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GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. CONCACAF UNDER-17 QUALIFIERS

1.1. The Concacaf Under-17 Qualifiers (hereinafter: the "Competition"), is an official tournament of The Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (hereinafter:" Concacaf"). The Competition is held annually. This edition of the Competition shall be played in 2027 and shall take place in the dates and venues Concacaf determines in its sole discretion. All Concacaf Member Associations (hereinafter: "Member Associations") are eligible to participate and may qualify for the Competition as described herein, and such qualified Member Associations shall be referred to as Participating Member Associations (hereinafter: the "PMAs").

1.2. The Competition consists of one (1) stage:

1.2.1. Qualifying Stage

1.3. Concacaf is the sole owner of the Competition and of all rights emanating from the Competition, and has the exclusive right to organize, control, and manage this Competition. These rights include, but are not limited to, all financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing, sponsorship, and promotional rights, and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright and trademark law. Any rights relating to the Competition that these Concacaf Under-17 Qualifiers Regulations (hereinafter: "Regulations") do not specifically grant to a PMA shall belong to Concacaf.

1.4. These Regulations govern the rights, duties, and responsibilities of all participating in the Competition. These Regulations, Concacaf Statutes, and all other Concacaf rules, regulations, circulars, directives, and decisions in force shall apply and are binding for all PMAs, officials, players, and for all persons involved in the preparation, organization, and hosting of the Competition.

2. HOST VENUE

2.1. The Competition shall be played in Member Associations selected by Concacaf, in its sole and absolute discretion, to host a predetermined number of matches (each, hereinafter, a "Host Venue"). The Host Venue shall work with Concacaf locally and is responsible for organizing, promoting, hosting, and staging the matches in the Competition as well as the security for the duration thereof. This includes and is not limited to each Host Venue providing a final accounting for the Competition, including payment of the percentages due to Concacaf within thirty (30) days of the final match of the Competition.

2.2. Each Host Venue is subject to the supervision and control by Concacaf, which retains final decision on all matters related to the playing of the Competition. Decisions made by Concacaf are final and binding, and not subject to PMA appeal.

2.3. Working relations between the Host Venue and Concacaf are regulated by the Hosting Rights Agreement between the parties (hereinafter: the "HRA"), and the Concacaf Hosting Requirements.

2.4. Any rights that are not ceded by these Regulations to any PMA or any other party previously in writing or by circular shall exclusively belong to Concacaf.

2.5. The responsibilities of the Host Venue are included, but are not limited to:

2.5.1. Guaranteeing, planning, and implementing law and order as well as safety and security in the stadiums and other relevant locations in conjunction with the local authorities. The "FIFA Safety & Security Regulations" and/or the "Concacaf Stadium Safety and Security Guidelines" (collectively hereinafter: "Safety and Security Guidelines") are the minimum safety and security standards for the Competition;

2.5.2. Ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards to guarantee safety of teams, Competitions Officials (as defined herein), Match Officials (as defined herein), and spectators;

2.5.3. Maintaining insurance policies that cover all risks related to the Competition, in particular, adequate, and broad liability insurance covering the facilities, spectators, employees, volunteers, and any other persons involved in the organization of the Competition, with the exception of each of the Team Delegation Members (as defined herein);

2.5.4. Ensuring that the stadiums and training facilities are in line with the latest "Concacaf Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide" (hereinafter: "Technical Guide"). In addition, each stadium and training facility must be in conditions suitable for the Competition, based on discussions during site inspection, including, but not limited to, all of the equipment for the field (i.e., nets, goals, corner flags, covered benches (if required) for the PMAs and Match Officials.

2.5.5. Ensuring that facilities are available or recommend facilities for the teams to do their laundry.

2.6. Each Host Venue shall ensure that any decision taken by Concacaf or Concacaf's judicial bodies relating to its duties and responsibilities are enforced immediately.

3. CONCACAF

3.1. The responsibilities of Concacaf include, but are not limited to:

3.1.1. Organizing the Competition;

3.1.2. Supervising general preparations, deciding on the Competition format, draws, and forming the pairings;

3.1.3. Setting the dates and approving the venues of the matches during the Competition;

3.1.4. Determining the match schedule and kick-off times for the Competition;

3.1.5. Choosing the official football for the Competition provided that:

3.1.5.1. Only footballs abiding by the FIFA Quality Mark standard (i.e., FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, International Match Standard) shall be considered and approved; and

3.1.5.2. Only footballs provided by a Concacaf official provider and partner may be used for official Competition activities;

3.1.6. Approving the choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory that will

execute the doping analyses as proposed by the FIFA anti-doping unit;

3.1.7. Deciding which matches shall be subject to doping tests;

3.1.8. Appointing Venue Directors, Match Managers, Match Coordinators and Match Commissioners (hereinafter: "Competition Officials"), Disciplinary Committee members, Security Officers, and any other delegates for the Competition;

3.1.9. Appointing Referees, Assistant Referees (hereinafter: "ARs"), Referee Assessors, Fourth Officials, and Video Assistant Referee (hereinafter: "VAR") officials (if applicable) (hereinafter: the "Match Officials") for the Competition;

3.1.10. Daily allowance and international travel expenses for the Competition Officials, Match Officials, and any other delegates;

3.1.11. Assessing protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility, with the exception of protests concerning the eligibility of players, which are dealt with by the Concacaf Disciplinary Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Disciplinary Committee");

3.1.12. Collecting PMA information (i.e., team lists, rooming lists, menus, travel itineraries, visa information, uniform colors, etc.);

3.1.13. Deciding cases of PMAs failing to adhere to the time limits and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents;

3.1.14. Dealing with cases of abandoned matches as per the International Football Association Board (hereinafter: "IFAB") laws of the game (hereinafter: the "Laws of the Game") in accordance with these Regulations;

3.1.15. Deciding on the rescheduling of matches due to extraordinary circumstances or force majeure;

3.1.16. Disciplinary measures and communication of relevant actions taken;

3.1.17. Daily assignments of Competition Officials and Match Officials;

3.1.18. Providing match balls to PMAs for training upon arrival and match balls

to the venue;

3.1.19. Replacing Member Associations (as determined by Concacaf) that have withdrawn from the Competition;

3.1.20. Providing the Trophy, medals, and awards (if applicable);

3.1.21. Settling cases of force majeure; and

3.1.22. Dealing with any other aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations;

3.2. Team Hospitality

3.2.1. Local Ground Transportation

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

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

3.2.2. Team Accommodations (room and board, etc.)

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

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

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

3.3. The decisions taken by Concacaf are final and binding and are not subject to appeal.

3.4. Concacaf may modify these Regulations, from time to time, in order to comply

with the laws of a specific jurisdiction, when applicable. All parties' responsibilities, rights, and obligations hereunder shall be subject to the compliance of local laws, regulations, ordinances, and other rules issued by competent authorities from the applicable jurisdictions.

4. PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

4.1. Each PMA in the Competition shall be responsible throughout the Competition for:

4.1.1. The conduct of all players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives, and guests of its delegation (hereinafter: "Team Delegation Members"), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition;

4.1.2. Ensuring the provision of adequate insurance to cover its Team Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf against all risks, including, but not limited to, health, injury, accident, disease, and travel in consideration of the applicable rules or regulations;

4.1.3. Covering all travel-related expenses incurred by its Team Delegation Members to and from the host country, any cost in obtaining visas for their Team Delegation Members, and all tips for services rendered as appropriate at the hotels, airports, taxis, etc.;

4.1.4. Covering the extended stay of any Team Delegation Members. Each PMA shall also be responsible for covering the costs of any additional member of its delegation above the number approved by Concacaf;

4.1.5. Applying in a timely manner for any required visas to the consulate or embassy of the countries where their matches will be played, and covering any costs associated with these visas. For this process, the assistance of the applicable Host Venue is to be sought out as early as possible;

4.1.6. Attending media conferences and other official media activities organized by Concacaf and/or by the applicable Host Venue in accordance with the Concacaf media regulations (hereinafter: "Media Regulations");

4.1.7. Ensuring that every Team Delegation Member complies with all applicable regulations (including these Regulations), directives, guidelines, and circulars, decisions made by Concacaf and the Concacaf Council (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Council"), Concacaf Referees Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Referees Committee"), Disciplinary Committee, , and Concacaf Appeals Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Appeals Committee");

4.1.8. Providing Concacaf with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. PMAs that fail to provide Concacaf with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed a fine, pursuant to the Disciplinary Code, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure, or otherwise as determined by the Concacaf General Secretariat in its sole discretion.

4.1.9. Attending the mandatory Match Coordination Meeting (hereinafter: "MCM"), where match logistics are finalized, at the predesignated time and location.

4.1.10. Allowing Concacaf to use its association brands and marks for the promotion of the Competition as stipulated in the commercial regulations (hereinafter: the "Commercial Regulations") governing each phase of the Competition, for the sole purpose of promoting the Competition.

4.2. PMAs and their Team Delegation Members participating in the Competition shall agree to fully respect and comply with

4.2.1. The Laws of the Game and the principles of fair play;

4.2.2. The Concacaf Statutes and all Concacaf regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, guidelines, and decisions (including these Regulations);

4.2.3. All decisions and directives of the Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee as well as Council;

4.2.4. The Concacaf Disciplinary Code (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Disciplinary Code");

4.2.5. The "FIFA Code of Ethics", the Concacaf Code of Conduct, and the Safeguarding Regulations;

4.2.6. The revised "FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations";

4.2.7. All Concacaf protocols during matches and fully cooperate in their enforcement (e.g., Concacaf protocol for discriminatory incidents during matches);

4.2.8. All Concacaf anti-match manipulation and anti-discrimination stipulations;

4.2.9. All Concacaf commercial and media requirements, as stipulated in the Commercial Regulations and Media Regulations, including, but not limited to, the "Team Media Day" in which individual and group photos and videos will be taken of each PMA upon their arrival at the venue of their first match of the Competition;

4.2.10. FIFA regulations in relation to the eligibility of players. Failure to field only eligible players shall lead to the sanctions stipulated in the Disciplinary Code;

4.2.11. All kit and equipment requirements, as per section 17 of these Regulations; and

4.2.12. Providing to Concacaf, prior to the first match of the Competition, statistics, player photographs, stadium information, aerial photographs, and any additional information as requested to assist in the promotion of the Competition.

4.3. PMAs shall take all necessary actions for their Team Delegation Members to be bound by and comply with all the aforementioned statutes, regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, decisions, stipulations, and requirements.

4.4. PMAs and their Team Delegation Members shall refrain from any illegal, immoral, or unethical behavior that damages, or could damage the integrity and reputation of football or Concacaf and must cooperate fully with Concacaf at all times in efforts to prevent, investigate, and sanction any such behavior.

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

4.6. All PMAs must refrain from publicly referring, directly or indirectly, to its final roster and/or team as inferior (or "B team"). This includes and is not limited to public comments by Team Delegation Members and publications on official PMA online platforms. Non-compliance with this requirement will result in a fine pursuant to the Disciplinary Code.

5. ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

5.1. The National Under-17 team of each Member Association are eligible to participate.

5.2. The Competition will serve to qualify the Member Associations to eight (8) places in the FIFA Under-17 World Cup 2027 and shall start in the same year as the year of the FIFA tournament.

5.3. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, only Member Associations affiliated to FIFA that are eligible to compete in the FIFA U17 World Cup 2027 shall be permitted to advance from this Competition.

5.4. Each PMA is required to have in their delegation the following roles: head coach, team manager/delegate, Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer, and duly licensed medical professional. All of these roles are mandatory.

5.5. "Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer": Each PMA shall appoint a designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer to act as a focal point for all matters related to the safeguarding and well-being of the Team Delegation Members. This role does not have to be exclusive and can be assigned to the duly licensed medical professional or other trained Team Delegation Member. It is a mandatory requirement that the designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer complete the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials online course (https://safeguardinginsport.fifa.com/) prior to the Competition. The role of the Team Safeguarding/ Welfare Officer is to:

5.5.1. Act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the PMA during the Competition;

5.5.2. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being is prioritized;

5.5.3. Liaise with the Concacaf designated official in venue should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse (be it psychological, physical or sexual, or neglect) arise;

5.5.4. Know the specific safeguarding rules and measures for the Competition and the avenues available for reporting concerns.

5.6. By entering the Competition, the PMA, and their Team Delegation Members automatically undertake to:

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

5.6.2. Accept Concacaf's right to use and/or Concacaf's right to sublicense the right to use on a non-exclusive basis, in perpetuity and free of any charge, any of their records, names, photographs, and images (including any still and moving representation thereof), which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the Team Delegation Members of all PMAs in the Competition in accordance with the relevant terms of the Media Regulations and Commercial Regulations for the Competition (as applicable). To the extent that Concacaf's right to use and/or Concacaf's right to sublicense the right to use any of the records, names, photographs, and images may fall in the ownership and/or control of a third party, the PMAs and their Team Delegation Members shall ensure that such third party waives, pledges, and unconditionally assigns and/or transfers to Concacaf with immediate effect, with full title guarantee in perpetuity, and without any restriction, any such rights to ensure Concacaf's unfettered use as set out above;

5.6.3. Respect the principles of fair play.

5.6.4. Subject to any other decision by the Council, the PMAs shall complete and send the official Team Participation Agreement (hereinafter: the "TPA") to the Concacaf General Secretariat in accordance with the

deadline stipulated in the relevant Concacaf circular. Only the TPAs sent to the Concacaf General Secretariat by the deadline set shall be valid and taken into consideration unless approved in writing by Concacaf.

6. LAWS OF THE GAME

6.1. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game applicable at the time of the Competition and as established by the IFAB. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

6.2. Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising of two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes, with a half-time interval of fifteen (15) minutes.

6.3. The Fourth Official indicates the minimum additional time decided by the Referee at the end of the final minute of each half. The additional time may be increased by the Referee, but not reduced

6.4. If, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, extra time is to be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but with no interval between the two (2) periods of extra time.

6.5. If the score is still level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

6.6. Each team shall be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes. To reduce disruption to the match, each team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the match; substitutions may also be made at half-time. If both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities for each team. Unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time (if applicable). Teams will each receive one (1) additional substitution opportunity in extra time. Substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time of extra time. Substitutions made during half-time, before the start of extra time, and at half-time of the extra time shall not reduce the substitution opportunities available.



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7. WITHDRAWAL, UNPLAYED MATCHES AND ABANDONED MATCHES

7.1. After the TPA is signed, all PMAs shall be deemed to have officially entered the Competition and shall meet all obligations, including, but not limited to, playing all of their matches until eliminated from the Competition. Failure to participate in any match may be considered by Concacaf, at its sole discretion, as a withdrawal from the Competition. A withdrawal may have a serious impact on the integrity of the Competition, and as such, the penalties as specified below shall apply, except in cases of force majeure or unforeseen circumstances deemed acceptable by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

7.2. Any PMA that withdraws up to thirty (30) days prior to the first match of the Competition shall be subject to a fine of at least fifteen thousand US dollars (USD 15,000). Any PMA that withdraws within thirty (30) days before the first match of the Competition shall be subject to a fine of at least twenty thousand US dollars (USD 20,000).

7.3. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the Disciplinary Committee may impose sanctions in addition to those provided for in section 7.2 above, including the expulsion of the applicable PMA from subsequent Concacaf competitions.

7.4. Any match which is not played, or which is abandoned – except in cases of force majeure– may lead to the imposition of sanctions against the applicable PMA by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. In such cases, the Disciplinary Committee may also order that the match be re-scheduled/re-started.

7.5. Any PMA that withdraws or is responsible for a match not being played or being abandoned, may be ordered to reimburse Concacaf, the opposing PMA, and/or any other PMA involved, and/or any expenses incurred as a result of its behavior. In such cases, the applicable PMA may also be ordered by Concacaf to pay compensation for any damage incurred by Concacaf or any other PMA. The applicable PMA in question shall also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from Concacaf.

7.6. If a PMA withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, Concacaf shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action it deems necessary. If a match is not played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, Concacaf may order a re-start. If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the Disciplinary Committee may also take additional action if necessary.

7.7. If a PMA does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, or refuses to continue to play, or leaves the pitch before the end of the match, such PMA shall be considered to have lost the match 3-0 and three (3) points shall be awarded to its opponent. In the case of an abandoned match, if the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the team in question left the field, then the higher score shall remain. The Disciplinary Committee will decide if a PMA that is withdrawn will be excluded from further participation in the Competition, and the results of those matches shall be considered losses by a result of 3-0 and three (3) points shall be awarded to those opponents. The results of any matches played before by the PMA in question shall not be affected.

7.8. In addition to the above, the PMA in question shall pay compensation for any damage or losses suffered by Concacaf, the Host Venue, and/or the other PMAs, and shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from Concacaf.

7.9. The decisions by Concacaf in this section 7 are final, binding, and not subject to appeal.

7.10. Further to section 7.6 above, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles shall apply:

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

7.10.2. The match shall restart with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;

7.10.3. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the Start List (as defined herein);

7.10.4. The teams can only make the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;

7.10.5. Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;

7.10.6. Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;

7.10.7. The match shall restart at the place where play was stopped when the match was abandoned (i.e., with a free kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, penalty kick, etc.). If the match was abandoned while the ball was still in play, it shall restart with a dropped ball in accordance with the Laws of the Game;

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

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

8. REPLACEMENTS

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

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

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

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

9.1.1. All players shall hold the nationality of such PMA and be subject to its jurisdiction;

9.1.2. All players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes, the regulations governing the application of the FIFA Statutes, and other relevant FIFA rules and regulations.

9.1.3. Upper Age Limit: All players shall be no more than seventeen (17) years

old by the end of the calendar year in which the FIFA competition is played (i.e., all players of the teams were born on or after January 1, 2010).

9.1.4. Lower Age Limit: All players shall be no less than fifteen (15) years old by the end of the calendar year in which the FIFA competition is played (i.e., all players of the teams were born on or before December 31, 2012).

9.2. Any issues regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

9.3. Each PMA shall be responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the Disciplinary Code.

9.4. If Concacaf believes a player's eligibility is in question, Concacaf reserves the right to consider the said player ineligible to participate in any stage of the Competition until the player's eligibility status is confirmed by Concacaf in accordance with the applicable regulations.

10. PLAYERS' LISTS

10.1. Each PMA in the Competition must provide Concacaf with a provisional list of a minimum of twenty-five (25) players and up to sixty (60) players (five (5) must be goalkeepers) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the first match of the Competition, which for the avoidance of doubt Concacaf shall provide further specifics by way of a circular. Players may be added or removed from the provisional list before the final list deadline. This list shall reflect each player's last name, first name, date of birth, and passport number as specifically noted in their international passport, in addition to any other information requested by Concacaf. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf-approved Football Management System which shall be time- stamped.

10.2. Each PMA participating in the Competition shall submit to Concacaf its final list of twenty-one (21) players (three (3) must be goalkeepers and no more than eighteen (18) field players, all goalkeepers must travel to the Competition), no later than ten (10) days prior to the first match of the Competition, which for the avoidance of doubt Concacaf shall provide further specifics by way of a circular. The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. The provisional list becomes binding upon submission of the final list. Only the twenty-one (21) players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the qualifiers. This information must be submitted through the

Concacaf-Approved Football Management System, which shall be time-stamped.

10.3. A player listed on the final list may only be replaced in the event of serious injury or medical matter until twenty-four (24) hours before the kick-off of its PMA's first match and such replacement must come from the provisional list, the replacement player must be assigned the shirt number of the injured player being replaced.

10.4. A goalkeeper listed on the final list may be replaced in the event of serious injury or medical matter at any time during the Competition. Such replacement must come from the provisional list and must be a Goalkeeper. In case a goalkeeper needs to be replaced once the Competition has started the new goalkeeper must use the next available number not assigned in the final list (22 and onwards).

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

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

11. START LIST AND SUBSTITUTES ON THE BENCH

11.1. Up to twenty-one (21) players may be entered on the start list eleven (11) starters and ten (10) substitutes (hereinafter: "Start List"). Up to a maximum of five (5) substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match. The Start List shall be submitted by a PMA official delegate no later than ninety (90) minutes prior to the start of the match.

11.2. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the Start List (numbers 1-21 only). All goalkeepers and the captain must be identified as such. The number one (1) shirt must be reserved for one (1) of the goalkeepers.

11.3. Teams must arrive at the stadium and confirm their Start List in the Concacaf-Approved Football Management System at the latest ninety (90) minutes prior to kick-off. Each team shall receive a copy of the opposing team's Start List seventy-five (75) minutes prior to kick off.

11.4. After the Start Lists have been submitted by the PMA official delegate, confirmed by the Match Manager, and, if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:

11.4.1. If any of the starting eleven (11) players listed on the Start List are not able to start the match for any reason, such player(s) may be replaced by any of the ten (10) substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer take part in the match, and the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, five (5) players may still be substituted.

11.4.2. If any of the substitutes listed on the start list are not able to be fielded for any reason, such player(s) may not be replaced on the bench by an additional player, which means that the quota of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, five (5) players may still be substituted.

11.5. If a starting player sustains a serious injury or is so ill that he can no longer be expected to play, he may be replaced prior to pre-match protocol, without penalty, by an eligible substitute from the Start List, but shall be listed as injured on the Start List and shall be ineligible to play the match.

11.6. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the Start List may be seated on the substitutes' bench, and if so, would then also be eligible for doping control selection.

11.7. A maximum of seventeen (17) people (seven (7) Team Delegation Members and ten (10) substitutes) are permitted on the substitutes' bench. The names and functions of these Team Delegation Members must be indicated on the Start List provided to the Match Manager. Suspended Team Delegation Members are not permitted in the competition areas (i.e., locker room and/or tunnel), on the field of play, or on the substitutes' bench or technical seats, nor are they allowed to participate in any media activities.

11.8. All Team Delegation Members (including substitutes) shall remain within the technical area during the match except in special circumstances (e.g., a physiotherapist/doctor entering the pitch, with the Referee's permission, to assess an injured player). Team Delegation Members (including substitutes) who fail to abide by the aforementioned provision can be sanctioned and reported to the Disciplinary Committee

11.9. The Host Venue shall issue each of the official Team Delegation Members with an accreditation during the Competition.

11.10. Injured players who are replaced up to twenty-four (24) hours before the kick-off of their team's first match must return their accreditation to Concacaf. Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered an official Team Delegation Member.

11.11. The PMAs shall ensure that all accreditation data required by Concacaf is submitted by the deadline stipulated by Concacaf. Further details, including accreditations and other particular items will be outlined in the applicable Concacaf circular.

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12. FORMAT AND STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

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

QUALIFIER ROUND

12.1. The top sixteen (16) teams, based on the results of the 2026 Concacaf Under-17 Qualifiers, have qualified to the Competition.

12.2. The Competition will be played in a format featuring four (4) groups (A, B, C, and D) of four (4) teams each.

A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

12.3. In the event that a PMA withdraws before the Competition starts, the next ranked team based on the results of the 2026 Concacaf Under-17 Qualifiers will participate.

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

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

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

12.5.2. Goal difference in all group matches;

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

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

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

12.5.5. Greater goal difference in matches between the tied teams (if more than two (2) teams finish equal on points);

12.5.6. Greater number of goals scored in matches among the tied teams (if more than two (2) teams finish equal on points);

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

- first yellow card: plus 1 point
- second yellow card/indirect red card: (as a result of two yellow cards) plus 3 points
- direct red card: plus 4 points
- yellow card and direct red card: plus 5 points;

12.5.8. The latest "Concacaf Under-17 Ranking" published prior to the start of the Competition.

12.6. The four (4) group winners and the four (4) second-place teams from groups A, B, C, and D will advance to the 2027 FIFA Under-17 World Cup.

12.7. The decisions of Concacaf on the structure and format of the Competition are final. In the event of any withdrawals, Concacaf may change the structure and format at its sole discretion.

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13. FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

13.1. In accordance with the "Concacaf Regulations Governing International Matches", any PMA wishing to play an international match outside the scope of the Competition must submit a request for permission to Concacaf in advance. Such request shall meet the requirements established in the aforementioned Regulations. Where such permission is granted, all applicable financial conditions and provisions in accordance with FIFA and Concacaf regulations governing international matches shall apply.

13.2. Unless expressly authorized in writing by Concacaf, the PMAs in the Competition shall not play international and/or official matches in the venues and/or markets of where the Competition will take place, for a period commencing sixty (60) days prior to the first match of the Competition. The same market as the Competition is defined as a 100-miles radius from any Competition venue. In cases where such special permission is granted, all financial conditions and provisions (as per FIFA and Concacaf) with respect to international matches shall apply.

13.3. Once the groups for the Competition have been announced, teams in the same group may not play a friendly match in any of the venues of the Competition.

13.4. In all cases, each PMA shall be responsible for all consequences which may result from failure to observe the regulations mentioned above.

14. VENUES, KICK-OFF TIMES AND TRAINING SESSIONS

14.1. Unless stipulated otherwise in these Regulations, matches in the Competition must be played in a stadium which meets all the requirements and standards as stated in these Regulations and the latest version of the Concacaf stadium guidelines (hereinafter: the "Stadium Guidelines"), and these stadiums shall have been inspected and approved by Concacaf.

14.2. The venue of the match shall have sufficient hotels to accommodate the PMAs, and the Concacaf delegation.

14.3. On the day before each PMA's first match of the Competition (hereinafter: "MD-1") and weather permitting, teams are entitled to have one (1) walkthrough session of thirty (30) minutes where the match is due to take

place. In the event of severe adverse weather conditions or in order to preserve the pitch conditions, the Match Manager may cancel the walkthrough session. Team Delegation Members are strictly prohibited from wearing cleats during the walkthroughs and each PMA bears the responsibility for each Team Delegation Member.

14.4. During the competition, all official training sessions shall take place exclusively at the Training Fields assigned to the PMA. Official training sessions shall not be permitted at the Stadiums where matches are scheduled, except in special circumstances expressly approved by Concacaf.

14.5. Concacaf shall determine the time and date of the official walkthrough at the stadium for each team according to the match schedule.

14.6. Drones' usage is strictly prohibited, except for use during each PMAs own training sessions and shall be limited to on-field technical purposes only. PMAs must request approval from Concacaf prior to use, and Concacaf reserves the right to deny the use of such devices for any purpose. The use of drones and/or recording devices to scout and/or observe other teams' training sessions shall lead to disciplinary sanctions.

14.6.1. It is the sole responsibility of each PMA to request and obtain all necessary governmental authorizations and permits for the operation of drones during the Competition. Failure to secure such authorization shall not exempt such PMA from liability for any unauthorized drone use or related infractions under these Regulations.

14.7. If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the PMAs have already left to play the match, the Referee shall decide whether the pitch is playable or not. If the Referee declares the pitch unplayable, the procedure pursuant to the Laws of the Game shall be followed.

14.8. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements pursuant to the Stadium Guidelines, i.e., that the whole pitch shall be evenly lit, with a required lighting level of at least one thousand (1,000) vertical EV lux. Additionally, the uniformity gradient of light on the pitch should be of 1.4:1. An emergency power generator must also be available which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the aforementioned intensity of light for the whole pitch and has sufficient light for the safe egress of those in attendance. Concacaf reserves

the right to grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

14.9. All matches in the Competition must be identified, promoted, and advertised in accordance with Concacaf's relevant Commercial Regulations, Media Regulations, and these Regulations, as well as applicable Competition branding guidelines.

14.10. On matchdays, the teams must be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match; time, weather and pitch conditions permitting. In principle, the teams participating in the first match of the day shall be entitled to warm up on the pitch prior to the match for thirty (30) minutes. The duration of the warm-up on the pitch prior to the match for the teams of the second match of the day shall depend on the time the first match of the day ends. Alternative warm-up areas shall be provided for the second match teams to start their warm-up before entering the pitch. If the pitch is not in good condition or the warm-up would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, Concacaf may limit the area on the pitch for the warm-up or shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

14.11. For the Competition, each team shall be provided with a training site for their use in each venue according to the match schedule. The training sites shall be made available in each venue for the teams' use starting two (2) days prior to their first match of the Competition and, upon arrival at the venue, for the following matches according to the Competition match schedule.

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

15.1. Concacaf retains the right to set the match dates and confirm the venues of all matches in the Competition at its sole discretion.

15.2. The PMA shall arrive at the venue no later than two (2) days prior to such PMA's first match of the Competition and depart the day after the last match of their respective group. PMAs must book their flight to depart after their last match when eliminated from the Competition. Concacaf shall be informed of the travel itinerary of the visiting PMAs no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first match of the Competition.

15.3. During the Competition, only official team hotels under contract with Concacaf or Concacaf's designated service company shall be used for the PMAs' accommodation. Concacaf shall provide further details about accommodation policies, specifically the use of venue-specific team hotels, in a Concacaf circular.

16. STADIUM INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT

16.1. Concacaf and the Host Venue shall ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place fulfill the requirements described in the Concacaf Stadium Guidelines, Concacaf Safety and Security Guidelines, Concacaf Hosting Requirements, and other Concacaf and FIFA regulations, guidelines, and instructions for international matches.

16.2. Periodic safety checks for the benefit of spectators, players, and officials will be carried out in each stadium by local law enforcement and applicable authorities.

16.3. Only stadiums that have been inspected and approved by Concacaf may be selected for the Competition.

16.4. The field of play, accessory equipment, and all facilities for each match of the Competition shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations.

16.5. If a stadium has a retractable roof, the Match Manager, in consultation with the Venue Director, shall decide prior to the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. If the match starts with the roof closed, it must remain closed for the entire match. If the match starts with the roof open and there is serious deterioration in the weather conditions, the Match Manager has the authority to order its closure during the match, provided that the safety and security of all spectators, players, and other stakeholders remain top priority. In such event, the roof shall remain closed until the end of the match.

16.6. Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the "FIFA Quality Program for Football Turf" or the "International Artificial Turf Standard".

16.7. Each stadium will have sufficient space for warm-up during the match, ideally behind the goal line. A maximum of six (6) players may warm up at the same time (with a maximum of one (1) official without any balls). If there is not sufficient space behind the goals, each team shall warm up in the designated area beside their substitute bench. In this case, the maximum number of

players will be determined by the Match Manager and the Match Officials and communicated in the "Match Coordination Meeting".

16.8. Clocks in the stadium showing the length of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e., after forty-five (45) and ninety (90) minutes, respectively. This shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e., after every fifteen (15)-minute period). The half-time interval shall be fifteen (15) minutes.

16.9. Smoking is not permitted in the technical area or in the vicinity of the field of play or within competition areas such as the locker rooms.

17. TEAM EQUIPMENT

17.1. The PMAs shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations (hereinafter: "Equipment Regulations") in force. The display of political, religious, personal messages, slogans, or commercial advertising in any language or form by Team Delegation Members on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, captain armbands, etc.) or body is prohibited, and disciplinary actions could be taken including, but not limited to, match suspensions and/or fines, based on the severity of the violation. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by Team Delegation Members is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organized by Concacaf (including in the stadiums for official matches and official training sessions, as well as during official media conferences and mixed-zone activities). Any violations shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

17.2. Each PMA shall provide Concacaf with a minimum of two (2) different and contrasting kit colors (one (1) predominately dark and one (1) predominately light) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts, socks, all three goalkeeper's kits, gloves, caps, wristbands, and headbands etc.). In addition, each PMA shall provide three (3) contrasting kit colors for the goalkeepers. The three (3) goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting colors from each other, as well as different and contrasting colors from the official and reserve team kits. Pictures of the kits (including team warmup kits and any gear used during warmups) must be sent to Concacaf sixty (60) days prior to their first match of the Competition for Concacaf approval. Only these colors may be worn at matches. Any requests to change these kits must be submitted to Concacaf for approval no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first match

of the Competition.

17.3. Each PMA shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers. These shirts will only be used in those special circumstances in which an outfield player must take the position of goalkeeper during a match. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three (3) colors as the regular goalkeeper shirts. Each team must supply outfield player kits (shirts and shorts) without names and numbers to be used in the event of damage or blood stained.

17.4. Concacaf shall strive to assign each PMA their full official or reserve kits. However, in some cases, this may not be possible. In such cases, one (1) PMA will be assigned a predominantly dark kit, and the other PMA will be assigned a predominantly light kit. Only uniforms approved and designated by Concacaf may be used for any match. Concacaf reserves the right to make changes to these designations based on the contrast of the uniforms, and the applicable PMA(s) shall be notified by Concacaf.

17.5. Each player shall wear a number between one (1) and twenty-one (21) (with the number "1" being reserved exclusively for one (1) of the goalkeepers) in the front and back of his team shirt and on his playing shorts. The color of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the Equipment Regulations. It is not compulsory for the name of the player to appear on his shirt during the Competition.

17.6. Concacaf shall supply each team with eighty (80) sleeve patches (Competition patches) with the official Competition logo, which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each shirt as stipulated by Concacaf before the Competition. Concacaf shall also supply each PMA with guidelines for the use of official terminology and graphics which also contain instructions for the use of the players' sleeve badges per the Commercial Regulations.

17.7. Each player shall wear the number allotted to them on the final list throughout the same stage of the competition, in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.

17.8. Each PMA shall take the official and reserve team kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts/shorts without names and numbers) to every match of the Competition.

17.9. Only warm-up bibs provided by Concacaf may be used during official training sessions held at the stadium/venue and for the pre-match warm-up and the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

18. FOOTBALLS

18.1. The match balls shall be selected by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

18.2. Concacaf shall supply a minimum of twelve (12) match balls for all matches during the Competition. Moreover, Concacaf shall provide each PMA a total of forty-two (42) match balls that shall only be used for training purposes.

19. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

19.1. During the Competition, the Concacaf flag, and the national flags of each PMA may be displayed inside the stadium at each match. In addition, a ceremonial procession of each PMA's flag onto the pitch shall take place, followed by the entry of the teams according to Concacaf's pre-match protocol. The national anthems of the two (2) PMAs (maximum of ninety (90) seconds each, no lyrics permitted) shall be played after the teams have lined up on the pitch.

20. TICKETING

20.1. The Host Venue is responsible for all match ticketing during the Competition and shall manage the ticketing operations in a manner that meets all applicable security and safety standards. It shall set aside a minimum of thirty-five (35) Category A complimentary tickets per PMA, per match (only teams playing the specific match) – any additional tickets to be fixed by mutual agreement and in writing. Five (5) representatives from the PMAs shall be seated in the VIP tribune or in a suite (if available). The PMAs shall confirm to Concacaf and the Host Venue in writing and pay for, no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the applicable match, the total number of purchasable tickets requested for the match. If there is a failure to submit the request and payment before the deadline, the Host Venue will not be held responsible for granting additional requests.

20.2. The Host Venue shall agree to provide Concacaf, upon request and free of charge, the number of complimentary tickets and suites (where applicable) as

stipulated in the HRA ten (10) business days prior to any match.

20.3. All ticket designs must be pre-approved by Concacaf in writing. The Host Venue must work with Concacaf to make sure their ticketing systems comply with this requirement and must inform Concacaf if there are any potential issues as soon as these are identified.

20.4. At least five percent (5%) of the total stadium capacity must be available exclusively for visiting supporters in a secure, segregated area of the stadium. Field-side seating is not permitted, and all non-permanently fixed seating must be approved by Concacaf.

20.5. Concacaf reserves the right to require terms and conditions to be included in the match tickets in addition to the terms and conditions by the Host Venue, during the Competition.

21. TROPHY AND AWARDS

21.1 The winner and the second place of each group of the Competition will be presented with the "Qualified Team Shield" (hereinafter: the "Trophy") following the final whistle of the last group match.

21.2 At the conclusion of the Competition, the following special award will be presented:

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

21.3 There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

21.4 Concacaf reserves the right to modify the name, presentation format, and commercial designation of any of the above awards at its sole discretion. The implementation, presentation, and visual identity of these awards shall be governed by the Commercial Regulations. The above awards constitute official Competition

distinctions and shall be presented and accepted by members of the PMAs at each edition of the Competition regardless of whether they are associated with a Commercial Affiliate (as defined herein).

22. REFEREEING

22.1. The Match Officials for the Competition must be appointed for each match by the Referee Committee and shall be neutral. The decisions of the Referee Committee are final, binding, and not subject to appeal.

22.1.1. All reasonable efforts to appoint neutral Match Officials shall be made; provided, however, that in the case of VAR appointments, neutrality may not be possible until a sufficient number of VAR officials are properly trained.

22.2. The Match Officials shall receive their official refereeing kit and equipment from Concacaf. They shall wear and use only this kit and equipment on match days.

22.3. Match Officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.

22.4. If the Referee is prevented from or unable to carry out his/her duties, such Referee shall be replaced by the Fourth Official. If one (1) of the ARs is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, such AR shall be replaced by the Fourth Official or by the reserve assistant referee (when appointed, hereinafter: "RAR"), or by the VAR (when appointed). If no RAR was previously appointed to the match, the Fourth Official becomes the AR and the AR becomes the Fourth Official. Concacaf may, at its sole discretion, replace any Match Official with an official from any country.

22.5. After each match, the Referee shall complete and confirm the official match report form. He/she shall do it through the Concacaf-approved Football Management System immediately after the match at the stadium. On the report form, the Referee shall note all occurrences, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behavior by supporters, officials, and/or any other person acting on behalf of a PMA at the match and any other incident happening before, during, or after the match in as much detail as possible.

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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

23. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

23.1. The Disciplinary Committee shall apply these Regulations and the Disciplinary Code. In addition, it may apply the Concacaf Statutes and any other applicable regulations or guidelines, as appropriate.

23.2. The players agree particularly to:

23.2.1. Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;

23.2.2. Behave accordingly;

23.2.3. Refrain from doping as defined by the "FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations" and accept all other applicable FIFA and/or Concacaf regulations, guidelines, circulars, and/or directives.

23.3. The PMA and their Team Delegation Members shall comply with the Concacaf Statutes, the FIFA Statutes, the Disciplinary Code, and the "FIFA Code of Ethics", particularly in matters regarding the fight against discrimination, racism, and match-fixing activities.

23.4. In cases of violations of these Regulations, any other applicable regulations, the Laws of the Game, the rules of the fair play, or any unsporting behavior on the part of the PMA and/or their Team Delegation Members, or in any kind of incident, the Disciplinary Committee is authorized to apply the following sanctions and/or decisions:

23.4.1. Warning, caution, sanction, fine or any other pecuniary measure, expulsion, deduction of points, suspension and/or disqualification of the PMA and/or their Team Delegation Members.

23.4.2. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of the Concacaf-organized competitions in which they might otherwise have participated.

23.5. The Disciplinary Committee may refer (at its discretion) any matter relating to an infringement of these Regulations, or any applicable regulations, to the Council for further sanction, or any other reason.

23.6. The Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written records or videos. Additionally, hearings may be held to investigate a case.

23.7. When making a decision, the Disciplinary Committee may refer to the reports made by the Competition Officials, Match Officials, or any other Concacaf delegate. Reference may also be made to additional reports including, but not limited to, declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions, and audio and/or video recordings. Such reports may be used as evidence but only within the scope of disciplinary aspects in question and shall not affect Match Official's decision regarding facts connected with play.

23.8. The Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and shall decide the applicable procedures for such hearing.

23.9. Disciplinary Committee sessions may be held with one (1) member. The chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee, or another member designated by the chairperson, may rule as a single judge. Decisions shall be made by such sole member, or they shall be adopted by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee shall have the tie-breaking vote

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

23.10.1. Cautions, reprimands, warnings, and censures imposed on PMAs, Team Delegation Members or any other person.

23.10.2. Suspensions of up to two (2) matches, or of up to two (2) months, imposed on PMAs, Team Delegation Members or any other persons.

23.10.3. Fines imposed on PMAs not exceeding ten thousand (USD 10,000), or on Team Delegation Members or any other persons not exceeding three thousand five hundred US dollars (USD 3,500).

23.10.4. Decisions made in accordance with Article 36 of the Disciplinary Code.

23.11. All imposed economic penalties must be paid by the appropriate PMA no later than sixty (60) days after notification of the applicable decision. Unless otherwise specified, the total amount of all fines shall accrue to Concacaf.

Concacaf may debit accounts of debtors to settle any amounts that remain outstanding.

23.12. Cautions and suspensions:

23.12.1. Cautions received in any other competition shall not be carried over to the Competition.

23.12.2. Pending match suspensions (in relation to the direct red card or an indirect red card) shall be carried over to the Competition.

23.12.3. Two (2) cautions received in different matches during the Competition shall result in automatic suspension for the next match in the Competition.

23.12.4. Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served during the Competition.

23.12.5. Unserved suspensions, as a result of a red card (direct or indirect), outstanding at the end of a PMA's participation in the Competition shall be carried over to the next official match of the player or Team Delegate Member per the Disciplinary Code, including the first match(es) of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup, for the PMAs that qualify.

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

23.14. Any other infringement of these Regulations, whether by PMAs, Team Delegation Members, or other persons, that are punishable by economic sanctions shall be reported to the Concacaf General Secretariat for consideration by the Council.

24. CONCACAF APPEALS COMMITTEE

24.1. The Appeals Committee shall hear the appeals that meet the requirements included herein, of the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.

24.2. The Appeals Committee shall apply these Regulations and the Disciplinary Code.

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

24.4. If a decision is initially communicated without grounds, the appellant must first request the decision with grounds. Upon notification of the decision with grounds, the appellant must notify the Appeals Committee, in writing, of its intention to appeal the decision within three (3) days of the Disciplinary Committee's notification of the grounds for the decision. Said notification shall be made via email to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.

24.5. Once the period for notice of the intention to appeal has lapsed, the appellant shall have five (5) days to present the formal appeal letter via email to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. It should contain the appellant's requests, a statement of the facts, evidence, a list of the proposed witnesses (with a brief summary of the foreseeable testimony), and the appellant's conclusions. The appellant shall not be authorized to present further documentation or evidence once the deadline for submitting the formal appeal letter has lapsed.

24.6. Appeals are subject to an appeals fee of one thousand U.S. dollars (USD 1,000), due to Concacaf, at the latest, at the time the formal appeal letter is delivered. The appellant must send confirmation of payment by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.

24.7. Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned requirements shall result in the appeal not being admitted.

24.8. Appeals Committee sessions may be held with one (1) member. The chairperson of the Appeals Committee, or one of its members acting as ad hoc chairperson, may rule alone. Decisions shall be made by such sole member, or they shall be adopted by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the chairperson of the Appeals Committee shall have the tie-breaking vote.

25. PROTESTS

25.1. For the purpose of these Regulations, "protests" are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on the matches of the Competition, including, but not limited to, the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations, and footballs.

25.2. Anyone wishing to lodge a protest is subject to a protest fee of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500) due to Concacaf at the time the protest is submitted. The individual lodging the protest shall send confirmation of payment by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. This fee shall be refunded if the protest is accepted in its entirety.

25.3. Unless otherwise stipulated in this section, protests shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or Concacaf representative in the venue no later than two (2) hours after the end of the applicable match and followed up within the next twenty four (24) hours with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent by e-mail to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org, or shall otherwise be disregarded.

25.4. Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the Competition shall be submitted in writing to the Concacaf General Secretariat by e-mail no later than two (2) hours after the applicable match, at general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. The protest must be followed within the next twenty-four (24) hours with a full written report, and all applicable evidence, or shall otherwise be disregarded.

25.5. Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings, or accessory items (e.g., goals, flag posts, or footballs) shall be made in writing to the Referee prior to the start of the match by the head of delegation of the protesting PMA. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the Referee in the presence of the captain of the non-protesting team. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Commissioner or Concacaf representative in the venue by the head of delegation of the PMA no later than two (2) hours after the applicable match.

25.6. Protests regarding any incidents that occur during the match shall be made to

the Referee by the team captain immediately following the protested incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the non-protesting team. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Commissioner or Concacaf representative in the venue by the head of the team delegation by no later than two (2) hours after the applicable match.

25.7. Protests regarding requests to review and rectify a clear and obvious case of error related to a disciplinary decision on the pitch by Match Officials for a direct red card shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or the Concacaf representative at headquarters no later than two (2) hours after the end of the applicable match. A full written report, including a copy of the original protest submitted to the Match Commissioner and any evidence (e.g. video, photography, written statements, etc.) supporting the protest shall be submitted by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org, no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the applicable match. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, these such protests are subject to a protest fee of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000) due to Concacaf at the time the protest is submitted. The individual lodging the protest shall send confirmation of payment by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat at general.secretariat@concacaf.org, with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. This fee shall be refunded if the protest is accepted in its entirety.

25.8. No other protests may be made about the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

25.9. Member Associations may not bring disputes with Concacaf before a court of justice. They shall undertake to submit any disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authorities of Concacaf and FIFA.

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

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

25.12. If any of the aforementioned requirements of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the Final match of the Competition has ended and/or once the winning team of the Competition has been proclaimed, any appeals, protests, or complaints about the sports procedure followed during the Competition shall be disregarded.

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26. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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

26.2. Concacaf shall bear the costs of:

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

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

26.2.3. Each PMA's official team delegation for the Competition will be composed of a maximum of twenty-eight (28) people:

26.2.3.1. A maximum of twenty-one (21) players
26.2.3.2. A maximum of seven (7) Team Delegation Members
26.2.3.3. One (1) Team Liaison Officer ("TLO") – if applicable

26.2.4. Transportation for:

- Competition Officials
- Match Officials
- Concacaf Officials
- PMAs for their official movements
- Equipment truck for the PMAs for their arrival/departure and match days;

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

26.2.6. Doping expenses;

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

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

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

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

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

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

26.5. If the financial outcome of a match is insufficient to cover the expenses mentioned under par. 26.1. above, the Host Venue shall bear the deficit.

26.6. Any disputes arising from financial provisions shall be resolved amongst the PMAs concerned but may be submitted to Concacaf for final decision.

26.7. Any expenses and costs incurred by a PMA other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be borne by the PMA concerned.

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Medical/Doping

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27. MEDICAL/DOPING

27.1. To protect players' health as well as to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac injury or death during matches at the Competition, each PMA shall ensure and confirm to Concacaf that its players underwent a pre-Competition medical assessment (hereinafter: "PCMA") prior to the first match of the Competition. The PCMA shall include a full medical assessment, as well as an EKG to identify any cardiac abnormality. If the EKG is abnormal, an echocardiogram must be obtained and be normal prior to a player being released to play in the Competition. The PCMA shall be performed between two hundred and seventy (270) days and ten (10) days prior to the first match of the Competition. Concacaf shall provide a PCMA form to each PMA.

27.2. The duly licensed medical professional of each PMA shall be required to sign the PCMA declaration form certifying the accuracy of the results and confirming that the players and officials have passed. The PCMA form shall also include the signatures of the President and General Secretary of such PMA and shall be received by the Concacaf General Secretariat no later than ten (10) days prior to the first match of the Competition.

27.3. Further to the above, the Duly Licensed Medical Professional (i.e., a doctor) must be fully integrated and familiar with all medical aspects of the Team Delegation Members and must remain with the official delegation throughout the entire Competition. The Match Officials will refer to such Duly Licensed Medical Professional in all cases as required and necessary.

27.4. Concacaf shall not be held liable for any injury sustained by any player or official. Concacaf shall not be held liable for any incident (including death) linked to any injury or health conditions of any player or official.

27.5. Each PMA shall be responsible, throughout the Competition, for providing health, travel, and accident insurance coverage for all of its Team Delegation Members. In addition, and in accordance with the "FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players", the PMA with which any participating player is registered shall be responsible for player's insurance coverage against illness and accident during the entire period of the player's release.

27.6. Regarding non-traumatic loss of consciousness or collapse during a match, the Referee shall assume sudden cardiac failure until proven otherwise. The hand signal is the right-hand fist against the chest. Such signal shall indicate to the team's Duly Licensed Medical Professional and the medical emergency team (stretcher team) to immediately institute comprehensive resuscitation

that includes the use of a defibrillator (hereinafter "AED" and CPR. It is the responsibility of the Host Venue to ensure that there is a properly functioning AED immediately at hand and that there is an ambulance with an access and egress plan. Additionally, the Host Venue shall ensure an emergency action plan is in place and communicated with each team's medical staff in advance of each match.

27.7. During the match, if there is a traumatic head injury and concussion to a player, and the player remains on the pitch, the Referee shall stop play. The hand signal is the right fist on the top of the head. Such signal will indicate to the team's Duly Licensed Medical Professional to enter the pitch to assess and manage the player. Play shall be stopped for up to three (3) minutes to make this assessment. Once the player has left the pitch, he shall be given a Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (hereinafter: "SCAT") or similar test. It is the responsibility of the team's Duly Licensed Medical Professional to determine whether the player may return to play or be immobilized appropriately and transported off the field using the standard protocol.

27.8. Further to the above, regarding traumatic head injury and concussion, full return to play after a previous concussion must include no signs or symptoms of the previous head injury, an acceptable SCAT assessment, as well as a progressive/staged return to play protocol and return to baseline neuropsychological testing.

27.9. Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental performance of a player, to improve athletic and/or mental performance. If there is a medical need as defined by the player's doctor, then a Therapeutic Use Exemption (hereinafter: "TUE") application must be filed no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the first match of the Competition for chronic conditions, and as soon as possible for acute situations. The TUE approval system includes a designated administrative and functional committee that shall review applications and certify the exemption as the Medical Committee defines.

27.10. Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the Disciplinary Code, and all other relevant FIFA and Concacaf, regulations, circulars, and directives shall apply to the Competition.

27.11. Every player may be subject to in-Competition testing at any match in which the player competes and to out-of-Competition testing at any time and place. Furthermore, reference is made to the "FIFA Anti-Doping Control Regulations" and the list of prohibited substances and methods per the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA").

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

27.13. Failure to comply with these provisions requires a review by the Disciplinary Committee for possible disciplinary action.

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Commercial & Media

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28. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

28.1. Concacaf is the exclusive, absolute, legal, and beneficial owner original and sole owner of all the Commercial Rights to all Matches of the Competition. emanating from The Competition as a collective whole and any other related events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, all kinds of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights, data rights, intellectual property, and incorporeal rights (such as those pertaining to emblems) as well as rights arising under copyright law whether currently existing or created in the future subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.

28.2. All rights, titles, and interests in and to the Intellectual Property Rights in the Competition, including, without limitation, the matches of the Competition, logos, official names, short-form names or nicknames, mascots (if any), trophies and awards, and similar, are and shall remain the exclusive property of Concacaf. PMA shall ensure that any materials (whether printed or electronic) produced in connection with their participation in the Competition do not feature any of the Competition or Concacaf's Intellectual Property Rights other than for descriptive and editorial (non-commercial) purposes only. For the avoidance of doubt, Participating Member Associations shall not use any Competition or Concacaf's Intellectual Property Rights that creates (or may have a tendency to create) an association (commercial or otherwise) with any Participating Team's partners or sponsors.

28.3. To assist with the implementation of the Commercial Regulations, each Participating Member Association (i) must ensure that all Team Delegation Members participate in a Competition photo and video shoot (all such photographs and images to be used and/or sub-licensed by the Confederation in accordance with the remainder of this paragraph), and (ii) shall secure written confirmation from each Team Delegation Member of the Confederation's right to use and/or the Confederation's right to sub-license the right to use, in perpetuity and free of any charge, any of their records, names, photographs and images (including any still and moving representation thereof), which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the Team Delegation Members in both stages of the Competition (including, but no limited to photographs of Team Delegations Members taken for accreditation purposes).

28.4. By no later than two days before each Match Day ("MD-2"), Participating Member Associations are expressly prohibited from bringing, consuming, or displaying any visibly branded items such as food, beverages, towels, bibs, medical bags, bags, personal items, and any other materials or equipment in the Exclusive Areas during the Competition Period, including, without limitation, on Match Days and during Official Competition Activities and Team Media Activities, unless such products are (a) explicitly those products supplied by Concacaf through its Partners (where applicable), (b) unbranded, or (c) contained within containers provided by Concacaf. At all times, Concacaf reserves all its rights to exploit, sell, create, license, sublicense, and dispose of merchandising rights for the Competition, and to authorize and license others to do so. Participating Member Associations are not authorized to create or sell their own co-branded merchandise without the prior written approval of Concacaf; Concacaf, however may appoint a third-party licensee to work directly with each Participating Member Association and local licensees, if any, to establish any product offering and associated royalties from local merchandising of co-branded products, when previously authorized and confirmed in writing by Concacaf.

28.5. Concacaf will issue separate Commercial Regulations for the Competitions specifying these commercial and intellectual property rights. All Participating Member Associations must comply with the Commercial Regulations for the Competition and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with these regulations.

29. MEDIA

29.1. Concacaf shall issue separate Media Regulations for the Competition specifying each PMA's mandatory promotional and media activities that shall occur prior to and during the Competition, including, but not limited to, teams and players filming shoots, interview requests, pre- and post-match press conferences, and open training sessions.

29.2. Each PMA shall comply with the Media Regulations and must ensure that their Team Delegation Members and other affiliates also comply with those Media Regulations.

29.3. For more details, please refer to the Media Regulations.

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FINAL PROVISIONS

30. LIABILITY

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

31. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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

32. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR AND FORCE MAJEURE

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

33. LANGUAGES

33.1. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, Spanish, French or Dutch texts of these Regulations, the English version shall control.

34. COPYRIGHT

34.1. The copyright of the official draw, match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, and the matches shall be the property of Concacaf.

35. NO WAIVER

35.1. Any waiver by Concacaf of any breach of these Regulations (including of any document referred to in these Regulations) shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any breach of any other provision or a waiver of any right arising out of these Regulations or any other document. Any such waiver shall only be valid if given in writing. Failure by Concacaf to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one or more occasions shall not be considered to be a waiver of or deprive Concacaf of the right to subsequently insist upon strict adherence to, that provision or any other provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations.

36. ENFORCEMENT

36.1. These Regulations were approved by the Council on November 4, 2026, and came into full force and effect immediately thereafter.



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