Any expenses resulting from any modification to the final roster related to process travel itineraries.
 - i) Applying for visas within the required time as stated by the diplomatic mission of the host country or countries, as necessary.
 - j) Attending the press conferences and other official media activities in accordance with the instructions issued by competition Organizers.
 - k) All Club delegations shall arrive at least 2 (two) days prior to the

commencement of the Competition, and they shall leave the day after the completion of their participation in the Competition.

2. All Clubs and their players and officials participating in the Competition agree to fully respect and comply with:
 - a) The *Laws of the Game* and the principles of Fair Play;
 - b) The Concacaf Statutes and all Concacaf regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives and decisions (including these Regulations);
 - c) The FIFA Disciplinary Code and, upon its entry into force, the Concacaf Disciplinary Code;
 - d) The Concacaf Code of Ethics and the Concacaf Code of Conduct;
 - e) All Concacaf protocols during matches and fully cooperate in their enforcement (e.g. Concacaf protocol for racist incidents during matches);
 - f) All Concacaf anti-match manipulation and anti-racism stipulations;
 - g) All Concacaf marketing and media requirements.
3. Participating Clubs shall use unaltered official Competition uniforms featuring the Scotiabank logo and the Club crest as provided by Scotiabank during all Competition related events including but not limited to matches, practices, press events and opening, closing and awards ceremonies.
4. Participating Clubs shall 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.
5. Participating Clubs shall take all necessary actions for their players and officials to be bound by and comply with Section IV.2 and Section IV.4.

V. WITHDRAWALS, UNPLAYED MATCHES AND ABANDONED MATCHES

1. All participating Clubs undertake to play all of their matches until they are eliminated from the Competition.
2. Any participating Club that withdraws from official participation can be replaced by another Club. The Organizing Committee shall make the relevant decision.
3. Such withdrawal will be subject to the following sanctions, after consideration of the relevant facts, including force majeure, if the

withdrawal takes place:

- a) Less than a month before the start of the Competition a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500 USD).
 - b) During the Competition, a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000 USD).
 - c) Depending on the circumstances and the decision of the Organizing Committee, any participating Club that withdraws at any stage of the Competition may be ordered to reimburse Concacaf and/or Scotiabank for any expenses already incurred or for commitments made 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. If a participating Club does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the pitch before the end of a match, the team shall be considered as having lost, three points will be awarded to the opposing Club on the basis of a 3-0 score, or higher depending on the result of the match.
 5. In addition to the above, the team in question shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by Concacaf, Scotiabank and/or the other participating Club(s), and shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from Concacaf. Further measures may be taken by the Organizing Committee.
 6. The relevant Concacaf body shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from the Organizing Committee.
 7. If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the Concacaf Disciplinary Committee may also take whatever additional action is appropriate.
 8. Furthermore, the U-13 Club and Member Association in question may be disqualified from taking part in the next two editions of the Competition. Further measures may be taken by the Concacaf Council, including the suspension of the Club concerned from any other Concacaf competitions.
 9. No appeals can be lodged against these decisions.
 10. If a participating Club withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, the Organizing Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

11. 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:
- a) the match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same score line;
 - b) the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;
 - c) no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
 - d) the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
 - e) players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
 - f) any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
 - g) the kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by Concacaf.

VI. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

1. The Concacaf Disciplinary Committee is responsible for enforcing these Regulations. The Concacaf Disciplinary Committee may apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code until the entree into force of the Concacaf Disciplinary Code (when it will apply). 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).
2. In cases of infringement of these and all applicable regulations or unsporting behavior on the part of the participating Clubs, their players and/or officials, or in any kind of incident, the Concacaf Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
 - a) Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend and/or disqualify the Club, their players and/or officials.

- b) Take action against any Club or person which may violate these Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play.
 - c) Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of the Concacaf -organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.
3. 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.
 4. The Concacaf Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written record or by conducting a hearing.
 5. 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/or 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.
 6. 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.

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

- a) Cautions and censures imposed on Clubs, players, officials and other persons.
 - b) Suspensions of up to two matches, or of up to two months, imposed on Clubs, players, officials or any other persons.
 - c) Fines imposed on Member Associations or Clubs (not exceeding \$5,000 USD) or on players, officials or any other persons (not exceeding \$1,750 USD).
 - d) All imposed economic penalties must be paid by the appropriate Club no later than sixty (60) days after notification thereof.
12. Cautions and suspensions:
- a) Cautions received during any other competition are not carried over to the Competition.
 - b) Any player who accumulates two single yellow cards in two different

matches in the Competition is suspended for the following match. Thereafter, each time a player accumulates two single yellow cards in two different matches, he will be suspended for the following match with the exception that single cautions will be eliminated at the end of the Quarterfinal Round and at the end of the Competition.

- c) Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the Competition.
- d) Unserved suspensions outstanding at the end of a team's participation in the Competition can only be served in the next edition of Competition, provided the player is participating and is eligible. In any event, unserved suspensions shall not be carried over to any other competition.

VII. APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. The Concacaf Appeals Committee shall hear appeals eligible to be lodged against decisions taken by the Disciplinary Committee.
2. 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 subsidiarily). In particular, the Concacaf Appeals Committee may conduct any appeals procedures in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
3. 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.
4. Decisions pronounced by the Appeals Committee are final and binding.

VIII. PROTESTS

1. Protests, subject to the following provisions or objections of any kind connected with matches organized in the Competition.
2. Protests against the eligibility of players chosen to take part in the Competition shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or General Coordinator no later than 24 hours before the match in question. Such protests must be accompanied by a check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500 USD) payable to Concacaf.

3. All other protests shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or the Concacaf General Coordinator at the match no 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 scan and e-mail (such contact information to be provided in due course).
4. Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be directed to the referee by the team coach immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Commissioner or the Concacaf General Coordinator at the match no later than two hours after the match in question (such contact information to be provided in due course).
5. Protests against the state of the pitch, the markings, the accessory equipment (goals, etc.) or the football shall be made in writing to the Referee before the start of the match. If the field becomes unplayable during the match, the referee of the match shall immediately inform the team's captain of the clubs.
6. No protests may be made against the referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
7. Participating Clubs may not bring disputes with Concacaf before a Court of Justice. They shall undertake to submit any such disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of Concacaf and FIFA.
8. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, a fine may be imposed.
9. The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by Concacaf, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.
10. Once the winning teams of the Competition have been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during the competition shall be disregarded.

THE COMPETITION

IX. TEAMS

1. Concacaf determines the number of teams to take part in the Competition. The number of teams taking part in the 2018 Competition has been fixed at 16.
 - a) Each team taking part in the Competition must arrive and officially present itself 2 days before its first match.
 - b) Each team must attend a Team Arrival Meeting (TAM) upon arrival at the Competition. The schedule and agenda for such Team Arrival Meeting will be communicated in due course.
 - c) Each team must attend the Match Coordination Meeting(s) (MCM). Such meetings are mandatory and must be attended by representatives of the Clubs. The schedule and agenda for each Match Coordination Meeting(s) will be communicated in due course.

TEAM ENTRY

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS AND TEAM REGISTRATION

1. Eligible players to participate in the tournament must be born on or after August 23, 2004.
2. Any participating club that has direct affiliation with a first or second division professional club, must present a written approval from their Member Association for their participation.
3. Each player must be registered with the local Member Association amateur division program (if such amateur program exists) and show proof of its affiliation.
4. Every member of its official delegation (officials and players) shall be included in the team's Official Delegation List and complete an entry form provided by Concacaf.
5. 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 a player is not in possession of a legal individual passport, he shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition. A copy of the passport must be

submitted along with the Provisional List of Players set out in these Regulations

6. Upon arrival at the first venue of the Competition, each Club's head of delegation or team administrator shall immediately submit the individual passports of its players for verification to the designated representative of Concacaf.
7. The participating Club shall be responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the applicable regulations

PROVISIONAL LIST OF PLAYERS

1. Participating Clubs must provide (on the official Concacaf form) their "List of Players" to the office of the Concacaf General Secretariat, no later than 60 days prior to the kick-off of the opening match of the Competition. This list is not binding and shall contain the names of 25 players. The list of players shall at the minimum contain the following for each player:
 - full last name
 - all first names
 - popular name
 - passport number and its expiration date
 - Uniform size

TEAM DELEGATIONS AND FINAL ROSTER

1. Each participating Club shall submit to the Concacaf General Secretariat its Final Delegation list of up to 18 persons (Scotiabank shall only be responsible for 18 persons), which must include 16 players (two of whom shall be goalkeepers), no later than 40 days prior to the opening match of the Competition unless otherwise communicated by the organizing committee.

INJURED PLAYERS

1. A listed player may only be replaced in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before his team's first match, after Concacaf has received a detailed medical assessment (in one of the four official Concacaf languages). Without exception, substitute shall be selected from the provisional list of 24 players .

PENALTIES FOR LATE SUBMISSION OF ROSTER

1. In accordance with the deadlines set out above, any team that fails to meet the stipulated deadlines will be subject to a fine of \$250 USD and which shall be payable before the opening match of the Competition.

X. REFEREEING

1. The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials (hereinafter referred to collectively as match officials) shall be appointed for each match by Concacaf. Concacaf's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.
2. If the referee is prevented from carrying out his duties, such referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. If one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out his duties, such assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official.
3. The match officials shall wear and use the kit provided to them by the Federación Mexicana de Fútbol Asociación, A.C. on match days.
4. The match officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
5. After each match, the referee shall complete the official Concacaf report forms and hand it over immediately after the match to the Match Commissioner or the Concacaf General Coordinator at the venue as directed.
6. On the report form, the referee shall note, along with all the match results, all incidents before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible, such as:
 - a) Misconduct of players and team officials, leading to caution or expulsion.
 - b) Unsporting behavior of officials and/or any person acting on behalf of the Club at a match.
 - c) Unsporting behavior of any supporters.
 - d) Any other incidents.

XI. DURATION, EXTRA TIME, PENALTY KICKS

1. Each match shall last 60 minutes, comprising two periods of 30 minutes with an interval of 15 minutes in between.
2. In the group stage, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the result will stand as a tie.
3. In the knockout stages, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time no extra time will be played. Kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
4. At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (30 and 60 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, orally or by gesturing with their hands, the number of minutes that they have decided to allow for time lost. Each allowance for lost time shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official and announced by the public address announcer to those in attendance.

XII. START LIST

1. All 16 players shall be named on the start list for each match (11 selected players and 5 substitutes). Up to a maximum of five (5) substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match.
2. All 16 players in the final delegation list are required to play an accumulate minimum of fifteen (15) minutes of playing time during the entire tournament.
3. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond to the numbers indicated on the start list. The start list shall be signed by the head coach.
4. Each team is responsible for arriving at the stadium at the latest 90 minutes before the kick-off of the respective match and for providing the completed start list to the Concacaf General Coordinator upon such arrival.
5. Each team is responsible for ensuring that the start list is completed properly and submitted on time, and that only the selected players start the match. In the case of any discrepancies, the matter will be submitted to the Concacaf Disciplinary Committee.

6. If any of the 11 players submitted on the start list are not able to begin the match due to sudden injury or illness, they may be replaced by any of the eligible substitutes as long as the Concacaf General Coordinator is officially informed prior to kick-off. Within 24 hours, the team concerned must also provide Concacaf with a medical report (in one of the four official languages of Concacaf).
7. Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the start list will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be selected as a substitute player at any time during the game. Such a change to the start list will not reduce the number of official substitutions that may be made by a team during the match.
8. 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.
9. Only the players who were identified on the official start list submitted to the Concacaf General Coordinator, or were confirmed as a warm-up injury/illness replacement player, may start the match. In the case of any discrepancies of players on the pitch at the beginning of a match, the matter will be submitted to the Concacaf Disciplinary Committee for a decision.

SUBSTITUTES' BENCH

No more than 7 people (2 officials and 5 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials must be indicated on the "Officials on the Substitutes' Bench" form to be provided to the Concacaf General Coordinator. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench

XIII. REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

1. Players and officials are not allowed to visibly display political, religious, or personal messages in any language or form on their playing or team kit, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body. Similar displays in any language or form by players and officials are not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organized by Concacaf (including in the stadium for official matches and mixed zone activities).
2. Scotiabank reserves the exclusive right to brand player jerseys,

- coaching staff polos and official tournament activities. Assigned player jerseys and coaching staff polos must be worn during the match. Teams will submit photos of home and away jerseys as a reference to Scotiabank at least two (2) months in advance of the tournament, who will supply Scotiabank-branded jerseys with the relevant club color scheme for each team.
3. Each team shall have an official and reserve team kit, which shall be declared on the team color form. The colors of the reserve team kit (shirt, shorts, and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colors of the official team kit (shirt, shorts, and socks). The reserve team kit (including the goalkeeper's) must also be taken to every match. Only these colors may be worn at matches.
 4. Each player shall wear a number between 1 and 16 on his team shirt. Jerseys number 1 and 12 will be exclusively reserved for the Goalkeepers without exception. Colors of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light or 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.

XIV. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

1. During the tournament, the Concacaf flag, the flag of the host country, and the flags of the participating Clubs' countries shall be flown inside the stadium at every match providing sufficient flag poles are available. The FIFA Fair Play flag shall also be hoisted or draped in the stadium, clearly visible from the VIP box.
2. The Concacaf Anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the field, followed by the national anthem of the two teams while the teams are lined up before the tribune.

XV. TECHNICAL RULES

1. The Organizing Committee may organize an official draw of the teams in the tournament and shall decide on the structure and format of the competition.
2. The sixteen participating Clubs shall be divided into four groups of four teams.
3. The matches in the groups shall be played in a round-robin format whereby each team will play each team in their group once with the

following awards: three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

4. The top two teams from each of the four groups shall qualify for the Quarterfinals.
5. The ranking of each participating Club in each group will be determined as follows:
 - a) Greatest number of points obtained in group matches;
 - b) Goal difference in all group matches;
 - c) Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - d) Greatest number of points obtained in group matches between the teams concerned;
 - e) Drawing of lots by the Organizing Committee

6. The eight (8) teams that qualify from the group stage will contest the quarterfinals as follows:

Winner of group A vs 2 nd place of group B	= QF1
Winner of group B vs 2 nd place of group A	= QF2
Winner of group C vs 2 nd place of group D	= QF3
Winner of group D vs 2 nd place of group C	= QF4

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

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

8. The loser of SF1 will play against the loser of SF2 for third place.

9. The winner of SF1 will play against the winner of SF2 in the Championship Final.

10. The bottom two teams from each group shall qualify to the shield tournament

11. The eight (8) teams that qualify from the group stage will contest the Shield quarterfinals as follows:

3 rd place of group A vs 4 th place of group B	= CQF1
3 rd place of group B vs 4 th place of group A	= CQF2
3 rd place of group C vs 4 th place of group D	= CQF3
3 rd place of group D vs 4 th place of group C	= CQF4

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

Winner CQF1 vs Winner CQF2 = SF1
Winner CQF3 vs Winner CQF4 = SF2

13. The loser of SF1 will play against the loser of SF2 for third place.

14. The winner of SF1 will play against the winner of SF2 in the Shield Final.

15. If a quarterfinal, semifinal or the final match is tied at the end of the regulation sixty minutes; the procedure to determine the winner outlined in Article XI shall be used to determine the winner.

XVI. TROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS

1. Concacaf and Scotiabank will present the Competition Champion with a trophy and up to 24 gold medals. The Competition runner up will receive up to 24 silver medals and the third place up to 24 bronze medals.
2. Concacaf and Scotiabank will present the Shield Tournament champion with a trophy.
3. Referees for the final match will also receive medals.
4. Special awards will be presented to:

a) The Most Valuable Player (Golden Ball)

The Golden Ball will be awarded to the best player in the Competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by Concacaf and Scotiabank.

b) The Top Scorer (Golden Boot)

The Golden Boot will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the Competition. If two or more players score the same number of goals, the number of assists (as determined by members Concacaf and Scotiabank) will be decisive.

If two or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total minutes played in the Competition will be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes ranked first.

c) The Best Goalkeeper (Golden Glove)

The Golden Glove will be awarded to the best goalkeeper in the Competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by Concacaf and Scotiabank.

d) 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 Competition.

5. There will be no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by Concacaf and Scotiabank.
6. The players and Clubs who take part in Concacaf's Competitions cannot under any circumstances receive prizes and/or awards other than those listed above without the expressed authorization of Concacaf, except those originating from their Associations.

XVII. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

1. Scotiabank shall bear the following:
 - a) Economy air travel, hotel and board for the teams, referees and assistant referees and local transportation to and from the airport, training sessions, team practices and matches.

XVIII. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

1. Concacaf's Council, whose decisions shall be final, will resolve matters not provided for in these Regulations.
2. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English or Spanish of these regulations, the English text shall be authoritative.
3. Enforcement: these Regulations were approved by the Concacaf Council on November 13, 2017 and came into force immediately thereafter.

Miami, May 15, 2018