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Article 1 **FIFA Confederations Cup**

1. The FIFA Confederations Cup (“Competition”) is a FIFA event embodied in the FIFA Statutes and takes place every four years.
2. In line with the FIFA Executive Committee decision taken in October 2004, South Africa will host the FIFA Confederations Cup 2009 in order to test the facilities and infrastructure of the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™. The Organising Association is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the Competition, as well as for security for the duration thereof.
3. The regulations for the FIFA Confederations Cup South Africa 2009 (“Regulations”) regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all associations taking part in the FIFA Confederations Cup 2009 and of the Organising Association by forming an integral part of the Organising Association Agreement. 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 FIFA Confederations Cup 2009.
4. Any rights associated with the FIFA Confederations Cup 2009 that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to a participating member association or to a confederation belong to FIFA.
5. 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.
6. The FIFA Confederations Cup South Africa 2009 shall be played between 14 and 28 June 2009.

Article 2 **Organising Committee for the FIFA Confederations Cup
South Africa 2009**

1. The Organising Committee for the FIFA Confederations Cup (“FIFA Organising Committee”), appointed by the FIFA Executive Committee, is the organising committee responsible for organising the 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’s format, the draw and the formation of groups;
 - b) approving the dates and venues of the matches and determining kick-off times;
 - c) approving the choice of stadiums and training grounds in accordance with the FIFA List of Requirements (LoR) and after consultation with the Organising Association;
 - d) appointing match commissioners;
 - e) verifying that the requirements concerning the eligibility of players are met (cf. article 20 and article 21 of these Regulations);
 - f) approving the official football and the stipulated technical material;
 - g) approving the choice of laboratories that will carry out the doping analyses;
 - h) reporting cases in relation to article 6 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 Competition;
 - k) settling cases of force majeure;
 - l) dealing with any other aspect of the Competition 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 3 Organising Association

1. The South Africa Football Association (“SAFA”) has set up a Local Organising Committee (“LOC”) in the form of an internal division to organise the Competition, in accordance with the LoR and the Organising Association Agreement (“OAA”) between FIFA and the Organising Association.
2. 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 FIFA Confederations Cup 2009. The decisions of FIFA are final.
3. 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.
4. The obligations and responsibilities of the Organising Association with respect to the 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 stadiums. 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 grounds of the participating teams;
 - c) concluding insurance policies in consultation with FIFA to cover all risks relating to the 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 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.
5. Any rights that are not ceded by these Regulations to the Organising Association or any Participating Member Association or to a confederation shall remain with FIFA.

Article 4 Participating Member Associations

1. The following member associations are entitled to participate in the FIFA Confederations Cup 2009:
- Iraq winners of the AFC Asian Cup 2007
 - Egypt winners of the CAF Africa Cup of Nations 2008
 - USA winners of the CONCACAF Gold Cup 2007
 - Brazil winners of the Copa América 2007
 - tbc winners of the 2008 OFC Nations Cup
 - tbc winners of the UEFA EURO 2008
 - Italy winners of the 2006 FIFA World Cup Germany™
 - South Africa host
2. The associations that qualify for the Competition (“Participating Member Associations”) agree to comply with and ensure that every official and player in its official delegation (“Delegation Members”) fully complies with these Regulations, the Laws of the Game and FIFA’s Statutes and regulations, in particular the Media Guidelines, the Participating Member Association Ticket Allocation Agreement, 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, directives and/or decisions.

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3. 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 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;
 - g) ensuring that every member of its delegation signs the required declarations.

4. 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.

5. On entering the Competition, each Participating Member Association automatically undertakes to:
 - a) observe these Regulations and ensure that all of its Delegation Members 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 Competition in which its team is scheduled to take part;
 - d) accept all of the arrangements relating to the Competition made by the Organising Association in agreement with FIFA;
 - e) accept that FIFA may use, record and broadcast the images, names and records of all Delegation Members who may appear in connection with the Competition, and/or sub-license the above to third parties;
 - f) provide sufficient insurance to cover their delegation and all Delegation Members against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel.

6. Participating Member Associations are free to play friendly matches prior to the Competition whenever they wish and against any national team or club they choose (except their opponents in the group stage), according to the international match calendar. For any friendly match played in South Africa the following restrictions apply:
 - a) Friendly matches may not be played in any of the stadiums where the Competition will be held or in any of the training sites chosen for the Competition as of 30 May 2009, in order to safeguard preparations for the Competition (cf. article 11 paragraph 12).
 - b) No connection shall be created between the Competition and the friendly match, or between the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ and the friendly match, i.e. neither the Competition nor the FIFA World Cup™ logos are to be used and no verbal connection shall be created (such as “On the Road to the World Cup”, “Confederations Cup Tour” or similar).

Article 5 **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 Competition no later than 30 days before the first match of the Competition shall be fined CHF 50,000 by FIFA. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the Competition less than 30 days before the first match of the Competition shall be fined CHF 100,000 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 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 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 Competition cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the

FIFA Organising Committee shall declare the match forfeit (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 may also exclude the team concerned from the Competition.

7. The FIFA Organising Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in the case of force majeure.

Article 6 **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 Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Member Associations one month before the first match of the Competition at the latest.
3. The Participating Member Associations and their players agree to comply with the 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 players agree to comply with all further FIFA guidelines, circulars and decisions that have any significance regarding the Competition.
4. In addition, the players agree notably to:
 - a) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence;
 - b) behave accordingly;
 - c) refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Doping Control Regulations.

Article **7** Disputes

1. All disputes in connection with the Competition 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 **8** Protests

1. For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA match commissioner and the FIFA general coordinator 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 FIFA no later than five days before the first match of the Competition.

4. Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items (e.g. goals, flag posts or footballs) shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the head of delegation of the team lodging the protest. If the 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 and the FIFA general coordinator by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.
5. Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed.
6. No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
7. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine.

Article 9 **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 Competition.

Article 10 Equipment, team colours and footballs

1. The Participating Member Associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. Players and officials are not allowed to display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags etc.) or body for the duration of their time in the stadiums, training grounds or any other areas where accreditation is required to gain access. 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. Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light kit) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three 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. 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 Competition.
4. During the Competition, all equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment etc.) that could be used within the stadiums and at the training grounds must be approved by FIFA. The approval procedure and the applicable deadlines will be communicated by circular letter.

5. Throughout the Competition, each player shall wear the number allotted to him on the official players' list in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.
6. 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.
7. FIFA will supply a sufficient number of players' sleeve badges with the official logo of the Competition, which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each shirt. FIFA will issue a circular letter to the Participating Member Associations outlining the instructions for use of the players' sleeve badges.
8. The official and reserve team kits (including those of the goalkeepers) shall be taken to every match.
9. The footballs used in the Competition shall be selected and exclusively supplied by FIFA. Each team will receive training balls from FIFA immediately after the draw as well as additional training balls upon arrival in the host country. Only those footballs delivered by FIFA may be used for training and warm-up sessions in the official stadiums and at the official training sites. It is the responsibility of each team to bring these footballs to training.
10. During the Competition, the FIFA flag and the flags of the host country 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. The FIFA anthem shall be played while the teams are entering the pitch, followed by the national anthems of the two teams.

Article **11** Venues, stadiums, 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, allowing each team a minimum rest period of 48 hours between matches.
3. The Organising Association shall ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the matches take place comply with the FIFA Safety Guidelines and other FIFA guidelines and instructions for international matches in force. The stadiums selected for use during the Competition 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 matches.
4. As a general rule, the Competition matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums.
5. The fields of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations. Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces. 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.
6. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights. All stadiums shall have floodlighting installations that ensure that the whole pitch is evenly lit according to FIFA specifications and are suitable for high-definition television production. An emergency power generator shall also be available which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the intensity of light specified by FIFA for the whole pitch. The FIFA Organising Committee is entitled to grant exceptions, which are final.

7. Weather permitting, the teams will be entitled to one 60-minute training session in the stadium hosting their first match 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.
8. The teams will be entitled to warm up on the pitch before each match, weather permitting. If the pitch is not in good condition or warm-up sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.
9. Smoking is not allowed in the technical area.
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 hotels and made available at least ten days before the team's first match in the Competition until one day after the team's last match in the Competition.
11. As from four days prior to their first match in the Competition and up to their elimination, the Participating Member Associations shall use only the training sites which have been approved by FIFA. If a team uses a FIFA-approved training site as its preparation site, then paragraph 13 will apply.
12. The stadiums and training sites shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least 15 days prior to the start of the Competition until the Competition is completed, unless the FIFA Organising Committee gives special permission.
13. All stadiums 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 four days prior to the team's first match in the Competition.

Article 12 Fields of play, retractable roofs, clocks, displays and giant screens

1. The pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m, width 68m. The total surface area shall have the following dimensions: length 125m, width 80m, in order to provide sufficient space for warm-up areas and pitch-side photographer positions.
2. 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, 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.
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The use of giant screens must be in compliance with the Guidelines for the Use of Giant Screens at FIFA Matches.

Article **13** Match officials

1. A referee, two assistant referees, a fourth official and (subject to the Referees Committee's authorisation) a reserve assistant referee 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 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 or reserve assistant referee respectively. The FIFA Referees Committee shall be informed immediately.
5. After each match, the referee shall complete and sign the official FIFA report form. The referee shall hand it over to the FIFA general coordinator at the stadium immediately after the match. 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 Laws of the Game

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

Article 15 Ticketing

1. Each Participating Member Association is entitled to receive complimentary tickets for the Competition. The total number of complimentary tickets for each Participating Member Association will be communicated by FIFA prior to the opening match of the Competition.
2. FIFA will issue a ticket allocation agreement to each of the Participating Member Associations. All Participating Member Associations shall comply with this ticket allocation agreement and ensure that their members, Delegation Members and other affiliates also comply with such agreement.

Article 16 Commercial rights

1. FIFA owns and controls all commercial rights in relation to the Competition.
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** Financial provisions

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 Competition (in excess of the amounts paid by the LOC);
 - c) costs associated with additional members of the association's delegation (in excess of 40 people).

2. The Organising Association will bear the costs of the following in accordance with the OAA and LoR:
 - a) organising costs and all expenses relating to domestic travel (ground, rail or air travel) for official duty of the FIFA delegation and participating teams (maximum of 40 people per team) and their equipment;
 - b) board and lodging (35 rooms, 12 of which at least shall be double) for each team delegation comprising 40 people (23 players and 17 officials). This obligation shall apply commencing four days prior to their first match and shall end one day (or two days, if earlier departure is not possible) after the last match and/or the elimination of a team. The FIFA Organising Committee may make exceptions in the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting from transport difficulties;
 - c) laundry service for the match and training kits of the participating teams.

3. FIFA will bear the costs of international air travel (business class) for each Delegation Member of each Participating Member Association (maximum of 40 people per team) from the capital city of the respective Participating Member Association (or, in exceptional cases approved by

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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 FIFA. 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.

4. 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.
5. The financial terms and conditions for Participating Member Associations will be regulated in a special annexe or circular letter in due course.

Article 18 Draw

1. The draw for the Competition will take place in November 2008.
2. The draw will be organised by FIFA and hosted by the LOC, and will be combined with a team workshop (and other related activities) on the Competition.

Article 19 Arrival at venues

Each team participating in the Competition shall arrive at the venue of their first group match at least four days before their first match of the Competition. Teams are obliged to use the official team bus and accompanying support vehicles supplied by the LOC for transport within the host country. Only official team hotels under contract with either FIFA or the Organising Association shall be used for the teams' accommodation.

Article 20 Eligibility of players

1. Each Participating Member Association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the FIFA Confederations Cup:
 - a) all players shall be citizens of its country and subject to its jurisdiction;
 - b) all players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and relevant FIFA regulations.
2. Any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match in question. Victory and the resultant three points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. The FIFA Organising Committee is the competent body to decide in this regard. Decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Article **21** Player lists, official delegation lists and accreditation

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 copies 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 23 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) selected to participate in the Competition shall be submitted to the FIFA general secretariat, using the official form, at least ten working days before the opening match of the 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 for each player: the full last name(s), all first names, popular name, name and number on the shirt, position, place and date of birth, passport number, club and country of the club, height, weight, number of caps, number of goals.
3. Only the 23 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the Competition. 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 to the numbers indicated on the final team list. In the event of a goalkeeper needing to be replaced by an outfield player (due to injuries or red cards), each team shall provide a goalkeeper jersey without a number displayed on the back of the shirt in order to distinguish this replacement goalkeeper from the other players.

4. A player listed on the final team list may be replaced only in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before the kick-off of his 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 in one of the four official FIFA languages. 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 Competition and hand over such certificate to the FIFA Organising Committee for approval. Concurrently with submitting the request to replace the injured player, the association shall also nominate a replacement from the provisional list and inform the FIFA general secretariat of the player's full details (cf. article 21 paragraph 2). The replacement player must be assigned the shirt number of the injured player being replaced.
5. The final list of 23 players will be published by the FIFA general secretariat. This final list of 23 players plus 17 officials will constitute the official delegation list.
6. Before the start of the Competition, every player on the final list must prove his identity and nationality by producing his legally valid individual passport with photograph. 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 submit and sign these documents will not be allowed to take part in the Competition.
7. All 23 players shall be named on the player list for each match (11 selected players and 12 substitutes). Not more than 23 people (11 officials and 12 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. A suspended player will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. Up to a maximum of three of the substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match.
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 45 accreditations (23 for the listed players and 22 for their officials). However, FIFA and the LOC shall only pay costs such as international flights, domestic transportation, meals and accommodation for the official delegation of 40 people.

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9. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the Competition. The accreditation shall always be available for inspection.
10. Injured players who are replaced up until 24 hours before the kick-off of their team's first match (cf. article 21 paragraph 4) must forfeit their accreditation to FIFA. Accordingly, players who have forfeited their accreditations shall no longer be considered members of the Participating Member Association's official delegation list.
11. 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.
12. 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 **22** Competition format

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

Article **23** Group stage

1. The eight participating teams will be divided into two groups of four teams.

2. The FIFA Organising Committee will divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, taking into account geographic and sporting considerations. The host country, South Africa, will be seeded as team A1 and play in the opening match.

3. The teams in the two groups will be designated as follows:

Group A	Group B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4

4. The matches in the first round will be played in accordance with the following schedule:

1 st match day	2 nd match day	3 rd match day
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

5. 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.

6. 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.
7. The two teams finishing first and second in each group qualify for the semi-finals.

Article **24** Semi-finals

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

Winner A v. Runner-up B

Winner B v. Runner-up A

Article 25 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.

Article 26 Trophies, awards and medals

1. A representative from FIFA will present the winner of the Competition 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 Competition.
4. 40 medals will be presented to each of the top three teams in the Competition, i.e. gold medals to the winners, silver medals to the runners-up and bronze medals to the team ranked third.
5. A medal will be presented to each of the referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and reserve assistant referees who take charge of the play-off for third place and the final.
6. A fair play contest will be held during the Competition. The regulations of the fair play contest will be sent to the Participating Member Associations by means of a circular letter. The FIFA Organising Committee will determine the ranking at the end of the Competition. Such decisions are final.
7. At the conclusion of the Competition, the following special awards will be presented:
 - a) Fair Play Award
The FIFA Fair Play Trophy, 40 individual fair play medals for each player and official, a team diploma and a voucher for USD 10,000

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worth of football equipment (to be used for youth football development) will be presented to the team finishing first in the fair play contest. The applicable rules are in the fair play contest regulations.

b) Golden Shoe

The Golden Shoe will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the 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.

If two or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total minutes played in the Competition will be taken into account, with the player playing less minutes ranked first. A Silver Shoe and a Bronze Shoe for the second and third highest goalscorers will also be awarded.

c) Golden Ball

The Golden Ball will be awarded to the best player in the Competition on the basis of a vote taken among the media accredited for the 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 **27** 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 **28** 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 **29** 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 **30** Copyright

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

Article **31** 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 **32** Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Executive Committee in May 2008 and come into force immediately.

The previous version of these Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any matters that arose before these Regulations came into force.

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