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# COMPETITION FORMAT

## Article 1. FIFA Futsal World Cup™

- 1.1 The FIFA Futsal World Cup (“World Cup”) is a FIFA competition embodied in the FIFA regulations.
- 1.2 The World Cup takes place every four years. As a general rule, every association affiliated to FIFA may participate in the World Cup.
- 1.3 The World Cup consists of a preliminary competition and a final competition.
- 1.4 The dates for the final competition of the FIFA Futsal World Cup 2024™ will be confirmed by the FIFA Council and communicated via a FIFA circular letter.
- 1.5 Any rights that are not ceded by the Regulations for the FIFA Futsal World Cup Uzbekistan 2024™ (“Regulations”) to the Organising Association/Local Organising Committee or any Participating Member Association or to a confederation shall remain with FIFA.
- 1.6 These Regulations regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all associations taking part in the FIFA Futsal World Cup Uzbekistan 2024™ (“World Cup 2024”) and of the Organising Association/Local Organising Committee by forming an integral part of the Hosting Agreement (“HA”). The Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by FIFA are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the World Cup 2024.
- 1.7 The FIFA Statutes and all FIFA regulations in force shall apply. Any reference in these Regulations to the FIFA Statutes and regulations refers to the FIFA Statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.

## Article 2. Preliminary competition

- 2.1 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 FIFA at least three months before the start of the preliminary competition.



2.2 On entering the preliminary competition, all associations automatically undertake to:

- a. 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, and FIFA will only intervene if a confederation requests FIFA's assistance or in any cases specifically provided for in the FIFA Disciplinary Code; and
- b. observe the principles of fair play.

2.3 In the event that a confederation's preliminary competition is not held or completed in a manner that makes it possible to determine which member association(s) would qualify for the final competition (due to cancellation, postponement, abandonment or otherwise), the relevant confederation shall propose, for FIFA's prior written approval, one or more member associations based in the confederation's territorial region as the member association(s) to represent it at the final competition. The confederation shall base its proposal strictly on the sporting merits of the member association(s) and shall provide a written report to FIFA explaining the reasons for proposing the qualification of the member association(s) for the final competition. In the event that FIFA does not approve the confederation's proposed member association(s), the confederation shall propose one or more alternative member associations for FIFA's approval.

### **Article 3. Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions**

3.1 The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions (the "FIFA Organising Committee"), appointed by the FIFA Council, is responsible for organising the World Cup 2024 in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Governance Regulations.

3.2 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.

3.3 The FIFA Organising Committee shall deal with any aspect of the World Cup 2024 that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or the FIFA Governance Regulations.

3.4 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/Local Organising Committee – responsibilities

- 4.1 The FIFA Council has appointed the Uzbekistan Football Association (“Organising Association”) as the host of the final competition of the World Cup 2024.
- 4.2 The Organising Association is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the final competition. It shall set up a Local Organising Committee (“LOC”) in accordance with the HA. The Organising Association and the LOC shall be subject to the control of FIFA. All FIFA decisions are final.
- 4.3 The obligations and responsibilities of the Organising Association with respect to the final competition are stipulated in, but not limited to, the HA and any other agreement reached between FIFA and the Organising Association.
- 4.4 The Organising Association shall discharge FIFA from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against FIFA and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the World Cup 2024.
- 4.5 The Organising Association shall ensure that any decision taken by FIFA relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.
- 4.6 The Organising Association’s representative team automatically qualifies for the final competition.

## Article 5. Participating Member Associations – responsibilities

- 5.1 The associations that qualify for the final competition (the “Participating Member Associations”) automatically undertake to comply with and ensure that every Delegation Member (players, coaches, managers, officials, media officers, representatives, guests and any other person carrying out duties throughout the final competition, and for the entire duration of their stay in the host country, on behalf of a Participating Member Association) complies with these Regulations, the Futsal Laws of the Game, the FIFA Statutes and FIFA’s regulations, in particular the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Equipment Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA circular letters, regulations, guidelines, directives and/or decisions.



In addition, every Delegation Member shall:

- a. respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and the authority of the match officials;
- b. behave accordingly; and
- c. refrain from doping as defined by the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations.

## 5.2

On entering the final competition, the Participating Member Associations automatically undertake to:

- a. observe and comply with these Regulations and ensure that each of their Delegation Members also observes and complies with these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
- b. observe and comply with the FIFA Statutes, as well as with any other FIFA regulations, directives, circular letters, guidelines and decisions as well as all applicable laws;
- c. observe and comply with all instructions and decisions taken by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these Regulations;
- d. participate in all matches of the final competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;
- e. accept all of the arrangements relating to the final competition made by the Organising Association in agreement with FIFA;
- f. accept the use by FIFA and/or the issue of a sub-licence 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; and
- g. ensure the provision of adequate insurance to cover their Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risks, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease and travel in consideration of the relevant FIFA rules or regulations.

## 5.3

In addition, each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for:

- a. the conduct of its Delegation Members;
- b. paying for incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf during the course of their stay in the host country;
- c. paying for any costs of extending the stay, before or after the final competition, of any Delegation Member or any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf;

- d. applying for visas and submitting the required documents in good time in accordance with the relevant procedure; and
- e. attending all media conferences and other media activities organised by FIFA in accordance with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, as well as with any other FIFA circular letters, guidelines, directives and/or decisions.

**5.4** All Participating Member Associations shall confirm their participation by submitting the entry form and any other required documentation as communicated by FIFA via the corresponding circular(s), duly signed by the deadline(s) set by FIFA. The timely submission to FIFA of any such documents is of the essence. If a Participating Member Association fails to adhere to the time limits and/or fails to meet the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents, the FIFA Organising Committee shall pass a decision.

**5.5** All Participating Member Associations shall indemnify, defend and hold FIFA, the Organising Association, the LOC, and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, any non-compliance with these Regulations by the Participating Member Associations, their Delegation Members, their affiliates and any third parties contracted to the Participating Member Associations.

## **Article 6. Withdrawal, unplayed matches, abandoned matches and replacement**

**6.1** All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the World Cup 2024.

**6.2** Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the World Cup 2024 no later than 30 days before the first match of the final competition shall be fined at least CHF 15,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Any Participating Member Association that withdraws from the World Cup 2024 fewer than 30 days before the first match of the final competition shall be fined at least CHF 20,000 by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

**6.3** Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose additional disciplinary measures, including the expulsion of the Participating Member Association concerned from subsequent FIFA competitions. The FIFA Organising Committee may decide to replace the withdrawn Participating Member Association in question with another member association.



- 6.4 Any match which is not played or which is abandoned – except in cases of force majeure recognised by FIFA – may lead to the imposition of disciplinary measures against the relevant Participating Member Association by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 6.5 Any Participating Member Association that withdraws or whose behaviour is liable for a match not being played or being abandoned may be ordered by the FIFA Organising Committee to reimburse FIFA, the Organising Association or any other Participating Member Association for any expenses incurred as a result of its behaviour. In such cases, the association concerned may also be ordered by FIFA to pay compensation for any damages incurred by FIFA, the Organising Association or any other Participating Member Association. The association in question will also forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.
- 6.6 If a Participating Member Association withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, FIFA shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.
- 6.7 Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles shall apply:
- a. The match shall recommence at the minute and second at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same scoreline.
  - b. The match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned.
  - c. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the start list.
  - d. A player who was sent off during the abandoned match may not re-enter the match, but may be replaced by a substitute after two minutes have elapsed (cf. the Futsal Laws of the Game).
  - e. Any disciplinary measures imposed before the match was abandoned will be dealt with in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
  - f. The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by FIFA.



# DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

## Article 7. Disciplinary matters

- 7.1 Disciplinary infringements 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 and Delegation Members undertake to comply.
- 7.2 FIFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and measures for the duration of the World Cup 2024. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Member Associations before the first match of the final competition at the latest.

## Article 8. Forfeit

- 8.1 A team sanctioned with a forfeit is considered to have lost the match 5-0.
- 8.2 If the goal difference at the end of a match is less favourable to the team at fault, the result on the pitch shall be upheld.
- 8.3 In the event of a discrepancy between these Regulations and the FIFA Disciplinary Code on the result of a forfeited match, these Regulations shall be authoritative.

## Article 9. Disputes

- 9.1 All disputes in connection with the World Cup 2024 shall be promptly settled by mediation (with the exception of those falling under article 7 above).
- 9.2 In compliance with the FIFA Statutes, Participating Member Associations may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law but to the exclusive jurisdiction of FIFA.
- 9.3 The Participating Member Associations and Delegation Members acknowledge and accept that, once all internal channels have been exhausted at FIFA, their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, unless excluded or if the decision is declared final, binding and not subject to appeal. Any such arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

## Article 10. Protests

- 10.1 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.

- 10.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA Match Director within two hours of the match in question, as well as via the FIFA Legal Portal at [legalportal.fifa.com](https://legalportal.fifa.com) (cf. article 18 paragraph 1 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code) within 24 hours of the end of the match in question, otherwise they shall be disregarded.
- 10.3 Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for matches shall be submitted via the FIFA Legal Portal (cf. article 18 paragraph 1 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code) no later than five days before the first match of the final competition. Such protests shall be dealt with by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 10.4 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 Director by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.
- 10.5 Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA Match Director by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match.
- 10.6 No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal, unless otherwise stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 10.7 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may impose disciplinary measures against the Participating Member Association concerned.
- 10.8 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations (and in the FIFA Disciplinary Code, where applicable) are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the World Cup 2024 has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded. Notwithstanding the above, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee remains competent to prosecute any disciplinary infringement *ex officio*, as established in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 10.9 FIFA shall pass decisions on any protests lodged, subject to the exceptions stipulated in these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes or any other FIFA regulations.



## Article 11. Yellow and red cards

- 11.1 The referees have the authority to take disciplinary action from entering the pitch for the pre-match inspection until leaving the pitch after the match ends (including kicks from the penalty mark). If, before entering the field of play at the start of the match, a player or team official commits a sending-off offence, the referee has the authority to prevent the player or team official from taking part in the match (see Futsal Laws of the Game, Law 12.3); the referee will report any other misconduct.
- 11.2 Single yellow cards and pending suspensions as a consequence of cautions in different matches in the preliminary competition organised by the confederations are not carried over to the final competition. Pending match suspensions imposed as a result of a red card in a match in a preliminary competition organised by a confederation are carried over to the final competition.
- 11.3 Single yellow cards in the final competition will be cancelled after the quarter-finals.
- 11.4 If a player or team official receives two cautions during two different matches, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match.
- 11.5 If a player or team official is sent off as a result of a direct or indirect red card, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match. In addition, further sanctions may be imposed in the case of a direct red card.
- 11.6 Any suspension that cannot be served during the World Cup 2024 will be carried over to the representative team's next official match.





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## Article 12. Number of teams

The number of teams taking part in the final competition has been fixed at 24, to be apportioned among the confederations as follows:

<b>Confederation</b>	<b>Number of slots</b>
<b>AFC</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>CAF</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Concacaf</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>CONMEBOL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>OFC</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>UEFA</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Host (Uzbekistan)</b>	<b>1</b>

## Article 13. Group and knockout stages

13.1 The final competition will be played in a group stage, followed by three knockout stages, the play-off for third place and the final.

13.2 The 24 participating teams will be divided into six groups of four teams. FIFA will seed the teams for the final competition draw in accordance with the team ranking as established in the draw procedures. FIFA will divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, taking into account geographical and sporting considerations. The teams in the six groups will be designated as follows:

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>	<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group F</b>
<b>A1</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>E1</b>	<b>F1</b>
<b>A2</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>C2</b>	<b>D2</b>	<b>E2</b>	<b>F2</b>
<b>A3</b>	<b>B3</b>	<b>C3</b>	<b>D3</b>	<b>E3</b>	<b>F3</b>
<b>A4</b>	<b>B4</b>	<b>C4</b>	<b>D4</b>	<b>E4</b>	<b>F4</b>

- 13.3** The group matches will be played following the schedule below. Each team plays each of the other teams in the same group once, according to a league system with three points for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat.

<b>MATCHDAY 1</b>	<b>MATCHDAY 2</b>	<b>MATCHDAY 3</b>
<b>A1 v. A2</b> <b>A3 v. A4</b>	<b>A1 v. A3</b> <b>A4 v. A2</b>	<b>A4 v. A1</b> <b>A2 v. A3</b>
<b>B1 v. B2</b> <b>B3 v. B4</b>	<b>B1 v. B3</b> <b>B4 v. B2</b>	<b>B4 v. B1</b> <b>B2 v. B3</b>
<b>C1 v. C2</b> <b>C3 v. C4</b>	<b>C1 v. C3</b> <b>C4 v. C2</b>	<b>C4 v. C1</b> <b>C2 v. C3</b>
<b>D1 v. D2</b> <b>D3 v. D4</b>	<b>D1 v. D3</b> <b>D4 v. D2</b>	<b>D4 v. D1</b> <b>D2 v. D3</b>
<b>E1 v. E2</b> <b>E3 v. E4</b>	<b>E1 v. E3</b> <b>E4 v. E2</b>	<b>E4 v. E1</b> <b>E2 v. E3</b>
<b>F1 v. F2</b> <b>F3 v. F4</b>	<b>F1 v. F3</b> <b>F4 v. F2</b>	<b>F4 v. F1</b> <b>F2 v. F3</b>

- 13.4** The two teams finishing first and second in each group and the four best teams among those ranked third will qualify for the round of 16.

- 13.5** The 16 teams that qualify from the group stage will contest the round of 16 as follows:

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> A v. 2<sup>nd</sup> C</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Winner 1</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> D v. 3<sup>rd</sup> B/E/F</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Winner 2</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> B v. 3<sup>rd</sup> A/C/D</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Winner 3</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> F v. 2<sup>nd</sup> E</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Winner 4</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> E v. 2<sup>nd</sup> D</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Winner 5</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> C v. 3<sup>rd</sup> A/B/F</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Winner 6</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> B v. 2<sup>nd</sup> F</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Winner 7</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> A v. 3<sup>rd</sup> C/D/E</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Winner 8</b>

Note: the above configuration does not necessarily represent the chronological order in which the matches will be played.



**13.6** The following table indicates the pairings in the round of 16, depending upon which third-placed teams qualify from the group stage. For example, if the teams finishing third in groups A, B, C and D qualify, the pairings will be 1<sup>st</sup> A v. 3<sup>rd</sup> C, 1<sup>st</sup> B v. 3<sup>rd</sup> D, 1<sup>st</sup> C v. 3<sup>rd</sup> A and 1<sup>st</sup> D v. 3<sup>rd</sup> B.

<b>The four best third-placed teams are:</b>	<b>1A plays</b>	<b>1B plays</b>	<b>1C plays</b>	<b>1D plays</b>
<b>A B C D</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3B</b>
<b>A B C E</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3E</b>
<b>A B C F</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3F</b>
<b>A B D E</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3E</b>
<b>A B D F</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3F</b>
<b>A B E F</b>	<b>3E</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3F</b>
<b>A C D E</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3E</b>
<b>A C D F</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3F</b>
<b>A C E F</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3F</b>	<b>3E</b>
<b>A D E F</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3F</b>	<b>3E</b>
<b>B C D E</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3E</b>
<b>B C D F</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3F</b>
<b>B C E F</b>	<b>3E</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3F</b>
<b>B D E F</b>	<b>3E</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3F</b>
<b>C D E F</b>	<b>3C</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>3F</b>	<b>3E</b>

**13.7** The eight teams that qualify from the round of 16 will contest the quarter-finals as follows:

- A: Winner 1 v. Winner 2**
- B: Winner 3 v. Winner 4**
- C: Winner 5 v. Winner 6**
- D: Winner 7 v. Winner 8**

Note: the above configuration does not necessarily represent the chronological order in which the matches will be played.

**13.8** The four winners of the quarter-finals will contest the semi-finals as follows:

- Semi-final 1: Winner A v. Winner B**
- Semi-final 2: Winner C v. Winner D**

Note: the above configuration does not necessarily represent the chronological order in which the matches will be played.

**13.9** The two winners of the semi-finals will contest the final. The runners-up of the semi-finals will contest the play-off for third place as follows:

- Play-off for third place: Runner-up SF1 v. Runner-up SF2**
- Final: Winner SF1 v. Winner SF2**

## Article 14. Equal points and qualification for knockout stage

**14.1** If two or more teams in the same group are equal on points after the completion of the group stage, the following criteria, in the order below, shall be applied to determine the ranking:

### Step 1:

- a. superior goal difference in all group matches;
- b. greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

### Step 2:

If two or more teams in the same group are equal on the basis of the above two criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- c. greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;



- d. superior goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- e. greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- f. highest team conduct score (players and team officials) relating to the number of yellow and red cards obtained:
  - yellow card: minus 1 point
  - indirect red card (as a result of two yellow cards): minus 3 points
  - direct red card: minus 4 points
  - yellow card and direct red card: minus 5 points

Only one of the above deductions shall be applied to a player or team official in a single match. The team with the highest number of points shall be ranked highest.

- g. drawing of lots by FIFA.

With respect to the second step, all affected teams will be ranked by applying the criteria (c) to (g) in order. If one team qualifies for a higher or lower ranking pursuant to one criterion, but it is not possible to rank all teams on the basis of the same criterion, the remaining two or three teams will be ranked pursuant to the next criterion, and so on. In any case, the second step of the ranking does not restart for the two or three teams remaining after application of a criterion.

**14.2** The four best teams among those ranked third will be determined as follows:

- a. greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
- b. goal difference resulting from all group matches;
- c. greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
- d. highest team conduct score (players and team officials) relating to the number of yellow and red cards obtained in all group matches calculated as per step 2 (f) above;
- e. drawing of lots by FIFA.

## **Article 15. Half-time interval**

As per Law 7 of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the half-time interval shall be 15 minutes.

## Article 16. Extra time and kicks from the penalty mark

- 16.1** In the knockout stages, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played. Extra time shall consist of two periods of five minutes each. In accordance with Law 7.4 of the Futsal Laws of the Game, if extra time is played, there is no interval between the two periods: the teams simply change halves of the pitch and the team officials and substitutes switch benches. However, a short drinks break (which should not exceed one minute) is permitted at half-time in extra time.
- 16.2** If the score is still level at the end of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure specified in the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 16.3** If the play-off for third place is not played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of five minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the match is played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.



04.

**COMPETITION  
PREPARATION**



## Article 17. Draw and Team Workshop

- 17.1 The draw for the final competition shall, in principle, take place at least two months prior to the first match of the final competition.
- 17.2 In principle, the draw will be organised by FIFA and the Organising Association and may be combined with a Team Workshop, team venue inspection visits and other related activities. If the draw takes place in Zurich, the Team Workshop will be organised separately in Uzbekistan.
- 17.3 FIFA will cover the costs of economy-class flights (from the capital city of the respective Participating Member Association to the city where the draw is taking place) for two representatives – which in principle should be the head coach and main team administrator – of each participating team. In addition, FIFA will cover the costs of accommodation for two representatives for up to three nights, which may be extended to four nights depending on the availability of flights. The LOC will cover the costs of any domestic transport (air, rail or road) from the city where the draw is taking place to the city where the team will play its first group match so that the team can conduct a team venue visit in the city concerned. Any other costs shall be borne by the Participating Member Association concerned.
- 17.4 Should FIFA decide to host the draw in Zurich and separate (date/location) from the Team Workshop, all costs related to the Participating Member Association's attendance at the draw event shall be borne by the Participating Member Association concerned.

## Article 18. Venues and kick-off times

- 18.1 The venue, dates and kick-off times of the matches shall be proposed by the Organising Association, subject to approval by FIFA.
- 18.2 The dates and venues of the matches shall be set, allowing each team a minimum rest period of two days between matches (except for the rest period between the semi-final and final matches, which could be slightly shorter).
- 18.3 In principle, the last matchday matches of the group stage of the same group shall kick off simultaneously, unless there is a case of force majeure.
- 18.4 If necessary, FIFA may decide to change kick off-times after the draw.



## Article 19. Friendly matches

19.1 Each team taking part in the final competition is entitled to play friendly matches and/or other preparation matches from the date of its arrival in the host country up until five days prior to its first match in the final competition, in accordance with the following rules and the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

- a. In principle:
  - i. matches in the halls selected for use during the final competition will generally be prohibited; and
  - ii. requests to play matches at official training halls will be considered, taking into account the prevailing conditions, such as operational considerations.
- b. Each team must comply with the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations, the FIFA Equipment Regulations and any other applicable FIFA regulations or guidelines.
- c. Teams drawn into the same group of the final competition shall not play friendly matches against each other.
- d. Any further requests shall be submitted to FIFA in accordance with the relevant procedures.

19.2 The rights emanating from an approved friendly and/or other preparation match in the host country, including, among others, all kinds of financial rights, audiovisual and radio-recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and ticketing rights, may be commercialised by the teams participating in such friendly and/or other preparation matches subject to the following conditions (and provided no association is made with the World Cup 2024, e.g. “Road to the FIFA Futsal World Cup 2024™” or “Preparation match for the FIFA Futsal World Cup 2024™” or other prohibited messaging pursuant to the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations).

In the event of such a match taking place at a training hall, commercialisation is only permitted if the friendly/preparation match takes place earlier than five days prior to the opening match of the final competition; as from five days prior to the opening match of the final competition, only non-commercialised preparation matches may take place at a training hall.

- a. If such a match does not take place at an official competition hall, commercialisation is permitted up to five days prior to the team’s first match of the final competition.

- b. FIFA reserves the right to film any friendly/preparation matches in which the Participating Member Association plays in the host country after the draw for the World Cup 2024 and before the start of the final competition. For this purpose, FIFA filming crews and FIFA photographers will be accredited for the friendly/preparation match as per the applicable procedures in place. Any footage captured may be provided to FIFA's Media Rights Licensees as source material or as part of fully produced features and may be used in any competition-related programming. FIFA may provide further information on friendly/preparation matches by means of a circular letter.

## Article 20. Team arrivals

- 20.1 Each team participating in the final competition shall arrive at the venue of its first group match at least four days before the team's first match.
- 20.2 Only official team hotels under contract with either FIFA or the Organising Association/LOC shall be used for the teams' accommodation from four days before the team's first match and up to one day after its elimination.





# HALLS AND TRAINING HALLS

## Article 21. Halls

- 21.1 FIFA carries out hall inspections in the period leading up to the final competition to check whether the required structural criteria are met by the halls hosting the final competition. The FIFA administration accepts or rejects each hall on the basis of several structural and safety criteria observed during the inspection visits and any other information gathered by FIFA. Such decisions are final.
- 21.2 The Organising Association shall provide FIFA with all documents confirming that each hall has been thoroughly inspected by the relevant public authorities and meets all safety requirements laid down by the applicable national law and the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations.
- 21.3 The minimum height of the ceiling in each hall shall be seven metres.
- 21.4 The halls and training halls shall not be used for any other matches or events from at least 14 days prior to the start of the final competition (or earlier if deemed necessary by FIFA, if conditions require) and concluding at the earliest one day after the last scheduled match at the hall, unless FIFA gives special permission.
- 21.5 The hall lighting installations need to guarantee excellent illuminance conditions for all areas of the pitch. An emergency independent power system shall also be available in each hall, which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees the intensity of light for the whole pitch and ensures emergency lighting in the whole hall.
- 21.6 All halls hosting the final competition shall be tobacco-free and free of vapours from e-cigarettes in accordance with the FIFA Event Policy on Tobacco. FIFA reserves the right to determine whether outdoor designated smoking areas shall be established for the halls.

## Article 22. Pitch

- 22.1 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. All goals must be equipped with goal nets. Each hall shall have spare goals and nets located in close proximity to the pitch for contingency purposes.



22.2 The pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 40m, width 20m. The total surface area shall have at least the following dimensions: length 48m, width 32m, in order to provide sufficient space for warm-up areas and pitchside photographer positions, as well as to ensure the safety of the participants.

23.3 The pitch surface shall be flat, smooth and non-abrasive, and be made of wood.

### **Article 23. Hall clock and giant screen**

23.1 Each hall shall have a clock with precise timekeeping connected with the timekeeper (4<sup>th</sup> referee) table, a device to time the two-minute expulsion of four players simultaneously and to monitor the accumulation of fouls by each team during each period of play, according to Law 6 of the Futsal Laws of the Game. The half-time interval shall be 15 minutes.

23.2 FIFA shall determine the conditions governing all scoreboard and giant screen transmissions.

### **Article 24. Training halls**

24.1 In principle, the Organising Association shall provide training halls for the teams. The training halls shall be approved by FIFA.

24.2 The training halls shall be made available at least four days before the first match in the venue until one day after the respective venue has hosted its last match in the final competition. In principle, the training halls shall be made available within this period at any time requested by the teams for their exclusive use according to the training hall allocation schedule prepared by FIFA.

24.3 Unless otherwise approved by FIFA, all training-hall pitches shall be 40m x 20m in size.

24.4 The training sites shall be situated within a reasonable driving distance by team bus from the team hotel, ideally within 20-30 minutes' drive.

24.5 If so requested by FIFA, the training halls shall have the same surface as the match pitches, be in perfect condition and fully marked in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game.

- 24.6 The Organising Association shall provide support personnel and suitable equipment in all training halls which have been officially designated for training by FIFA, including but not limited to cones. Each training hall shall be equipped with at least one dressing room with lockers, showers and toilets. If a training hall is less than 20 minutes' drive from the team hotel, dressing rooms may not be available.
- 24.7 As from four days prior to their first match in the final competition and up to their elimination, the Participating Member Associations shall use only those training halls which have been officially designated for training by FIFA.
- 24.8 All training halls shall be tobacco-free and free of vapours from e-cigarettes in accordance with the FIFA Event Policy on Tobacco. FIFA reserves the right to determine whether outdoor designated smoking areas shall be established for each training hall.





# PLAYERS' AND OFFICIALS' LISTS



## Article 25. Eligibility of players

- 25.1** Each Participating Member Association shall ensure the following when selecting its representative team for the final competition:
- a. All players shall hold the nationality of their country or territory as represented by the Participating Member Association and be subject to its jurisdiction.
  - b. All players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the FIFA Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes and other FIFA rules and regulations.
- 25.2** Each Participating Member Association is responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so will lead to the consequences stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 25.3** Protests regarding the eligibility of players shall be decided by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee in accordance with article 10.3 and the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

## Article 26. Provisional list

- 26.1** Each Participating Member Association shall submit a provisional list online of a minimum of 20 players and a maximum of 30 players (a minimum of three of whom shall be goalkeepers) to FIFA, accompanied by a copy of the passport of each player appearing on the list. The provisional list shall be submitted to FIFA by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter.
- 26.2** Each Participating Member Association shall include up to 25 team officials, including the coach, team doctor and team manager, on the provisional list so that the relevant authorities can proceed with the background checks for visa and accreditation purposes. Each Participating Member Association shall adhere to the visa requirements and process.
- 26.3** The provisional list will only be used for internal purposes and will not be released to the public.
- 26.4** Any change requests to the provisional list for exceptional cases must be submitted in writing before the final list deadline and are subject to FIFA's approval.



## Article 27. Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer

Each Participating Member Association shall appoint a designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer to act as a focal point for all matters related to the safeguarding and well-being of the players and team delegation. This role does not have to be exclusive and can be assigned to the medical doctor or other trained member of the team delegation. It is a mandatory requirement that the designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer complete the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials online course (<https://safeguardinginsport.fifa.com/open-learners/>). The role of the Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer is to:

- act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the team delegation during the World Cup 2024;
- take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being is prioritised, including by liaising with designated FIFA safeguarding focal points should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse arise; and
- know the specific safeguarding measures for the World Cup 2024 and the avenues available for reporting concerns.

## Article 28. Final list

28.1 The final list of the 14 players (two of whom shall be goalkeepers) selected to participate in the final competition shall be submitted online by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter. A signed copy of this list must also be sent to FIFA by the same deadline. All information requested online about the players should be duly completed.

28.2 The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. Only the 14 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the final competition.

28.3 A player listed on the final list may be replaced by a player from the provisional list only in the event of serious injury or illness up until 24 hours before the kick-off of their team's first match. The replacement shall be nominated by the Participating Member Association concerned, who shall inform FIFA accordingly. Upon receipt and acceptance of a written report in one of the official FIFA languages, FIFA Medical, represented by the FIFA Tournament Medical Lead, will ascertain whether the injury or illness is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the final competition. The replacement player must be assigned the shirt number of the injured player being replaced. Injured players who are replaced must return their accreditation to FIFA. Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation shall no longer be considered members of the Participating Member Association's final list.

- 28.4 The final list shall be published by FIFA.
- 28.5 Along with the above final list of players, a final list of 18 team officials, including the coach, team doctor and team manager, shall be submitted online by the stipulated deadline.
- 28.6 Before the start of the final competition, all players on the final list shall prove their identity and nationality by producing their legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month and year of birth). Players who fail to submit their passport shall not be allowed to take part in the final competition. The identity of team officials will be checked in connection with the accreditation process.

## Article 29. Accreditation

- 29.1 FIFA shall issue each player and team official included in the final list with an official accreditation bearing a photograph. Each Participating Member Association will receive 32 accreditations (14 for the players on the final list and 18 for the team officials on the final list). For the sake of clarity, FIFA will only cover the costs of up to a maximum of 22 delegates, as stipulated in the financial provisions.
- 29.2 FIFA reserves the right to revoke the accreditation of any official or player due to the misconduct of the individual concerned.
- 29.3 The Participating Member Associations shall ensure that all accreditation data required by FIFA is submitted by the deadline stipulated by FIFA. Further details will be outlined in a circular letter.
- 29.4 Players must wear their accreditation when entering the halls and training halls. Team officials must wear their accreditation at all times in the halls and training halls. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the final competition.



10.

**KIT AND TEAM  
EQUIPMENT**

## Article 30. Kit and colours approval

**30.1** The FIFA Equipment Regulations in force apply to all matches of the final competition, unless specified otherwise in these Regulations. To the extent that these Regulations are inconsistent with any aspect of the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the FIFA Equipment Regulations shall take precedence. The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organised by FIFA (including official matches and training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).

**30.2** Each team shall inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light) for its first-choice and alternative team kits (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colours for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be different and contrasting from each other as well as from the first-choice and alternative team kits. This information shall be submitted online via the team colour form by the stipulated deadline. Only these colours, once reviewed and approved by FIFA, in accordance with article 30 paragraph 4 below, may be worn during matches.

**30.3** As stated in Law 3 of the Futsal Laws of the Game, as well as in article 31 of these Regulations, a player or substitute replacing the goalkeeper and playing as a flying goalkeeper must wear the exact same goalkeeper's shirt, but with the player/substitute's own number and name on the back. These extra goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three colours as the regular goalkeeper shirts.

**30.4** The Participating Member Associations will be asked to send samples of kits (playing kit and all other items to be used at the halls) to FIFA, who will confirm the exact approval procedure. On the basis of this procedure, FIFA will issue a written team equipment inspection report, approving or rejecting the items.

## Article 31. Numbers and names

**31.1** Only the numbers 1 to 14 may be allocated to the players, with number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. These numbers must be displayed at chest height on the front of the shirts, and on the shorts, and the players' names must be added to the numbers on the back of the shirts according to the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The numbers shall correspond to the numbers indicated on the final list.



**31.2** 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 FIFA Equipment Regulations. The name on the shirt must bear a strong resemblance to the player's popular name as indicated on FIFA's final list of players and in any other official FIFA documentation. In case of doubt, FIFA shall have the final decision regarding the name that appears on the shirt.

**31.3** For the players who may substitute a goalkeeper during the match and therefore play as a flying goalkeeper, the goalkeeper shirts used must display the player's own number and name as indicated on the final list.

## **Article 32. Match colours designation**

**32.1** Before the start of the final competition, FIFA will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match of the group stage. As far as possible, each team shall wear its first-choice colours as declared on the team colour form. If the two teams' colours and the match officials' colour might cause confusion, the following principles shall be applied by FIFA to allocate the match colours:

- a. Order of priority from 1 to 5:
  1. Team A playing kit
  2. Team B playing kit
  3. Team A goalkeeper kit
  4. Team B goalkeeper kit
  5. Match officials' (referees') kit

If the above order of priority does not produce a clear colour contrast of the kits, FIFA shall determine an acceptable colour contrast.

- b. If necessary, one or both teams may have to wear a combination of their first-choice and alternative playing or goalkeeper kits.

FIFA will endeavour to ensure that each team wears its first-choice team playing kit at least once during the group stage. In principle, FIFA shall also consider the option of dark-kit and light-kit colour-contrast assignments in the interests of accommodating individuals with a colour vision deficiency whenever reasonably practicable.

**32.2** FIFA shall confirm the playing colours to the Participating Member Associations before the start of each match. The colours shall be reviewed during the Group/Match Coordination Meeting. The colours assignment decided by FIFA is final.

- 32.3** The first-choice and alternative team playing kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts for the player(s) who might change places with the goalkeeper) shall be taken to every match.
- 32.4** During the final competition, all equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display in the halls, at the training halls, at the hotels or during transfers to, from or within the host country must be approved by FIFA at the latest during the Team Arrival Meeting.

### **Article 33. Other equipment**

- 33.1** FIFA will supply a sufficient number of players' sleeve badges with the official competition logo of the World Cup 2024, which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each shirt. A different FIFA campaign logo may be affixed on the left-hand sleeve. FIFA will communicate to the participating teams the instructions for use of the players' sleeve badges.
- 33.2** FIFA will provide each participating team with a set of special equipment upon arrival in the host country (drinks bottles, drinks coolers, medical bags, captain's armbands, etc.). This equipment must be used in the halls and at official training sessions, to the exclusion of any similar items.
- 33.3** The futsal match balls used in the final competition shall be selected and exclusively supplied by FIFA. Time permitting, each team will receive training balls from FIFA prior to the World Cup 2024 after the successful submission of the required team entry details. Training balls will also be provided to the participating teams upon arrival in the host country. Only these balls provided by FIFA may be used for training and warm-up sessions in the official halls and the official training halls.
- 33.4** Only warm-up bibs provided by FIFA may be used during official training sessions and at the halls, on the team benches, during the pre-match warm-up, and for the warm-up of substitute players during matches.
- 33.5** Participating teams are allowed to use their own wearable tracking system, provided that the system has been tested and certified according to the Futsal Laws of the Game, registered with FIFA by the Participating Member Association for use in the final competition and otherwise complies with the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations and any other applicable FIFA regulations.





# MATCH ORGANISATION



## Article 34. Start list

- 34.1** Each team is responsible for arriving at the hall at the latest 75 minutes before the kick-off of the respective match.
- 34.2** At the Group/Match Coordination Meeting (before each match), the teams will receive a start list with all 14 players' full names and shirt numbers together with the full names of the team officials eligible to be seated on the bench. In addition, an electronic start list system will be available and accessible eight hours prior to the kick-off of the respective match. Changes can be made at the team's discretion up to 75 minutes before the kick-off.
- 34.3** The start list should be duly completed by selecting the five players who will start the match, indicating the captain, selecting the team officials to be seated on the bench (maximum of eight) and submitted/signed by the authorised team official. Both teams must submit their completed start list at least 75 minutes before kick-off. If the start list is not submitted on time for any reason, the matter will be reported to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Both teams' start lists will be only published once both teams have submitted them, fully completed.
- 34.4** The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond to the numbers indicated on the start list. Each team is responsible for ensuring that the start list is completed properly and that only the five selected players start the match.
- 34.5** If any of the five players submitted on the start list are not able to begin the match due to injury or illness, they may be replaced by any of the eligible substitutes as long as the FIFA Match Director and the referee are officially informed thereof prior to kick-off. Within 24 hours, the team concerned shall also provide FIFA with a medical report issued by the team doctor responsible (in one of the official FIFA languages).
- 34.6** Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the start list will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be selected as a substitute player at any time during the match. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list before kick-off may be seated on the team bench.
- 34.7** Only the players who were identified on the official start list submitted, or were confirmed as a warm-up injury/illness replacement player, may start the match. In the case of any discrepancies of players on the pitch at the beginning of the match, the matter will be submitted to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee for a decision.



## Article 35. Technical area

- 35.1 The technical area is the area which the coach, other team officials and substitutes are allowed to occupy during the match. It includes the team bench and a marked zone adjacent to the pitch.
- 35.2 No more than 17 people (nine substitute players and eight team officials – one of these team officials shall be the team doctor) shall be allowed to sit on the team bench. A suspended player or team official will not be allowed to sit on the team bench.
- 35.3 If there is sufficient space, additional technical seats in the stand shall be allocated for accredited team officials providing technical support to the team during the match (kit manager, assistant physiotherapist, etc.). Staff occupying such seats shall have access to the dressing rooms.
- 35.4 During the match, substitutes are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up. At the Group/Match Coordination Meeting, the FIFA Match Director determines exactly where the players may warm up.
- 35.5 A maximum of five players per team (including the goalkeeper) shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of one team official). Only the goalkeeper may warm up with a ball. Both teams shall warm up in the designated area.
- 35.6 Smoking, vaping and the use of any tobacco-related products are not allowed in the technical area, in the vicinity of the pitch or within the competition areas, such as the dressing rooms.
- 35.7 Small, hand-held electronic equipment (e.g. microphones, headphones, earpieces, mobile phones/smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, etc.) are permitted in the technical area only if used for coaching/tactics or player welfare in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game and the FIFA Media and Marketing Regulations.
- 35.8 Additional special equipment items (e.g. antennae) for the use of wearable technology at final-competition matches may only be positioned in a dedicated area of the hall defined by FIFA, but not in the technical area of such hall.
- 35.9 Team officials may be obligated to wear bibs to differentiate them from the players and match officials.

## Article 36. Match protocol

- 36.1 The countdown to kick-off provided to both teams in advance of the match shall be strictly complied with by both teams.
- 36.2 The FIFA flag and the flags of the host country and both competing associations shall be flown in the hall at every match, unless FIFA states otherwise.
- 36.3 The national anthems of the two teams will be played before each match. The Participating Member Associations shall confirm their national anthem to FIFA (maximum duration of 90 seconds) by the date stipulated in the relevant circular.
- 36.4 The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans of any nature in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed for the duration of their time at any official activity organised by FIFA (including official matches and training sessions, as well as during official press conferences and mixed-zone activities).

## Article 37. Official training sessions and pre-match warm-up

- 37.1 Teams may be entitled to one 45-minute training session in the hall before the start of the final competition. FIFA may shorten or cancel the training session if deemed necessary.
- 37.2 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. In principle, such warm-ups will be 30 minutes long and will take place from 45 minutes prior to kick-off until 15 minutes prior to kick-off. If there is extra time in the first match of a double-header match, or if the pitch is to be used for ceremonies related to the World Cup 2024, FIFA may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.





# REFEREEING

## Article 38. 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 2024. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

## Article 39. Referees

- 39.1 Two referees (a referee and a second referee) and a third referee, a timekeeper, and a reserve assistant referee (hereinafter referred to collectively as “match officials”) shall be appointed for each match by the FIFA Referees Committee. They shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing List in force. The decisions of the FIFA Referees Committee are final and binding and not subject to appeal.
- 39.2 If a match official is prevented from carrying out their duties, such match official shall be replaced in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 39.3 After each match, the referee shall complete the official match report online form whilst still in the hall. 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 a participating team at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.
- 39.4 Video support (VS) may be used to review match-changing decisions/incidents as per the protocol established by the FIFA Referees Committee.





# FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

## Article 40. Costs borne by FIFA

FIFA shall bear the costs of:

- 40.1 International air travel (economy class) for up to a maximum of 22 delegates of each Participating Member Association from the capital city of the respective Participating Member Association (or, in exceptional cases, from another city as decided by FIFA) to the capital city of the host country or, if deemed necessary 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 FIFA, with 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.
- 40.2 Board and lodging for up to a maximum of 22 Delegation Members from each Participating Member Association. This includes:
- a. seven double rooms and eight single rooms;
  - b. one meeting room/dining room;
  - c. one equipment room;
  - d. one treatment room; and
  - e. three meals per day, and an additional light meal for every matchday.

These rooms shall be available starting four nights prior to each team's first match and ending one day after its last match in the final competition. FIFA may make exceptions in the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting from transport difficulties.

- 40.3 Laundry service for a set of match or training kits for up to 22 people per participating team per day, starting four days prior to each team's first match and ending one day after its last match in the final competition.
- 40.4 Prize money for the Participating Member Associations, the amounts of which shall be determined by FIFA and communicated by means of a circular letter.

## Article 41. Costs borne by the Organising Association

The Organising Association shall bear the costs of:

- 41.1 Domestic travel (road, rail or air) within the host country for up to 22 delegates of each Participating Member Association



- a. One team bus, one passenger van and one equipment van will be provided for the exclusive use of each participating team during the period commencing four days prior to each team's first match and until one day after its last match.
- b. One additional luggage truck will be provided, if required by the team, when travelling between the airport and the official team hotel, and between venues.

41.2 Training facilities for the participating teams.

## **Article 42. Costs borne by the Participating Member Association**

42.1 Each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for and bear the costs of:

- a. adequate insurance cover for its Delegation Members;
- b. board and lodging during the final competition in excess of the amounts paid by FIFA or the Organising Association specified above;
- c. all incidental hotel costs;
- d. any additional members in excess of the 22 Delegation Members covered;
- e. any additional equipment and/or items not covered by FIFA in the team meeting room and/or the team dressing room; and
- f. any additional menu items other than those agreed between FIFA and the team hotels.

42.2 Any expenses other than those stipulated in these Regulations and explicitly outlined to be borne by FIFA or the Organising Association shall be borne by the relevant Participating Member Association.

## **Article 43. Ticketing**

43.1 Each Participating Member Association is entitled to receive complimentary tickets for the final competition. The total number of complimentary tickets for each Participating Member Association will be communicated by FIFA prior to the first match of the World Cup 2024.

43.2 FIFA will issue ticketing documents to each of the Participating Member Associations. All Participating Member Associations shall comply with these ticketing documents and ensure that their members, Delegation Members and other affiliates also comply with such documents.





**MEDICAL**

## Article 44. Team medical doctor

Each Participating Member Association shall include at least one medical doctor in its delegation. It is mandatory for the medical doctor or any other medical staff member of each Participating Member Association to have completed and passed the “Concussion” and “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” modules of the FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine ([www.fifamedicalnetwork.com](http://www.fifamedicalnetwork.com)).

## Article 45. Sudden cardiac arrest and concussion

45.1 Each participating team shall ensure and confirm to FIFA that its players have undergone a pre-competition medical assessment (PCMA) in the 12 months prior to the start of the final competition. FIFA will provide all Participating Member Associations with an assessment form.

45.2 A non-contact collapse of a player should be treated as a sudden cardiac arrest until proven otherwise. The medical team are allowed to enter the pitch immediately and commence resuscitation, without waiting for a signal from the referee. One member of the field-of-play medical team notifies the third referee of the collapse and need for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

45.3 A player who experiences suspected concussion during a match must undergo an examination by the team doctor in accordance with the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol. The referee may temporarily suspend play for up to three minutes whenever an incident of suspected concussion occurs. The referee may only allow the player to continue playing with the authorisation of the team doctor, who shall have evaluated the player and excluded any suspicion of a concussive injury. The team doctor will have the final decision based on a clinical examination and subject to an express prohibition against returning a player to play if concussion is suspected.

FIFA recommends that medical teams follow the graduated return-to-play protocol set forth in the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol for any player who has suffered concussion. The Protocol recognises that the time frame for return to play may vary, dependent on factors such as the player’s age, gender, their symptoms and medical history, and that doctors must use their clinical judgment in making decisions with respect to return to play. The player’s welfare must be their sole concern. FIFA requires that, before any player who suffers a concussive episode can return to play in the World Cup 2024, the team doctor certify that (a) such player has passed each of the steps set out in the FIFA Medical Concussion Protocol, (b) such player is fit for competition, and (c) the team doctor has discussed the management of the case with the FIFA Medical Coordinator where indicated (subject to consent from the player).

## Article 46. Doping control

- 46.1 Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant FIFA regulations, circular letters and directives shall apply to the World Cup 2024.
- 46.2 Players may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which they compete and to out-of-competition testing at any time and in any place.





# COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

## Article 47. Media and Marketing Regulations

- 47.1 FIFA is the original owner of all of the rights emanating from the World Cup 2024 and any other related events under its respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audio-visual and radio-recording rights, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights, such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.
- 47.2 Each Participating Member Association is required to support and ensure that its players, coaches, officials and other employees support the commercial programme established by FIFA to exploit the marketing rights to the final competition, including the special marketing programmes and activations run by FIFA and its Commercial Affiliates (e.g. including but not limited to youth programmes, player of the match, memorabilia signed by players, etc.). In this regard, each association must ensure that its players, coaches, officials and other employees do not use or otherwise exploit, directly or indirectly, any commercial rights to the final competition without FIFA's express prior agreement, which may be granted or withheld at its sole discretion.
- 47.3 FIFA shall issue, at a later date, Media and Marketing Regulations for the final competition, specifying the commercial and intellectual property rights. All FIFA members must comply with these Media and Marketing Regulations for the final competition and must ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates also comply with these regulations.





# AWARDS

## Article 48. Trophy, awards and medals

- 48.1 A souvenir plaque will be presented to each Participating Member Association. Participation certificates will be presented to each member of each official team delegation.
- 48.2 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.
- 48.3 FIFA will issue, at a later date, Trophy Regulations. The winning Participating Member Association shall ensure its full compliance with these Trophy Regulations.
- 48.4 A fair play contest will be held during the World Cup 2024, for which FIFA will draw up special regulations. The FIFA Technical Study Group shall determine the ranking at the end of the final competition.
- 48.5 At the conclusion of the World Cup 2024, other special awards will be presented (such as the Golden Boot, Golden Glove, Golden Ball, etc.) either at the awards ceremony or at a later date.





# CLOSING PROVISIONS



### Article 49. Special circumstances

FIFA is responsible for the operational management of the World Cup 2024 and is therefore entitled to 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 50. Matters not provided for

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

### Article 51. Languages

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or Spanish texts of these Regulations or any other language versions thereof, the English text shall be authoritative.

### Article 52. Copyright

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

### Article 53. 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 54. Enforcement

These regulations were approved by the FIFA Council on 23 June 2023 and came into force immediately.

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