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GENERAL PROVISIONS

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1. 2026 CONCACAF W CHAMPIONSHIP

1.1. The 2026 Concacaf W Championship (hereinafter: the "Competition") is an official Concacaf women's national teams' competition. The Competition shall be held in 2026 and shall take place on the dates and venues Concacaf determines in its sole discretion. Concacaf's member associations affiliated with FIFA (each, a "Member Association") are invited to participate.

1.2. Each Member Associations' participation in the Competition is hereby governed by these Concacaf W Championship regulations, in addition to team participation agreements, applicable commercial and media regulations, disciplinary codes, and any and all guidelines, directives, decisions, and circulars issued by Concacaf (the "Regulations"). The Regulations issued by Concacaf are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organization, and hosting of the Competition.

1.3. The Competition consists of the following matches:

1.3.1. Quarterfinals;

1.3.2. Semifinals;

1.3.3. Third Place;

1.3.4. Play-Ins; and

1.3.5. Final.

1.4. Qualifying for the Competition

1.4.1. The qualifying competition to advance to the 2026 Concacaf W Championship shall be played among the Women's national teams of the Member Associations.

1.4.2. Upon entering the Competition, all Member Associations agree to accept that all administrative and refereeing matters related to

such Competition shall be in accordance with the submitted and approved regulations.

1.4.3. Upon entering the Competition, all Member Associations agree to accept that all disciplinary and appellate matters (e.g., sanctions, procedures, etc.) shall be in accordance with the submitted and approved regulations.

1.4.4. The Member Associations that qualify for the Competition (the "Participating Member Association" or "PMA") shall be determined as follows:

1.4.4.1. The top two (2) ranked teams from the "FIFA/Coca Cola Women's World Ranking" shall be pre-seeded directly to the Competition.

1.4.4.2. The six (6) group winners from the 2025-2026 Concacaf W Qualifiers will directly qualify for the Competition.

2. HOST VENUE

2.1. The host venue ("Host Venue") will work with Concacaf to organize, promote, host, and stage the matches in the Competition as well as the security for the duration thereof.

2.2. The 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 governed by the stadium license agreement.

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 include 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" 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 the safety of teams, Competition Officials (as defined below), Match Officials, 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 below);
- 2.6. Stadium and Training Facilities – Ensuring that the stadiums and training facilities are in line with the latest "Concacaf Stadium and Training Sites Technical Guide". In addition, they must be in conditions suitable for the Competition, based on discussions during site inspection, including but not limited to all the equipment for the field, i.e., nets, goals, and corner flags, covered benches (if required) for the PMAs and Match Officials.
- 2.7. The Host Venue will ensure that any decision taken by Concacaf or its 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. Supervising general preparations and deciding on the structure and format of the Competition;
 - 3.1.2. Setting the dates and approving the venues of the matches during the Competition.
 - 3.1.3. Determining the match schedule and kick-off times for the Competition;

3.1.4. Choosing the official football for the Competition.

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

3.1.5. Approving the choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory that shall carry out the doping analyses as proposed by the FIFA anti-doping unit;

3.1.6. Deciding which matches shall be subject to doping test;

3.1.7. Appointing Competition Officials: venue managers, match directors, match coordinators, operations coordinators, match commissioners, and security officers (collectively, hereinafter: "Competition Officials") and the Match Officials, Concacaf Disciplinary Committee members and any other delegates for the Competition;

3.1.8. Daily allowance and international travel expenses for the Competition Officials and Match Officials;

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

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

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

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

3.1.13. Deciding on the rescheduling of matches due to extraordinary

circumstances or force majeure;

- 3.1.14. Disciplinary measures and communication of relevant actions taken;
- 3.1.15. Daily assignment of Match and Competition Officials;
- 3.1.16. Providing match balls to the teams for training upon arrival and match balls to the venue;
- 3.1.17. Working with the Host Venue to produce a stage to be used for the post-final match award presentation;
- 3.1.18. Provide the trophy, medals, and awards;
- 3.1.19. Replacing Member Associations (as determined by Concacaf) that have withdrawn from the Competition;
- 3.1.20. Settling cases of force majeure;
- 3.1.21. Dealing with any other aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations;

4. PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- 4.1. Each PMA shall be responsible throughout the Competition for:
 - 4.1.1. The conduct of all players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives, and guests of its delegation (hereinafter: "Team Delegation Members"), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition;
 - 4.1.2. Ensuring the provision of adequate insurance to cover its Team Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to health, injury, accident, disease, and travel in consideration of the relevant rules or regulations;

- 4.1.3. Covering all travel-related expenses incurred by its Team Delegation Members to and from the Host Venue, 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 their delegation above the number approved by Concacaf;
- 4.1.5. Applying in a timely manner for any required visas to the consulate or embassy of the Host Venue where their matches will be played and covering any costs associated with these visas; for this process, the assistance of the Host Venue is to be sought out as early as possible;
- 4.1.6. Attending media conferences and other official media activities organized by Concacaf and/or by the Host Venue in accordance with the applicable regulations;
- 4.1.7. Ensuring that every Team Delegation Member complies with all applicable regulations (including these Regulations), directives, guidelines and circulars, decisions made by Concacaf and the Concacaf Council (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Council"), Concacaf Referees Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Referees Committee"), Disciplinary Committee, Concacaf Ethics Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Ethics Committee") and Concacaf Appeal Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Appeals Committee");
- 4.1.8. Providing Concacaf with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. PMAs that fail to provide Concacaf with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed a fine, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure, or otherwise as determined by the Concacaf General Secretariat. PMAs shall be imposed a fine of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000) for late submission of the final roster.

- 4.1.9. Allowing Concacaf to use its association brands and marks for the promotion of the Competition as stipulated in the Concacaf commercial regulations (hereinafter: the "Commercial Regulations") governing each match of the Competition, for the sole purpose of promoting the Competition.
- 4.2. PMAs and their players and officials participating in the Competition shall agree to fully respect and comply with:
 - 4.2.1. The Laws of the Game and the principles of fair play;
 - 4.2.2. The Concacaf Statutes and all Concacaf regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, guidelines, and decisions (including these Regulations);
 - 4.2.3. All decisions and directives of the Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee, as well as Council;
 - 4.2.4. The Concacaf Disciplinary Code (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Disciplinary Code");
 - 4.2.5. The "FIFA Code of Ethics" 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 the Concacaf media regulations (hereinafter, the "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. All FIFA regulations in relation to the eligibility of players;

- 4.3. PMAs shall take all necessary actions for their players and officials to be bound by and comply with all the aforementioned statutes, regulations, rules, codes, protocols, circulars, directives, decisions, stipulations, and requirements.
 - 4.3.1. All PMAs shall indemnify, defend and hold Concacaf, the Host Venue, and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of any kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, any non-compliance with any applicable regulations (including these Regulations) by the PMAs, their Team Delegation Members, their affiliates, or any third parties contracted to the PMA.
- 4.4. All PMAs must refrain from publicly referring to its final roster and/or team as inferior (or "B team"). This includes and is not limited to public comments by Team Delegation Members and publications on official PMA online platforms. Non-compliance with this requirement will result in a fine of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000).

5. ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

- 5.1. Participating in this Competition is both an honor and responsibility. Therefore, PMAs have an obligation to participate in the Competition once qualified or shall be automatically suspended from Concacaf. Upon suspension, a fine of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000) shall be paid to obtain readmission, unless the Council accepts that failure to enter was due to force majeure.
- 5.2. The Competition shall serve to qualify the Member Associations for four (4) slots and two (2) half slots in the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup and three (3) slots in the 2028 Women's Football Olympic Tournament. The two (2) finalists and the third place shall qualify for the 2028 Women's Football Olympic Tournament. In case the host, USA, is a semifinalist of the W Championship, all four (4) semifinalists shall qualify for the 2028 Women's Football Olympic Tournament.

5.3. Each PMA is required to have in their official delegation the following roles: Head Coach, Team Manager/Delegate, Duly Licensed Medical Professional, Equipment Manager, Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer, and Team Media Officer. All roles are mandatory.

5.3.1. Furthermore, it is mandatory that the following roles shall be an individual of the same sex as the players:

5.3.1.1. The Head Coach and/or at least one (1) of the assistant coaches.

5.3.1.2. At least one (1) member of the team's medical staff, such as a physiotherapist or doctor

5.3.1.3. Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer

5.3.1.4. At least two of the officials seated on the team bench.

5.3.2. Additionally, the following roles are strongly encouraged to be the same sex as the players:

5.3.2.1. Any team masseuse and Duly Licensed Medical Professional; provided that if this is not possible, such roles must have an adult, non-player chaperone of the same sex as the players present at all times when such roles are performing their functions.

5.3.2.2. At least half of the team officials.

Any PMA that does not comply with all of the above requirements as from the day of its first match until the end of the tournament shall be fined in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

5.4. 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 players and team delegation. 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://safeguardingsport.fifa.com/>) prior to the Competition. The role of the Team Safeguarding/ Welfare Officer is to:

- 5.4.1. Act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the team delegation during the Competition;
- 5.4.2. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being is prioritized;
- 5.4.3. 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.
- 5.4.4. Know the specific safeguarding rules and measures for the Competition and the avenues available for reporting concerns.
- 5.5. On entering the Competition, the PMA and their Team Delegation Members automatically undertake to:
 - 5.5.1. 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;
 - 5.5.2. Accept Concacaf's right to use and/or Concacaf's right to sub-license the right to use on a non-exclusive basis, in perpetuity and free of any charge, any of their records, names, photographs, and images (including any still and moving representation thereof), which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the Team Delegation Members of all PMAs in the Competition in accordance with the relevant terms of the Commercial Regulations and Media Regulations (as applicable). To the extent that Concacaf's right to use and/or Concacaf's right to sub-license the right to use any of the records, names, photographs, and images may fall in the ownership and/or control of a third party, the PMAs and their Team Delegation Members shall ensure that such third party waives, pledges and unconditionally assigns and/or transfers to Concacaf's with immediate effect, with full title guarantee in perpetuity and without any restriction, any such rights to ensure Concacaf's unfettered use as set out above;

5.5.3. Respect the principles of fair play. 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 applicable deadline 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. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.
- 6.2. Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes, with a half-time interval of fifteen (15) minutes.
- 6.3. 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 shall have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game; substitutions may also be made at half-time. If both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one (1) of the three (3) opportunities for each team. Unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time. An additional substitution shall be

allowed in extra time, teams will each have one (1) additional substitution opportunity. Substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time. Substitutions made during half time, before the start of the extra time and at half-time of the extra time shall not reduce the substitution opportunities available.

- 6.7. Video Assistant Referee ("VAR") may be used for reviewing match-changing decisions/incidents as per the protocol established by the IFAB.

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7. WITHDRAWAL, UNPLAYED MATCHES AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- 7.1. After the TPA is signed, all PMAs have the obligation to play all of their matches until eliminated from the Competition.
- 7.2. Any PMA that withdraws up to thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Competition is subject to a fine of at least thirty thousand U.S. dollars (USD 30,000). Any PMA that withdraws within thirty (30) days prior to the first match of the Competition or during the Competition itself, shall be subject to a fine of at least sixty thousand U.S. dollars (USD 60,000).
- 7.3. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the Disciplinary Committee may impose sanctions in addition to those provided for in section 7.2 above, including the expulsion of the applicable PMA from subsequent Concacaf competitions.
- 7.4. Any match that is not played, or 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, or any/or any other PMA involved, and/or any expenses incurred as a result of its behavior. In such cases, the applicable PMA may also be ordered by Concacaf to pay compensation for any damages incurred by Concacaf or any other 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 is deemed 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 team does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, or refuses to continue to play, or leaves the pitch before the end of the match, such team shall be considered to have lost the match 3-0 and three (3) points shall be awarded to its opponent. If in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team had already reached a higher score at the time the team in question left the field, then the higher score shall remain. The Disciplinary Committee shall decide if a team that has withdrawn shall be excluded from further participation in the Competition and the results of those matches shall be considered to have lost them by a result of 3-0 and three (3) points shall be awarded to those opponents. The results of any matches played before by the team in question, those results shall remain as the final result of the match.
- 7.8. In addition to the above, the team in question shall pay compensation for any damage or losses suffered by Concacaf, the Host Venue, and/or the other PMAs, and shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from Concacaf.
- 7.9. The decisions by Concacaf in this section 7 are final and binding, and not subject to appeal.
- 7.10. Further to section 7.6 above, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles shall apply:
 - 7.10.1. The match shall be recommenced at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full and with the same score line;
 - 7.10.2. The match shall restart with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;
 - 7.10.3. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
 - 7.10.4. The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
 - 7.10.5. Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;

- 7.10.6. Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- 7.10.7. The match shall restart at the place where play was stopped when the match was abandoned (i.e., with a free kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, penalty kick, etc.). If the match was abandoned while the ball was still in play, it shall restart with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped;
- 7.10.8. The kick-off time, date (which shall be scheduled for the following day or otherwise as soon as possible) and location shall be decided by Concacaf;
- 7.10.9. Any matters requiring a further decision shall be handled by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

8. REPLACEMENTS

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

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 9.1. Each PMA must ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the Competition:
 - 9.1.1. All players shall hold the nationality of such PMA and be subject to its jurisdiction;
 - 9.1.2. All players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA statutes, the regulations governing the application of the FIFA statutes and other relevant FIFA rules and regulations.
- 9.2. Any issues regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.
- 9.3. The PMAs 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 match of the Competition until the player's eligibility status is confirmed by Concacaf in accordance with the applicable regulations.

10. PLAYERS' LIST

- 10.1. Each PMA in the Competition must provide Concacaf with a provisional list up to sixty (60) players (at least five (5) must be goalkeepers) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first match of the Competition. Players may not be added to the provisional list after the specified deadline. This list shall reflect each player's last name, first name, date of birth, and passport number as specifically noted in their international passport. In addition to any other information requested by Concacaf. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf-approved platform (currently, Comet), which shall be time-stamped.
- 10.2. Each PMA participating in the Competition must submit to Concacaf its final list of up to twenty-three (23) players (three (3) must be goalkeepers), no later than ten (10) days prior to the first match of the Competition. The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. This information must be submitted through the Concacaf-approved platform (currently, Comet), which 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 up until twenty-four (24) hours before the kick-off of its PMA's first match and such replacement must come from the provisional list. Concacaf and/or the Concacaf Medical Committee (as such term is defined in the Concacaf Statutes, hereinafter: the "Medical Committee") must approve such replacements in writing upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment with a doctor's stamp or valid letterhead in one (1) of the four (4) official Concacaf languages through the **Concacaf Player Injury Report**. Concacaf and/or the Medical Committee shall approve the request if the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from participating in the Competition. Upon approval, the PMA shall immediately nominate a replacement and inform the Concacaf General Secretariat accordingly. The replacement player must be assigned the shirt number of the

injured player being replaced.

- 10.4. A goalkeeper listed on the final list may be replaced by another goalkeeper from the provisional list only, in the event of serious injury of medical matter at any time during the competition. The incoming goalkeeper must be assigned the next available shirt number not yet used.
- 10.5. The only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity and nationality shall be a valid passport that explicitly states the player's day, month, and year of birth. Identity cards, passport 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 Director at the "Team Arrival Meeting". A player without a valid passport shall not be entitled to play.
 - 10.5.1. Concacaf reserves the right to request additional information from the player to confirm eligibility, such as a birth certificate from the player, her parents, or grandparents.

11. START LIST AND SUBSTITUTES ON THE BENCH

- 11.1. Up to twenty-three (23) players may be entered on the start list (eleven (11) starters and twelve (12) substitutes). Up to a maximum of five (5) substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match. The start list (teamsheet report) shall be signed by the head coach upon arrival at the stadium on matchday.
- 11.2. The numbers and names on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers and names indicated on the start list (numbers 1-23 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 platform (currently, Comet) at the latest ninety (90) minutes prior to kick-off. Teams will receive a copy of the start list seventy-five (75) minutes prior to kick off.
- 11.4. After the start lists have been completed, signed by the head coach, and

returned to the Match Director and, if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:

- 11.4.1. 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 twelve (12) substitutes. The replaced player(s) may no longer take part in the match, and the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly. During the match, five (5) players may still be substituted.
- 11.4.2. 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. 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.
- 11.6. No more than twenty-three (23) people (eleven (11) Team Delegation Members and twelve (12) substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials must be indicated on the start list provided to the Match Director. A suspended player or Team Delegation Member will not be allowed in the competitions area (i.e., locker room and/or tunnel), field of play, nor may sit on the substitutes' bench or technical seats, nor may participate in any media activities.
- 11.7. Team Delegation Members and substitutes shall remain within the technical area during the match except in special circumstances, e.g., a physiotherapist/doctor entering the field of play, with referee's permission, to assess an injured player. Team Delegation Members and substitutes who fail to abide by the aforementioned provision can be sanctioned and reported to the Disciplinary Committee.
- 11.8. For the Competition, each team may have up to ten (10) Team Delegation Members in the designated technical seats. The location of these seats will vary by stadium, either positioned behind the team bench in the bleachers or on the field of play in a designated area. Team Delegation Members must remain in their assigned area for the duration of the match and are not permitted to move back and forth. They are

expected to maintain the highest level of professionalism, and failure to abide by the aforementioned provision can be sanctioned and reported to the Disciplinary Committee.

- 11.9. Before the pre-match ceremony, all Team Delegation Members must be in their assigned locations for the match. Team Delegation Members who are not designated officials on the bench will not be permitted in the bench area during the national anthems or the start of the match. Additionally, if the match proceeds to penalty kicks, Team Delegation Members seated in the technical seats will not be allowed on the bench. Only properly accredited Team Delegation Members will have access. Failure to abide by the aforementioned provision can be sanctioned and reported to the Disciplinary Committee.
- 11.10. Concacaf shall issue each of the official Team Delegation Members with an accreditation during the Competition.
- 11.11. Injured players who are replaced up to (twenty-four) 24 hours before 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.
- 11.12. 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 shall be outlined in the relevant 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP

12.1. The Concacaf W Championship will consist of Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Third-Place, Play-Ins, and Final. The PMAs in the Concacaf W Championship will include all eligible Concacaf MAs. The decisions of the Concacaf are final and not subject to appeal.

12.2. The eight (8) teams qualified for the Competition shall be ranked based on the "FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking" in the Quarterfinals as follows:

- QF 1: Ranked # 1 vs Ranked # 8
- QF 2: Ranked # 2 vs Ranked # 7
- QF 3: Ranked # 3 vs Ranked # 6
- QF 4: Ranked # 4 vs Ranked # 5

12.3. The four (4) winners from the Quarterfinals shall contest the Semifinals as follows:

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

12.4. The four (4) losers from the Quarterfinals shall contest the Play-In matches as follows:

- Loser QF1 vs Loser QF4 = Play-In 1
- Loser QF2 vs Loser QF3 = Play-In 2

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

- Winner SF1 vs Winner SF 2 = Final match

12.6. The loser of SF1 will play against the loser of SF2 in the third-place

match.

- Loser SF1 vs Loser SF 2 = Third-place match

- 12.7. In the final match, if the score is tied at the end of regular time, extra time will be played. If extra time is played, each team will have one (1) additional substitution and one (1) additional substitution opportunity. Therefore, each team will be allowed a total of six (6) substitutions and four (4) substitution opportunities. If the score is tied at the end of extra time the matches will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark per the Laws of the Game.
- 12.8. The four (4) semifinalists of the Championship will qualify for the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup. The two (2) winners from the Play-In matches will receive a half slot to the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup.
- 12.9. The two (2) finalists and the winner of the third-place match will qualify for the 2028 Women's Football Olympic Tournament. In case the host, USA, is a semifinalist of the W Championship, all semifinalists will qualify for the 2028 Women's Football Olympic Tournament.
- 12.10. Match dates and times shall be scheduled by Concacaf.
- 12.11. The decisions of Concacaf on the structure and format of the Competition are final. In the event of any withdrawals, Concacaf may change the structure and format in accordance with the provisions aforementioned in Section 7.

COMPETITION PREPARATION

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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 and ending one (1) month after the last match of the Competition. The same market as the Competition is defined as a 100-mile 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 teams are determined for the Competition and until the Competition has concluded, teams may not play a friendly match against each other.
- 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. All matches will only be played in venues that have been inspected and approved by Concacaf.
- 14.2. All host markets for the Competition will have a sufficient number of first-class accommodations, suitable for PMAs and Concacaf delegation.
- 14.3. On the day prior to the first match of the Competition, 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, the Match Director may cancel the walkthrough session. Team Delegation Members are strictly prohibited from wearing cleats during walkthroughs and each PMA bears the responsibility for each Team Delegation Member.

14.4. Drone 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.

14.4.1. 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.

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

14.6. 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 Laws of the Game procedure shall apply.

14.7. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements laid down by Concacaf Stadium Guidelines, i.e., that the whole pitch shall be evenly lit, with a minimum requirement lighting level of at least one thousand (1,000) vertical EV lux. Additionally, the uniformity gradient of light on the field of play should be of 1.4:1. An emergency power generator must also be available which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the aforementioned intensity of light for the whole pitch. Concacaf may grant exceptions at its sole discretion.

14.8. On matchdays, the teams shall be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match; weather and pitch conditions permitting. The first

match shall be entitled to warm up on the field of play thirty (30) minutes prior to the match. The duration of the warmup on the field of play prior to the match for the teams of the second match shall depend on the time the first match of the day ends. Alternative warm-up areas for the second match teams shall be provided to start their warmup before entering the field of play. If the pitch is not in good condition or the warm-up would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, Concacaf may limit the area on the field of play for the warm-up or shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

- 14.9. 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 use of each team starting three (3) days prior to their first match of the Competition and upon arrival to 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.
- 15.2. Each PMA shall arrive at the venue no later than three (3) days prior to such PMA's first match of the Competition and depart the day after the PMA's last match at such venue. 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 PMA 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, and in particular about 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 W Championship Technical Guide for

Stadium and Training Sites and comply with the safety and security standards 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 Director, in consultation with the Venue Manager, 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 Director has the authority to order its closure during the match, provided that the safety and security of all spectators, players, and other stakeholders remain 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 Director 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" in force. The display of political, religious, or personal messages or slogans in any language or form by players and officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, captain armbands, etc.), or body is prohibited, and disciplinary actions may be taken, including but not limited to, match suspensions and/or fines, based on the severity of the incident. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed at any official activity organized by Concacaf (including in the stadiums for official matches and official training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).
- 17.2. Each PMA shall provide Concacaf with a minimum of two (2) different and contrasting color kits (one (1) predominately dark and one (1) predominately light) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts, socks, all three (3) goalkeeper's kits, gloves, caps, wristbands, and headbands etc.). In addition, each PMA shall provide three (3) contrasting colors for the goalkeepers. The three (3) goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the official and reserve team kits. The physical kits must be sent to Concacaf at least three (3) months prior to the first match of the Competition for Concacaf approval. Only these colors may be worn at any of the matches of the Competition. Any requests to change these kits must be submitted to Concacaf for approval at least thirty (30) days prior to the applicable match.
- 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.

- 17.4. Concacaf shall strive to assign each PMA either their full official or reserve kits. However, in some cases, this may not be possible. In such cases, one PMA will be assigned a predominantly dark kit, and the other PMA will be assigned a predominantly light kit. Only uniforms approved and designated by Concacaf may be used for 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-three (23) (number one (1) being reserved exclusively for one (1) of the goalkeepers) on the front and back of her team shirt and on her playing shorts. The color of the numbers shall contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the "FIFA Equipment Regulations".
- 17.6. The player's last name or common name (or abbreviation) shall be affixed above the number on the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible in accordance with the "FIFA Equipment Regulations". If the common name is used, such name shall be approved by Concacaf.
- 17.7. Concacaf shall supply each PMA with sixty (60) sleeve patches (Competition patches) per match, 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 includes instructions for the use of the players' sleeve badges per the Commercial Regulations.
- 17.8. Each player shall wear the number allotted to them on the final list in accordance with the "FIFA Equipment Regulations".
- 17.9. Each PMA shall take the official and reserve team kits, and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts without names and numbers), to every match of the Competition.
- 17.10. Only warm-up bibs provided by Concacaf shall be used during official

training sessions 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 with a total of forty (40) 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 flag of each PMA shall be displayed or flown inside the stadium at each match. In addition, there shall be a ceremonial procession of each PMA's flag onto the pitch, followed by the entry of the teams, according to Concacaf's pre-match protocol. The national anthems of the two (2) teams (maximum ninety (90) seconds each, no lyrics permitted) shall be played after the teams have lined up.

20. TICKETING

- 20.1. Concacaf 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. Concacaf shall set aside the following for each PMA that qualifies for each applicable match of the Competition:
 - 20.1.1. Fifty (50) Category 1 and fifty (50) Category 2 complimentary tickets for Quarterfinals.
 - 20.1.2. Seventy-five (75) Category 1 and twenty-five (25) Category 2 complimentary tickets for Semifinals and Play-In matches.
 - 20.1.3. One hundred (100) Category 1 complimentary tickets for the Final and Third-place match.
 - 20.1.4. One (1) VIP suite per match.

- 20.1.5. Two hundred (200) purchasable Category 1 tickets and two hundred (200) purchasable Category 2 tickets per match (subject to availability).
- 20.2. These allotments are subject to each PMA confirming the request for these tickets no later than sixty (60) days prior to the first match of the Competition. If PMAs do not confirm this request in writing by the deadline, these tickets may not be available.
- 20.3. Ticket requests for purchase must be confirmed and paid for at least thirty (30) days prior to the first match of the Competition. If payment has not been processed, tickets are not guaranteed and may not be available.
- 20.4. PMAs may return no more than ten percent (10%) of the originally requested tickets per stadium and such returned tickets must be in Concacaf's possession at least fourteen (14) days prior to the applicable match. Otherwise, they will be deemed sold.

21. TROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS

- 21.1. The winner of the Competition shall be presented with the championship trophy (hereinafter: the "Trophy"). The winning team shall be provided with the Trophy during a ceremony immediately following the final whistle.
- 21.2. Forty (40) medals shall be presented to each of the top three (3) teams in the Competition, i.e., gold medals to the winners, silver medals to the runners-up, and bronze medals to the third-place winner.
- 21.3. Medals shall be presented to each of the Match Officials who officiate at the final match.
- 21.4. At the conclusion of the Competition, the following special awards will be presented:

Fair Play Trophy:

A fair play contest will be held during the Competition, for which Concacaf will draw up special regulations. Concacaf shall determine

the ranking at the end of the Competition. The team with the best fair play performance shall be awarded the fair play award (hereinafter: the "Fair Play Award"). The Fair Play Award shall be awarded to the team, which has shown the best sporting spirit and fair play during the Competition as determined by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

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 number of assists (as determined by Concacaf in its sole discretion) shall be decisive. If two (2) or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total number of minutes played during the Competition shall be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes ranked first.

Best Player:

The best player award (hereinafter: the "Best Player Award") shall be awarded to the best player throughout the Competition, as determined by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

Best Goalkeeper:

The best goalkeeper award (hereinafter: the "Best Goalkeeper Award") shall be awarded to the best goalkeeper throughout the Competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

Young Player Award:

The young player award (hereinafter: the "Young Player Award") shall be awarded to the young player with the biggest impact at the Competition, as determined by Concacaf in its sole discretion.

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

22. REFEREEING

- 22.1. The referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, and video match officials (if applicable) (collectively, hereinafter: 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 and not subject to appeal.

- 22.2. The Match Officials shall receive their official refereeing kit and equipment from Concacaf. They shall wear and use only this kit and equipment on match days.
- 22.3. Match Officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
- 22.4. If the referee is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, such referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. If one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, such assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official or by the reserve assistant referee (when appointed).
- 22.5. After each match, the referee shall complete and confirm the official match report form. He/she submit such match report form through the Concacaf-approved platform (currently, Comet) immediately after the match at the stadium. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behavior by supporters, and/or by officials or any other person acting on behalf of a PMA at the match and any other incident happening before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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23. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 23.1. The Disciplinary Committee will apply these Regulations and the Disciplinary Code. In addition, it may apply the Concacaf Statutes, as appropriate.
- 23.2. The players agree in particular to:
 - 23.2.1. Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 23.2.2. Behave accordingly;
 - 23.2.3. Refrain from doping as defined by the "FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations" as well as to accept all other applicable FIFA and/or Concacaf regulations, circulars, and/or directives.
- 23.3. The PMA and their Team Delegation Members shall comply with Concacaf and FIFA Statutes, the Disciplinary Code and the "FIFA Code of Ethics", in particular in matters regarding the fight against discrimination, racism, and match-fixing activities.
- 23.4. In cases of violations of any of the above, any other applicable regulations, the Laws of the Game, the rules of fair play, or any unsporting behavior on the part of the PMA, their players, and/or officials, or in any kind of incident, the Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
 - 23.4.1. Warn, caution, admonish, sanction, fine, take action against, deduct points, suspend, and/or disqualify the PMA, their players, and/or 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 to the Council any matter relating to an infringement of these Regulations as it sees fit whether for further

sanction or any other reason.

- 23.6. The Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written record or videos. Additionally, hearings may be held to investigate a case.
- 23.7. When making a decision, the Disciplinary Committee may refer to the reports made by the Match Officials, Competition Officials, or any other Concacaf official or staff present. Reference may also be made to additional reports including declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions, audio, and/or video recordings. Such reports may be used as evidence but only as the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned, and shall not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with the play.
- 23.8. The Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide any procedures to be followed in such hearing.
- 23.9. Disciplinary Committee sessions may be held with a single member. Decisions shall be made by the sole judge, or they shall be adopted by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the president of the Disciplinary shall have the casting vote.
- 23.10. The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee are final and binding, and not be subject to appeal:
 - 23.10.1. Cautions, warnings, and censures imposed on PMAs, players, officials, or any other persons.
 - 23.10.2. Suspension of up to two (2) matches or of up to two (2) months imposed on PMAs, players, officials, or any other persons.
 - 23.10.3. Fines imposed on PMAs not exceeding sixty thousand US dollars (USD 60,000) or on players, officials, or any other persons not exceeding ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000).
 - 23.10.4. Decisions made in 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 thereof.

23.12. Cautions and suspensions:

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

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

23.12.3. Single yellow cards shall be eliminated at the end of the Quarterfinals and not carried over into Semifinals and/or Play-In matches.

23.12.4. Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served in the match of the Competition.

23.12.5. Unserved suspensions 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 Delegation Member per the Disciplinary Code.

23.12.6. Match suspensions resulting from two (2) cautions issued to a player or Team Delegation Member in different matches of the Competition shall not be carried over to another competition.

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 players, referees, officials, coaches, or officers that are punishable by economic sanctions shall be reported to the Concacaf General Secretariat for consideration by the Council.

24. CONCACAF APPEALS COMMITTEE

24.1. The Appeals Committee shall hear the appeals made against the decisions made by the Disciplinary Committee, provided that any such appeal meets the requirements for appealability.

- 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 additionally, at its sole discretion, also consider additional evidence, including television and video recordings, which it considers relevant.
- 24.4. The appellant must notify the Appeals Committee in writing of their intention to appeal the decision, within three (3) days, from the notification of the grounds for the decision. Said notification must be made via email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.
- 24.5. Once the period for communicating the intention to appeal has elapsed, the appellant shall have five (5) days to present the formal appeal letter. It should contain the appellant's requests, a statement of the facts, evidence, a list of the proposed witnesses (with a brief summary of the foreseeable testimony), and the appellant's conclusions. Said formal appeal letter must be made via email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. The appellant shall not present further documentation or evidence once the deadline for submitting such formal appeal letter has elapsed.
- 24.6. Appeals are subject to the payment of a fee of one thousand U.S. dollars (USD 1,000), which must be paid, at the latest, at the time the formal appeal letter is delivered. The appellant must send confirmation of said transfer by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.
- 24.7. Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned requirements shall result in the appeal not being admitted.
- 24.8. Appeals Committee sessions may be held with a single member. Decisions shall be made by the sole judge, or they will be adopted by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the president of the Appeals Committee shall have the casting vote.

25. PROTESTS

- 25.1. For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches organized in the Competition, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations, and footballs.
- 25.2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this section, protests shall be submitted in writing to the Match Director or Concacaf representative in the venue no later than two (2) hours after the end of the 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. Protests are subject to the payment of a fee of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500), which must be paid, at the latest, at the time the written report is delivered, with confirmation of said transfer by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.
- 25.3. Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the Competition shall be submitted in writing to the Concacaf General Secretariat by e-mail no later than two (2) hours after the applicable match in question, 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. Such protests are subject to the payment of a fee of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500), which must be paid, at the latest, at the time the written report is delivered, with confirmation of said transfer by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.
- 25.4. Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings, or accessory items (e.g., goals, flag posts or footballs) shall be made in writing to the referee prior to the start of the match by the head of delegation of the PMA lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team

shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Director or Concacaf representative in the venue by the head of delegation of the PMA no later than two (2) hours after the match in question. Such protests are subject to the payment of a fee of five hundred U.S. dollars (USD 500), which must be paid, at the latest, at the time the written report is delivered, with confirmation of said transfer by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org.

25.5. Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Director or Concacaf representative in the venue by the head of the team delegation no later than two (2) hours after the match in question.

25.6. Only protests regarding requests to review and rectify a clear and obvious case of error related to a disciplinary decision on the field of play by Match Officials for a direct red card shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner or the Concacaf representative at headquarters no later than two (2) hours after the end of the match in question. The protest must be followed up within the next forty-eight (48) hours with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest and any and all evidence (e.g., video, photography, written statements, others) supporting the protest, which must be sent in writing and by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org, or shall otherwise be discarded. Protests are subject to the payment of a fee of ten thousand U.S. dollars (USD 10,000), which must be paid, at the latest, at the time the written report is delivered, with confirmation of said transfer by email to the Concacaf General Secretariat, to general.secretariat@concacaf.org with a copy to disciplinary@concacaf.org. This amount shall be refunded if the protest is accepted in its entirety.

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

- 25.8. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, Concacaf may impose a fine.
- 25.9. The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by Concacaf, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.
- 25.10. If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the Competition has ended and/or once the winning team of the Competition has been proclaimed, any appeals, protests, or complaints about the sports procedure followed during the Competition shall be disregarded.

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26.1. Concacaf shall bear the costs of:

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

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

26.1.3. The official team delegation for each PMA in the Competition shall be composed of a maximum of thirty-four (34) people:

26.1.3.1. A maximum of twenty-three (23) players.

26.1.3.2. A maximum of eleven (11) Team Delegation Members.

26.1.3.3. One (1) team liaison officer ("TLO")

26.1.4. Breakfast and local 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;

26.1.5. Travel and preparation allowance for each PMA, the amount of which shall be determined by Concacaf (if applicable).

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

26.1.7. Doping expenses;

- 26.1.8. The costs of insurance taken out by Concacaf to cover its own risks.
- 26.2. The PMAs shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:
 - 26.2.1. Adequate insurance to cover their Team Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease, and travel in consideration of the applicable FIFA and Concacaf rules or regulations.
 - 26.2.2. International travel, visas, and the daily allowances for the respective Team Delegation Members;
 - 26.2.3. Any additional cost for lodging and meals for the additional staff traveling outside the official delegation from the PMA.
- 26.3. Any disputes arising from financial provisions shall be resolved amongst the applicable PMAs but may be submitted to Concacaf for final decision.
- 26.4. Any expenses and costs incurred by a PMA other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be borne by such applicable PMA.

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27. MEDICAL/DOPING

- 27.1. In order to protect players' health as well as to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches at the Competition, each PMA shall ensure and confirm to Concacaf that its players and officials undergo a pre-competition medical assessment (hereinafter: "PCMA") prior to the start 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. 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 all PMAs.
- 27.2. The Duly Licensed Medical Professional of each PMA (i.e., national team doctor) 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 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. Additionally, Concacaf shall not be held liable for any incident (including death) linked to any injury or health problem(s) of any player or official.
- 27.5. As stated in these Regulations, each PMA shall be responsible throughout the Competition for providing health, travel, and accident insurance coverage for all Team Delegation Members throughout the Competition. In addition, and in accordance with the "FIFA Regulations

on the Status and Transfer of Players”, the PMA with which any participating player is registered shall be responsible for player’s insurance coverage against illness and accident during the entire period of the player’s release.

- 27.6. Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned provisions shall be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 27.7. Regarding non-traumatic loss of consciousness or collapse during a match, the referee shall assume sudden cardiac arrest 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.
- 27.8. During the match, if there is a traumatic head injury leading to a concussion to a player, and the player remains on the field of play, the referee shall stop play for as much as three (3) minutes as injury time. 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 field to assess and manage the player. At this time, a sideline concussion assessment test (hereinafter: “SCAT”) will be administered. At the end of the three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Duly Licensed Medical Professional, the player may be ready to return to play or immobilized appropriately and transported off the field using the standard protocol.
- 27.9. Further to the above, in regard to traumatic head injury and concussion, full return to play after a previous concussion must include no signs or symptoms of the previous head injury, an acceptable SCAT, as well as a progressive/staged return to play protocol and return to baseline neuropsychological testing.
- 27.10. Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental performance of a player, with a view to improving athletic and/or mental performance. If there is a

medical need as defined by the player's doctor, then a therapeutic use exemption (hereinafter: "TUE") application must be filed 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 will review applications and certify the exemption as the committee defines.

- 27.11. Doping is strictly prohibited. The "FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations", the "FIFA Disciplinary Code", and all other relevant FIFA and Concacaf regulations, circulars, and directives shall apply to the Competition.
- 27.12. 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".
- 27.13. If, in accordance with the "FIFA Anti-Doping Control Regulations", a player tests positive for the use of banned substances, the player shall be immediately declared ineligible for further participation in the Competition and shall be subject to further sanctions from the Disciplinary Committee.

COMMERCIAL RIGHTS



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28. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- 28.1. Concacaf is the sole and exclusive owner of all of the rights emanating from the Competition as a collective whole and any other related events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place, and law. These rights include, among others, all kinds of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights, 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. The competition marks and composite logo may only be used by PMAs for the purpose of referring descriptively to their participation in the Competition. All commercial or promotional use of the competition marks and composite logo by PMAs and/or their PMA affiliates and/or any third party contracted to the PMAs is strictly prohibited.
- 28.3. Concacaf shall issue separate Commercial Regulations for the Competition specifying these commercial and intellectual property rights. All PMA shall comply with the Commercial Regulations for the Competition and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with those Commercial Regulations.

29. MEDIA

- 29.1. Concacaf shall issue separate Media Regulations for the Competition specifying each PMA's mandatory promotional and media activities that will take place prior to and during the Competition. These will include, among others, interview requests, pre- and post-match press conferences, and open training sessions.
- 29.2. Each PMA shall comply with the Competition's Media Regulations and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates, and other affiliates also comply with those Media Regulations.

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

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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, 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 at Concacaf's sole reasonable 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 match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations 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 Concacaf Council on April 20, 2026, and come into force immediately thereafter.

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