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I. FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CHINA 2007

Article 1 **FIFA Women's World Cup China 2007**

1. The FIFA Women's World Cup China 2007 (the "Women's World Cup") is a FIFA competition embodied in the FIFA Statutes.
2. The Women's World Cup consists of a preliminary and a final competition.
3. The organisation of the preliminary competition for the Women's World Cup is assigned to the confederations in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.
4. FIFA has appointed the Football Association of The People's Republic of China (the "Organising Association") as the host of the final competition for the Women's World Cup.
5. Any rights that are not ceded by these regulations to the Organising Association or any association participating in the final competition or to a confederation belong to FIFA.

II. ENTRIES FOR THE WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Article **2** Entries for the Women's World Cup

1. The Women's World Cup takes place every four years. As a general rule, every association affiliated to FIFA may participate in the Women's World Cup.
2. The Women's World Cup consists of two parts:
 - A. the preliminary competition
 - B. the final competition
3. Entry into the Women's World Cup is free of charge.

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Article 3 Preliminary competition

1. The preliminary competition is organised by the confederations, which are required to draw up regulations and submit them for approval to the FIFA general secretariat three months before the start of the preliminary competition.
2. On entering the preliminary competition, the participating member associations automatically undertake to:
 - a) observe these regulations and those drawn up by the respective confederation;
 - b) accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters related to the preliminary competition shall be dealt with by the respective confederation in compliance with the regulations submitted. FIFA will not intervene unless associations not affiliated to a confederation are involved, or a confederation requests FIFA's intervention, or in any cases specifically provided for in the FIFA Disciplinary Code;
 - c) observe the principles of fair play.

Article **4** **Final competition**

1. Associations qualified to take part in the final competition of the Women's World Cup shall confirm their participation by sending the official entry form, duly completed, to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline set by FIFA.
2. Entries sent by fax shall be confirmed by sending the signed official entry form by mail to the FIFA general secretariat.
3. On entering the final competition, the participating member associations automatically undertake to:
 - a) observe these regulations and ensure that the members of its delegation and its players also observe these regulations and the principles of fair play;
 - b) accept the decisions passed by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these regulations;
 - c) participate in all matches of the Women's World Cup in which their team is scheduled to take part;
 - d) accept all the arrangements made by the Organising Association of the final competition in agreement with FIFA;
 - e) accept the use and/or sublicense by FIFA, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of players and officials and those of participating member associations that may appear in connection with the final competition;
 - f) provide sufficient insurance to cover their delegation against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident and disease.

III. ORGANISATION OF THE FINAL COMPETITION

Article 5 Draw

1. The draw for the final competition of the Women's World Cup will take place at least two months prior to the first match of the final competition.
2. The draw will be organised by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and will be combined with a team workshop on the Women's World Cup.

Article 6 Organising Association, number of teams, arrival at the venues

1. The Organising Association is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the final competition, as well as security for the duration thereof. It will set up the LOC as an internal division in accordance with the Organising Association Agreement (OAA), a special contract regulating the working relationship between FIFA and the Organising Association. Both the Organising Association and the LOC shall be subject to the control of FIFA. All of FIFA's decisions are final.
2. The Organising Association undertakes to observe these regulations, the List of Requirements (LoR) and the OAA drawn up by FIFA.
3. The FIFA Executive Committee determines the maximum number of teams to take part in the final competition. The number of teams taking part in the 2007 final competition has been fixed at 16, to be apportioned among the confederations as follows:

- AFC	2.5 teams
- CAF	2 teams
- CONCACAF	2.5 teams
- CONMEBOL	2 teams
- OFC	1 team
- UEFA	5 teams
- Host	China PR
4. Each team participating in the final competition of the Women's World Cup shall arrive in the host country at least four days before the opening match of the final competition, regardless of the date of the team's first match.

Article 7 Venues, dates and kick-off times for final competition matches

1. The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be proposed by the LOC, subject to the approval of the Committee for Women's Football and the Women's World Cup ("the FIFA Organising Committee").
2. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights. Evening matches may only be played at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements specified by FIFA. An emergency power generator shall also be available which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees sufficient light for the whole pitch.
3. The FIFA Organising Committee shall fix the dates and venues of the matches, allowing each team a minimum rest period of 48 hours between matches.
4. Weather permitting, the teams will be entitled to a training session of a maximum of 45 minutes on the day before their first match at the stadium where they are scheduled to play. If the pitch is not in good condition or training sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the next match, FIFA may shorten or cancel the training session.
5. The teams will be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match, weather permitting. If the pitch is not in good condition or training sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, FIFA may shorten or cancel the training session.
6. The LOC shall provide a minimum of one training ground for two teams. These training grounds shall be in good condition, situated near the team hotel and made available at least five days before the opening match until one day after the team's last match in the Women's World Cup.
7. The stadiums and training grounds shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least five days prior to the start of the final competition until the final competition is completed, unless the FIFA Organising Committee gives special permission.

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8. All stadiums and training grounds shall be available and free of any and all commercial activities and identifications (e.g. boards and other signage) other than those of FIFA's commercial affiliates at least five days prior to the first match played in a stadium or prior to the first training session held.
9. As from 5 (five) days prior to their first match and up to their elimination, the teams participating in the final competition shall use only those training sites which have been officially designated for training by FIFA. If a team's preparation site is used as an official training site, par. 8 above will apply.

IV. WITHDRAWAL, PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PLAY, REPLACEMENT

Article 8 **Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement**

1. All participating member associations undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the Women's World Cup.
2. Any association that withdraws no later than 30 days before the start of the final competition shall be fined CHF 15,000. Any association that withdraws less than 30 days before the start of the final competition shall be fined CHF 20,000. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose additional sanctions, including the suspension of the association concerned from subsequent FIFA competitions.
3. Any association that withdraws before the start of the final competition may be replaced by another association. The FIFA Organising Committee will decide on the matter at its sole discretion.
4. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the FIFA Organising Committee, any association that withdraws may be ordered to reimburse FIFA and the Organising Association for any expenses already incurred as a result of its involvement in the final competition, and may also be obliged to pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred.
5. The relevant FIFA committee shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from the Organising Association.
6. If, through the fault of any association, a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the FIFA Organising Committee shall declare that the match be forfeited (awarding victory and the resultant three points to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score in the match at the time of abandonment) and/or exclude the team concerned from the final competition.
7. The FIFA Organising Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in cases of force majeure.

Article 9 Committee for Women's Football and the FIFA Women's World Cup

1. The FIFA Organising Committee, appointed by the FIFA Executive Committee, is responsible for organising the Women's World Cup in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee may, if necessary, appoint a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with emergencies. Any decision taken by the bureau or the sub-committee shall come into effect immediately but shall be subject to confirmation by the plenary committee at its next meeting.
3. The responsibilities of the FIFA Organising Committee include:
 - a) supervising general preparations, and deciding on the competition format, the draw and the formation of groups;
 - b) approving the dates and venues of the matches and determining kick-off times;
 - c) approving the choice of stadiums and training grounds in accordance with the LoR and after consultation with the LOC;
 - d) appointing match commissioners;
 - e) verifying that the requirements concerning the eligibility of players are met (cf. article 20 and article 21);
 - f) approving the official football and the stipulated technical material;
 - g) approving the choice of laboratories that will carry out the doping analyses;
 - h) reporting cases in relation to article 8 of these regulations to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for deliberation;
 - i) judging protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility;
 - j) replacing associations that have withdrawn from the Women's World Cup;
 - k) settling cases of force majeure;
 - l) dealing with any other aspect of the Women's World Cup that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these regulations or the FIFA Statutes.
4. The decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee and/or its sub-committee are final and binding.

VI. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND APPEALS

Article 10 Disciplinary matters

1. Disciplinary incidents are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code in force and the relevant circulars and directives, with which the participating member associations undertake to comply.
2. FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the tournament. Such rules shall be communicated to the participating teams one month before the first match of the final competition at the latest.
3. The member associations and players participating in the Women's World Cup agree to comply with the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes and regulations, in particular the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the Doping Control Regulations for FIFA Competitions and Out of Competition, the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Marketing Regulations and the FIFA Equipment Regulations as well all directives and decisions of FIFA bodies unless these regulations stipulate otherwise. The players agree to comply with all further FIFA guidelines and circulars that have any significance regarding the Women's World Cup.
4. In addition, the players agree notably to:
 - a) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence;
 - b) behave accordingly;
 - c) refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Doping Control Regulations.

Article 11 Disputes

1. All disputes in connection with the Women's World Cup shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
2. In compliance with the FIFA Statutes, member associations, officials and players may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law but to the exclusive jurisdiction of FIFA.
3. The member associations, officials and players acknowledge and accept that, once all stages of appeal have been exhausted at FIFA,

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their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. Any such arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

Article 12 Protests

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, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA match commissioner within two hours of the conclusion of the match in question and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the FIFA headquarters in the People's Republic of China, otherwise they will be disregarded.
3. Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA headquarters in the People's Republic of China no later than five days before the first match of the final competition.
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 before the start of the match by the head of delegation of the team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the team concerned 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 FIFA match commissioner by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.
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.
6. No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.

VII. LAWS OF THE GAME

Article **13** Laws of the Game

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the tournament and as laid down by the International Football Association Board. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

VIII. STADIUMS

Article **14** Stadiums

1. The Organising Association shall ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place comply with the FIFA Safety Guidelines and other FIFA guidelines and instructions for international matches. The stadiums selected for use during the Women's World Cup shall be subject to approval by FIFA. The Organising Association is responsible for order and security in and around the stadiums before, during and after the matches.
2. As a general rule, the preliminary and final matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums. If only stadiums with both seating and standing areas are available, the standing areas shall remain vacant.
3. The fields of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. If artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the standards specified in the FIFA Recommended 2 Star quality concept.
4. Clocks in the stadium showing the length of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of each period of normal playing time, i.e. after 45 minutes and after 90 minutes. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e. after 15 minutes and after 30 minutes).

IX. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 15 Organising Association responsibilities

1. The obligations and responsibilities of the Organising Association with respect to the final competition are stipulated in the OAA and the LoR.
2. The responsibilities of the Organising Association shall include but not be limited to:
 - a) ensuring that order and safety is maintained, particularly in and around the stadiums. It shall take adequate measures to prevent and avoid outbreaks of violence;
 - b) ensuring that order and safety is maintained around the hotels and training grounds of the participating teams;
 - c) concluding insurance policies in consultation with FIFA to cover all risks relating to the final competition's organisation, in particular, adequate liability insurance in respect of the stadiums, local organisation, members of the Organising Association and the LOC, employees, volunteers and any other persons involved in the organisation of the final competition;
 - d) concluding liability insurance against possible spectator accidents or deaths;
 - e) ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards to guarantee safety.

Article 16 Indemnity

The Organising Association shall discharge FIFA from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against FIFA and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the Women's World Cup.

Article 17 Media

1. The Organising Association shall be responsible for providing an adequate number of seats and the necessary installations for local and international media representatives (television, press, radio, internet).

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The conditions to be fulfilled by the Organising Association regarding media facilities and technical installations are specified in the OAA and the LoR.

2. The Organising Association shall be responsible for preventing journalists, photographers, television and radio commentators and accredited film and television crews from entering the playing area at any time before, during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and the television personnel required to operate the broadcasting equipment, all of them issued with special accreditation, may be admitted to the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators.

Article 18 Participating member associations

1. Each participating member association shall be responsible for:
 - a) the conduct of the members of its delegation (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the final competition and for the duration of their stay in the People's Republic of China;
 - b) concluding compulsory health, accident and travel insurance cover for all members of its delegation;
 - c) paying for incidental expenses incurred by its delegation members during the course of their stay in the People's Republic of China and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation;
 - d) paying for any costs of extending the stay of any member of its delegation;
 - e) applying for visas in good time from the nearest consulate or embassy of the People's Republic of China, if necessary;
 - f) attending press conferences and other official media activities organised by FIFA.
2. The participating member associations agree to comply and ensure that every member of its delegation complies with the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes, regulations, in particular these regulations, the Media Guidelines, the Participating Member Association Ticketing Allocation Agreement, the Marketing Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Doping Control Regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Equipment Regulations, as well as all FIFA directives and decisions.

X. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Article **19** Commercial rights

1. FIFA owns and controls all commercial rights in relation to the Women's World Cup.
2. FIFA will issue, at a later date, Marketing Regulations specifying these commercial rights. All FIFA members must comply with these Marketing Regulations and ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with these regulations.

XI. PLAYERS

Article 20 Eligibility of players

1. Each association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the Women's World Cup:
 - a) all players shall be citizens of its country and subject to its jurisdiction;
 - b) all players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and relevant FIFA regulations.

2. Any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match in question. Victory and the resultant three points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. The FIFA Organising Committee is the competent body to decide in this regard.

Article 21 Players' lists

1. Each association that qualifies for the final competition shall submit a provisional list of players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) to the FIFA general secretariat, accompanied by copies of the passport of each player appearing on the list. This documentation must reach the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular.

2. The final team list of the 21 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) selected to participate in the final competition shall be submitted to the FIFA general secretariat, using the official form, at least ten working days before the opening match of the final competition. The players on the final team list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. The final team list shall be accompanied by the following information:
 - Full name
 - All first names
 - Popular name
 - Name to be placed on shirt
 - Number to be placed on shirt
 - Position
 - Place and date of birth
 - Passport number
 - Club and country of club

3. Only the 21 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the final competition. Only the numbers 1 to 21 may be allocated to these players, with number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the final team list. In case the goalkeeper needs to be replaced by an outfield player (due to injuries or red cards), each team shall provide a goalkeeper jersey without a number displayed on the back of the shirt in order to distinguish this replacement goalkeeper from the other players.
4. A player listed on the final team list may be replaced only in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before the kick-off of her team's first match. Such replacements must be approved in writing by the FIFA Sports Medical Committee upon receipt and acceptance of a detailed medical assessment. The FIFA Sports Medical Committee will issue a certificate stating that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the Women's World Cup and hand over such certificate to the FIFA Organising Committee for approval. Upon approval, the association shall immediately nominate a replacement and inform the FIFA general secretariat accordingly. The final lists of 21 players will be published by the FIFA general secretariat.
5. All 21 players shall be named on the players' list for each match (11 selected players and 10 substitutes). Not more than 18 people (8 officials and 10 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench.
6. Before the start of the final competition, all players listed must prove their identity, nationality and age by producing their legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of birth). Any player who fails to submit these documents will not be allowed to take part in the final competition. Every player must also sign a declaration of compliance wherein she agrees to submit to the regulations at hand.
7. FIFA shall issue each player and official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph.

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8. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the final competition. The accreditation shall always be available for inspection.
9. Each participating member association will receive a maximum of 29 accreditations (21 for the listed players and 8 for their officials).
10. If any discrepancies are detected, the FIFA Organising Committee shall follow the rules determined by the FIFA Executive Committee for such cases and decide on the consequences. It will then forward the file to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

XII. DOPING

Article **22** Doping

1. Doping is prohibited.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee shall be responsible for deciding which laboratory among those accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) will carry out the analysis of samples.
3. The FIFA Disciplinary Code, the Doping Control Regulations for FIFA Competitions and Out of Competition, as well as all other relevant FIFA directives will apply to the Women's World Cup.

XIII. EQUIPMENT

Article **23** Equipment

1. The participating member associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. Players and officials are not allowed to display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags etc.) or body for the duration of their time in the stadiums, training grounds or any other areas where accreditation is required to gain access.
2. All equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment etc.) that could be on display within the stadium, the training grounds, the hotels or during transfers to, from or within the People's Republic of China must be approved by FIFA. The approval procedure and the applicable deadlines will be communicated by circular letter.

Article **24** Refereeing

1. A referee, two assistant referees and a fourth official will be appointed for each match by the FIFA Referees Committee. They shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing List in force and come from a member association whose team is not playing in the group or match in question.
2. The referees, the assistant referees and the fourth officials shall receive their official refereeing kits and equipment from FIFA. They shall wear and use only this kit and equipment on matchdays.
3. The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
4. If the referee or one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out her duties, such referee or assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. The FIFA Referees Committee shall be informed immediately. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
5. After each match, the referee shall complete and sign the official FIFA report form. The referee shall hand it over to the FIFA general coordinator at the stadium immediately after the match.
6. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences of significance, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behaviour by supporters and/or by officials or any other person acting on behalf of an association at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.

XV. TECHNICAL RULES FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION

Article 25 Competition

1. The final competition shall be played in a group stage, followed by two knockout stages, the play-off for third place and the final.
2. The last matches in each group shall be played simultaneously.
3. In the knockout stages, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

Article 26 Group stage

1. The 16 participating teams will be divided into four groups of four teams.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee will divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public.
3. The teams in the four groups will be designated as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
4. The system of play will be the league system, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and none for a defeat.
5. The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:
 - a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
 - b) goal difference in all group matches;

- c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.
If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:
 - d) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - e) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - f) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
 - g) Fair Play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards are evaluated;
 - h) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.
6. The two teams finishing first and second in each group qualify for the quarter-finals.

Article **27** **Quarter-finals**

The eight teams that advance from the group stage will contest the quarter-finals as follows:

- Winner Group A v. Runner-up B = Winner 1
- Winner Group B v. Runner-up A = Winner 2
- Winner Group C v. Runner-up D = Winner 3
- Winner Group D v. Runner-up C = Winner 4

Article **28** **Semi-finals**

The four teams that advance from the quarter-finals will contest the semi-finals as follows:

- Winner 1 v. Winner 3
- Winner 2 v. Winner 4

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Article **29** Final, play-off for third place

1. The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the final.
2. The losers of the semi-finals will contest the play-off for third place.
3. If the play-off for third place is not played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the match is played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.
4. If the final is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

XVI. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 30 Financial provisions

1. With respect to the travel, transport, board and lodging of the participating member associations, the Organising Association shall, in accordance with the OAA and the LoR, organise and bear the costs of:
 - a) all domestic travel (ground, rail or air) for official duty of the FIFA delegation, the teams (no more than 29 people per team) and their equipment, including all related expenses;
 - b) local transport for members of each of the participating member associations and their equipment (21 players and eight officials).
2. FIFA shall bear the costs of the following:
 - a) international air travel (economy class) for 29 people from each participating member association from the capital city of the association (or, in exceptional cases, from another city to be decided by FIFA) to the international airport nearest to the venue where the team is scheduled to play its first match or any other venue designated by the FIFA Organising Committee, with an airline specified by the latter body. Depending on the air contracts negotiated between FIFA and the airline(s), FIFA will decide on the weight of excess baggage for which FIFA will bear the costs, and will inform the participating member association accordingly. In the case of transit stops during travel to and/or from the People's Republic of China, FIFA will, subject to prior approval, bear the costs for the bus transfer from the airport to the hotel and back, as well as accommodation and meals for the 29 members of the delegation. All additional costs shall be borne by the participating member association concerned.
 - b) board and lodging for 29 people of each participating member association delegation (21 players and 8 officials), namely, eleven double rooms and ten single rooms. Of these single rooms, one will be used for storing equipment and another for physiotherapeutic purposes.

These rooms shall be available four nights prior to the opening match until one night (two nights, if an earlier departure is not possible) after the last match of the respective participating member association in the Women's World Cup. The FIFA Organising

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Committee may make exceptions in the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting from transport difficulties.

- c) laundry service of the participating member associations (no more than 29 people per participating member association) for the match kits and one set of training kits per day from four days prior to the opening match until the day of the last match;
 - d) doping control expenses;
 - e) the costs of insurance taken out by FIFA to cover its own risks.
3. The remaining risks – especially those of the Organising Association – shall be covered by supplementary insurance contracts, the premiums of which shall be charged to the Organising Association. The implementation of these conditions is as set out in the OAA.
 4. Any expenses other than those stipulated in these regulations shall be borne by the participating member associations.
 5. The financial terms and conditions for the participating member associations will be determined in a circular.

XVII. TICKETING

Article **31** Ticketing

1. Each participating member association is entitled to receive complimentary tickets for the Women's World Cup. The number of complimentary tickets will be defined at a later date.
2. FIFA will, at a later date, issue a ticket allocation agreement to each participating member association. All participating member associations must comply with this ticket allocation agreement and ensure that their members, officials, players, delegation members and other affiliates also comply with this agreement.

XVIII. AWARDS

Article 32 Trophy, awards and medals

1. A representative from FIFA will present the winner of the Women's World Cup with the Women's World Cup trophy (the "Trophy"), which remains the property of FIFA. The winning team will be provided with the Trophy during a ceremony immediately following the final whistle, and will return the Trophy to FIFA on demand or prior to departure from the People's Republic of China, whichever is the sooner. At this time, the winning team will be provided with a replica trophy.
2. FIFA is responsible for engraving the Trophy with the name of the winning team.
3. The winning participating member association shall take all reasonable steps, at its own expense, to ensure the security and safety of the Trophy and the replica trophy while they are in the possession of the winning participating member association
4. It is further agreed that the replica trophy may remain in the temporary custody of the winning participating member association but remains at all times the property of FIFA and must be returned immediately to FIFA if so requested by FIFA in writing.
5. FIFA will issue Trophy Regulations at a later date. The winning participating member association shall ensure its full compliance with these regulations.
6. A souvenir plaque will be presented to each association that takes part in the final competition.
7. A diploma will be presented to the associations ranked first, second, third and fourth in the final competition.
8. 29 medals will be presented to each of the top three teams in the final competition, i.e. gold medals to the winners, silver medals to the runners-up and bronze medals to the team ranked third.
9. One medal will be presented to each of the referees, assistant referees and fourth officials who take charge of the play-off for third place and the final.

10. A fair play contest will be held during the final competition, for which FIFA will draw up special regulations (cf. Appendix A). The FIFA Organising Committee will determine the ranking at the end of the final competition. Such decisions are final.
11. Special awards will be presented to the top three goalscorers and the best three players in the final competition.
12. At the conclusion of the Women's World Cup, the following special awards will be presented:
 - a) Fair Play Trophy
The FIFA Fair Play Trophy, a fair play medal for each player and official, a diploma and a voucher for USD 10,000 worth of football equipment (to be used for youth football development) will be presented to the team finishing first in the Fair Play Contest. The applicable rules are in the fair play contest regulations.
 - b) Golden Shoe
The Golden Shoe will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the final competition. If two or more players score the same number of goals, the number of assists (as determined by members of the FIFA Technical Study Group) will be decisive. Each goal is worth three points and each assist one point. If two or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total minutes played in the tournament will be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes ranked first. A Silver Shoe and a Bronze Shoe for the second and third highest goalscorers will also be awarded.
 - c) Golden Ball
The Golden Ball will be awarded to the best player of the final competition on the basis of a vote taken among the media accredited for the event. A Silver Ball and a Bronze Ball will be awarded to the second and third best players.
13. There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the FIFA Organising Committee.

XIX. COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS TAKEN BY FIFA BODIES

Article **33** Compliance with decisions taken by FIFA bodies

All members of the participating member associations' delegations shall undertake to comply fully with the regulations and decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee, Referees Committee, Disciplinary Committee and Appeal Committee.

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Article **34** Special circumstances

The FIFA Organising Committee shall, in conjunction with the Organising Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the People's Republic of China. These instructions shall form an integral part of these regulations.

Article **35** Matters not provided for

Matters not provided for in these regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the FIFA Organising Committee. All decisions shall be final.

Article **36** Languages

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French, Spanish or German texts of these regulations, the English text is authoritative.

Article **37** Copyright

The copyright of the fixture lists drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these regulations is the property of FIFA.

Article **38** No Waiver

Any waiver by FIFA of any breach of these regulations (including of any document referred to in these regulations) will 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 FIFA to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these regulations,

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or any document referred to in these regulations, on one or more occasions will not be considered to be a waiver of, or deprive FIFA 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.

XXI. ENFORCEMENT

Article **39** Enforcement

These regulations have been ratified by the FIFA Executive Committee and come into force immediately.

Zurich, November 2006

For the FIFA Executive Committee

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Fair play contest regulations

I. General provisions

1. As part of its campaign to promote fair play, FIFA regularly holds a fair play contest during its championships, based on an appraisal of the teams' conduct by a FIFA delegate such as the match commissioner, a member of the Technical Study Group or a member of a standing committee.
2. The objective of fair play activities is to foster a sporting spirit among players, team officials and spectators, thereby heightening the fans' enjoyment of the game.
3. At the final whistle of each game, the delegate shall complete the appropriate fair play form after consulting the referee and the referee assessor.
4. Every match in the final competition shall be taken into account.
5. The FIFA Organising Committee shall compile and publish the classification at the end of the final competition. Its decision is final.
6. FIFA will award the team that wins the fair play contest a trophy, a medal for each player and official, and a diploma, all of which the team can keep permanently. The team shall also receive a voucher valued at USD 10,000, which shall be exchanged for a supply of football equipment to be used exclusively for youth development.

APPENDIX A

10. Respect towards the opponent

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 5 points

Players are expected to respect the Laws of the Game, the competition regulations and opponents, etc.

When assessing the players' behaviour towards the opponents, duplication of the judgment for red and yellow cards should be avoided. However, the delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards as well as those overlooked by the referee.

Assessment shall be based on positive attitudes (e.g. helping an injured opponent) rather than on infringements. Behaviour that is basically faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture towards opponents shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

11. Respect towards the referee/match officials

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 5 points

Players are expected to respect the match officials and the decisions they take.

A positive attitude towards the referee, including acceptance of decisions without protest, shall be rewarded. Behaviour that is basically faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture towards the match officials shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

12. Behaviour of the team officials

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 5 points

Coaches and other team officials are expected to encourage the sporting, technical, tactical and ethical standards of their team and to direct the players to behave in accordance with the principles of fair play.

Both positive and negative factors in the behaviour of the team officials shall be included in the assessment, such as for instance whether they calm down angry players or how they accept the referee's decisions. Inciting or provoking players shall be rated negatively.

Cooperation with the media shall also be a factor in the assessment. Behaviour that is faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

13. Behaviour of the crowd

Minimum 1 point

Maximum 5 points

The crowd is considered to be an integral part of a football match. Fans can contribute to the positive atmosphere of a match by encouraging their team by cheering and singing etc. in the spirit of fair play.

Spectators are, however, expected to respect the opponents and the referee. They should appreciate the opponents' performance regardless of the result and in no way intimidate or frighten opponents, the referee or the opponents' supporters.

The maximum number of points (5) may only be awarded if all these requirements have been satisfied, especially as regards creating a positive atmosphere.

This criterion is applicable only if a substantial number of fans of the team concerned are present. If the number of fans is negligible "n.a." (not applicable) shall be entered under this item.

III. Final assessment

14. The final assessment of a team is obtained as follows:
- a) the points awarded are added together, e.g. for team A:
 $8 + 7 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 4 = 31$
 - b) this total is divided by the maximum number of points possible (40):
 $31 \div 40 = 0.775$
 - c) this figure is multiplied by 1,000: $0.775 \times 1,000 = 775$
If, however, the number of fans supporting a certain team is negligible and the "behaviour of the crowd" criterion consequently disregarded ("n.a." – cf. §13 above), the maximum number of points obtainable will be 35.

Thus the final assessment would be attained as follows:

- a) the points awarded are added together, e.g. for team B:
 $7 + 8 + 2 + 5 + 2 = 24$
 - b) this total is divided by the maximum number of points possible (35):
 $24 \div 35 = 0.686$
 - c) this figure is multiplied by 1,000 = 686
The overall assessment of a team during the final competition shall be calculated by adding the points attained at each match and dividing this figure by the number of matches played.
15. Teams that are eliminated after the group stage of the final competition shall be excluded from the fair play contest.
16. In addition to making the assessment, members of FIFA may give a short oral account of the teams' fair play performance to explain the positive and negative factors, which form the basis of their assessment. The account may also point out any outstanding gestures of fair play from a player, official, referee or any other person. However, no additional points shall be awarded for this reason.

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17. These regulations have been approved by the Committee for Women's Football and the FIFA Women's World Cup.

These regulations have been ratified by the FIFA Executive Committee and come into force immediately.

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