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Article 1 FIFA Futsal World Cup

1. The FIFA Futsal World Cup (the "World Cup") is a FIFA competition embodied in the FIFA Statutes.
2. As a general rule, every association affiliated to FIFA may participate in the World Cup.
3. Participation in the World Cup is free of charge.
4. The World Cup consists of a preliminary competition and a final competition.

Article 2 Preliminary competition

1. The organisation of the preliminary competition in the applicable form is assigned to the confederations in accordance with the FIFA Statutes in their applicable form. The confederations are required to draw up regulations for the preliminary competition and to submit them to the FIFA general secretariat for approval before the start of the preliminary competition.
2. On entering the preliminary competition, all associations automatically undertake to:
 - a) observe these regulations;
 - b) accept that all 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 only intervene in matters involving associations not affiliated to a confederation, if a confederation requests FIFA's assistance, or in any cases specifically provided for in the FIFA Disciplinary Code;
 - c) observe the principles of fair play.

Article **3** **FIFA Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee**

1. The FIFA Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee, appointed by the FIFA Executive Committee, is the organising committee for the FIFA Futsal World Cup (the “FIFA Organising Committee”) and is responsible for organising the final competition 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 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 halls and training sites in accordance with the FIFA List of Requirements and after consultation with the Organising Association;
 - d) appointing match commissioners;
 - e) verifying that the requirements concerning the eligibility of players are met (cf. articles 21 and 22 of these regulations);
 - f) approving the official futsal ball 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 7 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 World Cup;
 - k) settling cases of force majeure;

- l) dealing with any other aspect of the 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 bureau/ sub-committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Article 4 Organising Association

1. The FIFA Executive Committee has appointed the Confederação Brasileira de Futebol (the "Organising Association") as the host of the final competition of the FIFA Futsal World Cup.
2. The Organising Association is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the final competition and has assigned the Confederação Brasileira de Futebol de Salão to set up a Local Organising Committee ("LOC") in accordance with the Organising Association Agreement ("OAA"), a special contract regulating the working relationship between FIFA and the Organising Association. The Organising Association and the LOC shall be subject to the control of FIFA. All decisions by FIFA are final.
3. The obligations and responsibilities of the Organising Association with respect to the final competition are stipulated in the OAA. They include but shall not be limited to:
 - a) ensuring that safety and order is maintained, particularly in and around the halls. It shall take adequate measures to prevent and avoid outbreaks of violence;
 - b) ensuring that safety and order is maintained around the hotels and training sites 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 halls, 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.
4. Any rights that are not ceded by these regulations to the Organising Association, any Participating Member Association or a confederation shall remain with FIFA.

Article 5 Participating Member Associations

1. The associations that qualify for the final competition (the “Participating Member Associations”) agree to comply with and ensure that every official and player in their official delegations (“Delegation Members”), as defined in the Technical Rules for the Final Competition, fully complies with these regulations, the Futsal Laws of the Game, FIFA’s statutes and regulations, in particular the Media Guidelines, the Commercial Regulations, the Disciplinary Code, the Doping Control Regulations, the Code of Ethics and the Equipment Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA regulations, guidelines, circulars, directives and/or decisions.
2. In addition, each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for:
- a) the conduct of its Delegation Members and of any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the final competition and for the entire duration of their stay in the host country;
 - b) concluding compulsory health, accident and travel insurance cover for all of its Delegation Members;
 - c) paying for incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members during the course of their stay in the host country and for any costs and expenses incurred by any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
 - d) paying for any costs of extending the stay of any Delegation Member or any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;
 - e) applying for visas in good time from the nearest consulate or embassy of the host country, if necessary;
 - f) attending all press conferences and any other official media activities organised by FIFA.

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3. All Participating Member Associations shall confirm their participation by submitting the originals of the official entry form and any other required documentation as communicated by FIFA via the corresponding circular(s), duly signed, to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline(s) set by FIFA. The timely submission, by registered post, to the FIFA general secretariat of any such documents is of the essence. The deadline shall be deemed as having been met if the relevant documents reach FIFA by the final day of the specified deadline.
4. On entering the final competition, each Participating Member Association automatically undertakes to:
 - a) observe these regulations and ensure that its Delegation Members, in particular but not only its players, also observe these regulations and the principles of fair play;
 - b) accept and obey all decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these regulations;
 - c) participate in all matches of the final competition in which its team is scheduled to take part;
 - d) accept all of the arrangements relating to the final competition made by the Organising Association in agreement with FIFA;
 - e) accept the usage by FIFA and/or the sub-license by FIFA to third parties, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of all Delegation Members that may appear in connection with the final competition;
 - f) provide sufficient insurance to cover its delegation and all Delegation Members against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel.

Article **6** **Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement**

1. All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated.
2. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the World Cup no later than 30 days before the first match of the final competition shall be fined CHF 15,000 by FIFA. Any Participating

Member Association that withdraws from the World Cup less than 30 days before the first match of the final competition shall be fined CHF 20,000 by FIFA. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose additional sanctions, including the suspension of the Participating Member Association concerned from subsequent FIFA competitions.

3. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws before the start of the final competition may be replaced by another association. The FIFA Organising Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion.
4. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the FIFA Organising Committee, in addition to the fine under paragraph 2 above, any Participating Member Association that withdraws may be ordered to reimburse FIFA and the Organising Association for any costs and 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. Any decisions taken by the relevant FIFA committee shall be final and binding for the withdrawing association.
6. If, through the fault of any Participating Member Association, a match in the final competition 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 5-0, or greater, depending on the score in the match at the time of abandonment) and may also exclude the team concerned from the final competition.
7. The FIFA Organising Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in the case of force majeure.

Article **7** Disciplinary matters

1. Disciplinary incidents are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code in force as well as with 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 World Cup. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Member Associations one month before the first match of the final competition at the latest.
3. The Participating Member Associations and their players agree to comply with the Futsal Laws of the Game and FIFA's statutes and regulations, in particular the Disciplinary Code, the Doping Control Regulations, the Code of Ethics, the Commercial Regulations and the Equipment Regulations, as well as with all directives and decisions of FIFA bodies unless these regulations stipulate otherwise. The Delegation Members agree to comply with all further FIFA guidelines, circulars and decisions that have any significance regarding the World Cup.
4. In addition, the Delegation Members 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 **8** Disputes

1. All disputes in connection with the World Cup shall be promptly settled by arbitration.
2. In compliance with the FIFA Statutes, Participating Member Associations and their Delegation Members may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law but to the exclusive jurisdiction of FIFA.

3. The Participating Member Associations and their Delegation Members acknowledge and accept that, once all stages of appeal 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.

Article **9** **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, hall installations and futsal balls.
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 the FIFA headquarters in the host country, 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 host country 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 or futsal balls) 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 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.

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6. No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
7. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine.

Article 10 Doping

1. Doping is strictly prohibited. FIFA will inform the Participating Member Associations of the doping control procedures and the list of prohibited substances by means of a circular letter.
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 FIFA Doping Control Regulations and all other relevant FIFA directives will apply to the World Cup.

Article 11 Equipment

1. The Participating Member Associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. Delegation Members 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 halls, training sites or any other areas where accreditation is required to gain access. Any violations shall be reported to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for the necessary sanctions to be imposed in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
2. During the final competition, all equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) must be approved by FIFA. The approval procedure and the applicable deadlines will be communicated by circular letter.
3. The futsal balls used in the final competition shall be selected and exclusively supplied by FIFA. Each team will receive training balls from FIFA immediately after the final draw as well as additional training balls

upon arrival in the host country. Only these balls delivered by FIFA may be used for training and warm-up sessions in the official halls and at the official training sites.

4. The futsal balls used in the final competition shall conform with the provisions of the Futsal 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.
5. During the final competition, the FIFA flag and the flags of the host country and both competing associations shall be flown in the halls at every match. The FIFA Fair Play flag and the UN flag shall also be hoisted or draped in the halls, clearly visible from the VIP box. The FIFA anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the pitch, followed by the national anthems of the two teams.

Article 12 Venues, halls, training sites, dates and kick-off times for matches

1. The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be proposed by the LOC, subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee shall fix the dates and venues of the matches.
3. The Organising Association shall ensure that the halls and facilities in which the matches take place comply with the FIFA Safety Guidelines and other FIFA guidelines and instructions for international matches in force. The halls selected for use during the World Cup shall be subject to approval by FIFA. The Organising Association is responsible for safety and order in and around the halls before, during and after matches.
4. As a general rule, the final competition matches may only be played in all-seater halls.
5. The pitch, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Futsal Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations.

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6. In particular the floodlighting installations at all the venues must 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.
7. Whenever possible, the teams will be entitled to one 45-minute training session in the halls hosting their first match on the day before their match. Training times will be communicated by FIFA.
8. Whenever possible, the teams will be entitled to warm up on the pitch before each match. If the pitch is not available due to the match schedule, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.
9. Smoking is not allowed in the technical areas.
10. The LOC shall provide training sites for the teams. These training sites shall be approved by FIFA. They 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 World Cup.
11. As from four days prior to the first match of the final competition and up to their elimination, the Participating Member Associations 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, paragraph 13 will apply.
12. The halls and training sites shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least ten days prior to the start of the final competition until the final competition is completed, unless the FIFA Organising Committee gives special permission.
13. The halls and 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 at least five days prior to the first match of the final competition.

Article 13 Match officials

1. Four referees (two pitch referees plus the third referee and a timekeeper) will be appointed for each match by the FIFA Referees Committee. They shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing List in force and shall be neutral and not a citizen of a country or member of an association whose team is playing in the group or match in question.
2. The match officials shall receive their official refereeing kits and equipment from FIFA. They shall wear and use only these kits and equipment on match days.
3. The match officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
4. If one of the two pitch referees is prevented from carrying out his duties, such referee shall be replaced by the third referee. The FIFA Referees Committee shall be informed immediately.
5. After each match, the lead referee shall complete and sign the official FIFA report form. The referee shall hand it over to the FIFA general coordinator at the hall immediately after the match. 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.
6. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

Article 14 Futsal Laws of the Game

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game in force at the time of the World Cup. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translation of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

Article 15 Ticketing

FIFA will inform the Participating Member Associations of the ticketing procedure by means of a circular letter.

Article 16 Commercial rights

1. FIFA owns and controls all commercial rights in relation to the World Cup.
2. FIFA will issue Commercial Regulations specifying these commercial rights. All Participating Member Associations shall fully comply with these regulations and ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply.

Article 17 Travel and lodging

1. FIFA shall bear the costs of international air travel (economy class) for each Delegation Member of each Participating Member Association, as defined in the Technical Rules for the Final Competition, from the capital city of the respective Participating Member Association (or, in exceptional cases approved by FIFA, from another city determined 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, on an airline specified by the latter body. Depending on the 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 Associations accordingly. In the case of transit stops during travel to and/or from the host country, 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 Delegation Members. All additional costs and expenses shall be borne by the Participating Member Association concerned.

2. The Organising Association shall bear the costs of the following:
 - a) board and lodging for each Delegation Member of each Participating Member Association. These rooms shall be available from the start of the official competition period, as specified in the Technical Rules for the Final Competition, until one night (two nights, if an earlier departure is not possible) after the last match of the Participating Member Association concerned. The FIFA Organising Committee may make exceptions in the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting from transport difficulties;
 - b) laundry service of the official delegation of each Participating Member Association for the match kits and one set of training kit per day for the number of days prior to the opening match as specified in the Technical Rules for the Final Competition until the day of the last match of the Participating Member Association concerned in the final competition;
 - c) domestic travel (road, rail or air) for each Delegation Member of each Participating Member Association, including their equipment and all related expenses.
3. Any expenses other than those stipulated in these regulations and explicitly outlined not to be borne by FIFA or the Organising Association shall be borne by the relevant Participating Member Association.

Article 18 Number of teams

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 2008 final competition has been fixed at 20, to be apportioned among the confederations as follows:

AFC	4 teams
CAF	2 teams
CONCACAF	3 teams
CONMEBOL*	4 teams
OFC	1 team
UEFA	6 teams

*Includes the host (Brazil)

Article 19 Draw

1. The draw for the final competition will take place at least three months prior to the first match of the final competition.
2. The draw will be organised by the LOC and will (subject to various considerations) be combined with a team workshop on the World Cup.

Article 20 Arrival at venues

Each team participating in the final competition shall arrive at the venue of their first group match at least four days before the opening match of the final competition, regardless of the date of the team's first match. Only official team hotels under contract with either FIFA or the Organising Association shall be used for the teams' accommodation. Each team shall leave by noon of the day after the end of their participation in the World Cup. The period of time defined in this article is considered the official competition period.

Article 21 Eligibility of players

1. Each Participating Member Association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the 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;
 - c) all players shall have undergone medical examinations and have been approved for participation in the World Cup by the team's medical authority.
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 5-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. The FIFA Organising Committee is the competent body to decide in this regard. Decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Article 22 Player lists and official delegation lists

1. Each Participating Member Association shall submit a provisional list of players (a minimum of three of whom shall be goalkeepers) to the FIFA general secretariat, accompanied by a copy of the passport of each player appearing on the list. Further specifics of the provisional list, including the number of players allowed on the list and the deadline by which the list shall be submitted to the FIFA general secretariat, will be stipulated in the relevant circular.
2. The final team list of the 14 players (two 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, as stipulated in the relevant circular. The players on the final team list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. The final team list shall be accompanied, at a minimum, by the following information:

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- Full name
 - All first names
 - Popular name
 - Name to be placed on shirt
 - Number to be placed on shirt
 - Position
 - Date of birth
 - Passport number and expiry date
3. Only the 14 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the final competition. Only the numbers 1 to 14 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 the event of a goalkeeper being replaced by an outfield player, each team shall provide a goalkeeper jersey with the number of the replacing player marked on the back 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 the team's first match. Such replacements must be approved in writing by the FIFA Sports Medical Committee upon receipt and acceptance of a written 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 final competition 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.
5. The final list of 14 players will be published by the FIFA general secretariat. This final list of 14 players plus seven officials will constitute the official list of Delegation Members.
6. Before the start of the final competition, each player on the final list must prove his identity, nationality and age by producing his legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of birth). Every player and every team official must also sign a declaration of compliance wherein they agree to submit to the regulations at hand. Any player or team official who fails to sign and submit these documents will not be allowed to take part in the final competition.

7. Only 12 players shall be named on the player list for each match. Not more than 15 people (six officials and nine players) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. A suspended player will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. According to the Futsal Laws of the Game, the maximum number of substitutes permitted is seven; therefore, the two ineligible players shall wear equipment which distinguishes them from the other officials and players.
8. FIFA shall issue each player and team official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph. Each Participating Member Association will receive a maximum of 21 accreditations (14 for the listed players and seven for their officials).
9. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the final competition. The accreditation shall always be available for inspection.
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.

Article **23** **Competition format**

1. The final competition shall be played in two group stages, followed by the semi-finals, play-off for third place and final.
2. For the first group stage, the 20 participating teams will be divided into four groups of five teams.
3. The FIFA Organising Committee will divide the teams into these groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, taking into account geographic and sporting considerations. The decisions of the FIFA Organising Committee regarding group formation are final.

Article 24 First group stage

1. 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
A5	B5	C5	D5

2. 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.
3. In the first group stage, the last two matches in each group shall be played simultaneously.
4. The two teams finishing first and second in each group qualify for the second stage.
5. The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:
- greater number of points obtained in all group matches;
 - greater number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - greater goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
 - greater goal difference in all group matches;
 - greater number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - fair play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards is evaluated;
 - drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

Article **25** Second group stage

1. The eight teams that advance from the first group stage shall contest the second group stage and shall be divided into two groups of four teams.
2. The teams in the two groups shall be designated as follows:

Group E:	Winner Group A	=	E1
	Winner Group C	=	E2
	Runner-up Group D	=	E3
	Runner-up Group B	=	E4
Group F	Winner Group B	=	F1
	Winner Group D	=	F2
	Runner-up Group C	=	F3
	Runner-up Group A	=	F4
3. 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.
4. In the second group stage, the last two matches in each group shall be played simultaneously.
5. The two teams coming first and second in each group qualify for the semi-finals.
6. The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:
 - a) greater number of points obtained in all second group stage matches;
 - b) greater goal difference resulting from all second group stage matches;
 - c) greater number of goals scored in all second group stage matches;If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- d) greater number of points obtained in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) greater goal difference in all 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 is evaluated;
- h) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

Article **26** Semi-finals

1. The four teams that qualify from the second group stage shall play the semi-finals as follows:

Winner Group F v. Runner-up Group E
Winner Group E v. Runner-up Group F
2. The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system.
3. If a match stands as a draw after 40 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of five minutes each), followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

Article **27** 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 preceding the final and stands as a draw after 40 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of five minutes each), followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the match is played

directly preceding the final and stands as a draw after 40 minutes, no extra time shall be played and the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

4. If the final stands as a draw after 40 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of five minutes each), followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

Article 28 Trophy, awards and medals

1. A representative from FIFA will present the winner of the World Cup with the trophy.
2. A souvenir plaque will be presented to each Participating Member Association.
3. A diploma will be presented to the associations ranked first, second, third and fourth in the final competition.
4. Twenty-one 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.
5. One medal will be presented to each of the referees who take charge of the play-off for third place and the final.
6. A fair play contest will be held during the final competition (cf. Appendix). The FIFA Organising Committee will determine the ranking at the end of the final competition. Such decisions are final.
7. At the conclusion of the 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 futsal equipment (to be used for futsal 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 number of red and yellow cards received by the players in all matches in the final competition will be taken into account, with the player with fewest cards 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 in the final competition on the basis of a vote taken among the media accredited for the final competition. A Silver Ball and a Bronze Ball will be awarded to the second- and third-best players.

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

Article 29 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 host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these regulations.

Article 30 Matters not provided for

Any matters not provided for in these regulations and any cases of force majeure shall be decided by the FIFA Organising Committee. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Article 31 Languages

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

Article 32 Copyright

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

Article 33 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 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.

Article **34** Enforcement

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

Zurich, February 2008

For the FIFA Executive Committee

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Jérôme Valcke

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 futsal equipment to be used exclusively for futsal development.

II. Assessment criteria

7. The assessment form contains six criteria by which the teams' fair play performance shall be judged, stressing the positive aspects rather than negative. As a general rule, maximum points shall only be awarded if the team concerned displays a positive attitude.

8. Red and yellow cards shall be deducted from a maximum of 10 points:

– first yellow card:	minus 1 point
– second yellow/indirect red card:	minus 3 points
– direct red card:	minus 3 points
– yellow card & direct red card:	minus 4 points

Red and yellow cards are the only criteria entailing minus points.

9. Positive play

Minimum 1 point
Maximum 10 points

The aim of this criterion is to reward attacking and attractive play, and shall take into account such aspects as:

- a) Positive aspects
- attacking rather than defensive tactics;
 - speeding up the game;
 - constantly attempting to score even if the desired result (e.g. qualification) has already been achieved.
- b) Negative aspects
- tactics that rely on rough play;
 - play-acting;
 - time-wasting, etc.

As a general rule, positive play is correlated with the number of scoring chances created and the number of goals scored.

10. Respect towards the opponent

Minimum 1 point
Maximum 5 points

Players are expected to respect the Futsal 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 futsal 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.
17. These regulations have been approved by the FIFA Organising Committee.

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

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