



IFAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 QUALIFICATION & FINAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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§1 Definition of the competition

The IFAF World Championship 2015 tournament will be restricted to Male National teams whose IFAF member Federation/Association are in good standing with all IFAF statutes. All open payments to IFAF have to be settled prior to entering the tournament. This includes payments towards IFAF as well as to Local Organizing Committees.

All players whether playing in their home country or in any other IFAF affiliated country shall be released by their club/team to play in games representing their National Federation/Association.

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§2 General provisions and Financial

The National Federation/Association shall enter its National team, according to the established procedures, and will also guarantee the participation of the strongest team possible and liabilities related to both the qualification and final tournament.

The fee's of the tournament are decided by IFAF and have to be paid to IFAF within the specific date. If these conditions are not observed, IFAF may declare the entry invalid, which precludes any participation, or accept the late entry and eventually impose a fine. Appeals may be lodged against such decisions, according to IFAF appeals regulations and statutes.

The organizers of the games must take necessary insurance, and in particular third party liability. If a stadium is not owned, or otherwise controlled by the local National Federation/Association, the realm of the responsibility must be clarified with the stadium owner and clearly defined.

Claims of damage against IFAF or its continental representatives shall be officially excluded.

A written document in English on the three aforementioned issues signed by the insurance company/companies shall be forwarded to the Tournament Committee no later than three months before the start of the final tournament.

The National Federations/ Associations and their teams participating in the competition shall undertake to fully observe the regulations as well as the decisions taken by the responsible IFAF authorities.

Entry fee for the tournament including qualification round is: 500 EURO

For final tournament there will be an officiating fee of maximum of 2.500 EURO and a final tournament fee of 2.500 EURO.

Deadlines:

- A) By 31.03.2014, the participating Federation/Association shall provide the following:
- signed contract/application form confirming their entry in the tournament
 - pay an entry fee of 500 Euro to IFAF
 - one page history of Men's National Team and/or history of program as Word-document file mailed to IFAF and to the LOC, including the National Federation or Association logo as .jpg, .tif or similar format
 - name and contact data (addresses, e-mail, phone number of federation office and of Chef-De-Mission. This main contact person has to be an English speaking person.

NOTE: the above also applies to teams trying to qualify into final tournament through continental championships.

- B) By 15.02.2015, the participating Federation/Association shall provide the following:
- a bank guarantee or deposit in the amount of 5.000 Euros

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The bank guarantee or deposit will be held in a separate escrow account and refunded to the federation upon confirmation that the team has satisfied all of the requirements in the regulations to include: participation in all required games, as well as, satisfying all financial requirements to include damages or costs incurred by third parties as a result of participation. Upon receipt of satisfactory report, IFAF shall refund the deposit or bank guarantee latest 30 days after the team's final game in the tournament. Federations/Associations that have unfulfilled previous obligations to IFAF will not be permitted to enter the tournament. Bank guarantees shall be written in English and shall be first demand guarantees (meaning that the Bank shall pay it without asking the relevant Federation/Association or delay payment for whatever reason) or L/C; bank guarantee shall not expire until a 45 day delay after the final game.

C) By 30.4.2015 the participating Federation / Association qualified to participate in the final tournament must pay the fee of the game officials (maximum of 2,500 Euro) and the final tournament fee of 2,500 Euro.

D) By separate deadlines in 15.5.2015, pay the fee to the LOC based on the reservations made for the team for extra accommodations and extra services.

E) Deadlines for separate roster and other similar requirements to the final tournament:

1) By 30.04.2015

Uniform colors (helmet, jersey, pants, socks / home and away) – subject to approval of IFAF Tournament Committee.

2) 45 days before the final tournament

a. A 75 player preliminary roster completed with – players Name, Date of birth, Jersey number, Position, Height, Weight, First Club and Current Club team – must be submitted to mandatory digital online IFAF WC 2015 accreditation system, including individual photos of each person, along with a name list of all executives, doctors, sideline personnel (maximum of 25 other personnel allowed in the sideline area). Players cannot be changed from this list and their information and photo will also be used for media purposes.

Persons not submitted and approved in the online accreditation system will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

b. Inform the host and Tournament Committee with its travel details latest 45 days prior to the tournament start.

3) 15 days prior to the tournament Provide necessary forms for insurance, health and liability signed by team members (parents in case of a minor) for TC and LOC to allow for good medical treatment during the tournament.

4) 1 day before the final tournament:

a. A 45 player final tournament roster completed with – players Name, Date of birth, Jersey number, Position, – must be submitted to IFAF and to the LOC plus name list of all executives, doctors, sideline personnel. (maximum of 25 other personnel allowed in the sideline area). Players cannot be changed from this list and this list will make the final roster for the final tournament. The players at the 45

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final tournament roster must have been included in the 75 player preliminary roster submitted 45 days before the final tournament.

b. Provide antidoping confirmation of each participant as per IFAF Antidoping regulations.

c. Provide necessary forms for insurance, health and liability signed by team members (parents in case of minors) for those team members that may have changed from deadline of 15 days prior to the tournament

The documents must be received at the official Headquarters of the WC2015 and the IFAF TC Office in order to meet the deadlines.

Failure to comply any deadlines will be result in the following:

- 1) Failure to meet deadline date, fine of 500 Euros for each offence.
- 2) Failure to submit required information 7 days after deadline rate: Possible expulsion from the tournament, plus a fine associated to refusal to play §3 in accordance to nonpayment of entry fee, bank guarantee

Failure to comply with the deadline -two weeks before the final tournament -, will result in the following:

- 1) Failure to meet deadline date, fine of 1.000 Euros for each offence.
- 2) Failure to submit required information within 1 hour after deadline rate: Possible expulsion from the tournament, plus a fine associated to refusal to play §3 in accordance to non-payment of entry fee, bank guarantee

If IFAF Office or IFAF tournament committee are sending out requests to the designated communication liaison officer of a participant and no answer is received on that request within 48 hours IFAF may fine the federation for 500 EUR.

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§3 Refusal to play

In other cases than described in §16, refusal to play automatically leads to disqualification and the team is fined as follows:

Refusal to play during:

- Qualification rounds: 30.000,00 EUROS
- Final tournament 60.000,00 EUROS

The fine shall be paid within one month from the receipt of the IFAF decision.

Any actions directly or indirectly caused by the team or its National Federations/ Association, with the result that a game can not take place or be played to its full extent will be dealt with as refusal to play.

All teams must take part in the tournament with the intent to win every game. A team that doesn't follow the spirit of fair play and who doesn't take part in all games with the intent to win will be dealt with as refusal to play.

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§4 Qualification format

The final tournament will be played as a twelve team tournament. IFAF will determine playing schedule and seeding after receiving entry forms from participating teams. If the number of entering teams exceed twelve for the final tournament, IFAF will determine qualification games to be played or using continental championship results for final tournament spots based on continental representation as well as IFAF national team ranking.

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§5 Qualification provisions

The National Federations / Associations are responsible for their own travelling arrangements to and from the game. In individual qualification games the host is responsible for organizing and paying for 2 nights accommodation and 7 meals for the visiting team.

Visiting team must inform the host and Tournament Committee with its travel details latest 30 days prior to the game or seven days after receiving the detailed information of the qualification game (location, date, kick-off time). If there is no information sent, the host is no longer responsible to organize and pay for the accommodation to the visiting team. Meals must be supplied in all cases.

In qualification games players eligibility is same as in final tournament with the exception that the team must name its 75 player roster 30 days prior to the qualification game and 45 player game day roster one day prior (latest at 6pm local game venue time) for that qualification game.

Both teams are responsible for covering the travel costs of 3 game officials appointed by IFAF.

The host is responsible for head referee's and game supervisors travel costs.

The host is also responsible for the officials (7) and game supervisors (1) accommodation (2 nights each) and food (7 meals) Accommodation must meet a minimum standard of 2 stars and meals must include also drinks.

The host is also responsible for organizing the game and fulfilling IFAF minimum requirements for qualification game.

If a qualification game is played in an IFAF accepted tournament, which is used for qualification, the above does not apply unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Director.

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§6 Final tournament Provisions

The National Federations/Associations are responsible for their own travelling arrangements to and from the hosting city and for all other payments due in connection with their travel and eventual extra accommodation and food. LOC can designate a mandatory travel supplier (flights) for all teams if the cost is covered by the LOC. Participants must inform the host and Tournament Committee with its travel details latest 45 days prior to the tournament start.

LOC will provide the following to the teams:

- 1) Bus or train transportation to and from next international airport to be determined by the TC, to the hosting city. Bus or train transportation to and from the hotel to game venues.
- 2) residence and lodging for the (45 players + 12 coaches/staff) for the participating Federations/Associations for the time of their stay in the hosting country starting with the evening of the day of arrival and ending with breakfast on the day of departure (check Final tournament schedule for maximum number of dates).
- 3) Organization of the stadium.
- 4) Practice field for 2 hours per day on each teams non game days (check schedule for maximum number of days, not applicable in final game day)
- 5) Meeting room for 2 hours per day (check schedule for maximum number of days, not applicable in final game day)
- 6) Laundry for game uniforms: 24-hour service after each game, not including the last game of each participant.
- 7) VIP-hospitality.

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§7 Technical meetings

LOC will host a technical meeting no earlier than two (2) months before and no later than one (1) month prior to the tournament. Each participant is responsible for their own travel and lodging costs for the technical meeting for both Chef-De-Mission and Head Coach. Note that each team is required to send in two (2) persons even if the same person has these two positions. For better tournament each team needs to have at least one back-up person, who has received the information through the technical meeting.

Failure to participate at technical meeting will lead to a fine of 2.000 Euros per missing person.

During final tournament TC will host mandatory team meetings after each game day (not after final game day) and may do also for other times if necessary. These meetings are mandatory for all participants. TC will decide when both CDM and head coach are necessary. Only those invited by TC to these meetings, are allowed to participate in the meeting.

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§8 Trophies and Medals

LOC will provide 46 medals (45 to players and 1 for national federation) to the Champion, runner – up and bronze game winner and IFAF will provide the trophies for the Champion, Runner-up, Bronze game winner and the MVP.

LOC will provide two (2) trophies / plaques for Team MVP's for each game that is played.

LOC will provide trophies / plaques for members of the all-tournament team (23 in total) and also for the coach of the tournament (1).

The IFAF Competitions Committee will assign group to select the all-star team and coach of the tournament.

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§9 Game system and tournament events

Game system is decided by IFAF and each team is to follow the schedule of games given.

The head game official can interrupt a game before the expiration of the statutory playing time or during possible extra-time because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond his control. The TC can, after game has been interrupted by head game official, decide to abandon the game or decide when the game will be continued. TC's decision is final and in case the game is abandoned it will end with the existing score or points.

Appeals versus the result of the abandoned match may be conducted to the IFAF appeals committee.

Each team during the final tournament is obligated to follow instructions and participate in tournament events including but not limited to opening ceremony, closing ceremony, banquettes, dinners, parades, sponsor events, parties etc. TC will inform of the planned events latest at the technical meeting.

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§10 Eligibility of players

Overall requirements:

Only male players (according IFAF regulations on gender verification) are allowed to play in the tournament. Players need to turn minimum of 18 years of age during the competition year. Each player is only eligible to play for the National Federation/Association of her own nationality.

If a player has changed his nationality or holds two or more nationalities he is eligible to play for his new or chosen nationality. However, if a player has represented one National Federation/Association in any official IFAF or its continental representative tournament, including both senior and junior tournaments, the player is not eligible to play for any other National Federation/Association. Players' nationality must be proven on game day.

A player has to be citizen of the country he intends to play for by the time he has to be nominated on the 75 man preliminary roster.

Qualification Game day requirements:

In qualification games each team shall name its 75 player roster on the official IFAF team roster form 30 days prior to the qualification game and 45-player game day roster on the official IFAF team roster form one day prior (latest at 6pm local game venue time) for that qualification game. The IFAF supervisor will request presentation of a passport of each player. In case of no IFAF supervisor being present the head game official will carry the above identity check.

Identity documents must be a valid passport which includes photograph, date of birth and nationality. In case of a player/ team is not able to present passport the player will be ineligible to play.

Violation of players' eligibility regulations can lead to the team's or player's disqualification and/or of a fine of no more than 5.000,00 Euros.

Final tournament requirements:

Each team shall one day before the final tournament starts indicate, on the official IFAF team roster form, the names of the 45 players and their staff.

The IFAF supervisor will request presentation of a passport of each player prior to each game. In case of no IFAF supervisor being present the head game official will carry the above identity check. If LOC provides picture accreditation for players, then passport check can be done on arrival and check prior to the game can be only accreditation check if TC so decides.

Identity documents must be a valid passport which includes photograph, date of birth and nationality. In case of a player/ team is not able to present passport the player will be ineligible to play.

IFAF roster forms and documents

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IFAF roster forms mentioned in these regulations maybe either traditional paper forms or in digital format. TC will decide and inform participants latest at the technical meeting on the forms and correct method of transmitting them to TC and LOC. If forms are needed to be distributed in digital format only, LOC will provide one (1) WIFI connection free of charge to each team CDM.

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§11 Tournament format

Qualification games The venues and kick-off times of all games shall be confirmed in writing to both IFAF and its continental representatives head quarters by the National Federations/Associations concerned 3 months prior of the date of the game/s.

The away Federation/Association shall arrange for their team to arrive at the country of the game latest the evening prior to game day.

All Qualification games must have been played by January 31st, 2015

Final tournament

Groupings and seeding are set by IFAF Board upon proposal of the TC.

The IFAF ranking of all participants will be used by the tournament committee to determine the home rights of each game. This ranking is used to determine groupings/pairs and which team has to be placed in the stadiums on the team zone, which is normally used by the home team and for the home color of game uniform.

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§12 Organisation – Responsibilities

IFAF World Championships 2015 tournament committee:

Chairman: Chairman of IFAF competitions committee

Deputy chairman: TBA

TC member: TBA

The chairman of the WC TC is the Executive Tournament Director. In case of his absence the deputy chairman is named to be Executive Tournament Director.

IFAF tournament committee will have the responsibility to control player identifications and eligibility, the field / arena and the security measures.

IFAF shall appoint and assign and be responsible for all matters concerning the officiating of the competition. (Further information in §15)

IFAF tournament committee will be the official representative of IFAF and have the responsibility to control player identifications and eligibility, the field/arena and the security measures (further information in §13) Infractions of the Competition regulations shall be reported to the TC who will take all necessary action at the game site and forward a game report to IFAF. In qualification games Game supervisors will be appointed by IFAF tournament committee. The supervisor will be the official representative of IFAF and have the same responsibility and authority as TC in each game assigned to.

The National Federations/Associations are responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, members or of any other person fulfilling a position or function on behalf of the team.

All venue changes must be sanctioned by IFAF tournament committee.

LOC shall be responsible for order and security before, during and after the game.

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§13 Laws of the game

All games will be played with IFAF Game rules for respective year.

Player ejections: Any player ejected from the game will not be eligible to play in his team's next game in this competition. Note: Certain ejections may lead to longer ineligibility.

Equipment, Uniforms and Colors of the Teams:

- a) All players must wear all mandatory equipment.
- b) Team players uniforms (socks, pants, jerseys, facemasks and helmets) shall be identical and in good condition;
- c) Player socks need to be high socks and worn high throughout the game.
- d) Teams shall have two complete set of players jerseys. Its home color and white/light colored jerseys for away games and
- e) Advertisement on the game uniform is forbidden (further information §22).
- f) Player name (last name) shall be attached in accordance with the provisions in the IFAF rule book at all game jerseys.

TC may mandate all teams in the final tournament to play in uniforms provided by LOC/ game uniform apparel sponsor. Such mandate must be made no later than six months prior to the final tournament. In this case color selections for each team will be asked from each participating federation.

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§14 IFAF Minimum game requirements

Each game must follow IFAF Game regulations. Below is a short list of minimum requirements, but in all games Game regulations must be followed to fullest.

Game Balls:

Only approved game balls are to be used. TC will decide on game balls used both in qualification games and in final tournament.

Home team (in qualification games) or LOC (in final tournament) will provide minimum of 3 game balls, pump, pressure gauge and towels to the game officials at least 60 minutes before kick-off; in wet weather, please have as many game balls as possible. In wet weather the home team or LOC is asked to provide additional game balls.

Field Markings:

Full markings with end zones 10yds deep. Goalposts must be on the end line and padded. All fields must be marked full 120yd field as per game rules using IFAF yards,

Equipment and personal:

Down marker and chain set (10 yards only) to be of good condition. Home team has to supply 3 persons 18 years or older and who have officiating license at least 20 minutes before the kick-off.

Ball persons:

LOC has to supply 2 persons 18 years or older at least 20 minutes before the kick-off.

Uniform colors:

Teams have to wear completely contrasting colored shirts. Teams must wear colors designated for them by TC. All changes must be approved by TC.

Changing rooms:

Teams and game officials are to have separated changing rooms.

Game officials changing room to be adequate in size for at least 7 officials.

Team changing rooms to be adequate for 45 players.

Game management to assist game officials at the game:

-Medical requirements to meet minimum requirements at least 30 minutes before kick-off:

- a) A qualified medical Doctor must be present at the game all times;
- b) An ambulance crew must not be the sole medical personnel present; if ambulance should leave it should be replaced within the shortest time possible;
- c) A first aid kit including a suitable (preferably inflatable) set of limb splints must be available and
- d) Medical doctor to be named on the roster form.

If the above mentioned requirements are not reached, then the game will be suspended until above requirements are met.

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Statistics

Full LIVE statistics distributed over internet are required in all qualification and final tournament games including Scoring Summary, Participation report, Box Score, Game Summary, Team Statistics, Individual Statistics, Drive Chart, Defensive Statistics and play-by play as according IFAF statistics guidelines.

Head coaches report form:

This is to be given to the IFAF Director of Officiating within 2 hours of the game.

Game film:

In qualification games

Home team: Game film is to be digitally uploaded as per instructions by IFAF Director of Officiating within 7 days of the game. This game film is for assessment of the officials only.

Final tournament

LOC: Game film is to be digitally uploaded as per instructions by the IFAF director of Officiating with the same deadlines as for the teams. This video is for assessment of the officials only.

Guidelines for Video/camera person:

- Camera to be running throughout the game, even on penalty administrations and injuries.
- No spectator, cheerleaders etc shots

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§15 Arena and Field

IFAF may refuse to permit games to be played in arenas which do not measure up to international standards, by which it means that the ground must be in good condition as to both the playing surface and the facilities. The stadium must conform to the security prescriptions of the competent civil authorities. The National Federations/Associations taking part in the IFAF competition must ensure that the stadium they use undergoes a periodic safety check. The games can be played in daytime or evening but then, only on grounds equipped with appropriate floodlights.

In order to guarantee the safety of the players and the game officials, the hosting team shall provide for an access to the field ensuring safe entry and exit.

For qualification games the following apply: IFAF official representatives and at least four representatives of the visiting team and its National Federation/Association shall be seated in the best category seats. An adequate number of complimentary and paying seats, to be fixed by mutual agreement, shall be reserved for the visiting team.

For the Final tournament LOC will provide each teams National Federation official representative four seats in the IFAF VIP lounge during tournament games. LOC might provide other seats as well per their own decision.

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§16 Unfitness of grounds

If the National Federations/Associations/ home team concerned considers the ground unfit for play, they are responsible to have the ground inspected by IFAF TC , if the ground is deemed unfit the TC shall inform concerned participants and LOC immediately.

If the ground is subsequently deemed unfit, home team (in qualifications) LOC (in final tournament) is responsible for securing a suitable alternative venue for the game or the game shall be played on the following day unless reasons beyond control impede such game taking place.

In the event that the game does not take place it shall be rescheduled in accordance with the qualification schedule or the result shall be decided by the flip of a coin. The same provisions apply if the game is abandoned for the same reasons.

The TC can abandon a game before the expiration of the statutory playing time or during overtime due to Force Majeure. TC's decision to abandon the game is final and the game will end with the existing score of points.

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§17 Final tournament game officials

All game officials and supervisors will be appointed by IFAF.

Official uniforms

Official uniforms have to be in good condition and shall only have the IFAF logo attached to them. All other logos/advertisement will be removed before the game/tournament. LOC and IFAF have the right to attached logos or advertisement on the official uniforms.

In qualification games

The IFAF director of Officiating shall designate a head referee from a neutral country and game observer. Additionally, three IFAF qualified officials from each country shall be appointed. One shall be appointed as a substitute head referee. In case there are not enough IFAF qualified officials available for the game from participant, IFAF may appoint these officials from general pool of IFAF qualified officials.

In qualification games both the Home and the Away Federation/ Association have to provide and cover the costs of 3 officials. Neutral officials' and supervisors travel, accommodation for one night as well as meals for 2 days (total 7) are to be paid by the home Federation/Association.

If the IFAF appointed game officials have not arrived at the venue of the game on the evening of the day before the game, the TC shall nominate officials whose names are included in the official list as substitutes. In this case the home and visiting team shall be informed immediately.

If the game officials have not arrived in good time before the kick-off time of the game, the game observer can decide that substitute(s) shall take charge of the game. Games played under these circumstances shall be valid, and no protests shall be accepted.

If the head-referee, before or during the game, becomes unfit and is unable to continue to officiate, he shall be replaced by the substitute head referee.

All game officials and supervisors shall arrive at the venue the day before the game.

In Final tournament

Each IFAF member has right to nominate officials to IFAF. IFAF will appoint officials to the final tournament from pool of officials nominated both by the members and IFAF officiating department.

For final tournament participants must pay 2.500,00 Euro officiating fee.

Officials travel to host city will be covered by IFAF and accommodation, food and local transportation by LOC.

The game officials report form shall be signed by the head coaches and the game management in charge of the teams. After the game the Head Referee shall complete the official game report form, sign it and hand it to the TC maximum 1 hour after the end of the game.

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The report shall include as much information as possible about all occurrences before, during and after the game, such as:

- a) misconduct of the players, leading to reprimands or expulsion;
- b) Unsportsmanlike behavior of officials, members, supporters and of any person fulfilling a duty on behalf of a team or organizer and/or
- c) Any other noticed incidents.

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§18 Merchandising

IFAF is the holder of all merchandizing rights of the tournament and can give these to LOC on the hosting contract. No participating Federation/Association may produce, market, sell or in any other make available to anyone any merchandise which could be considered tournament merchandise or use the logos or the name or any part of those.

Violations of this regulation may lead to an imposition of a fine of max of 1.000.000 euros. IFAF hereby waives and disclaims all responsibilities arising from disputes between organizer and third party.

§19 Anti-Doping regulations

IFAF anti-doping regulations are in effect from the time teams enter the tournament

§20 Disciplinary measures

IFAF Tournament Committee is given the right to fine participants according these regulations without a separate hearing. Such decisions may be appealed as per IFAF regulations.

In other matters IFAF disciplinary regulations are in effect during final tournament and IFAF will appoint a disciplinary committee to handle procedures these issues.

§21 Protests and Appeals

IFAF protest and appeal regulations are in effect during final tournament.

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§22 Media regulations

IFAF media regulations and tournament manual are in effect at all times.

Media access to all areas in stadiums (including team areas and lockerrooms) and other facilities during the tournament is defined in media regulations and tournament manual.

The commitments and responsibility of national Federation/Associations towards the media are to provide information, news and access to players and coaches, while protecting the game and the players.

If rules relating to the media are not observed, the matter may be submitted to the TC for a possible fine.

Each team must appoint a media officer (this person can't have any other positions in the team staff) to coordinate media matters in cooperation with his team, IFAF media officer and other media.

Qualification games

The home team is responsible to organise the following minimum requirements for each game:

- (a) Send out minimum of one (1) pregame press release which is also forwarded to IFAF Webmaster/website
- (b) Organize at the venue a press conference with the 2 teams latest 20' after the game
- (c) Forward to IFAF Webmaster / Website
 - (i) Latest 10 minutes after end of game
Game result, score broken into quarters/halves, number of attendance;
 - (ii) Latest 3 hours after end of game
Game report (1 page in English), game statistics and 1 photograph from the game. Photograph must include publication rights for IFAF to use and distribute it freely for both non-commercial and commercial use.

In case of the LOC is not able to fulfil the above-mentioned tasks in due time, each offence can lead to a fine of 500 euros per offence.

Internet promotion

Each participating Federation/Association is to add IFAF World Championships 2015 banner to its website with a link to www.ifaf.org/worldchampionship2015. The banner may include tournament relevant advertising of ticket sales, travel packages as well as tournament sponsors.

Access to practice

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In practice sessions, they must be open to media representatives (TV, radio, written press, website journalists and photographers) for at least 15 minutes from the start of practice time. LOC, together with the teams CDM or the IFAF Media officer, is responsible for ensuring that the stadium is clear of media after 15 minutes and that all cameras are turned off.

After practice team members (players and coaches) are to walk through mixed zone for media interviews if requested by TC or IFAF Media Officer

Press conferences

TC will inform teams about Pre-game press conferences latest at the technical meeting. Teams are obligated to take part in these as decided by TC.

Post-game press conference at game venue must start no later than 20 minutes after the final whistle. LOC is responsible for providing interpreter and any technical facilities necessary for press. Both teams are obliged to make their team head coach, as well as two (2) players requested by IFAF Media Officer available for this press conference. Press conference will start with the losing team head coach and players.

Other press conferences might be called for by the TC and they are mandatory.

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§23 Advertisements

- a) Advertisement on the player or on any other accredited team member team, whether in game or practice uniforms, team outfits or team equipment is forbidden except for the rights that LOC and IFAF has. If LOC doesn't provide uniforms or equipment needed the Federations are allowed to have the fixed logo of the manufacture of on the clothing and normal brandname of the manufacturer of equipment in its normal size that can be considered reasonable. LOC and IFAF have the rights to affix advertisement and logos at the participating team uniforms up to three spots in total or more incase LOC is providing the uniforms. The cost to affix such advertisements or logos shall be covered by LOC or IFAF. If
- b) IFAF has an exclusive right to 10 meters of arena signs in each end zone and one free page in the official game program in all the games in the tournament. IFAF has to notify the organizer of the game or hosting team not later than the two months prior to the start of qualification and final tournaments its decision to use this right.
- c) At all games of final tournament the logo of IFAF shall be visible to the spectators in the stadium.

In case there is a question regarding size and reasonability of it, TC will decide on the issue and deny the right to use any clothing or equipment during the tournament whether in games or in any other location in connection with the tournament.

If in any country there are more restrictive advertisement regulations, or a complete prohibition of publicity, these shall supersede these regulations.

Violations of this regulation may lead to an imposition of a fine of max of 5.000 euros and denial to play with the forbidden sponsors on the uniforms. IFAF hereby waives and disclaims all responsibilities arising from disputes between organizer and third party.

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§24 Television and publishing issues

- a) IFAF is the exclusive holder of television and radio broadcast rights, irrespective, as well as any other use and distribution by whatever audio-visual and sound broadcasting media.
- b) Provided that the principle laid down mentioned in §1 is observed and that the bodies mentioned above give their consent, IFAF agrees to the transmission of the games by television (closed circuit & cassettes included), online streaming, sound broadcast and the cinema for the qualification tournament games.

All games, which shall be transmitted by television, closed circuit, online streaming, broadcast by radio stations or shot by film producers, shall be covered by a written contract. IFAF is entitled to be informed in advance and in writing of the contents of such contract.

- c) Since the original television broadcast and relays of the games of this tournament should not compete with other football games being played in the country of origin of the game and in the countries where the broadcast is relayed respectively, teams, national federations/associations and their affiliated organizations are obliged to include in all their contract for the ceding and use of TV rights the wording of §23 in these regulations. The National Federations/Associations concerned are responsible for the observation of these provisions.
- d) No federation or team member may independently do any filming or take pictures for media distribution and publications. Only accredited media is allowed to take pictures and film as directed to them in accreditation guidelines.
- e) IFAF recommends the participating National Federations/Associations to exchange game films from the tournament games.
- f) Each home team shall record the qualification game and upload for use of the IFAF director of officiating within seven (7) days of the game.

Violation of §23 leads to a fine decided by the TC based upon the scope of the rights infringements (max 10.000.000 Euro). (Section f) leads to a fine of 500 euros)

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§25 Tournament Manual

The IFAF Tournament Manual with procedures, interpretations, standards and other information is an integral part of these regulations. Failure to comply with the Manual is considered to be a failure to comply with the tournament regulations.

§26 Force Majeure

IFAF has the right to make decisions in all matters concerned the tournament. If the circumstances are unforeseen and have not been provided in these regulations, such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

§27 Sanctions

These qualification and final tournament regulations were sanctioned by the Executive Board on December 12, 2013

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