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# 1

## 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™

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- 1.** The FIFA World Cup™ is a FIFA event embodied in the FIFA Statutes.
- 2.** On 15 May 2004, the FIFA Executive Committee designated the South African Football Association (SAFA) as the Organising Association of the final competition for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. The Organising Association is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the final competition, as well as the security for the duration thereof.
- 3.** SAFA has set up a Local Organising Committee (LOC) in the form of an internal division to organise the final competition, in accordance with the List of Requirements (LoR) and the Organising Association Agreement (OAA) between FIFA and the Organising Association.
- 4.** SAFA and its LOC are collectively referred to as the Organising Association. The Organising Association is subject to the supervision and control of FIFA, which has the last word on all matters relevant to the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. The decisions of FIFA are final.
- 5.** Working relations between the Organising Association and FIFA are regulated in a special contract, the OAA, its annexes, the LoR, FIFA guidelines and circulars as well as the FIFA Statutes and various regulations. The Organising Association undertakes to observe the FIFA Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions, guidelines, circulars as well as the LoR and the OAA.
- 6.** The FIFA Executive Committee has also appointed the Organising Committee for the FIFA World Cup™ (FIFA Organising Committee) to organise the competition.
- 7.** The regulations for the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ (the Regulations) regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all associations taking part in the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ and of the Organising Association by forming an integral part of the OAA. The Regulations and all guidelines and circulars issued by FIFA are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™.

8. Any rights associated with the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to a participating member association in the preliminary or final competition, or to a confederation, belong to FIFA.
9. The FIFA Statutes and all FIFA regulations in force shall apply. Any reference in these Regulations to the FIFA Statutes and regulations refer to the Statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.

## 2

### Organising Association responsibilities

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1. The obligations and responsibilities of the Organising Association are stipulated in the OAA and the LoR, these Regulations and other FIFA regulations, guidelines, directives, decisions, circulars or any other agreement reached between FIFA and the Organising Association.
2. The responsibilities of the Organising Association shall include but not be limited to:
  - a) ensuring that order and safety is maintained in cooperation with the government of South Africa, 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 headquarters and training grounds of the participating member associations;
  - 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.

3. 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 FIFA World Cup™.

## 3

### Organising Committee for the FIFA World Cup™

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1. The Organising Committee for the FIFA World Cup™, appointed by the FIFA Executive Committee, is responsible for organising the FIFA World Cup™ in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.

2. The FIFA Organising Committee may, if necessary, appoint a bureau and/or one or more sub-committee(s) to deal with emergencies. Any decision taken by the bureau or the sub-committee(s) 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, amongst other matters:

a) supervising general preparations and deciding on the competition format, the draw and the formation of groups and sub-groups;

b) fixing the dates and venues of the matches in the final competition as well as in the preliminary competition whenever associations fail to agree;

c) determining the match schedule and kick-off times for the final competition;

d) choosing the stadiums and training grounds for the final competition in accordance with the LoR and OAA after consultation with the LOC;

- e)** appointing match commissioners, security officers and any other FIFA officials;
- f)** judging infringements concerning the eligibility of players in the final competition (cf. art. 7, par. 2);
- g)** choosing the official football and stipulated technical material for the final competition;
- h)** deciding at which matches of the preliminary competition doping tests will be conducted;
- i)** reporting cases in relation to article 6 of these Regulations to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for its deliberation;
- j)** judging protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility;
- k)** replacing associations that have withdrawn from the FIFA World Cup™;
- l)** settling cases of force majeure;
- m)** dealing with any other aspect of the FIFA 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(s) are final and binding.

# 4

## Participating member associations

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1. Each participating member association shall be responsible throughout the competition 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 competition, from their arrival in the host country until their departure;
- b)** concluding compulsory insurance cover, particularly health, accident and travel insurance, for all members of its delegation;
- c)** paying for incidental expenses incurred by its delegation members 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, the duration of which is determined by FIFA;
- e)** applying for visas in good time from the relevant host country, if necessary;
- f)** attending media conferences and other official media activities organised by FIFA in accordance with the instructions issued by FIFA;
- g)** ensuring that every member of its delegation completes the FIFA entry forms and signs the required declarations.

2. The participating member associations and their players and officials agree to comply with the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Statutes and regulations, in particular the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Doping Control Regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Commercial Regulations and the FIFA Equipment Regulations as well as all directives and decisions of FIFA bodies unless these Regulations stipulate otherwise. The participating member associations and their players and officials also agree to comply with the Participating Member Association Ticketing Allocation Agreement and all further FIFA guidelines and circulars that have any significance regarding the FIFA World Cup™.

- 3.** All members of the participating member associations' delegations shall undertake to comply fully with the regulations and decisions taken by FIFA bodies, in particular the Executive Committee, FIFA Organising Committee, Referees Committee, Disciplinary Committee and Appeal Committee.
- 4.** Unless otherwise mentioned in these Regulations, each participating member association hosting a match in the preliminary competition will be responsible, among other matters, for:
  - a)** guaranteeing, planning and implementing law and order as well as safety and security in the stadiums and other relevant locations in conjunction with the relevant authorities;
  - b)** obtaining adequate insurance cover for all risks relating to match organisation, including but not limited to public liability insurance. FIFA shall be expressly identified as a named insured party in all such insurance policies;
  - c)** providing the match commissioner with a DVD or video cassette of each home match immediately after the match in question.

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### Entries for the FIFA World Cup™

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- 1.** The FIFA World Cup™ takes place every four years. As a general rule, every association affiliated to FIFA may participate in the FIFA World Cup™ with its representative team.
- 2.** The FIFA World Cup™ consists of two parts:
  - a)** the preliminary competition;
  - b)** the final competition.

3. The Organising Association's representative team, the South African Football Association, automatically qualifies for the final competition.
4. On entering the competition, the participating member associations and their players and officials automatically undertake to:
  - a) observe and comply with the FIFA Statutes, regulations, directives, circulars, guidelines and decisions as well as national and international laws;
  - b) accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters related to the competition shall be dealt with by FIFA in compliance with the relevant FIFA regulations;
  - c) participate in all matches of the competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;
  - d) accept all the arrangements made by the Organising Association 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 in accordance with the FIFA Commercial Regulations;
  - f) provide sufficient insurance to cover their delegation against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident and disease;
  - g) observe the principles of fair play.

# 6

## Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement

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- 1.** All participating member associations undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the FIFA World Cup™.
- 2.** Any association that withdraws between the preliminary draw and the start of the preliminary competition is liable to a fine of CHF 20,000. Any association that withdraws after the start of the preliminary competition is liable to a fine of CHF 40,000.
- 3.** Any association that withdraws no later than 30 days before the start of the final competition shall be fined between a minimum of CHF 250,000 and a maximum of CHF 500,000. Any association that withdraws less than 30 days before the start of the final competition, or during the final competition itself, shall be fined between a minimum of CHF 500,000 and a maximum of CHF 1,000,000.
- 4.** 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.
- 5.** Any association that withdraws or is excluded from playing in the competition may be replaced by another association. The FIFA Organising Committee will decide on the matter at its sole discretion. No appeals may be lodged against these decisions. Furthermore, the guilty association will forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.
- 6.** 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 competition, and may also be obliged to pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred.

- 7.** If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognised by the FIFA Organising Committee – or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match, the team will be considered as having lost. The match and three points will be awarded to its opponents with a score of 3-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field or refuses to continue to play.
- 8.** The guilty team will, as a general rule, be excluded from further participation in the competition so that none of its matches will be deemed valid, unless the incidents mentioned in par. 7 occurred in its last match. In addition, the guilty association shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by the other association(s) and by FIFA. Furthermore, the guilty association will forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA. Further measures may be taken by the FIFA Organising Committee.
- 9.** If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the Disciplinary Committee may also take whatever additional action is appropriate under the terms of the Disciplinary Code.
- 10.** 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.
- 11.** No appeals may be lodged against these decisions.
- 12.** If, through the fault of a participating member 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 competition.
- 13.** The FIFA Organising Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in cases of force majeure.

## 7 Eligibility of players

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1. Each association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the FIFA 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 Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes and other 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.

## 8 Laws of the Game

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1. 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.
2. Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with a half-time interval of 15 minutes.
3. 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 periods of 15 minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
4. If the score is still level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

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## Refereeing

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- 1.** The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials for the preliminary and final competitions 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. A reserve assistant referee will also be appointed for each match of the final competition. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
- 2.** The referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and reserve assistant referees shall receive their official refereeing kit and equipment from FIFA. They shall wear and use only this kit and equipment on matchdays.
- 3.** The referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and reserve assistant referees shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
- 4.** If the referee or one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out his duties, such referee or assistant referee shall be replaced by the fourth official.
- 5.** After each match, the referee shall complete and sign the official FIFA report form. In the preliminary competition, he shall send this report within 24 hours to the FIFA general secretariat (by telefax or post). In the final competition, he 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, 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.

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## Disciplinary matters

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1. Disciplinary incidents are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code in force and all 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 final competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the participating member associations one month before the first match of the final competition at the latest.
3. 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.
4. The participating member associations and their delegations shall comply with the FIFA Statutes, the Disciplinary Code and the Code of Ethics, in particular in matters regarding the fight against discrimination and racism.

## 11 Doping

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1. Doping is prohibited. FIFA will inform the participating member associations by means of a circular letter of the doping control procedures and list of prohibited substances.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee shall be responsible for the approval of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)-accredited laboratory which will carry out the analysis of samples.
3. The FIFA Disciplinary Code, the Doping Control Regulations, as well as all other relevant FIFA directives will apply to the FIFA World Cup™.

## 12 Disputes

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1. All disputes in connection with the FIFA World Cup™ shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
2. In compliance with the FIFA Statutes, participating member associations, players and officials may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law but to the exclusive jurisdiction of FIFA.
3. The participating member associations, players and officials acknowledge and accept that, once all internal channels have been exhausted at FIFA, 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, subject to decisions which are final and binding.
4. Any disputes between FIFA and the Organising Association shall be settled as stipulated in the OAA.

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## Protests

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- 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 organised in the preliminary and final competitions of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, 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 or the FIFA general coordinator within two hours 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 and by registered letter to the FIFA general secretariat or, during the final competition, to the FIFA headquarters in South Africa within 24 hours of the end of the match, otherwise they will be disregarded.
- 3.** Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the preliminary competition shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA general secretariat no later than 24 (twenty-four) hours before the match in question. Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches in the final competition shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA general secretariat no later than 5 (five) days before the opening match.
- 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 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 FIFA general secretariat during the preliminary competition, and to the FIFA headquarters in South Africa during the final competition, 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, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA match commissioner or FIFA general coordinator by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.
6. No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final, unless otherwise stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
7. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine.
8. Once the final match of the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ has ended, any protests described in this article will be disregarded.
9. The FIFA Organising Committee will pass decisions on any protests lodged.

## 14 Commercial rights

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

## 15 Entry forms – preliminary competition

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Subject to any other decision by the FIFA Executive Committee, the associations shall complete and send the official entry form to the FIFA general secretariat in accordance with the deadline stipulated in the relevant FIFA circular. Only the entry forms sent to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline set will be valid and taken into consideration. Entries sent by telefax or e-mail shall be confirmed on the official entry form.

## 16 List of players – preliminary competition

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1. Each association entering the preliminary competition shall send the FIFA general secretariat a provisional list of at least 50 prospective players for the preliminary competition no later than 30 (thirty) days before its first qualifying match. This list shall show each player's last name, first name, club, date of birth and passport number as well as the coach's last name, first name, date of birth and nationality.
2. This list is not binding. Further players may be added, showing the same information, at any time but no later than the day before the qualifying match in question.
3. 18 players may be entered on the list of players (11 players and 7 substitutes). The 11 (eleven) first-named players must start the match, the other 7 (seven) are designated as substitutes. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the match sheet (numbers 1-18 only). All goalkeepers and the captain must be identified as such.
4. Both teams must return their match sheet to the referee at least 60 (sixty) minutes before kick-off.

5. After the match sheets have been completed, signed and returned to the referee, and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:

a) If any of the first 11 players listed on the match sheet are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the seven substitutes. During the match, three players may still be replaced.

b) If any of the seven substitutes listed on the match sheet are not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly.

6. If a group holds all of its qualifying matches in one venue (in the form of a tournament), up to 23 players may be entered on the list of players (11 players and 12 substitutes).

## 17 Preliminary draw, format of play and group formation – preliminary competition

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1. The FIFA Organising Committee decides on the format of play, the group formation and the duration of the preliminary competition. It forms groups and/or sub-groups for the preliminary competition by seeding and drawing lots whilst taking sports and geographic factors into consideration, as far as possible. The FIFA Executive Committee has to approve these decisions. Any seeding based on team performance for each continental preliminary competition will be based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking. The decisions of the Executive Committee are final. The preliminary draw will take place in Durban, South Africa on 25 November 2007.

2. In the event of any withdrawals, the FIFA Organising Committee may change the groups in accordance with the provisions of par. 1 above.

- 3.** The preliminary competition is scheduled to begin on the first official international match date after the preliminary draw according to the coordinated international match calendar. Any play-offs shall be played between 14 and 18 November 2009.
- 4.** The matches in the preliminary competition shall be played in accordance with one of the following three formats:

  - a)** in groups composed of several teams on a home-and-away basis, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat (league format);
  - b)** one home and one away match per team (knock-out format);
  - c)** by way of exception and only with the permission of the FIFA Organising Committee, in the form of a tournament in one of the countries of the participating member associations or on neutral territory.
- 5.** When matches are played in accordance with format (a) or (b), home matches may not be played in another country without the express permission of the FIFA Organising Committee.
- 6.** In the league format, the ranking in each group is 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) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

**7.** With the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee and should the coordinated international match calendar allow, play-offs may be played instead of drawing lots to decide ties within groups (cf. art. 17, par. 6g). If any such play-off ends in a tie, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

**8.** Should the best second- or third-placed team within a group stage qualify for the next stage or for the final competition, the criteria to decide such best second- or third-placed team will depend on the competition format and will require the approval of FIFA following proposals from the confederations.

**9.** In the knock-out format, both teams shall play one home and one away match each, the sequence of which will be determined by lots drawn by the FIFA Organising Committee. The team having scored most goals over the two games will qualify for the next round. If both teams score the same number of goals over the two matches, the goals scored away will be counted as double. If the same number of goals is scored away or both matches end without any goals being scored, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

**10.** The dates of the matches in the preliminary competition shall be fixed by the associations concerned in compliance with the coordinated international match calendar and subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee. The FIFA general secretariat shall be informed in accordance with the deadline stipulated in the relevant FIFA circular. If the associations cannot agree on the dates of the matches in the preliminary competition, the FIFA Organising Committee will make the final decisions. The FIFA Organising Committee shall ensure that matches in the same group are played simultaneously when the situation demands this for sporting reasons.

## **18** Venues, kick-off times and training sessions – preliminary competition

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- 1.** The venues of the matches (if not already decided under art. 17, par. 9) in the preliminary competition shall be fixed by the host association concerned and the matches may only be played in FIFA-inspected stadiums. The opponents and the FIFA general secretariat shall be notified by the host association at least 3 (three) months before the match in question is due to be played. In principle, the venue is to be located at a maximum distance of 150km, or a two-hour drive, from the nearest international airport. If the associations cannot agree on the venues for the matches in the preliminary competition, the FIFA Organising Committee will make the final decisions.
- 2.** The host association shall inform its opponents and the FIFA general secretariat of the kick-off times at least 60 (sixty) days before the match in question is due to be played. FIFA may consider founded and documented reasons for a change of kick-off time after this deadline, but in no event less than 7 (seven) days prior to the match.
- 3.** The associations shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than the evening before the date the match is due to be played.

- 4.** On the day before the match and weather permitting, the visiting team is entitled to have one training session of 45 (forty-five) minutes on the pitch where the match is due to take place. Prior to their arrival in the host country, the exact time and duration of the training session shall be mutually agreed, and then confirmed in writing by the host association. In the event of severe adverse weather conditions, the FIFA match commissioner may cancel the training session. In this case, the visiting team shall be allowed to inspect the pitch wearing training shoes. Should both teams wish to train at the same time, the visiting team shall be given priority.
- 5.** If the host association considers the pitch unfit for play, the FIFA general secretariat shall be informed immediately, as well as the visiting association and the match officials before their departure. If the host association fails to do this, it will be obliged to cover all of the expenses incurred for travel, board and lodging of the parties involved.
- 6.** If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the visiting association has already left to play the match, the referee shall decide whether the pitch is playable or not. If the referee declares the pitch unplayable, the procedure to be followed is described in par. 7 below.
- 7.** If a match is interrupted before the completion of normal playing time or extra time because of extreme weather or for reasons outside the control of the host association, a replay lasting 90 minutes shall be arranged for the following day, thus avoiding considerable extra expense for the visiting association. If it is still impossible to play the match the next day for the same reasons, the match may be postponed by another day, provided both associations agree. If the match can still not be played on the third day, the expenses thus incurred by the visiting association shall be split between the two associations. The Organising Committee will take any other necessary decisions related to such a replay.

- 8.** The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements laid down by FIFA, i.e. that the whole pitch shall be evenly lit to at least 1,200 lux. An emergency power generator shall 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. The FIFA Organising Committee is entitled to grant exceptions, which are final.
- 9.** Financial arrangements for costs incurred by the visiting association such as travel, board and lodging as the result of playing a match shall be mutually agreed upon among the associations concerned (cf. art. 23). Any disputes arising therefrom may be submitted to the FIFA Organising Committee for a final decision to be taken.
- 10.** All matches in the preliminary competition shall be identified, promoted and advertised as qualifying matches in accordance with the relevant FIFA Commercial Regulations.

## **19** Stadiums, fields of play, clocks, displays – preliminary competition

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- 1.** Each association organising matches in the preliminary competition shall ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place fulfil the requirements described in the Football Stadiums: Technical Recommendations and Requirements publication and comply with the safety and security standards and other FIFA guidelines and instructions for international matches. The fields of play, accessory equipment and facilities shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game.
- 2.** Periodic safety checks for the benefit of spectators, players and officials shall be carried out on the stadiums selected for matches in the preliminary competition by the authorities responsible. The associations shall provide FIFA with a copy of the relevant safety certificate.

- 3.** As a general rule, the preliminary matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums. If only stadiums with both seating and standing areas are available, the standing space shall remain vacant.
- 4.** If a stadium has a retractable roof, the FIFA match commissioner, in consultation with the referee and the two teams' officials, shall decide before the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced at the organisational meeting on the morning of the match, although it may subsequently be modified prior to kick-off in the event of sudden and significant weather condition changes. If the match starts with the roof closed, it shall remain closed for the entire match. If the match starts with the roof open and there is a serious deterioration in the weather conditions, only the referee has the authority to order its closure during the match. In such an event, the roof is to remain closed until the end of the match.
- 5.** Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept for Artificial Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard, unless special dispensation is given by FIFA. In this case, the visiting team is entitled to have two practice sessions before the match, if requested.
- 6.** 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 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e. after 15 minutes of each half).
- 7.** At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, either orally or by gesturing with his hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This also applies to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time. Each allowance for time lost shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official.

8. Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, shall be used to indicate the substitution of players and the number of minutes to be allowed for time lost. All panels and electronic boards used for the duration of the preliminary competition must be approved by FIFA 10 days before the first match.
9. The use of giant screens must be in compliance with the Guidelines for the Use of Giant Screens at FIFA Matches.
10. Smoking is not permitted in the technical area during matches.

## 20 Footballs – preliminary competition

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1. The footballs for the preliminary competition shall be supplied by the host association.
2. The footballs for the preliminary competition shall conform with the provisions of the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations. They shall bear one of the following three designations: the official “FIFA APPROVED” logo, the official “FIFA INSPECTED” logo, or the “INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALL STANDARD” reference.

## 21 Equipment – preliminary competition

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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 other areas where accreditation is required to gain access.

2. Each team shall have an official and reserve team kit, which shall be declared on the team colour form. The colours of the reserve team kit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official team kit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve team kit (including the goalkeeper's) shall also be taken to every match. Only these colours may be worn at matches.
3. In principle, each team shall wear its official team kit as declared on the official team colour form. If the two teams' colours might cause confusion, the host team will be entitled to wear its official team kit and the visiting team will use its reserve team kit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve team kits.
4. Each player shall wear a number between 1 and 18 on his team shirt. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfits (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.

## 22 **Flags and anthems – preliminary competition**

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During the preliminary competition, the FIFA flag, the FIFA Fair Play flag, the confederation's flag and the national flags of both participating member associations shall be flown inside the stadium at every match. The FIFA anthem shall be played when the teams enter the field. The national anthems of the two participating member associations shall be played after the teams have lined up.

## 23 **Financial provisions – preliminary competition**

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1. All revenue from the exploitation of the commercial rights for the preliminary competition matches belongs to the host association and, with the income from ticket sales, forms the gross receipts.

- 2.** The following expenditure shall be deducted from the gross receipts:
  - a)** a levy of 2% (minimum CHF 1,000) in favour of FIFA and the levy due to the confederation in accordance with the confederation's statutes and regulations after deduction of the taxes mentioned under 2b). The levies due to FIFA and the confederations shall be paid within 60 (sixty) days of the match at the official rate of exchange on the day the payment is due;
  - b)** state, provincial and municipal taxes as well as the hire of the ground, not exceeding 30% (cf. Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes).
- 3.** The participating member associations shall settle the other costs among themselves. FIFA recommends the following provisions:
  - a)** the visiting association shall pay for its delegation's own international travel costs to the venue and/or the nearest airport, as well as board, lodging costs and incidental expenses;
  - b)** the host association shall pay for domestic transport costs for a maximum of 25 persons for a duration depending on flight connections;
  - c)** the host association shall pay for board and lodging in a first-class hotel and domestic transport in the host country for the referee, assistant referees, fourth official, the match commissioner, the referee assessor and any other FIFA officials (i.e. security officer, media officer etc.), if officially appointed by FIFA.
- 4.** If the financial outcome of a match in the preliminary competition is insufficient to cover the expenses mentioned under par. 2 above, the host association shall bear the deficit.
- 5.** FIFA will pay for the international travel costs (by air: domestic and continental in economy class, intercontinental in business class; rail/sleeper in first class) and the daily allowances, as fixed by FIFA, for the referee, assistant referees and fourth official, the match commissioner, the referee assessor and any other FIFA officials (i.e. security officer, media officer etc.).

## 24 Ticketing – preliminary competition

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During the preliminary competition, the relevant host association is responsible for the ticketing. It shall set aside an appropriate number – to be fixed by mutual agreement – of complimentary and purchasable tickets for the visiting association. At least five representatives from the visiting association shall be seated in the VIP box. The host association shall, upon request and free of charge, provide FIFA with 10 (ten) VIP box tickets and up to 40 (forty) category 1 tickets for each match. Such tickets shall be provided to FIFA at least 30 days before the match.

## 25 Final competition

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1. Associations qualified to take part in the final competition of the FIFA World Cup™ shall confirm their participation by sending the official entry form, duly completed, to the FIFA general secretariat by 19 November 2009. In addition, the associations shall provide FIFA with the declarations of compliance signed by every player of its delegation (cf. art. 26, par. 9). Entries sent by fax shall be confirmed by sending the signed official entry form by post to the FIFA general secretariat.
2. The final competition is scheduled to be played from 11 June to 11 July 2010.

## 26 List of players, rest period, preparation phase – final competition

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1. Each association that qualifies for the final competition shall send FIFA a list of 30 players (showing the full last name(s), all first names, popular name, place and date of birth, passport number, club and country of the club, height, weight, number of caps won, number of goals scored) whom it has called up in accordance with the relevant provisions of Annex 1 of the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players. The release list of 30 players must be sent to FIFA by 11 May 2010 (30 days prior to the kick-off of the opening match).
2. The release lists of 30 players will be published by the FIFA general secretariat.
3. Each association will then be required to provide FIFA with a final list of no more than 23 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers). This final list is limited to the players on the release list. The association must send this final list to FIFA prior to the kick-off of the opening match in accordance with the deadline stipulated in the relevant FIFA circular.

- 4.** The final list of not more than 23 players (showing the full last name(s), all first names, popular name, number on the shirt, position, place and date of birth, passport number, club and country of the club, height, weight, number of caps won, number of goals scored) shall be submitted to the FIFA general secretariat, using the official form for this purpose. Only the numbers 1 to 23 may be allocated to these players, with number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. The shirt numbers for the remaining two goalkeepers may be any of the numbers between 2 and 23. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the final list. Only these 23 players (except in cases of force majeure recognised by the FIFA Organising Committee) will be permitted to compete in the final competition.
- 5.** The final lists of 23 players will be published by the FIFA general secretariat.
- 6.** A player listed on the final list may only be replaced in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before the kick-off of his team's first match. The replacement players do not need to be limited to the release list of 30 players. Such replacements must be approved in writing by the FIFA Medical Committee upon receipt and acceptance of a detailed medical assessment in one of the four official FIFA languages. The FIFA Medical Committee will approve the request if the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the competition. The participating member association shall inform FIFA accordingly of the player's full details (cf. art. 26, par. 4) at the same time as when submitting the request to replace the injured player.
- 7.** All 23 players shall be named on the list of players for each match (11 selected players and 12 substitutes). Up to a maximum of three of the substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match.
- 8.** Not more than 23 people (11 officials and 12 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench.

**9.** Before the start of the final competition, all listed players 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 his passport will not be allowed to take part in the final competition. Every player must also sign a declaration of compliance wherein he agrees to submit to these Regulations.

**10.** To protect players from burn-out before the final competition of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, the following dates shall apply:

**16 May 2010**

Final match day at club level for the 30 players nominated on the release lists for the final competition of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™.

**17-23 May 2010**

Mandatory rest period for the players on the release lists. Players of the two teams involved in the UEFA Champions League Final on 22 May 2010 will be granted permission to play, by way of exception, by the FIFA Executive Committee.

**24 May – 10 June 2010**

The preparation phase for the participating members associations in the final competition of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™.

## 27 Accreditation – final competition

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1. FIFA and/or the LOC shall issue each player and official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph. Each participating member association will receive a maximum of 50 accreditation cards.
2. Only those players who are in possession of such an accreditation card are entitled to play in the matches of the final competition. The accreditation card shall always be available for inspection prior to the start of the match.
3. The participating member associations shall ensure that all accreditation data required by FIFA is submitted by the deadline stipulated by FIFA. Further details will be outlined in a FIFA circular letter.

## 28 Teams and draw – final competition

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1. The FIFA Executive Committee has fixed the number of teams taking part in the final competition of the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ at 32, namely the Organising Association's representative team, South Africa, and the 31 other teams that qualify from the preliminary competition.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee forms groups for the final competition by seeding and drawing lots whilst taking sports and geographic factors into consideration, as far as possible. The final draw is due to take place in South Africa on 4 December 2009. The draw will be organised by the LOC and combined with a team seminar on the 2010 FIFA World Cup™.
3. The decisions of the FIFA Organising Committee on the group formation and the duration of the final competition are final. In the event of any withdrawals, the FIFA Organising Committee may change the groups in accordance with the provisions of par. 2.

4. The FIFA Executive Committee has decided to allocate the following number of slots to the confederations for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™:

- Africa (CAF): 5
- Asia (AFC) 4.5
- Europe (UEFA): 13
- Oceania (OFC): 0.5
- North, Central America, Caribbean (CONCACAF): 3.5
- South America (CONMEBOL): 4.5
- Host Country (South Africa): 1

## 29 Venues, dates and kick-off times, arrival at the venues for final competition matches

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1. The venues, stadiums, dates and kick-off times for the matches shall be submitted by the Organising Association to the FIFA Organising Committee for prior approval in accordance with the deadlines stipulated in the OAA.

2. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. All stadiums shall have floodlighting installations that ensure that the whole pitch is evenly lit according to FIFA specifications and is suitable for high-definition television production. An emergency independent power generator shall also be available in each stadium which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the FIFA-specified intensity of light for the whole pitch and ensures emergency lighting in the whole stadium.

3. The FIFA Organising Committee fixes the dates and venues of the matches in the final competition, allowing each team a rest period of at least 48 hours between each match.

**4.** Weather permitting, the teams will be entitled to one 60-minute training session in the stadium where they are due to play on the day before their match. Training times will be communicated by FIFA. In principle, a minimum of 60 minutes shall be set between the end of one team's training session and the start of the next team's training session. If the pitch is not in good condition or the training session would negatively affect the state of the pitch, FIFA may shorten or cancel the training session and direct the teams only to inspect the pitch wearing training shoes. Should a team play more than once in the same stadium, a second training session is not currently foreseen. However, based on requests from the teams concerned, FIFA will take a decision on whether or not to allow a second training session on a case-by-case basis depending on the pitch conditions.

**5.** On matchdays, 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 the warm-up would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

**6.** The stadiums and the official venue-specific and team base camp training sites 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, from at least 10 (ten) days prior to the first match played in a stadium or training session held at the official training sites. These stadiums and official training sites shall not be used for any other matches or events as from 10 (ten) days prior to and throughout the final competition without the express permission of the FIFA Organising Committee. Any violations of this stipulation may result in disciplinary sanctions.

**7.** Each team taking part in the final competition shall arrive in the host country at least 5 (five) days before its first match. Only official team hotels under contract with either FIFA or the Organising Association shall be used for the teams' accommodation. FIFA will provide details about accommodation policies, and in particular the use of venue-specific team hotels, in a circular letter. In principle, the teams shall stay in the venue-specific team hotels the night before and the night of the match in question.

8. Official training sites, in good condition and situated near the team base camps and the venue-specific team hotels in each venue, shall be made available at least 5 (five) full days prior to each team's first match in the final competition.
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 the training sites that have been officially designated for training by FIFA. If a team's preparation site is used as an official training site, par. 6 shall apply.

## 30 Stadiums, fields of play, clocks, displays – final competition

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1. The Organising Association shall ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches of the final competition take place fulfil FIFA requirements and comply with the FIFA Safety Guidelines and other FIFA guidelines and instructions for international matches. The stadiums selected for use during the FIFA 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. The fields of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match of the final competition shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. The pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m, width 68m. The total surface area shall have the following dimensions: length 125m, width 85m, in order to provide sufficient space for warm-up areas and pitch-side photographer positions.

- 3.** If a stadium has a retractable roof, the FIFA match commissioner and the FIFA general coordinator, in consultation with the referee and the two teams' officials, shall decide before the match whether the roof shall be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced at the match coordination meeting on the day before the match, although it may subsequently be modified prior to kick-off in the event of sudden and significant weather condition changes. If the match starts with the roof closed, it shall remain closed for the entire match. If the match starts with the roof open and there is a serious deterioration in the weather conditions, the match commissioner and the referee have the authority to order its closure during the match. In such an event, the roof is to remain closed until the end of the match.
- 4.** Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept for Artificial Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard.
- 5.** 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 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e. after 15 minutes of each half).
- 6.** At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, either orally or by gesturing with his hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This also applies to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time. Each allowance for time lost shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official.
- 7.** Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, shall be used to indicate the substitution of players and the number of minutes to be allowed for time lost.
- 8.** The use of giant screens must be in compliance with the Guidelines for the Use of Giant Screens at FIFA Matches.
- 9.** Smoking is not permitted in the technical area during matches.

## 31 Footballs – final competition

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1. The footballs used in the final competition of the FIFA World Cup™ shall be selected and supplied by FIFA.
2. Each team will receive 25 training balls from FIFA immediately after the final draw as well as 25 additional training balls upon arrival in the host country. Only these balls may be used for warm-up sessions in the official stadiums and at the official training sites.

## 32 Equipment – final competition

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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 sites or any other areas where accreditation is required to gain access.
2. Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominately dark and one predominately light kit) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three (3) contrasting colours for the goalkeepers. This information shall be sent to FIFA on the team colour form. Only these colours may be worn at the matches.
3. No later than 60 days after the final draw, the participating member associations shall send FIFA a sample of the full official and reserve team kits (shirt, shorts, socks, all three goalkeeper's kits, gloves, caps, wristbands and headbands, etc.) intended for use during the final competition for approval.

**4.** FIFA shall organise a kit-day session, which all participating member associations are obliged to attend. 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 South Africa must be approved by FIFA. FIFA will issue a written decision soon after the kit day regarding the approval of all submitted articles. Should any article of the team kit or any part thereof not be in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the participating member association will be obliged to change it accordingly and re-submit the corrected items within 30 days of the first written decision.

**5.** FIFA will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match. As far as possible, each team shall wear its official colours as declared on the official team colour form. If the two teams' colours and the referees' colour might cause confusion, in principle, team A in the official match schedule will be entitled to wear its official team kit and team B will use its reserve team kit or, if necessary, both teams may have to wear a combination of their official and reserve team kits. FIFA will endeavour to ensure that each team wears its official team kit at least once during the tournament.

**6.** Throughout the final competition, each player shall wear the number allotted to him on the official players' list in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.

**7.** The player's last name or popular name (or abbreviation) shall be affixed above the number on the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.

**8.** FIFA will supply a sufficient number of players' sleeve badges with the official competition logo of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each shirt. FIFA will issue a circular letter to the participating associations, outlining the instructions for use of the players' sleeve badges.

**9.** The official and reserve team kits (including those of the goalkeepers) shall be taken to every match.

## 33 **Flags and anthems – final competition**

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1. During the final competition, the FIFA flag and the flags of South Africa and both competing associations shall be flown in the stadium at every match. The FIFA Fair Play flag and the UN flag shall also be hoisted or draped in the stadium, clearly visible from the VIP box.
2. The FIFA anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the field, followed by the national anthems of the two teams.

## 34 **Protocol – final competition**

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FIFA will issue protocol guidelines for the final competition of the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™.

## 35 **Media – final competition**

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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). 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 pitch 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.

## 36 Financial provisions – final competition

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1. The participating member associations will be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:
  - a) adequate insurance cover for the whole delegation (players and officials);
  - b) board and lodging during the final competition (in excess of the amounts paid by FIFA);
  - c) costs associated with additional members of the association's delegation (in excess of 50 people).
2. The Organising Association will bear the costs as stipulated in the LoR and the OAA.
3. FIFA will bear the costs of the following:
  - a) a contribution towards the preparation costs incurred by the participating member associations in accordance with a set tariff to be fixed in due course by the FIFA Organising Committee;
  - b) business class air travel costs for 50 people from each participating member association between a city to be designated by the FIFA Organising Committee and the international airport nearest to the participating member association's team base camp in South Africa. For each delegation's international air travel to the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, FIFA may request the participating member associations to use either (i) the airline notified to the participating member associations as being FIFA's designated air carrier or (ii) an appropriate network alliance partner of such designated air carrier (if the designated air carrier does not service the international airports of any participating member association). If, contrary to any such request by FIFA, any participating member association elects not to use FIFA's designated air carrier or an appropriate network alliance

partner of such designated air carrier, or if any participating member association elects to charter a private aircraft for the air travel of its delegation, FIFA's obligation will be limited to the amount FIFA would have incurred had the participating member association used FIFA's designated air carrier for its delegation's air travel;

**c)** a contribution towards the costs of board and lodging for 50 people from each participating member association in accordance with a set tariff to be fixed in due course, starting five nights prior to each team's first match and ending two nights after its last match. The FIFA Organising Committee will determine these rates based on an average of rack rates in the official venue-specific team hotels;

**d)** the costs incurred by referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, reserve assistant referees, referee assessors and match commissioners and other members of the FIFA delegation;

**e)** doping control expenses;

**f)** the costs of insurance taken out by FIFA to cover its own risks.

**4.** 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. To avoid duplication or insufficient insurance cover, these contracts and the extent of insurance cover shall be agreed upon by both FIFA and the Organising Association. FIFA will set the deadlines for presentation and ratification of the above-mentioned contracts in due course.

**5.** Any expenses and costs incurred by a participating member association other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be borne by the participating member association concerned (cf. art. 4).

**6.** The financial terms and conditions for participating member associations will be regulated in a special annexe or circular letter in due course.

## 37 Ticketing – final competition

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1. FIFA is responsible for the entire ticketing system for the final competition.
2. Each participating member association is entitled to receive complimentary tickets for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup™. The number of complimentary tickets will be defined at a later date.
3. FIFA and the FIFA Organising Committee will, at a later date, issue special ticketing regulations for all ticketing matters, which will apply to all ticket holders, including but not limited to the associations.
4. FIFA will, at a later date, issue a ticket allocation agreement for the final competition to each of the participating member associations. 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.

## 38 Format – final competition

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1. The final competition shall be played in a group stage, followed by three knockout stages, the play-off for third place and the final.
2. In the knockout stages, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

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## Group stage

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1. The 32 teams taking part in the final competition will be divided into eight groups of four teams.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee will divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public at the final draw that will take place in South Africa at the end of 2009, whilst taking sports and geographic factors into consideration, as far as possible. The host country, South Africa, will be seeded as team A1.
3. The teams in the eight groups will be designated as follows:

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group F</b>	<b>Group G</b>	<b>Group H</b>
E1	F1	G1	H1
E2	F2	G2	H2
E3	F3	G3	H3
E4	F4	G4	H4

4. The league format will be used: 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)** drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

**6.** The teams finishing first and second in each group will qualify for the round of sixteen.

**7.** The matches in the group stage will be played in accordance with the following schedule drawn up by the FIFA Organising Committee.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> matchday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> matchday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> matchday</b>
A1 v. A2	A1 v. A3	A4 v. A1
A3 v. A4	A4 v. A2	A2 v. A3
B1 v. B2	B1 v. B3	B4 v. B1
B3 v. B4	B4 v. B2	B2 v. B3
C1 v. C2	C1 v. C3	C4 v. C1
C3 v. C4	C4 v. C2	C2 v. C3
D1 v. D2	D1 v. D3	D4 v. D1
D3 v. D4	D4 v. D2	D2 v. D3
E1 v. E2	E1 v. E3	E4 v. E1
E3 v. E4	E4 v. E2	E2 v. E3
F1 v. F2	F1 v. F3	F4 v. F1
F3 v. F4	F4 v. F2	F2 v. F3
G1 v. G2	G1 v. G3	G4 v. G1
G3 v. G4	G4 v. G2	G2 v. G3
H1 v. H2	H1 v. H3	H4 v. H1
H3 v. H4	H4 v. H2	H2 v. H3

8. The last two matches in each group will have simultaneous kick-off times on the same day.

## 40 Round of sixteen

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1. The teams that qualify from the group stage will play the round of sixteen as follows:

Winner A	v.	Runner-up B	=	1
Winner B	v.	Runner-up A	=	2
Winner C	v.	Runner-up D	=	3
Winner D	v.	Runner-up C	=	4
Winner E	v.	Runner-up F	=	5
Winner F	v.	Runner-up E	=	6
Winner G	v.	Runner-up H	=	7
Winner H	v.	Runner-up G	=	8

2. If, after 90 minutes, a match ends in a draw, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

3. The winners of the eight matches in the round of sixteen will qualify for the quarter-finals.

## 41 Quarter-finals

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1. The eight teams that qualify from the round of sixteen will contest the quarter-finals as follows:

Winner 1	v.	Winner 3	=	A
Winner 2	v.	Winner 4	=	B
Winner 5	v.	Winner 7	=	C
Winner 6	v.	Winner 8	=	D

2. If, after 90 minutes, a match ends in a draw, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

3. The winners of the four matches in the quarter-finals will qualify for the semi-finals.

## 42 Semi-finals

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1. The winners of the quarter-finals will play the semi-finals as follows:

Winner A	v.	Winner C
Winner B	v.	Winner D

2. If, after 90 minutes, a match ends in a draw, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game.

## 43 Final, play-off for third place

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1. The winners of the semi-finals will qualify for the final.
2. The losers of the semi-finals will contest the play-off for third place.
3. If, after 90 minutes, the final or the play-off for third place ends in a draw, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

## 44 Trophy, awards and medals

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1. A representative from FIFA will present the winner of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ with the FIFA 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 South Africa, whichever is the sooner. At this time, the winning team will be provided with the 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 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, at a later date, Trophy Regulations. The winning participating member association shall ensure its full compliance with these Trophy Regulations.
6. A souvenir plaque will be presented to each participating member association.
7. A diploma will be presented to the teams ranked first, second, third and fourth in the final competition.
8. 50 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 officials who officiate at 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. The FIFA Organising Committee will determine the ranking at the end of the final competition. Such decisions are final.
11. At the conclusion of the 2010 FIFA 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 50,000 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, Silver and Bronze Shoes**

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 the members of the FIFA Technical Study Group) will be decisive. If two or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total minutes played in the 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, Silver and Bronze Balls**

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 and fans. A Silver Ball and a Bronze Ball will be awarded to the second and third best players.

**d) Best Goalkeeper**

The Golden Glove will be awarded to the best goalkeeper in the tournament, as selected by the FIFA Technical Study Group.

**e) Best Young Player**

The Best Young Player will be awarded to the best young player in the tournament, as selected by the FIFA Technical Study Group.

**12.** FIFA will issue separate regulations for these awards.

**13.** There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the FIFA Organising Committee.

## 45 **Special circumstances**

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The FIFA Organising Committee shall, in conjunction with the Organising Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in South Africa related to the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

## 46 **Matters not provided for**

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

## 47 **Languages**

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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.

## 48 **Copyright**

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The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is the property of FIFA.

## 49 No waiver

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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, 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.

## 50 Enforcement

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

Zurich, February 2010

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