

CONFÉDÉRATION AFRICAINE DE FOOTBALL



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TITLE I

Chapter 1

Organisation of the Africa Cup of Nations

Article 1

- 1.1. The Africa Football Confederation - CAF - shall organise every other year an international competition called the Africa Cup of Nations -CAN-
- 1.2. CAF reserves the right to add to the denomination the name of a sponsor partner.

Article 2

The Africa Cup of Nations - CAN - is open to the representative teams of the national associations affiliated to CAF, each association being entitled to enter one team.

Article 3

The Africa Cup of Nations is organised in two phases:

- 3.1. A preliminary phase
- 3.2. A final phase.

Chapter 2

Organising Committee

Article 4

LAAn Organising Committee of the Africa Cup of Nations will be in charge of the elaboration of the regulations governing the competition and the organisation of the competition.

It is competent for:

- 4.1. Preliminary Phase;
 - 4.1.1. Organising the drawing of lots,
 - 4.1.2. Elaborating the competition calendar which comprises:
 - The number of the match,
 - The names of the countries,

- The venue of the match,
 - The name of the country that delegates the referees or the names of the appointed referees,
 - The name of the match commissioner,
 - The week-end fixed for each match (Friday - Saturday - Sunday).
- 4.1.3. Settling the financial conditions in case the associations fail to come to an agreement in compliance with the present regulation.
- 4.2. Preliminary Phase and Final:
- 4.2.1. Ensuring that the sanctions stipulated by the present regulations, the statutes and the disciplinary code of CAF are applied,
- 4.2.2. Replacing, in conformity with the present regulations, the associations declaring their withdrawals,
- 4.2.3. Taking decisions relative to any complaints. Its decisions shall be based on the written reports of the referee, the neutral assistant referees and/ or the commissioner,
- 4.2.4. Taking decisions in cases of force majeure,
- 4.2.5. Designating commissioners,
- 4.2.6. Validating the results of the matches.
- 4.3. Final Phase:
- 4.3.1. Ensuring, with the collaboration of the organising associations, the preparatory work of the final tournament.
- 4.3.2. Proceeding to the drawing of lots,
- 4.3.3. Fixing, after consulting the organising associations, the dates, the venues and the time of the kick-off of the matches.
- 4.3.4. Taking all the necessary decisions for the good organisation of the competition in compliance with the provisions of the present regulations,
- 4.3.5. In emergency cases, the organising committee may take decisions by correspondence.

Chapter 3 Trophy and Medals

Article 5

- 5.1. A trophy called the Africa Cup of Nations, property of CAF, shall be given to the winner of each edition.
- 5.2. The trophy shall be returned to the General Secretariat of CAF two months before the opening of the final phase of the following edition.
- 5.3. A copy of the trophy will be given to the association that wins three times.

- 5.4. A replica of the trophy will be given to the winner of each edition.
- 5.5 The winning association engages to take at its own responsibility all the appropriate measures to ensure the security of the trophy and its replica throughout all the time it is in their possession.

Article 6

CAF shall give thirty (30) gold medals to the winner and thirty (30) silver medals to the finalist.

Article 7

CAF will give 30 bronze medals to the team qualifying for the third place and 30 diplomas to the team qualifying fourth in the final tournament.

A medal will be given to each referee, referee assistants, fourth official, commissioner and General coordinator which will be in charge of the third place and the final.

Chapter 4 Fair-play

Article 8

A Fair-Play trophy shall reward the team which will have shown the best sporting and fair-play spirit during the final phase of the Africa Cup of Nations.

Chapter 5 Other Prizes and Awards

Article 9

The granting of any other trophies, prizes and awards requires the agreement of CAF Executive Committee. Any person physical or moral who wishes to present a prize or an award to one or several players and / or to teams, on the occasion of the Africa Cup of Nations must formulate a request to the General Secretariat of CAF, three months before the competition.

Chapter 6

Entries

Article 10

The national associations wishing to participate in the Africa Cup of Nations should formulate the request to the General Secretariat of CAF before the 31st December of the year preceding the competition.

- 10.1. The application for participation should be accompanied by the entry fees of five hundred (500) US dollars and a specific -CAN- application form provided by CAF.
- 10.2. The national association organising the final phase is automatically admitted.

TITLE II

Chapter 7

Preliminary Phase

Article 11

The organisation, the calendar and the order of the preliminary phase matches and the number of qualifiers for the next phase are decided by the organising committee taking into account, as much as possible, the sporting, economic and geographical factors as well as the number of countries engaged in the competition.

Article 12

The distribution of the registered teams in the different groups may also take into account the results of the national associations in the inter-nations competitions of CAF and of FIFA.

Article 13

The classification of the teams of the group matches shall be applied according to the following system of points:

- 3 points for the winner
- 1 point for a draw match
- 0 point the loser

Article 14

In case of equality of points between two or more teams, after all the group matches, the ranking of the teams shall be established according to the following criteria:

- 14.1 Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the concerned teams;
- 14.2. Best goal difference in the matches between the concerned teams;
- 14.3. Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the concerned teams;
- 14.4. Greater number of away goals scored in the direct matches between the concerned teams;
- 14.5. Goal difference in all the group matches;
- 14.6. Greatest number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- 14.7. A drawing of lots by the Organising Committee of CAF.

Article 15

The matches organised by direct knock-out system, are played home and away. In this case, the team that shall have a higher aggregate number of goals in the two matches shall be qualified for the next round.

If after the end of the regular time of the second match, the two teams have scored the same number of goals during the two matches, the team which will have scored the greatest number of away goals shall be qualified for the following round of the competition.

If the number of away goals is the same or if the results of the matches are nil, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark carried out by each team in compliance with the recommendations of the International Board. The team that will score the greatest number of goals shall be qualified for the next round of the competition.

Chapter 8

Organisation of the Matches

Article 16

- 16.1. The matches are played exclusively in the order established by the Organising Committee. The dates fixed by the Committee are final and cannot be changed except in case of force majeure recognised as such by the said Committee.
- 16.2. The host association is entitled to play its match in the capital of its

- country or in another city. In this latter case, the transportation expenses (round trip) of the visiting team from the capital to the city designated for the match will be borne by the host association.
- 16.3. If the distance between the capital and the venue of the match is superior to 200 Km, the host association shall provide the visitors with an air-plane transportation to the venue of the match and back. If this is not possible, and provided both teams agree, the match shall be played in the capital city.
 - 16.4. By agreement between the two concerned federations, the two matches (home and away) may be played in the same country.
 - 16.5. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight.
 - 16.6. The matches shall be played on natural turf or artificial turf of the third or fourth generation type, when artificial turf is used in the matches of the competition between representative teams belonging to the FIFA member Associations or in the frame of the international club competitions, the turf must correspond to the recommendations of the FIFA quality concept for artificial standard turf unless in cases of exceptional derogation given by FIFA.
 - 16.7. In case the host association organises the match on artificial turf, the visiting team shall have the right to two training sessions on the field in question, one of which at least at the time fixed for kick-off. If watering is technically indispensable, it must be made eight (8) hours at least before kick-off. The match referee and the commissioner must see to it that these instructions are respected.
 - 16.8. The pitch with natural turf where the match is to be played shall be put at the disposal of the visiting team for a minimum of one training session and this, at the time fixed for kick-off one or two days before the match.
 - 16.9. The host team shall put at the disposal of the visiting team a training field during all their sojourn and at their convenience.
 - 16.10. The matches shall be played in compliance with the laws decided by the International Football Association Board and promulgated by FIFA.
 - 16.11. The venue and the day of the match (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) will be determined by the host federation that shall inform the General Secretariat of CAF and the adverse team one month before the first match. The kick-off time will be fixed at least ten days before the match. Each infraction shall entail a fine of 2000 US\$ (two thousand US dollars).
 - 16.12. If twenty days before the dates retained by CAF, the host association does not fix the venue and the day of the match, the Organising committee will fix them automatically.

- 16.13. The associations to which the visiting team belongs must inform the Organising Association of the arrival date of its team in the capital city of the host country, one week before the date of the match at the latest. Defaulting associations shall pay a fine of 1000 US \$.
- 16.14. When the stadium of the capital is suspended or unavailable and that the national association is compelled to play its match in the stadium of another city, the conditions para 16.15 should be respected:
- 16.15. Satisfactory transportation means should be put at the disposal of the visiting team, the referees and the commissioner, either by road or by air if the distance is superior to 200 Km. The travel should be made on the day before the match at the latest and at a reasonable hour of the day, except if visiting team arrives late.
- 16.16. In case of a clash of the dates fixed by CAF with the regional, sub-regional and national competitions, priority will be given to the competitions of CAF.
- 16.17. The matches cannot start before 14 hours and not after 22 hours.
- 16.18. If the referee is forced to stop definitively a match because of darkness before the end of the regular time, and if a delay of the kick off time is the cause for it, the team of the host Association will lose the match and will be eliminated from the competition.
- 16.19. If the match is interrupted because of darkness before the end of the regular time and if the visiting team is the cause for it except in cases of force majeure, the latter shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated from the competition.
- 16.20. If the referee is forced to stop the match before the end of the regular time because of invasion of the field or aggression against the visiting team, the host team shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated from the competition, without prejudice to the sanctions provided for in the Statutes and regulations.
- 16.21. If the match is stopped before the end of the regular time for reasons of force majeure and notably for poor ground conditions and / or bad weather conditions to be decided upon by the referee, the match is to be replayed 24 hours later at the same venue and with the same referees.
All disciplinary measures (cautions or expulsions) pronounced during a stopped match will be applied in compliance with CAF disciplinary code.
- 16.22. If a team refuses to take part in the rescheduled game, it will be sanctioned in compliance with the present rules.
- 16.23. The additional sojourn expenses of the visiting team and the match officials shall be borne by the host federation.
- 6.24. For nocturnal matches, if the match is interrupted because of darkness

following a failure of electricity, the referee shall stop definitively the game after waiting for forty-five (45) minutes. The failure of electricity cannot be considered as a case of force majeure unless if at the moment of the failure, it is a second leg match of the competition played according to the direct knock-out system and that the score on the whole of the two matches is not in favour of the visiting team. In this case, the match is to be replayed twenty-four (24) hours later. If the score of the two legs is in favour of the visiting team, the host team will be declared loser.

- 16.25 For nocturnal group matches if the match is interrupted due to obscurity following an electricity failure, the referee cannot stop definitively the game but after waiting for forty-five. After this deadline the visiting team shall be declared winner with the score of three to nil.
- 16.26 The national associations or the federations hosting competitions of the Africa Cup of Nations Competition have to contract an insurance covering the civil responsibility and any incident or accident likely to occur.
- 16.27. Commissioners and referees should see to it that these instructions are carried out by the organising country.

Chapter 9

Match on Neutral Ground

Article 17

The preliminary matches of CAN may take place on a neutral ground, after an agreement is reached between the two concerned national associations, or in case of force majeure, by final decision and without appeal of the organising Committee.

Article 18

In case of agreement or decision for the match to be played on a neutral ground, only one match shall be played if necessary with kicks from the penalty marks to determine the winner.

Chapter 10

Countries in War

Article 19

The case of countries in war or victims of civil war and whose internal situation does not allow the holding of the matches of CAF according to

the Organising Committee shall be dealt with according to the following provisions:

- 19.1. The opponent party that will be the host, shall be responsible for the organisation of the match. It shall take the necessary measures for the organisation of the game (invitation of the match referees and commissioner ...).
- 19.2. If the team of the country in war or victim of civil war shows up, it will play only one match on the pitch of the adverse team. In case of a draw match at the end of the regular time, a taking of kicks from the penalty mark shall determine the winner.
- 19.3. If the visiting team does not show up, the officials of CAF shall register the forfeit and the absent team shall be eliminated from the competition.

Chapter 11

Balls

Article 20

The host Federation shall provide at each match at least ten (10) legal balls approved by FIFA which shall be put at the referees' disposal. They must have one of the following three imprints : the FIFA official logo "FIFA APPROVED" the official logo " FIFA INSPECTED" or " INTERNATIONAL MATCH BOARD STANDARD."

If a game is stopped due to the absence of balls, the referee shall wait for fifteen minutes. After this deadline, the match shall be stopped. The host shall lose the match by penalty (3-0) unless if the score in favour of the visiting team is superior.

For the matches on neutral ground, each team must provide at least seven (07) balls which shall be put at the referees' disposal, the team not having brought balls will be sanctioned.

Chapter 12

Article 21

Each organising national association shall make sure that the following reach the Secretariat:

- The orange receipt form, 30 days at the latest after the date of the match.
- Original copy addressed to FIFA and duplicate copy to CAF.

- Every single day of delay in the dispatch of these reports shall entail a fine of 30 US\$ (thirty US dollars) per day, payable by the concerned association to CAF. Delay exceeding 90 days after the fixed deadlines, the concerned association shall be suspended and cannot participate to any CAF activities. This suspension will be automatically lifted as soon as the situation is normalised by the dispatch of the yellow or pink reports and the payment of the fines provided for here above.

Article 22

Any disputes on financial matter or reception conditions shall be submitted to the organising Committee of CAF whose decision shall be binding and final.

Chapter 13 The Match Commissioner

Article 23

- 23.1. The organising Committee designates a match commissioner for every game. He is the official representative of CAF and he must be present at the match. In this capacity, he is entitled to a place in the first row of the official tribune.
- 23.2. Upon the receipt of the notification, the match commissioner shall confirm acceptance of his appointment to CAF. In case of impediment, he must inform the latter by fax or email, in a reasonable time, to allow the Secretariat provide a replacement. In cases of force majeure at the very last minute, the commissioner must send his apologies both to the Secretariat and the Host association by email or fax. The appointed commissioner can be replaced only by the decision of CAF.
- 23.3. If a presentation of the teams to the authorities is planned, the match commissioner must accompany the guest of honour and he shall present the referees and the captains of the two teams to the guest of honour.
- 23.4. On the eve of the match or in the morning of the day of the match, the commissioner must convene at a technical meeting the officials of both teams with the referees designated for the match to explain the main points of the rules of the competition. He must ensure the fulfillment of all conditions necessary for the regularity of the match especially what concerns the control service, stay of the referees and the visiting team, proper qualification of the referees on the FIFA list and the control of the players' passports. There will not be any minutes for this meeting.

- Any eventual dispute shall be recorded by the match commissioner in his report.
- 23.5. In the absence of the match commissioner, the central referee designated to officiate the match will preside over the technical meeting stipulated for in the above-mentioned para (23.4)
 - 23.6. The match commissioner will go to the dressing rooms to attend the preliminary match formalities. He may, if he deems it necessary, go back to the dressing rooms during the half-time recess or after the match.
 - 23.7. In the absence of referees designated by CAF, the match commissioner shall have the match played in conformity to the provisions of the present rules.
 - 23.8. The responsibility of verifying the field's dimensions, of ascertaining the regularity and the practicability of the field and of ascertaining the adequacy of the electric light for the nocturnal matches is exclusively that of the referee.
 - 23.9. Only the referee and his assistants are in charge of the procedures dealing with the substitution of players during the match.
 - 23.10. The match commissioner may, if he deems it necessary for the security of the referees or the visiting team, decide not to have the match played until his conditions and instructions are carried out. But once the match is started, it is exclusively the prerogative of the referee to decide of the suspension or the total stop of the match for any of the reasons stipulated in Law 5 of the laws of the game.
 - 23.11. If the match commissioner receives before the start of the game, a protest from a team on an article of the regulation, he must try to reconcile the points of view within the framework of the regulation. If he does not succeed, he shall register the protest. In all cases, the match must be played in conformity to the provision of rules and according to the interpretation given by the match commissioner.
 - 23.12. The match commissioner shall observe the match in all its aspects and especially the referees' performance, behaviour of the teams and the spectators, the eventual incidents, the organisation of security in the stadium and its access and the organisation of health services. As soon as the match ends, he shall send by fax to the Secretariat of CAF, the result of the game and the preliminary report in which the eventual protest lodged by a team must be signalled. He will send to the General Secretariat of CAF in the forty-eight (48) hours following the match, by express mail, the detailed report on the specific form provided by CAF. In case the match commissioner is absent, this duty will be incumbent upon the referee.
 - 23.13. The host association must inform the designated match commissioner

of the date, venue and kick-off time of the match ten days prior to the match date. It must organise the commissioner's trip, his stay and will put at his disposal a car from the day of his arrival until his departure. It must send him an endorsable full fare economy ticket and ensure that he receives his ticket at least fourteen (14 days) before the match. If in this delay, the commissioner does not receive his airplane ticket, he will be authorized to pay his ticket and to travel to the venue of the match. In this case, the host association apart from his sojourn expenses must pay his airplane ticket both ways as well as his indemnities on the day of his arrival according to the applied regulations. It will also pay a fine equivalent to the double price of the commissioner's airplane ticket without prejudice to other sanctions that the organising Committee could inflict.

- 23.14. When the Vice-President or the members of CAF Executive Committee are appointed as match commissioner, the host association shall send them either a first class or business airplane ticket.
- 23.15. The absence of the commissioner cannot constitute an obstacle to the playing of the matches at the scheduled date and time. In such a case, the appointed commissioner cannot be replaced except by decision of CAF and only the referee's report will bear witness.
- 23.16. If the absence of the match commissioner is due to a failure of the host association, no protest raised by the latter shall be taken into consideration.

Chapter 14 The Referees' Inspector

Article 24

CAF may designate an inspector for referees for the control of the refereeing of a game. The inspector is a match official and must be received and treated as such. He shall sojourn with the designated referees and attend the match in the official tribune where a seat in the first row shall be reserved for him.

The Security Official

Article 25

CAF may designate an inspector for referees for the control of the refereeing of a game. The inspector is a match official and must be

received and treated as such. He shall sojourn with the designated referees and attend the match in the official tribune where a seat in the first row shall be reserved for him.

The Coordinator

Article 26

The Coordinator designated by CAF, shall assist the match commissioner for the good organisation and the smooth running of the match.

He is particularly in charge of:

- Attending to the respect of the reception and sojourn rules of the officials and teams,
- Attending to the respect of CAF commitments in the matter of marketing, publicity and audio-visual retransmissions,
- Attending to the respect of the fixed schedules and of the match protocol.

Chapter 15

Referees and Assistant Referees

Article 27

27. Referees and assistant referees designated for CAN must be on the current annual FIFA list of international referees and assistant referees. The procedure of their designation by CAF Referees' Committee will be as follows:
 - 27.1. The Referees Committee designates by name one referee, two assistant referees and one reserve referee (all neutral) to officiate the matches of CAN.
 - 27.2. The reserve referee shall be a neutral referee from FIFA International referees list. If needed, the reserve referee may be an international neutral assistant referee or an international assistant referee from the host country but designated by the Referees Committee.
 - 27.3. If the designated referee is absent or becomes unfit before or during a match, he shall be replaced by the neutral reserve referee or the neutral reserve assistant referee.
 - 27.4. If the reserve referee is from the host country, the referee shall be replaced by the first neutral assistant referee and the 2nd assistant referee will become the 1st assistant referee and the reserve referee from the host country will become 2nd assistant referee. In this particular

case, an assistant referee from the host association registered on its list of International referees will be designated as a reserve referee for the match.

- 27.5. The host Federation shall inform the appointed match referees and assistant referees of the venue, date and kick-off time of the match, 15 days before the match. It shall organise their travel, their stay and shall put a car at their disposal from the day of their arrival until the day of their departure. It will make sure that their endorsable economy class PTAs reach them 14 days at least before the match. Referees and assistant referees are obliged to use the PTAs put at their disposal by the organising country. They are in no case authorised to purchase their own airplane tickets to ask the organising association for a refund on the spot.
- 27.6. Any Association that sends PTAs shall inform the association to which the referees belong of the dispatch of the PTAs.
- 27.7. If the PTAs for the referees are sent on time by the host country and the referees fail to travel, a fine will be imposed upon the national association to which the referees belong.
- 27.8. In case of the absence of the designated referees, the visiting team must extend its stay in the venue of the match up to 72 hours as of the hour scheduled for the kick off. In such a case the host association has to provide through a neighbouring neutral association, the arrival of international referees registered on the current annual FIFA list, to allow the match to take place within this allotted time.
- 27.9. If within this extension, both the referees initially designated and those of the neighbouring association fail to arrive at the venue of the match and if the visiting team is accompanied by an international referee registered on the current annual FIFA list, the latter shall officiate with the assistance of two assistant referees and of a fourth referee registered on the current annual FIFA list designated by the host association.
- 27.10. If the visiting team consents, the match may be played at the hour initially scheduled or before the end of the 72 hours with the officiating of local international referees and assistant referees registered on the current annual FIFA list, designated by the host association.
- 27.11. In case of the absence of the appointed referees and the match commissioner, and if the visiting is accompanied by an international referee registered on the current annual FIFA list, the latter shall officiate the match at the fixed date, with the assistance of two local assistant referees and a 4th local referee registered on the FIFA list of the current year of international referees and the list of international assistant referees and designated by the host association.

- 27.12. If the visiting team is not accompanied by an international referee, the provisions of the above article 27-8 shall be applied and CAF informed.
- 27.13. Any international referee accompanying a visiting team, shall refrain from penetrating in the field of play or the players' dressing rooms before, during or after the game. He should imperatively follow the game from the VIP tribune and abstain from intervening at any time moment in the running of the game. In default, he will be severely sanctioned.
- 27.14. The new expenses incurred in cases of extension of stay of the visiting team at the venue of the match following the absence or late arrival of the referees, shall be borne by the host association.
- 27.15. If after the playing of the match in the conditions referred to in the above article 27 (8), it is established that the absence of the referees designated by CAF was the fault of the host association, and that the competition is played on the knock-out basis, the host team shall be declared loser by penalty and shall be eliminated from the competition. In case of a group match, the team of the host country shall lose by penalty with the score 3 - 0.
- 27.16. A national association which substitutes from its own initiative the referees or assistant referees designated by CAF, except for the cases mentioned in the above article 27-8 shall be considered loser by penalty and shall be eliminated from the competition if the latter is played on the knock-out basis. In case of a group match, it shall lose a match by penalty 3 - 0.

Chapter 16

Facilities for the accommodation of teams and officials

Article 28

The host association that does not provide to the visiting team, to the commissioner, to the referee and his assistants, all the facilities mentioned in the present regulations, shall reimburse all the expenses of the visiting team, the commissioner, the referee and his assistants without prejudice to the sanctions that the organising committee may impose upon it subsequently.

Article 29

The visiting association shall assume the travel expenses of its delegation. The host association shall assume the local transportation of the visiting team, its accommodation according to article 30 during three days

before the match and two days after, at the most. In this case, the host Association shall keep the gate receipts of the match.

Article 30

Reception Condition

The following minimum conditions of reception should be strictly respected:

- 30.1. Reception at the airport: A Committee formed of the officials of the host association must be at the airport to meet the visiting delegation and must provide all facilities for the entry formalities in the country. One official of the host association, who speaks the language of the visiting delegation, will be at the disposal of the visiting delegation and will act as liaison officer between the two associations.
- 30.2. Transport Facilities: One bus for the players and one car for the officials will be put at the disposal of the visiting delegation from the time of their arrival to that of their departure. Any additional vehicles are subject to an agreement between the two associations.
- 30.3. Accommodation: Accommodation will be provided in First Class hotels for the visiting delegation, one air-conditioned room with two beds and a bathroom for every two players and one single air-conditioned room with bathroom for each official. In countries where air conditioners are not used, the visiting delegation will not require air-conditioned room. Officials and players are to be accommodated at the same hotel. The Host association shall be responsible for room reservation and regular meals with sportsmen's diet menus. No organising association is obliged to host more than 25 persons.
- 30.4. In case a visiting team delegation refuses to stay in the hotel reserved by the host country and changes the hotel on its own initiative whereas the match commissioner declares that the hotel reserved by the hosts meets all the conditions required by CAF. This delegation will have to pay the full board accommodation expenses of its delegation in the new hotel
- 30.5. Security measures: The police service of the host association must ensure the security of all the visiting delegation's members as well as the referees and the commissioner designated to officiate the match. The police service must prohibit any invasion of the field and any attack against the players or the officials, inside and outside the stadium.
- 30.6. Seeing the visiting team off: Officials of the host association shall see the visiting delegation off at the airport and shall facilitate all formalities for departure.

Article 31

Accommodation of the match officials

The referees and the match commissioner and eventually the referees' inspector must be accommodated (room and three meals) at a first class hotel other than the one reserved for the two competing teams.

Chapter 17

Qualification of Players

Article 32

- a. Each Association shall select its national representative team from players enjoying the citizenship of its country, subject to its jurisdiction and qualified for selection in conformity with the provisions of Article 15 of the regulations governing the application of the FIFA statutes. All players must present on request, to the Secretariat of CAF or to the match commissioner, their valid passport being.
- b. The Clubs are required to put at the disposal of the Engaged federations the Players Selected for the representative teams at all CAF Competitions, failure to do so could lead to CAF sanctions.

Article 33

- 33.1. For each match, the players must present their valid passport.
- 33.2. If a travelling team loses the passports of one or many of its players, the team is authorized to field the concerned player or players provided that each one of them takes photographs with the match commissioner or the referee, before the match. These photographs shall be given to the referee who shall send them to CAF Secretariat, together with his report. In case of a protest duly lodged, the concerned team shall present to the Secretariat of CAF the valid passports for comparison with the photographs taken with the referee or the match commissioner.
- 33.3. A host team is not allowed to field any of its players, if before the kick-off, it does not present valid passports of the concerned players.

Article 34

Every National Association may, at its own discretion, during the preliminary phase, modify the formation of its team between one match and another, even in case of matches to be replayed, provided

that only the players qualified under the present regulations are used.

Article 35

Substitutions up to a maximum of three players per team are permitted

at any time during a match. A substituted player can no longer take part in the match.

Before the start of the game, the names of seven substitute players must be registered on the match form.

Chapter 18 Sanctions of Players

Article 36

- 36.1. For the Preliminary and final tournament, a player who receives two cautions shall be automatically suspended from playing the following match. This automatic suspension shall be communicated by the Secretariat to the Associations concerned.
- 36.2. The cautions received during the matches of the Preliminary tournament shall not be taken into account for the matches of the Final tournament. At the end of the first phase of the final tournament (group matches), all cautions received shall be cancelled for the rest of the competition. Nevertheless, a player having collected two yellow cards will sustain the one match suspension.
- 36.3. A player expelled from the field by the referee is automatically suspended for the following match in the framework of the same competition, without prejudice to other sanctions that might be imposed upon him subsequently.
- 36.4. A player expelled from the field by the referee in two matches of the preliminary competition is automatically suspended for the remaining phase of the preliminaries, without prejudice to other sanctions that might be imposed upon him subsequently.
- 36.5. If a referee reports a player whose behaviour has caused the abandonment of a match or who has committed a serious violation after the end of the match, the involved player shall be automatically suspended from playing in the following match of the same competition, without prejudice to the sanctions which might be imposed upon him subsequently.
- 36.6. The suspensions for more than one match shall be applicable to the matches of this competition - CAN - and/or the matches of any another competition organised by CAF and involving the senior representative national teams.
- 36.7. In case of serious violations, the guilty player might be suspended not only from CAN but also from all the competitions of CAF.
- 36.8. CAF disciplinary Board is empowered to apply disciplinary measures on all incidents registered on the official match reports, before, during or

- after the match, and this in conformity with the present regulations and CAF disciplinary code.
- 36.9. Before every match, the Secretariat of CAF shall communicate to the designated match commissioners and referees the name(s) of the suspended player(s) for each match. In this case, the suspended player(s) shall be prohibited from taking part in the match by the match officials. Defaulting officials shall be sanctioned by CAF.
 - 36.10. The tallying of these sanctions remains the responsibility of the national association that shall assume any violation to the regulations.
 - 36.11. A team which allows a non-qualified or a suspended player to take part in a direct knock-out match shall lose the match and shall be eliminated from the competition, even in the absence of protests.
 - 36.12. A team which allows a non-qualified or a suspended player to take part in group matches shall lose the match by penalty (3 - 0), even in the absence of protests/reservations.
 - 36.13. For any deliberate intention to defraud by falsifying official documents, the concerned association shall be suspended for two years from all CAF competitions.

Chapter 19

Protests - Appeals - Rights

Article 37

Protests

A protest against the qualification of the players who take part in the matches of the preliminary competition must be made according to the following course:

- 37.1. It must be preceded by a nominal and motivated protest formulated before the match on the proper form of the match by the captain of the protesting team and communicated to the captain of the opposing team who will countersign it.
- 37.2. It must be confirmed by a registered letter or by a fax or email sent to CAF Secretariat 48 hours after the match at the latest. The postal stamp of Cairo or of CAF will bear witness.
- 37.3. It must be accompanied by the payment of a protest right fixed to 2000 US\$ (two thousand US dollars). This amount will be returned to the protesting team if the protest is upheld.
- 37.4. If a national association requests, for players whose qualification is contested to be confronted, this association will have to bear the whole expenses incurred for the transport and the sojourn of the players and

the officials accompanying them. If its claim is accepted the expenses will be borne by the association guilty of fraud.

- 37.5. Other protests are to be communicated to the Secretariat of CAF within the 48 hours which follow the match by fax or email. A detailed confirmation by registered letter, fax message, or email must reach CAF Secretariat five clear days from the date of the match at the latest. The postal stamp of Cairo and/or of CAF will bear witness.
- 37.6. The right of protest fixed to 2000 US\$ (two thousand US dollars) shall be paid to CAF before the protest can be examined. This amount will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- 37.7. The decisions taken by the referee on the ground during the match on matters of fact shall not be subject to protests in any case.

Chapter 20

Appeals

Article 38

- 38.1. An appeal can be addressed to the Appeals Committee against the decisions taken by the Organising Committee and by the disciplinary board but not against those stipulated as final.
- 38.2. The right of appeal is fixed at \$3000 (Three Thousand US Dollars) which will be returned to the Association concerned if the appeal is upheld.
- 38.3. The appeal must reach CAF Secretariat by fax or email within the three days following the dispatch by fax or email of the decision of the Organising Committee or the disciplinary board, the postal stamp of Cairo or of CAF will bear witness.
- 38.4. An appeal shall have no delaying effect except in financial matters and for fines.
- 38.5. During the final tournament of the Africa Cup of Nations all decisions taken by the organising Committee and or by the disciplinary board , to the exception of those reporting the application of the disciplinary measures pronounced on the basis of the reports of match officials are final and without appeal.

Chapter 21

Fraud

Article 39

If in the three months following every match of CAN, CAF is informed no matter what the source may be, that a fraud infringing the sporting morality was committed by one of the teams, an enquiry will be conducted immediately. In case the assertion is proved, the National Association of the guilty team will be suspended for three years from all the Competitions organised by CAF, at the level of National teams.

Article 40

For any deliberate intention of misleading or cheating by falsification of documents, the guilty federation will be suspended for two years from All CAF competitions, including the Africa Cup of Nations.

For any administrative error in the registration of the players without deliberate intention of cheating, the concerned federation will be suspended for two years from all CAF Competitions.

Article 41

Any team committing fraud on the identity of the player; his qualification and/or fielding a suspended player, will be considered loser of a match and will definitely be eliminated from the competition by decision of the Organizing Committee which will decree as soon as the incriminating facts are clearly established.

Chapter 22

List of players

Article 42

Each Team Participating at the Africa Cup of Nations must imperatively transmit the list of 23 players susceptibles to take part at the match at the match to the Commissioner and the referee at the pre-match technical meeting or else they will be sanctioned.

The Commissioner and the referees must disallow any player on the list that does not conform to the standards of qualification of the competition from participation at the match. CAF reserves the right to sanction any failures.

Chapter 23
Colours of jerseys and shorts - Numbering

Article 43

Each team shall wear the colours of its country. When, in the opinion of the referee, the colours of the two opposing teams might lead to confusion, the visiting team must change its shirts. If the match is played in a neutral country, the referee shall proceed to a draw to determine the team having to change its shirts. Every team shall have a spare outfit available, other than its official colours.

Article 44

The shirts and shorts of players must be numbered from 1 to 18 for the preliminary phase. The equipments and numbers on shirts and shorts must comply with the regulations of FIFA.

Article 45

Publicity on the equipments of the national teams' players is not permitted. The match commissioner and referees must see to it that this provision is strictly observed and if need be, prevent the playing of the match. The faulty association shall be sanctioned according to the regulations.

Chapter 24
National Anthems and Colours

Article 46

Every travelling team must carry with it a recording (K7 and CD) and a partition of its national anthem as well as the flag of its country.

Chapter 25
Publicity In the Stadia

Article 47

Publicity for alcohol and tobacco is permitted on the occasion of all the matches organised by CAF within the framework of CAN, provided that

such publicity is allowed by the laws of the host country.

Chapter 26 Broadcasting and Publicity Rights

Article 48

Local broadcasting and publicity rights, during the preliminary phase are the property of CAF. It may cede them free of charge to the associations. In this case, the associations will pay the share of CAF as fixed in article 94 hereunder.

Chapter 27 Doping

Article 49

- 49.1. Doping is the use of substances which could have the effect of artificially improving the player's physical and/or mental condition and so augmenting artificially his athletic performance.
- 49.2. Doping is strictly forbidden by CAF.
- 49.3. The use of doping substances shall be severely punished.
- 49.4. The organising committee has the right to carry out anti-doping control of the players at any time during the matches of CAN.
- 49.5. The organising committee is in charge of deciding which authorised laboratory shall proceed to the analysis of samples.
- 49.6. The regulations of doping control for FIFA and non-FIFA competitions, the disciplinary code of CAF and other related FIFA directives are applied to the matches of the Africa Cup of Nations.
- 49.7. The physicians of CAF designated for the doping control of the preliminary phase must be assisted by the national associations for the accomplishment of their mission.
They must especially:
 - Book for them in a first-class hotel,
 - Assist them at their arrival and departure at the airport,
 - Ensure their security and their transport,
 - Put at their disposal an equipped control room (refrigerator, bathroom, desk, chairs, mineral water...).

Chapter 28
Forfeit, Withdrawals, Refusal to Play, Replacement

Article 50

The registered teams must play all the matches of the preliminary phase. In case of forfeit, they shall be responsible for financial consequences that shall be determined by the organising Committee.

Article 51

An association declaring forfeit, after having registered, before the start of the preliminary phase, shall entail a fine of five thousand US dollars (5.000 \$) in addition to forfeit of the entry fees. It shall not be allowed also to participate in the following edition of CAN.

Article 52

An association declaring forfeit during the group matches of the preliminary phase shall entail a fine of ten thousand US dollars (10.000 \$) in addition to forfeit of the entry fees. It shall not be allowed also to participate in the following edition of CAN.

Article 53

If a team withdraws from the preliminary phase, the opposing team, which it was scheduled to meet, shall be qualified for the next round.

Article 54

If a team withdraws from the preliminary phase organised in groups, all its results shall be annulled (points, scored and conceded goals).

Article 55

A team declaring forfeit or refusing to play the second leg match after having played the first leg match on its own ground shall pay to the association of the visiting team a sum equal to the proceeds that this association could have attained if the second leg match had effectively taken place. The amount of this sum shall be fixed by the Organising Committee of CAF on the basis of the average proceeds declared by the concerned association for similar matches.

Article 56

If after the withdrawal of one or many teams, a group is reduced to two teams only whereas the first leg match between these both teams still in competition was played before the registration of the withdrawals, then the goals difference shall not be taken into account to determine the winner of the group in question. If after the second match, both teams obtain the same number of points, a decisive match shall be organised between the two teams on neutral ground designated by the Organising Committee with extra time and eventually kicks from the penalty mark.

Article 57

If, for any reason whatsoever, a team withdraws from the competition or does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure accepted by the Organising Commission or refuses to play or leaves the ground before the regular end of the match without the authorisation of the referee, it shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated for good from the current competition. The same shall apply for the teams previously disqualified by decision of CAF.

Article 58

A team which shall not be present on the ground, dressed to play at the time fixed for kick-off or at most 15 minutes later, shall forfeit the match. The referee shall register the absence of the team and shall write it in his report. The final decision in this respect shall be taken by the Organising Committee.

Article 59

The guilty team under the terms of articles 57 and 58 will be eliminated for good from the competition. This team will lose its matches by 3-0 unless the opponent has scored a more advantageous result at the moment when the match was interrupted, in this case this score will be maintained. Further measures may be adopted by the Organising Committee.

Article 60

The guilty team shall be excluded from the tournament and as a result

none of its matches shall be taken into consideration, unless the incidents mentioned in articles 56, 57 and 58 did not occur in the last group match. In addition, the guilty National Association shall cover the losses or lost profits of the other National Association. Further measures can be taken by the Organising Committee.

Article 61

For the group matches, if a team withdraws before the beginning of the competition, the group will be composed of the number of the remaining teams.

Article 62

Cases of force majeure liable to be raised, shall be dealt by the Organising Committee.

Chapter 29

Financial Regulations for the Preliminary Phase

Article 63

If the match officials (commissioner and/or referees) go back home after the match without being paid the total amounts of their dues according to the regulations by the host Association, a fine equivalent to double the amount involved shall be imposed upon the Association at fault.

Article 64

If one or several match officials (commissioner, referees or assistant referees) live in cities other than the capital cities of their own countries, the Association organising the match (the host Association) shall pay the travel expenses by plane (if the distance is more than two hundred kilometres) or by car of the officials in question from their home city to the capital city of their country and back.

Article 65

For the matches of the preliminary phase, the host Association shall transfer other than the 2% stipulated for in the FIFA Statutes, 2% of the gross receipt in favour of CAF Technical Development Fund, with a minimum of \$1000 (One thousand US Dollars).

Article 66

For the live or delayed television transmissions each National Association shall pay CAF, other than the amount fixed in the above article 65, a contractual fee of five hundred US dollars (500 US \$) per match.

Article 67

- 67.1. The national associations must send to CAF the percentage on the proceeds and fees of television transmission stipulated for in Article 66 within the 90 days following the date of the match. If not, a fine of 20 dollars shall be imposed upon the defaulting association for each day of delay.
- 67.2. 90 days after the delay stipulated for in the above para 67-1 shall entail the suspension of the defaulting Association from all CAF activities. This suspension will be automatically lifted as soon as the concerned association settles its dues and fines stipulated for in para 1 of the present article.

TITRE III

Chapter 30

Organisation of the Final Tournament

Article 68

Sixteen representative teams shall be qualified for the final tournament.

- 68.1. Only the team of the association organising the final Tournament is automatically qualified.
- 68.2. The fifteen (15) other teams shall qualify for the final Tournament through the matches of the preliminary phase.
- 68.3. The Associations qualified for the final phase must confirm, in writing, to the Secretariat of CAF, their participation at least three months before the opening date of the final tournament. They must equally reconfirm their participation at least fifteen (15) days before the opening of the final tournament. After this deadline the Organising Committee reserves the right to take the appropriate measures.
- 68.4. The matches of the final tournament must be played in the territory of the organising association. In case of co-organisation, the matches must be played in the territories of the co-organiser countries.
- 68.5. The opening of the final phase of the Africa Cup of Nations must be held

during the month of January of each even year.

- 68.6. The dates and venues of the final Tournament matches shall be fixed by the Organising Committee of CAF, after consultation of the organising association, allowing each team to have a minimum break of 48 hours between two matches.
- 68.7. The kick-off time of the matches shall be fixed by the Organising Committee. The teams must be present in the dressing rooms at least one hour before kick-off. Each team must present the passports of the 23 players selected and registered on the sheet of the match to take part in the match.

Chapter 31

Colours of jerseys and shorts - Numbering

Article 69

Each association shall communicate to CAF, a month before the kick-off of the final tournament, the main colours and the reserve colours of its equipments. The numbers from 1 to 23 on the shirts and shorts as well as the players' names on the shirts must comply with the regulations of FIFA. The number 1 will be reserved exclusively to one of the goalkeepers

Chapter 32

List of players for the final tournament

Article 70

- 70.1 Ten (10) days before the first match of the final tournament, a list of a maximum of twenty three (23) players must be submitted to CAF secretariat and the teams concerned. Any national Association that does not conform to this provision will pay to CAF a fine of ten thousand (10.000) dollars US. No other modification to the list of twenty three (23) players will be allowed, unless in cases of force majeure recognized as such by the organizing Committee. If the list of 23 players is not received at CAF Secretariat 7 days prior to the kick-off day of the final tournament, the concerned team will be only allowed to register 21 players.
- 70.2 A player on the final list cannot be replaced unless seriously injured at the latest twenty four hours (24) at least before the beginning of the first match of his team. His substitution must be approved in writing by CAF medical Committee, after reception and approval of a detailed medical

certificate. CAF medical Committee shall write a certificate attesting that the wound is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from participating at the Africa Cup of Nations and will submit this certificate to the organizing Committee for approval. Once the certificate is approved, the association should then immediately appoint a substitute immediately and inform CAF General Secretariat accordingly. The final list of twenty three (23) players shall be published by CAF General Secretariat.

Chapter 33 First Phase of the Final Tournament

Article 71

- 71.1.1. Four groups A, B, C and D each of four teams shall be formed. Four heads of groups shall be designated by the Organising Committee of CAF. The organising country shall be the head of group A.
- 71.1.2. The heads of groups B, C and D shall be determined by the Organising Committee of CAF on the basis of the results achieved by the finalist teams in the three previous editions of the Africa Cup of Nations. The twelve (12) other teams shall be distributed in the groups by a public drawing of lots at which the representatives of the participating teams shall be invited. However, the absence of these representatives shall not hamper the organisation of the drawing of lots on the scheduled day. If the holder of the trophy is qualified, it will be the head of group C.
- 71.2. This drawing of lots must take place at least three months before the start of the final phase.
- 71.3. The group matches shall be played in accordance with the calendar established by the Organising Committee.
- 71.4. The classification of the groups shall be established as follows:
 - 3 points for the winner
 - 1 point for a draw
 - 0 point for the loser.

Article 72

In case of equality of points between two or more teams, at the conclusion of the group matches, the ranking of the teams shall be established according to the following criteria:

- 72.1. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the teams in question;
- 72.2. The best goal difference in the matches between the teams in

- question;
- 72.3. Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned;
- 72.4. Goal difference in all group matches;
- 72.5. Greatest number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- 72.6. Fair Play points system taking into account the number of yellow and red cards;
- 72.7. Drawing of lots by CAF Organising Committee.

Chapter 34
Second Phase of the Final Tournament

Article 73

- 73.1. At the conclusion of the four groups matches, the first and the second of each group shall be qualified for the quarter finals.
The quarter final matches shall be played in the following order:
- i. Winner Group A/Second Group B
 - ii. Winner Group B/Second Group A
 - iii. Winner Group C/Second Group D
 - iv. Winner Group D/Second Group C
- 73.2. The quarter final matches shall be played in accordance with the direct elimination system of the loser. An extra time of 2 x 15 minutes shall be eventually played in case of a draw after the regular time. If after extra time, the result is still not decisive, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.
- 73.3. The winners of the quarter finals shall qualify for the semi-finals. They shall be played in the following order:
- Winner of match (i) Winner of match (iii) or (iv)
 - Winner of match (ii) Winner of match (iii) or (iv)
- 73.4. The semi-finals shall be played in accordance with the same direct elimination system as applied in the quarter finals.
- 73.5. The losers of the semi-finals shall play a match for the third place. In case of a draw after the end of the regular time, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.
- 73.6. The final shall be played between the winners of the semi-finals. In case of a draw after the end of the regular time, an extra time of 2 x 15 minutes shall be played. If, after the extra time, the result is still not decisive, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

Article 74

The matches shall be played in daylight or under flood-light.

Chapter 35

Organising Sub-Committees

Article 75

For the final tournament, Organising Sub-Committees shall be established and they shall stay in the organising country to supervise the matches. The President and the members of the Referees Committee, the Medical Committee and the Technical Committee of CAF shall assist these sub-committees on a consultative title, without the right to vote.

- 75.1. The sub-committees are invested with the attributions of CAF Organising Committee as defined in the present regulations.
- 75.2. Each sub-committee shall designate a commissioner among its members to officiate each group match it controls.
- 75.3. Each sub-committee shall organise the technical meeting at the eve or on the day of the match and shall ratify the results the day following the match.
- 75.4. After each match, a communiqué written by each sub-committee shall be distributed to all the teams on the same day of the match.

Chapter 36

Withdrawals, sanctions for refusal to play and replacement

Article 76

A forfeit declared before 60 days or more before the start of the final competition for which an association was qualified, shall be subject apart from the forfeit of the entry fees, to a maximum fine stipulated by the regulations as well as the suspension of the concerned national association for the following edition of the Africa Cup of Nations.

Article 77

A forfeit declared between the period of 60 to 20 days before the start of the final competition for which a national association was qualified, shall entail in addition of the forfeit of the entry fee, a maximum fine stipulated by the regulations as well as the suspension of the concerned national association for the following edition of the Africa Cup of Nations. Moreover, according to the circumstances and by decision of the

Organising Committee, the obligation for the association that withdraws to pay any expenses already incurred for the participation of its team in the final competition and to make compensation for any eventual damages.

Article 78

A forfeit notified less than twenty days before the start or during the final competition, shall entail in addition of the forfeit of the entry fee, a maximum fine stipulated by the regulations as well as the suspension of the concerned national association for the following two editions of the Africa Cup of Nations. Moreover, the withdrawal shall entail the forfeit of its share in the profits realised from the receipts. In addition, the Organising Committee may order the concerned national association to make compensation for any eventual damages.

Article 79

For any team qualified for the final phase, the concerned national association must enter its best representative team. If an association declares through its officials including the coaches that it will align another team than its best representative team, the Organising Committee shall impose all the necessary sanctions.

Chapter 37 **Withdrawals**

Article 80

If, for any reason whatsoever, a team withdraws from the competition or does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure accepted by the Organising Commission or refuses to play or leaves the ground before the regular end of the match without the authorisation of the referee, it shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated for good from the current competition. The same shall apply for the teams previously disqualified by decision of CAF.

Article 81

A team which shall not be present on the ground, dressed to play at the time fixed for kick-off or at most 15 minutes later, shall forfeit the

match. The referee shall register the absence of the team and shall write it in his report. The final decision in this respect shall be taken by the Organising Committee.

Article 82

The guilty team under the terms of articles 80 and 81 shall be eliminated for good from the competition. This team will lose its matches by 3-0 unless the opponent has scored a more advantageous result at the moment when the match was interrupted, in this case this score will be maintained. Further measures may be adopted by the Organising Committee.

Article 83

The guilty team shall be eliminated from the tournament and as a result none of its matches shall be taken into consideration, unless the incidents mentioned in article 81 did not occur in the last group match. Further measures may be adopted by the Organising Committee.

Article 84

If a team withdraws after its qualification in the final tournament, but before its actual start, it shall be replaced by the team classified next in the group of the team in question. In default, the group to which belongs the forfeiting team shall be composed of three teams.

Article 85

If a team withdraws at the start of the final tournament without playing all the matches of its group, it shall be considered looser of all the remaining matches it was scheduled to play by the score of three to nil.

Article 86

If a team withdraws after having obtained its qualification for the quarter finals, it shall be replaced by the team which is classified next in the group.

Article 87

If a team withdraws after having reached the semi-finals, it shall be replaced by the team it has eliminated in the quarter finals.

Article 88

If a finalist team refuses to play the final, it shall be replaced by the team it has eliminated in the semi-final. The other losing semi-finalist shall be declared third of the competition.

Article 89

Reserves are made as to cases of force majeure and shall be decided by the Organising Committee.

Article 90

If a country having been entrusted with the organisation of the final Tournament of the Africa Cup of Nations is desisting, it shall be subject, in addition to further disciplinary sanctions, to a fine fixed according to the following scale:

- 90.1. Withdrawal notified three years before the date of the final tournament: fine 10.000 US\$
- 90.2. Withdrawal notified two years before the date of the final tournament: fine 15.000 US\$
- 90.3. Withdrawal notified less than two years before the date of the final tournament: fine 20.000 US\$
- 90.4. Withdrawal notified less than six months before the date of the final tournament: fine 50.000 US\$

Moreover, it shall be ordered to make compensation for all the moral and financial prejudices caused to CAF and the participating Associations.

Chapter 38

National anthems - National colours - Prohibited manifestations

Article 91

- 91.1. For the final competition, the national anthems (K7 - CD - partitions) and the flags of the finalist countries must be sent to the organising country two months before the start of the final tournament. A letter indicating the dispatch of these documents must be sent to the Secretariat of CAF.
- 91.2. During the Final Tournament of the Africa Cup of Nations, one week before and two days after the final, no meetings and no religious or political demonstrations can be held in the stadia reserved for the competition, the training fields nor the places reserved for the accommodation of the

- officials, referees and teams.
- 91.3. Written or audio-visual slogans offensive to other countries' political or religious convictions are not permitted in the stadia, the accommodation places, and the training fields. They shall not be allowed in the programmes of match transmission on radio or television.

Chapter 39 Refereeing of the Final Tournament

Article 92

- 92.1 Referees and assistant referees are designated namely by the Referees Committee. They shall be chosen among the referees who are on the current annual FIFA list of international referees and assistant referees regrouped in the host country/countries.
- 92.2. Associations whose referees are selected for the final Tournament must confirm to the Secretariat of CAF, by registered letter, the availability of their referee(s) and this, at least 30 days before the date of the first match of the final tournament. If not, the Referees Committee shall automatically provide their replacement.

Article 93

- 93.1. At the end of each match, the referee shall establish a report on the official document of CAF and hand it immediately to the match commissioner before leaving the stadium.
- 93.2. Referees must also hand in conjointly with the report the list of players and substitutes as it appears on the match sheet, and signal eventual observations or protests formulated by a team. They must record all the incidents that occurred during the match (warnings and expulsions).

Chapter 40 Receipts from the Stadia, the Publicity and the Transmissions Rights

Article 94

- 94.1. In the final Tournament, the receipts shall consist of the gate receipts of all the official matches and the fees received from the television rights and from the publicity inside and outside the stadia during the whole tournament.

- 94.2. The television and broadcasting on the one hand and the revenues from publicity inside and outside the stadia as well as the exploitation of symbols on the other hand, shall be subject to separate contracts and freely negotiated between CAF and specialised agencies for one or more successive editions.
- 94.3. The television and publicity rights of the draw ceremony of the final phase belong to CAF. They shall be subject to separate contracts and freely negotiated between CAF and specialised agencies
- 94.4. The organising Associations must give their consent and present the prior agreement of their governments for the full respect on the whole territory of their country of the commitments taken by CAF in the contracts signed with the specialised agencies and to facilitate the task of the specialised agencies.
- 94.5. The National Associations are required to ensure compliance with the contractual obligations of CAF on TV and marketing rights. In case of non-compliance of CAF's obligations by the national Association or in case of fraudulent broadcast of the TV signal, the concerned team shall be excluded from the competition and will be suspended for the next edition.
- 94.6. The television and broadcasting rights as well as the revenues from publicity that belong exclusively to CAF shall be distributed as follows:
- 40% to the pool,
 - 20% to the host countries, -20% to CAF,
 - 20% to the technical development fund.
- 94.7. The merchandising and the symbol exploitation rights that belong exclusively to CAF shall be distributed as follows:
- 50% to CAF -
 - 50% to the pool
- 94.8. The total amount coming from the receipts of the above two rubrics allocated to the pool shall be distributed as follows:
- 12% to the winner of the tournament,
 - 11% to the runners up,
 - 8.5% to the two defeated semi-finalist teams, -
 - 6% to the four defeated quarter finalists,
 - 5% to the four teams classified third in their group, -4%

to the four teams classified fourth in their group.

Article 95

The Organising Associations shall put at the disposal of CAF free of charge:

- 95.1. The stadia where the matches shall be played, empty of publicity, eight days before the beginning of the tournament, during the tournament and five days after the end of the tournament.
- 95.2. All the necessary installations, the international signal and sound towards the satellite as well as the indispensable technical personnel to ensure the terrestrial transmission of matches live and regularly. In return, the Organising countries shall be allowed to transmit live all the matches inside its territory and for which it has provided all the above facilities.

Article 96

The Organising Associations shall see to it that the commitments taken by CAF as indicated in the contracts concluded with the agencies are fully observed in its territory.

Article 97

The symbol and the mascot of the final Tournament shall be proposed by the holder of the publicity rights at least eighteen (18) months before the opening date of the final Tournament. They shall not be given a final recognition until CAF, in consultation with the Organising Country has approved them.

Article 98

The Association organising the Final Tournament shall submit to CAF Finance Committee- six (6) months before the date of the opening of the Final Tournament- the budget giving the expected expenditure for the organisation of the final Tournament and an estimation of the expected receipts and profits.

This budget which must be approved by the Finance Committee, shall include the price of the tickets of different categories for the matches of the final tournament. The Finance Committee may, if it deems it necessary, recommend to the organising association the modification of the prices of the match tickets.

Article 99

The following expenses are to be deducted from the returns mentioned

in article (94):

- 99.1. State taxes, provincial or municipal, if actually paid, with a maximum of 30% of gross returns.
- 99.2. The percentages due to FIFA after deduction of taxes mentioned in the above para (99.1).
- 99.3. The expenses of sojourn of the teams of the participant associations for a maximum of 30 persons per team, from three days before the first match of every team up to 2 days after its last match, exception made due to the absence of regular plane service.
- 99.4. The reimbursement of the travel expenses by plane in economical class (full fare) both ways from the capital of the concerned country by the most direct route, for the teams of the participant associations for a maximum of 30 persons.
- 99.5. The expenses of travel in economical class, of sojourn and daily indemnity of 100 US\$ (one hundred US dollars) for referees and assistant referees for a maximum of 20 days.
- 99.6. The sojourn expenses and a daily indemnity of 100 US\$ (hundred US dollars) per day and a first class plane ticket for the President, or the honorary Presidents, the Executive Committee members and the General Secretary of CAF.
- 99.7. The expenses of travel, of sojourn and daily indemnity of hundred US dollars (100 US\$) for:
 - 99.7.1. The members of the Organising Committee,
 - 99.7.2. The assistant General Secretary of CAF,
 - 99.7.3. The general coordinators.The daily indemnity shall be paid to the members during their sojourn, starting from the date of departure from their country until the date of their return to their country. If the host country or CAF expresses the request, a daily amount shall be allocated to the members of CAF for food expenses.
- 99.8. 5% of the gross returns after deduction of taxes mentioned in the above para (99.1) to the Treasury of CAF.
- 99.9. 5% of the gross returns after deduction of taxes mentioned in the above para (99.1) to the Organising Association for the organisation expenses (control, police, entrance tickets, publicity, staff, etc..).
- 99.10. The cost of the match tickets for CAF members. The quotas of the tickets are determined for each match as follows:
 - 100 tickets for the presidential box or 40% of its capacity
 - 200 tickets for the stands next to the presidential box,
 - 300 tickets for the B category (in front of the presidential box).The tickets shall be given to the General Secretary of CAF before the

start of the competition.

- 99.11. Reserves are made as to cases of exceptional expenses which are to be definitely decided by the Executive Committee.

Article 100

After deduction of all the expenditures specified in the above article 99, any possible surplus of returns shall be shared as follows:

- 15% to the Confédération Africaine de Football,
- 15% to the Organising Associations,
- 70% to the Associations participating in the final Tournament, with the exception of the Organising Association.

Article 101

In case the returns referred to in article 94 of these rules do not suffice to cover the expenses specified in article 99 the deficit shall be paid by the Organising Association.

Article 102

The Organising Association shall send to the finalist associations of the tournament and to the General Secretariat of CAF an abstract of the accounts statement, two months after the date of the final at the latest.

Article 103

- 103.1. The payment provided for in these rules must be made at the official rate of exchange on the day they are made without restrictions or special taxes.
- 103.2. Endorsable air passage tickets for officials must be issued by the Organising Association and sent to them along with their invitation at least 15 days before the start of the Final Tournament.

Article 104

Any conflict related to the settlement of accounts shall be decided by the Executive Committee of CAF whose decision will be final

TITRE IV

Chapter 41 Intercontinental Matches

Article 105

- 105.1. The winner of the Cup shall play the following matches, in case CAF has concluded an agreement, in a home/away match or in one match played on neutral ground, against the winner of the Cup of Nations of other continents, at a date, venue and conditions which shall be fixed by CAF. In the drawing of the programme, CAF shall make sure that the national and international calendars of the concerned teams are not disrupted.
- 105.2. In case CAF has concluded a contract for publicity and television rights, the travel expenses of the national team champion of Africa to the other continents and back shall be paid by CAF. After deduction of organisational expenses, the benefits resulting from the selling of the television and publicity rights of the match played in Africa will be distributed as follows:
 - 30 % to CAF,
 - 70 % to the National Association champion of Africa.
- 105.3. If CAF signed no such contracts, the host association shall keep all the receipts of tickets, television and publicity rights. after deduction of the percentages due to FIFA and CAF. In this case, the concerned national association shall assume the travel expenses of its delegation to and from the other continents and shall pay the visiting team's accommodation, food and local transport.
- 105.4. A team which does not observe the above-mentioned provisions shall be held responsible of any financial and moral prejudices.

TITRE V

Chapter 42

Engagements for the Organisation of CAN

Article 106

The national associations organising the competition shall give a written engagement of its government assuring:

- 106.1. That all the members of CAF and the affiliated associations shall obtain the necessary entry and sojourn visas for the whole duration of the event.
- 106.2. That the delegates of the National Associations to CAF General Assembly (a maximum of 3 per country) will have the right to free places in the stand adjacent to the presidential stand for all the matches of the final tournament of the Cup of Nations which they may personally attend.
- 106.3. That the Statutes and Regulations of CAF shall be strictly observed, particularly the financial regulations.
- 106.4. That the engagements officially taken by the concerned national association shall be considered as accepted by its Government.

Chapter 43

Engagement of the Participating Associations

Article 107

The National Associations taking part in the Africa Cup of Nations (preliminary and Final) undertake formally to fully observe the Regulations, the decisions of the Organising and Disciplinary Committees, the Referees Committee, the Appeal Committee and the Executive Committee of CAF and to comply with them unreservedly.

Article 108

Each participating member association is responsible:

- a) Of the behaviour of the members of its delegation (officials and players) throughout the whole duration of the competition;
- b) Of the obligatory health insurance, accidents and voyage for all the members of the delegation;
- c) Of the payment of all additional expenses caused by the members of

- its delegation during the sojourn at the final tournament;
- d) Of the constitution in good time of the necessary visa requests near the diplomatic missions of the organizing country
 - e) Of its duty to attend the press conferences as well as any other official media activity organized by CAF
 - f) Of accepting the provisions taken by the host association of the final competition , by mutual agreement with CAF.

Chapter 44 Responsibilities of the organizing Association

Article 109

The obligations and responsibilities of the host association relative to the final competition are stipulated in CAF terms of reference. It is responsible of:

- a) Of maintaining law , order and security, in particular in the stadiums, and their accesses, as well as the good development of the matches;
- b) Of maintaining the law, order and security in the neighbourhoods of the hotels and training fields of participating teams ;
- c) Of the subscription, in agreement with CAF, of an insurance policy covering the whole of the risks relative to the organization and the running of the Final Tournament, particularly the adequate civil responsibility insurance of the stadia and the spectators , the local organization, its members and those of the local organizing committee, the employees , the volunteers or any other person participating in the organization of the Final Tournament.
- d) Of granting the finalist teams, free tickets of access to the stadium in accordance to the quotas fixed by the organizing Committee.

Article 110

The host associations discharge CAF of any responsibility and renounce any complaint against the latter and the members of its delegation for any damage resulting from any act or omission in relation to the organization and the running of the Africa Cup of Nations.

Article 111

- 111.1 The host associations will be responsible to make available a number of adequate places and necessary installations for the local and foreign press representatives (press, radio, television and internet). The conditions that are to be fulfilled by the host association concerning the installations for the media and the technical equipment are specified in the terms of reference.
- 111.2 The host associations shall be responsible of ensuring that the journalists, the photographers, the TV and radio commentators and the members of their accredited teams do not enter the pitch at any time before, during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and television personnel in charge of ensuring the technical side of the transmission and all of them having a special accreditation for the event, could be admitted in the zone situated between the limits of the field and the spectators.
- 111.3 The host country of AFCON is required to prevent all Competitions at the national Level from taking place during the Final tournament, Failure to do so could lead to CAF sanctions.

TITRE VI

DIVERS

Chapter 45

Copyright

Article 112

The fixtures of the competition, the matches organised by the Organising Committee and all the data related to them are subject to a Copyright reserved for CAF.

Chapter 46

Language

Article 113

In case of disagreement relative to the interpretations of translations,

the French text shall be deemed authentic.

Chapter 47
Matters not Provided for

Article 114

Matters not provided for in the present regulation shall be decided by the Organising Committee.

Chapter 48
Adoption and Implementation of the Regulations


Article 115

The present Regulations have been adopted by the Executive Committee of CAF on 29th of January 2011, and shall come into force immediately.

The President
Issa HAYATOU



The General Secretary a.i
Hicham El Amrani



Notes

