

Regulations - Beach Soccer Africa Cup of Nations

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TITLE I

Chapter 1

Organisation of the Beach Soccer Africa Cup of Nations

Article 1

1.1. The African Football Confederation - CAF- shall organise every two years an international competition called **the Beach Soccer Africa Cup of Nations** (Beach Soccer AFCON).

1.2. CAF reserves the right to add the name of a sponsor partner to the denomination.

Article 2

The Beach Soccer AFCON is open to the national representative teams of the associations affiliated to CAF, each association being entitled to enter one team.

Article 3

The Beach Soccer AFCON is a qualifying tournament for the final phase of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup.

Article 4

The Beach Soccer AFCON shall consist of two phases:

- 4.1. A qualifying phase.
- 4.2. A final tournament.

Chapter 2

Organising Committee

Article 5

The Organising Committee of the Beach Soccer AFCON is entrusted with the implementation of the rules governing the competition and the organisation of the competition.

The Committee is competent for:

5.1. The qualifying phase;

5.1.1. Carrying out the drawing of lots,

5.1.2. Elaborating the fixtures of the competition that comprise:

- The number of the match,
- The names of the participating countries,
- The venue of the match,
- The name of the country that delegates the referees or the names of the designated referees,
- The name of the match commissioner,
- The weekend (Friday - Saturday - Sunday) fixed for each match.

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5.1.3. Taking decisions regarding the financial conditions if the concerned associations fail to come to an agreement in conformity with the present rules.

5.2. Qualifying phase and final tournament:

5.2.1. Ensuring that all provisions stipulated for in the present regulations, in CAF statutes and disciplinary code are applied.

5.2.2. Replacing, in conformity with the present rules of the competition any association withdrawing from the championship.

5.2.3. Taking decisions on all complaints. The decisions of the Committee shall be based on the written reports of the referee, the neutral assistant referees, and/or the match commissioner.

5.2.4. Taking decisions in cases of force majeure.

5.2.5. Designating commissioners.

5.2.6. Validating the results of the matches

5.2.7. In the case of an emergency, the organising committee may take decisions by way of correspondence, as well as appointing any sub-committee or bureaux to act on its behalf.

5.3. Final tournament:

5.3.1. Ensuring, in collaboration with the organising association, all the preparatory work of the final tournament.

5.3.2. Carrying out the drawing of lots.

5.3.3. Fixing, after having learnt the views of the organising association, the dates, the time of kick-off, and the venue of the matches.

5.3.4. Taking all the necessary decisions for the smooth running of the competition in conformity with the provisions of the present regulations.

Chapter 3

Trophy and Medals

Article 6

6.1. A trophy, belonging to CAF, shall be given to the winner of each edition.

6.2. The trophy shall be returned to the General Secretariat of CAF two months before the opening date of the following edition's final tournament.

6.3. The team that wins the Cup three times shall receive an original copy of the trophy.

6.4. The winner of each edition will receive a replica whose dimensions are equal to that of the original trophy.

6.5. The winner association is committed to take in charge all the appropriate measures to ensure the security of the trophy and the replica of the trophy during all the time they are in its possession.

Article 7

CAF shall offer sixteen (16) gold medals to the winner and sixteen (16) silver medals to the finalist.

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Article 8

CAF shall offer sixteen (16) bronze medals to the teams classified third in the final phase.

A medal shall be given to the referee, second referee, third referee and the timekeeper who will conduct the matches of the final.

Chapter 4

Fair-play

Article 9

A fair-play trophy shall reward the team which will have shown the best sporting spirit and fair-play during the final tournament of the Beach Soccer AFCON in conformity with CAF Fair play regulations.

Chapter 5

Other Prizes and Rewards

Article 10

Granting other trophies, prizes and rewards requires the agreement of CAF Executive Committee. Any person or entity, who wishes to present a prize or an award to one or several players and /or teams, on the occasion of the Beach Soccer AFCON, must formulate a request to CAF General Secretariat, at least three months before the start of the competition.

Chapter 6

Engagement

Article 11

A national association wishing to participate in the Beach Soccer AFCON must formulate a request to CAF General Secretariat before the 31st of May of the year of the competition.

11.1. The request for participation must be accompanied by the participation fees of five hundred (500) US dollars which is not refundable and of the specific form of the Beach Soccer AFCON provided by CAF.

11.2. The association organising the final tournament is automatically admitted.

TITLE II

Chapter 7

The Qualifying phase

Article 12

The organisation, the fixtures, the format and the order of the matches of the qualifying phase and the number of qualified teams for the next phase shall be determined by the organising Committee taking into consideration, as much as possible, the sporting, economic and geographical conditions as well as the number of countries engaged in the competition.

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Article 13:

13.1. The matches are organised by direct knock-out system played home and away.

13.2. Each match shall last 36 minutes, comprising three periods of 12 minutes with an interval of 3 minutes in between periods

13.3. 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 will be qualified for the next round of the competition.

In case the number of away goals is also the same or if the results of the two matches are nil, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks.

13.4. The kicks are taken alternately by the teams. Each team takes 3 penalty shots alternately, and if there is draw, the first team to score one goal more than the other from the same number of penalty kicks is the winner.

Chapter 8

Organisation of Matches

Article 14

14.1. The matches are played strictly in the order established by the organising committee. The fixed dates are final and cannot be changed except in cases of force majeure recognised as so by the organising committee.

14.2. The host association is entitled to play its home match in the capital of the country or any other city. In the latter case, the transport expenses of the visiting team from the capital to the city designated for the playing of the match and back, shall be borne by the host association.

14.3. If the distance between the capital and the city where the match is to take place is greater than 200 km, the host association shall provide transportation for the visiting delegation by air (back and forth). 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. If this is not possible, the match will be played in the capital except in case of agreement between the two teams.

If there is an international airport in the city where the match will be held or near that city by less than 200 km; and if the visiting team wishes to land directly at this airport; the host association must facilitate all formalities for entry.

14.4. By agreement between the two associations concerned and CAF organizing committee, the two matches (home and away) may be played in the same country.

14.5. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight.

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14.6. The matches must be played on a surface that is composed of sand, is level and free of pebbles, shells and any other objects which could injure the players, the sand must be fine and at least 40 cm deep. It must be sifted until suitable for play, must not be rough or contain pebbles or any other dangerous elements; however, it must not be so fine as to cause dust that sticks to the skin.

14.7. The host team shall provide a training field at the disposal of the visiting team during its entire sojourn and at its convenience.

14.8. The matches shall be played in accordance with the laws highlighted within FIFA Beach Soccer laws of the game.

14.9. Unless otherwise stated, the venue, the day and the kick off time of the match (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) will be determined by the host association. The latter shall inform the General Secretariat of CAF as well as the opposing team one month before the date of the match. Each infraction to these obligations shall incur an automatic fine of five hundred (500) US dollars.

14.10. If fifteen days before the dates retained by CAF, the host federation does not fix the venue and the day of the match, the Organising committee will decide the venue and the day of the match in its place.

14.11. The national association to which the visiting team belongs must inform the organising association of the date of arrival of its team in the capital city of the host country. This information must reach the organisers one week before the date of the match at the latest. Defaulting associations shall pay a fine of five hundred (500) US dollars.

14.12. When the stadium of the capital is suspended or unavailable and the national association is compelled to play its match in the stadium of another city, the following conditions should be respected:

14.12.1. Satisfactory transportation arrangements 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 eve of the match at the latest and at a reasonable hour of the day, except if visiting teams arrive late.

14.12.2. In case of coincidence of the dates fixed by CAF with regional, sub-regional and national competitions, priority shall be given to the competitions of CAF.

14.12.3. Commissioners and referees should see to it that these instructions are carried out by the organising country.

14.13. The matches cannot start before 14 hours and not after 22 hours unless approval is granted exceptionally by CAF Organizing Committee

14.14. If the referee is forced to stop the 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

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host association will be considered loser and will be eliminated from the competition.

14.15. If the match is interrupted before the end of the regular time because of darkness 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.

14.16. If the referee is forced to stop the match 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 existing in CAF Statutes and regulations.

14.17. If a match is interrupted after kick off due to force majeure, the following principles apply:

14.17.1 The match will resume at the minute at which it was interrupted, and with the same score;

14.17.2 The match is restarted with the same players on the field and with the same substitutes available when the match was interrupted;

14.17.3 No additional replacement will be added to the list of players summoned;

14.17.4 Teams are only allowed the number of substitutions that they were entitled to when the match was interrupted;

14.17.5 Players sent off during the match interrupted cannot be replaced;

14.17.6 Any sanctions imposed before the match was interrupted remain in force for the rest the match;

14.17.7 The time, date and kick-off location will be decided by the match commissioner.

14.17.8 The match can eventually be continued in another stadium in the same city

14.18. If a team refuses to take part in the rescheduled game, it will be sanctioned in conformity to the present rules and the disciplinary code.

14.19. The additional sojourn expenses of the visiting team and the match officials, in relation to accommodation within the hosting country as well as internal transport, shall be borne by the host federation. The additional expenses of the visiting team in relation to flight tickets and transit fees shall be borne by the visiting team.

14.20. For nocturnal matches, if the match is interrupted because of darkness following a failure of electricity, the referee shall wait for forty-five (45) minutes and then signal the end of the game. The failure of electricity cannot be considered as a case of force majeure unless at the moment of the failure it is a second leg match of the competition played according to the knock-out system and the score of both legs 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 both legs is in favour of the visiting team, the host team will be declared loser.

Chapter 9

Footballs

Article 15

At each match, the host association must provide at least eight (8) balls in conformity with the regulations approved by FIFA that shall be put at the disposal of the referees.

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

For the matches on neutral ground, each team must provide at least four (04) footballs that shall be put at the disposal of the referees. The team which will not provide any ball shall be sanctioned

Chapter 10

Referees' Inspector

Article 16

CAF may appoint a referees' inspector for the control of a match refereeing. The inspector is a match official and must be received and treated as so. He must sojourn with the appointed referees and attend the game from the official tribune where a seat in the front row must be reserved for him.

Chapter 11

Security Officer

Article 17

He is a match official appointed by CAF to supervise security in the stadiums under the authority of the match commissioner. The national associations must grant him help and assistance and invite the responsible people of the stadiums and of the security to collaborate with him.

Chapter 12

The Coordinator

Article 18

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

He is especially in charge of:

- Respect of all aspects of the reception and sojourn rules of the official teams,
- Respect of all aspects of CAF's commitments in the matter of marketing, advertisement and audio-visual broadcastings,
- Respect of all aspects of the schedules and the protocol of the match.

Chapter 13

Countries in State of War

Article 19

In case of troubles, war, force majeure or internal situations in a country that may affect security conditions when holding a match, the Organising Committee can take the following measures:

19.1. During home and away matches:

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19.1.1 If the case involves a single country, its federation shall organize the match in another country, or a single match on the field of the opposing team will be played. Where appropriate, the organizing committee will determine the match venue.

19.1.2 If this case concerns both countries, only one match will be played on a neutral ground.

19.2. During group matches:

19.2.1 If the case involves a single country, its federation shall organize the match in another country. Where appropriate, the organizing committee will determine the match venue.

19.2.2 If this case involves both countries, the match will be played on a neutral ground

Chapter 14

Match on neutral ground

Article 20

The preliminary matches of the Beach Soccer AFCON may take place on neutral ground after agreement of the two concerned national associations or in case of force majeure, this decision by the organisation committee is final and without appeal.

Article 21

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

Chapter 15

Facilities and bearing of expenses for Teams and Match Officials

Article 22

The host association that does not provide all the facilities mentioned in the present regulations to the visiting team, the commissioner, the referee trio and the timekeeper , must reimburse all the expenses made by the visiting team, the commissioner, the referee trio and the timekeeper, without prejudice to subsequent sanctions that the organising committee could impose upon it.

Article 23

The visiting association shall assume the travel expenses of its delegation as well as accommodation and catering. The host Association shall assume the local transportation of the visiting team, three days before the match and two days after,

Article 24

Reception Condition

The following minimum conditions should be strictly respected:

24.1. **Reception at the airport:** A committee formed of officials of the host association must meet the visiting delegation at the airport and must provide all possible facilities of formalities. One official of the host association, who preferably 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.

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24.2. Transport Facilities: One bus for the players and one car for the officials will be put at the disposal of the visiting team from the time of their arrival to that of their departure. Any additional vehicles are subject to an early agreement between the two associations.

24.3. Accommodation: the visiting association is responsible for organizing securing and covering financially the accommodation of its team.

24.4. The host federation is obliged to assist the visiting team for the reservation of the rooms.

24.5. Security Measures: The police service of the host country must ensure the security of all the visiting delegation members as well as the referees, the commissioner and the officials of CAF designated to officiate the match. It must prohibit any invasion of the field and any attack against the players or the officials, inside and outside the stadium.

24.6. Seeing the visiting team off: Officials of the host association will see the visiting team off and will facilitate all formalities for it.

Article 25

25.1 The host association shall bear the costs of travel in economy class fees, full board accommodation, local transportation of the Referees and CAF will pay the indemnities of the referees.

The host association shall bear the costs of travel in economy class fees, full board accommodation, local transportation as well as the allowances of the match commissioner in conformity to CAF scheme.

25.2 CAF shall bear the costs of travel in economy class fees, full board accommodation, as well as the allowances of all other CAF officials in conformity to CAF scheme.

25.3 The host association will ensure that each official designated by CAF is accommodated in a room in the same hotel, the latter being approved by CAF and/or the Match Commissioner.

25.4 If the match officials (Commissioner and/or referees and/or assistant referees) return home without the host federation having settled all expenses that are due to them in accordance with the regulations, a fine of one thousand (1 000) dollars U.S. will be imposed upon the defaulting federation.

25.5 If one or more match officials (commissioner, referee and/or assistant referees) are residing outside the capital of their country, the host federation will bear their travel expenses by air (if the distance is more than two hundred kilometres) or by car from their city of residence to the capital of their country and return.

25.6 Match officials will be required to provide all supporting documents to the host federation to be refunded, according to market prices, including in particular a letter

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from their federation attesting that the expenses incurred, are correct.

Chapter 16

Match Forms and Receipts

Article 26

Match officials, first referee and match commissioner, are requested to submit to CAF their match reports in accordance to the present regulations.

Article 27

Any conflicts on financial matters or reception conditions shall be submitted to CAF organising committee whose decision shall be binding and final.

Chapter 17

The Match Commissioner

Article 28

28.1. The Organising committee designates the match commissioner for each match. He is the official representative of CAF and attends the match obligatorily. In this capacity, he is entitled to a place in the first row of the tribune.

28.2. Upon the receipt of the notification of his designation, the match commissioner shall confirm acceptance of his appointment to CAF. In case of impediment, he must inform CAF by fax or email in time to allow the secretariat to provide a replacement. In case of force majeure at the very last minute, he must send his apologies to the Secretariat of CAF and the organising association by fax or email. The designated commissioner cannot be replaced except by decision of CAF.

28.3. If a presentation of the teams to the authorities is approved by CAF, the match commissioner must accompany the guest of honour and shall present the referees and the captains of the two teams to the guest of honour.

28.4. On the eve of the match or in the morning of the day of the match, the commissioner must convene a technical meeting of the officials of both teams with the referees, the security personnel or any other person(s) appointed by CAF for the match. He will ensure the fulfilment of all conditions necessary for the regularity of the match and especially what concerns the control service, the sojourn of the referees and the visiting team, the proper qualification of the referees on the FIFA list, the control of the players' passports. No minutes will be taken of this consultative meeting. Any eventual protest will be noted by the commissioner in his report

28.5. In the absence of the match commissioner, the first referee designated to officiate the match, will preside the technical meeting stipulated for in the above para (28.4).

28.6. In the absence of the general coordinator, the match commissioner will attend the pre-match formalities in the dressing rooms.

28.7. In the absence of the referees designated by CAF, the match commissioner will have the match played in conformity with the provisions of the present rules.

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28.8. The responsibility of ascertaining the regularity of the field's dimensions and practicability and of ascertaining the regular strength of the electric lights for nocturnal matches is exclusively that of the referee.

28.9. A substitution may be made at any time, whether the ball is in or out of play, as long as the following conditions are observed:

- The player wishing to enter the pitch signals his intention to do so by raising a sign with the number of the player whom he intends to replace above his head;
- The player being replaced leaves the pitch via the substitution zone;
- the player entering the pitch does so via the substitution zone but not until the player leaving the pitch has crossed the touch line completely. The referee and the assistant referees are the only persons to control all procedures concerning the substitution of players during the match.

28.10. The match commissioner may, if he deems it necessary for the security of the referees and 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 suspend the match for any of the reasons stipulated in the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

28.11. If any protest concerning one of the rules is submitted by a team to the commissioner, he must try to reconcile conflicting points of view within the framework of the rules of the competition. If, however, he does not succeed, he will register the protest on the appropriate forms. In the event of no appropriate forms being available, the commissioner shall record the protest in his match report and have it signed by the captains. In all cases, the match will be played in accordance with the provisions of the rules according to the interpretation given by the match commissioner.

28.12. The commissioner will observe the match in all its aspects and especially performance of the referees (in the absence of the referee inspector), evaluation of fair play, the behaviour of the teams and the public, eventual incidents, organisation of security inside and outside the stadium and organisation of health. The match commissioner must send by fax or email to CAF Secretariat the result of the match immediately after the end of the match and the preliminary report indicating the match information and any eventual protest lodged by a team. He will send in the forty-eight (48) hours following the match a detailed report to the General Secretariat of CAF by express mail or by using the software Competition Management System of CAF (CMS). In case the match commissioner is absent, this duty will be incumbent upon the director referee designated for the match.

28.13. The host association must inform the designated commissioner of the date, venue and kick-off time of the match fifteen days prior to the match date. It must organise his travel, 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 air-plane ticket, he will be authorized to pay his ticket and to travel to the venue of the match. In this case, the host association must pay him on

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his arrival his travel return fare, apart from his sojourn expenses as well as his indemnities according to the rules. It will also pay a fine equivalent to the double price of the commissioner's air-plane ticket without prejudice to the other sanctions the organising committee could impose upon it.

28.14. The host association shall send a first class or business class air-plane ticket to a vice-President or members of CAF Executive Committee whenever they are appointed as match commissioner.

28.15. The absence of the commissioner does not constitute an obstacle to the playing of the matches at the scheduled date and time. In such circumstances the organising committee's decisions shall be based on the referee's report.

28.16. If the absence of the commissioner is due to a failure on behalf of the host association, no protest raised by the host association shall be taken into consideration. In this case, only the referee's report will bear witness.

Chapter 18

Qualification of Players

Article 29

Each National Association shall select its national representative team from players enjoying the citizenship of its country and qualified for selection in conformity with the provisions of article 5 of the regulations governing the application of the FIFA statutes. All players must present, on request to the Secretariat of CAF and/or to the commissioner of the match, their valid passport with picture.

Article 30

30.1. For each match, players must present their valid passport with a picture.

30.2. If a travelling team loses the passports of one or many of its player(s), the team can use the concerned player(s) provided that they take photographs with the match referee or commissioner, before the match. These photographs shall be sent to CAF Secretariat by the referee, 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 before the match by the referee or the match commissioner.

30.3. A host team is not allowed to field any player if before the match he does not present her valid passport.

Article 31

During the qualifying phase, each national association may, at its own discretion, 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 these regulations are used.

Article 32

The number of substitutions made during a match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced may return to the pitch as a substitute for another player.

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Chapter 19

Sanctions of Players

Article 33

33.1. For the qualifying phase, a player who receives two cautions shall be automatically suspended from playing the following match. This automatic suspension shall be communicated by the Secretariat of CAF to the associations concerned.

33.2. At the end of the preliminary phase, all cautions received shall be cancelled excepting those which ended to an automatic suspension.

33.3. A player expelled from the field by the referee is automatically suspended from playing the subsequent match of the same competition, without prejudice to other sanctions the organising committee may impose upon her subsequently.

33.4. A player expelled from the field by the referee in three matches of the qualifying phase is automatically suspended from all the matches his team is due to play up to the end of the qualifying phase without prejudice to other sanctions the organising committee may impose upon her subsequently.

33.5. If a referee reports a player whose behaviour has caused the interruption of a match or committed a serious fault after the match, the involved player shall be automatically suspended from playing in the same competition, without prejudice to the sanctions which might be imposed upon her subsequently.

33.6. The suspension of a player for more than one match shall be applicable to the matches of the Beach Soccer AFCON and/or other national teams' competitions in accordance to CAF Disciplinary Code.

33.7. 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.

33.8. Before every match, the Secretariat of CAF shall communicate to the designated match commissioners and referees the name(s) of the suspended player(s). In this case, the suspended player(s) shall be prohibited from taking part in the match by the match officials. This prohibition shall be declared by the CAF match officials. Defaulting officials shall be sanctioned by CAF.

33.9. The tallying of these sanctions remains the responsibility of the national association and they will assume all responsibilities.

33.10. A team which allows a non-qualified or a suspended player to take part in direct elimination matches shall lose the match and shall be eliminated from the competition.

33.11. For any deliberate intention to foul by falsifying official documents, the defaulting association shall be suspended for two years from all CAF competitions.

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Chapter 20

Protests - Appeals -Rights

Protests

Article 34

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

34.1. It must be preceded by a nominal and motivated protest formulated on the proper form, before the match, by the captain of the protesting team and communicated to the captain of the opposing team who will countersign it.

34.2. It must be confirmed by a registered letter or by a fax or email sent to CAF Secretariat at most 48 hours after the match. The postal stamp of Cairo or of CAF will bear witness.

34.3. It must be accompanied by the payment fixed at USD 2,000 (two thousand US Dollars) which will be returned to the protesting team if the protest is upheld.

34.4. 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, 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.

34.5. Other protests are to be communicated to the Secretariat of CAF within the forty-eight (48) hours which follow the match by fax or email. A detailed confirmation by registered letter, fax, 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 CAF will bear witness.

34.6. A deposit of USD 2,000 (two thousand US Dollars) shall be paid by the protesting team to CAF before the protest can be considered. This sum will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

34.7. 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 21

Appeals

Article 35

35.1 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.

35.2 The right of appeal is fixed at USD 3,000 (Three Thousand US Dollars) which will be returned to the Association concerned if the appeal is upheld.

35.3 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

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disciplinary board

35.4 An appeal shall have no delaying effect except in financial matters and for fines.

35.5 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.

35.6 Any decision that may be appealable can be by the plaintiff, his national association, the CAF Executive Committee or by its (their) representative (s) nominally designated by the Executive Committee to detain this faculty.

35.7 When the appeal comes from the Executive Committee, the defendant is informed as well as the deadline up to which he can send his observations.

35.8 in case of a main appeal interjected by the plaintiff or his National Association (with the written agreement of the person concerned), the person (s) designated by the Executive Committee has (have) an additional deadline of three days in addition to the deadline of an ordinary appeal leading up to six days in the counter-appeal period.

35.9 When the appeal's body is called upon by the person concerned or his association, the disputed penalty may not be aggravated.

Chapter 22

Fraud

Article 36

If CAF is informed, no matter the source, that a fraud or a forgery was committed by any means and /or support whatsoever by one or more national team(s), an investigation will be opened.

Article 37

In case the alleged facts are true, the convicted national association will be suspended from participation in the following two editions.

Article 38

Each player must possess a passport containing his photograph and giving the full particular details. A player, who does not have a passport issued by the competent authorities, shall not be authorised to participate in the competition.

Article 39

Any team that will commit a fraud on a player's identity and/or have a suspended player participating, shall lose the match and shall be definitively eliminated from the competition by the organising Committee's decision that shall decree on the matter as soon as the incriminating facts are clearly established.

For any administrative error in the registration of players, the national association concerned will be suspended from participation in the next edition, and its team will be eliminated from the competition if the latter is still on going.

Article 40

A team which fields a player who does not fulfil the required conditions to take part in a match, shall lose the match and shall be eliminated from the competition.

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Chapter 23

List of Players

Article 41

Each team participating in the qualifying phase must submit to the match officials designated by CAF during the pre-match technical meeting a list of twelve (12) players (two of whom shall be goalkeepers) at the maximum, indicating their names and surnames with their birth date certified by the competent national authority as well as the name of the club to which the player belongs. A fine of two hundred (200) dollars US per match shall be imposed upon any association that does not comply with the present article.

The commissioner and the referee have the obligation of forbidding any player on the list that does not respond to the qualification rules of the competition, to take part in the match. CAF reserves the right of sanctioning any failure.

Chapter 24

Colours of Shorts, Shirts and Numbering

Article 42

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. Every team must have a spare outfit available with different colours than the original outfit.

Article 43

The shirts and shorts of the players must be numbered from 1 to 12 for the preliminary round. Number one (1) shall be exclusively reserved for one of the goalkeepers. Equipment and numbers on the shirts and shorts must be in conformity with CAF equipment regulations.

Article 44

Publicity on the outfits of players of national teams is not permitted. Match commissioners and referees must see to it that this provision is observed and if need be, prevent the playing of the match. The defaulting association shall be sanctioned in conformity with the rules.

Chapter 25

National Anthems and Colours of Flags

Article 45

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

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Chapter 26

Publicity in the Stadia

Article 46

Publicity for tobacco and alcohol is not permitted on the occasion of all the matches organised by CAF within the framework of the Beach Soccer AFCON.

Chapter 27

Transmission and Publicity Rights

Article 47

The transmission and publicity rights at home during the qualifying phase are the propriety of CAF. However, it may concede them graciously to the associations or licence them to a third party. In this case, the latter must pay the quote part of CAF as fixed in the actual regulations.

Chapter 28

Doping

Article 48

48.1. 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.

48.2. Doping is strictly forbidden by CAF.

48.3. The use of doping substances shall be severely punished.

48.4. The organising committee has the right to carry out anti-doping control at any time on the players during the matches of the Beach Soccer AFCON.

48.5. The organising committee shall designate an authorised laboratory for the analysis of the samples.

48.6 The regulations for doping control for the competitions and outside the competitions of FIFA, the disciplinary code of CAF as well as the other directives of FIFA in the matter, in force, are applied to the matches of the Beach Soccer AFCON.

48.7. The doctors of CAF designated for the doping control of the preliminary phase matches must be assisted by the national associations to accomplish their mission.

The national associations must specially:

- Book first class hotel for them,
- Assist them at their arrival and departure at the airport,
- Ensure their security and their transport,
- Put at their disposal at the designated stadium an equipped control room (refrigerator, rest rooms, bureau, chairs, mineral water...).

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Chapters 29

Referees and Time Keepers

Article 49

49.1. Referees and Second Referees designated for the Beach Soccer AFCON must be registered on the FIFA lists of international referees and assistant referees of the current year. Their designation procedure by the Referees' committee of CAF will be as follows:

49.2. The matches of the Beach Soccer AFCON will be officiated by a referee and second referee who enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed, from the moment they enter the facilities where the pitch is situated until they leave. In conformity with the above article 49.1.

49.3. A timekeeper and third referee are appointed. They are seated outside the pitch at the imaginary halfway line on the same side as the substitution zone. The timekeeper and third referee are provided with a suitable stopwatch by the association or club under whose jurisdiction the match is being played.

49.4. If in case of force majeure, if either of the other referees is injured, the third referee replaces him, assuming the function of the second referee.

49.5. In the event of undue interference by the timekeeper or third referee, the referee will relieve either of his duties, arrange for his replacement and submit a report to the appropriate authorities.

49.6. The host federation shall inform the appointed referees of the venue, date and kick-off time of the match, within a delay of fifteen (15) days before the match. It will organise their trip, their stay in the country. It shall also put at their disposal a car from the day of their arrival until the day of their departure. It will make sure that their sent endorsable PTAs in economy class reach them fourteen (14) days at least before the match. The referees and assistant referees are obliged to use the PTAs put at their disposal by the host country. They are in no case allowed to purchase their own air-plane tickets and ask the organising association for a refund on the spot.

49.7. Any association which sends PTAs must inform the association to which the referees belong of the dispatch of the PTAs.

49.8. If, the PTAs are sent on time by the host association and the designated referees fail to travel, a fine will be imposed upon the national association to which the designated referees belong.

49.9. **In the absence of the designated referees**, the visiting team must remain in the venue of the match up to seventy-two (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 from the FIFA list of the current year, to allow the match to take place within these 72 hours.

49.10. If within this extension, both the referees initially designated and those of the

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neighbouring association fail to arrive at the venue of the match and if the visiting team is accompanied by an international referee from the FIFA list of the current year, the latter shall officiate with the assistance of two referees and a time keeper registered on the FIFA list of the current year designated by the host association.

49.11. If the visiting team consents, the match may be played at the hour initially scheduled or before the end of the seventy-two (72) hours with the officiating of local international referees and international time keepers registered on the FIFA list of the current year designated by the host association.

49.12. **In case the appointed referees and commissioners are both absent**, and if the visiting team is accompanied by an international referee and second referee registered on the FIFA list of the current year, the latter will officiate the match at the fixed date. He will be assisted by two local referees and time keeper registered on the FIFA list of international referees of the current year and designated by the host association.

49.13. If the visiting team is not accompanied by an international referee, the provisions of the above article 49-9 shall be applied and CAF informed.

49.14. Any international or national referee accompanying a visiting team shall refrain from penetrating in the field of play or the dressing rooms of the players, before, during or after the game. He should follow the game from the VIP tribune and refrain from interfering at any time in the smooth running of the game. In default, he will be severely sanctioned.

49.15. 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.

49.16. If after the playing of the match in the conditions referred to in article 49-9, it is established that the absence of the designated referees by CAF was the fault of the host association and 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. If it is a group match, the team of the host country shall lose by penalty with the score of 3 to 0.

49.17. A national association which substitutes the referees designated by CAF, except for the cases mentioned in the above article 49-9 shall be considered loser by penalty and eliminated from the competition and the competition is played on the knock-out basis. If it is a group match, it shall lose by penalty with the score of 3 to 0.

Chapter 30

Withdrawals, Refusal to Play, Replacement

Article 50

The participating teams must play all the matches of the preliminary phase. In case of withdrawal, they shall be responsible for financial consequences that will be decided by the organising committee.

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Article 51

An association which withdraws from the qualifying phase after having registered, shall entail a fine of a thousand US dollars (1,000 USD) in addition to forfeit the entry fees.

Article 52

If a team withdraws during the preliminary phase, organised by knock-out system, the opposing team which it was scheduled to meet shall be qualified for the next round.

Article 53

If a team withdraws or renounces to play the second leg match after having played the first leg match at home, it shall reimburse to the association of the visiting team a sum equivalent to the receipts which this association could have achieved if the second leg match was effectively played. This amount shall be determined by the organising committee of CAF on the basis of average receipts declared by the concerned association for similar matches.

Article 54

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 committee, or if it refuses to play or leaves the ground before the regular end of the match without the authorization of the referee, it shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated for good from the competition. The same shall apply for the teams which were declared disqualified by decision of CAF.

Article 55

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 56

The guilty team under the terms of articles 54 and 55 will be eliminated for good from the competition. This team will lose its matches by 3 to 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 against it by the organising committee.

Article 57

The organising committee will take whatever action is necessary in cases of force majeure.

Chapter 31

Financial Regulations for the Qualifying phase

Article 58

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

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Article 59

If one or several match officials (commissioner, referees trio or timekeeper) live in cities other than the capital cities of their own countries, their travel expenses by plane (if the distance is more than two hundred (200) km) or by car, from their home city to the capital city and back, shall be borne by the host association.

Article 60

For the qualifying phase matches, the host associations shall not transfer any percentage of gross receipts.

Article 61

Each national association must pay to CAF for the live or recorded TV transmission of the qualifying phase, a contractual fee of one hundred Dollars (100) per match.

TITLE III

Chapter 32

Organisation of the Final Tournament

Article 62

Eight representative teams shall be qualified for the final tournament.

62.1. Only the team of the association organising the final tournament is qualified automatically.

62.2. The other seven (07) teams are qualified for the final tournament after the matches of the qualifying phase.

62.3. The national associations qualified to participate in the final tournament must confirm, in writing, to the Secretariat of CAF, their participation at least three (3) 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 organizing committee reserves the right to take the appropriate measures.

62.4. The matches of the final tournament must be played in the territory of the organising association, and in case of co-organisation, in the territories of the co-organiser countries.

62.5. The opening of the final tournament of the Beach Soccer AFCON shall take place during the even years.

62.6. The dates and venues of the final tournament matches are fixed by the organising committee of CAF, after having learnt the view of the organising association.

62.7. The kick-off time of the matches shall be fixed by the organising committee. The teams must be present in the dressing rooms one hour and a half at least before kick-off

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time. Each team must present the passports with pictures and the date of birth (day, month, years) of the twelve (12) players selected (two of whom must be goalkeepers) and registered on the match form to take part in the match.

Chapter 33

Colours of Shirts and Shorts - Numbering

Article 63

Each association will communicate to CAF, a month before the start of the final tournament, the main colours and the reserve colours of its outfits. The numbers from 1 to 12 on the shirts and shorts as well as the players' names on the shirts must be in conformity with the CAF equipment regulations. The number one (1) shall be exclusively reserved for one of the goalkeepers.

The numbers at the back of the shirts must correspond to those indicated on the final list of the team's players. In case of pseudonym, it must be indicated on the official list and the match forms.

Chapter 34

List of Players for the Final Tournament

Article 64

64.1. Ten (10) days before the first match of the final tournament, a list of a maximum twelve (12) players (two of whom must be goalkeepers), should reach the secretariat of CAF and the concerned teams. The violation of this stipulation will entail the payment of three thousand US Dollars (3000) to CAF by the violating association. No change can be introduced in the list of the twelve (12) players except in cases of force majeure recognised as such by the organising committee.

64.2. A player on the final list cannot be substituted, unless he is seriously injured. Twenty-four (24) hours at the latest before the start of the first match of his team. Her substitution must be approved in writing by the medical committee of CAF, after reception and acceptance of a detailed medical certificate. The medical committee of CAF shall write a certificate certifying that the injury is serious enough to prevent the player of participating in the Beach Soccer AFCON and shall give this certificate to the organising committee for approval. Once the certificate is approved, the association must immediately designate a substitute player and inform the general secretariat of CAF of the substitute player. The final list of the Twelve (12) players shall be published by the general secretariat of CAF.

64.3. The name of the twelve (12) players must be written on the list of each match (5 players and 7 substitutes). Only eleven (11) persons (4 officials and 7 substitutes) shall be authorised to seat on the substitution bench.

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Chapter 35

First Round of the Final Tournament

Article 65

65.1. Two groups A and B of four teams each shall be formed by the organising Committee of CAF. The host country shall be in group A. The second group shall comprise the cup holder, in case it qualifies or the team having obtained the best classification in the previous tournament.

65.2. The other teams shall be distributed in the groups by public drawing of lots to which the representatives of the participating teams will be invited. However, the absence of these representatives shall not prevent the organisation of the draw on the scheduled day.

65.3. The drawing of lots for the final tournament must take place at least three months before the start of the final phase.

65.4. The group matches shall be played in accordance with the fixtures established by the organising committee.

65.5. Each match shall last 36 minutes, comprising three periods of 12 minutes with an interval of 3 minutes in between periods. In case of a draw after the regular time, an extra time of 3 minutes is played. If the score is still a draw after the extra time the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks. The kicks are taken alternately by the teams. Each team takes 3 penalty shots alternately, and if there is draw, the first team to score one goal more than the other from the same number of penalty kicks is the winner.

The ranking is established according to the following criteria:

- 3 points for the winner
- 2 points for a winner in extra time
- 1 point for a winner by penalty shootout
- 0 point for the loser.

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

- a. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the concerned teams;
- b. Goal difference in all group matches (results after extra time in case of a match ending by extra time or penalty kicks)
- c. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches (results after extra time in case of a match ending by extra time or penalty kicks)
- d. Fair Play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards are evaluated;
- e. Drawing of lots by CAF Organising Committee.

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Chapter 36

Second Round of the Final Tournament

Article 66

66.1. At the conclusion of the matches of both groups, the first and the second of each group shall be qualified for the semi-finals.

The semi-final matches shall be played with the following order:

- I. Winner Group A/Second Group B
- II. Winner Group B/Second Group A

66.2. The semi-final matches shall be played by the system of direct elimination of the loser. Extra time of three (3) minutes and taking penalty kicks are methods of determining the winning team in the case of a draw after normal time.

66.3. The losers of the semi-finals shall play a match for the third place. Taking penalty kicks are methods of determining the winning team in the case of a draw after normal time.

66.4 The final shall be played between the winners of the semi-finals. Extra time of three (3) minutes and taking kicks from the imaginary penalty mark are methods of determining the winning team in the case of a draw after normal time.

66.5 The penalty kicks are taken alternately by the teams. The first team to score one goal more than the other from the same number of penalty kicks is the winner.

Article 67

The matches are played in daylight or under flood-light.

Chapter 37

Organising Committee of the Final Tournament

Article 68

For the final tournament, the organising committee shall reside in the host country to supervise the matches. A representative of the Referees' committee and of the Medical committee of CAF will attend this committee in a consultative capacity with no voting rights.

68.1. The committee shall designate one of its members to officiate as commissioner for each of the matches it conducts.

68.2. The committee shall organise a technical meeting for each match.

68.3. After each match, a communiqué published by the committee will be distributed to all teams.

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Chapter 38

Withdrawals, Penalty for Refusal to play and Replacements

Article 69

A withdrawal declared forty-five (45) days or more before the start of the final competition, for which an association was qualified shall entail in addition to the forfeit of the entry fee, a fine of two thousand US dollars (2,000 USD)

Article 70

A withdrawal declared less than forty-five (45) days before the start of the final competition, for which an association was qualified shall entail in addition to the forfeit of the entry fee, a fine of two thousand US dollars (5,000 USD). Moreover, according to the circumstances, and by decision of the Organising Committee, the association which withdraws may be ordered to pay any expenses already incurred for its team, on the understanding that it would participate in the final tournament, and also to make compensation for any possible losses.

Article 71

A withdrawal declared during the final competition shall entail in addition to the forfeit of the entry fee, a fine of ten thousand US dollars (10,000 USD). Moreover, the association concerned shall forfeit its share in the profits realised from the receipts. In addition, the organising committee may order the withdrawing association to make compensation for any possible losses.

Article 72

A team qualified for the final tournament must take part in the tournament with the best representative team it has. If an association declared through one of its officials including its coaches, that it will use a team other than its best representative team, the organising committee shall take the sanctions it deems necessary.

Chapter 39

Withdrawals

Article 73

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 committee, or if it refuses to play or leaves the ground before the regular end of the match without the authorization of the referee, it shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated for good from the competition. The same shall apply for the teams which were declared disqualified by decision of CAF.

Article 74

A team which shall not be present on the ground, dressed to play at the time fixed for kick-off or at most fifteen (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.

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Article 75

The guilty team under the terms of articles 73 and 74 will be eliminated for good from the competition. This team will lose its matches by 3 goals to nil 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 76

The guilty team shall be excluded from further participation in the competition and as a result none of its matches shall be valid, unless the incidents mentioned in article 74 occurred at the last group match. Further measures can be taken by the organising committee.

Article 77

If a team withdraws before the start of the final tournament after having being qualified, it shall be replaced by the team classified next in the group. In default, the group to which belongs the forfeiting team shall be composed of three teams.

Article 78

A team which withdraws after the actual beginning of the final tournament, without playing all the matches of its group, shall be considered loser of all the remaining matches it was scheduled to play by three goals to nil.

Article 79

A team which withdraws after having reached the semi-finals shall be replaced by the team classified next in the group.

Article 80

A finalist team which refuses to play the final match shall be replaced by the team which it has eliminated in the semi-finals. The other losing semi-finalist shall be declared third of the competition.

Article 81

The organising committee will take whatever action is necessary in cases of force majeure.

Article 82

A country having been entrusted with the organisation of the final tournament of the Beach Soccer AFCON and desisting from hosting the final tournament shall be subject to a fine fixed according to the following scale, in addition to further disciplinary sanctions:

82.1. Withdrawal notified two years before the date of the final tournament: a fine of two thousand US dollars (2,000) USD

82.2. Withdrawal notified one year before the date of the final tournament: a fine of three thousand US dollars (3,000) USD

82.3. Withdrawal notified less than one year before the date of the final tournament: a

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fine of five thousand US dollars (5,000) USD

82.4. Withdrawal notified six months before the date of the final tournament: a fine of ten thousand US dollars (10,000) USD
Moreover, this country shall make compensation for all the moral and financial prejudices caused to CAF and the participating associations.

Chapter 40

National Anthems - National Colours- Prohibited Manifestations

Article 83

83.1. For the final competition, 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 to the organising country must be sent to the secretariat of CAF.

83.2. During the final tournament of the Beach Soccer AFCON, one week before and two days after, 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 competitors.

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

Chapter 41

Refereeing of the Final Tournament

Article 84

84.1. Referees and Timekeepers are designated namely by the Referees' committee. They will be chosen among the referees on the FIFA list of international referees and timekeepers of the current year grouped in the organiser country/countries.

84.2. Associations whose referees and timekeepers 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 thirty (30) days before the date of the first match of the final tournament. Otherwise, the Referees' committee shall provide automatically to their replacement.

Article 85

85.1. After every match, the referee shall establish a report by using the software of the Competitions Management System of CAF (CMS) before leaving the stadium.

85.2. The referees must also hand over conjointly to the report the list of players and substitutes players as it appears on the match form, and they must signal eventual protests formulated by a team. They must report all the incidents which occurred during the match (cautions and expulsions.)

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Chapter 42

Receipts from the Gates, the Publicity and the Transmission Rights

Article 86

86.1 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.

86.2 The television and broadcasting rights, the revenues from advertising, the merchandising rights and the exploitation of symbols belong exclusively to CAF.

86.3 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.

86.4 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

86.5 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 specialized agencies.

86.6 The National Associations are required to ensure compliance with the contractual obligations of CAF in relation to TV and marketing rights. In case of non-compliance to CAF commitments by the National Association or in case of piracy of the TV signal, the concerned team shall be excluded from the competition and will be suspended for the next edition, notwithstanding any other sanction that may be imposed to the federation to which the team belongs.

86.7 Twenty (20) % of the revenues from the television and broadcasting rights publicity will be attributed to the host association(s), as well as all revenues secured from ticketing.

86.8 The national federations of the qualified teams will receive prize moneys based on their ranking in the Final Tournament and in accordance with the CAF Grid.

Article 87

The organising association shall put at the disposal of CAF free of charge:

87.1. The stadia where the matches shall be played, empty of publicity, eight days before the beginning of the final tournament, during the tournament and five days after the end of the tournament.

87.2. All the necessary installations, the international signal and sound towards the satellite, as well as the technical personnel capable of transmitting the matches live and

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regularly. In return, the organising country shall be allowed to transmit live, only terrestrial, all the matches for which it has given all the above mentioned facilities free of charge inside its territory.

Article 88

The organising association 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 89

The symbol and the mascot of the final tournament shall be proposed by the holder of the publicity rights, twelve (12) months at least 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 90

The association organising the final tournament shall submit to CAF Finance Committee, six (06) months before the date of the opening, the budget giving the expected expenditure for the organisation of the final tournament and an estimation of the expected receipts and profits.

Article 91

The Organising Association of the Final Tournament has the obligation to assume the following expenses:

91.1 State taxes, provincial or municipal, if actually paid,

91.2 The expenses of sojourn of the teams of the participant associations for a maximum of 16 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.

91.3 The internal transportation of the teams.

91.4 The expenses of travel in economical class, of sojourn and daily indemnity of 100 USD (one hundred US dollars) for referees and Timekeepers for a maximum of 20 days.

91.5 The sojourn expenses and a daily indemnity of 100 USD (one 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.

91.6. The expenses of travel, of sojourn and daily indemnity of 100 USD (one hundred US dollars) for:

91.6.1 The members of the organizing committee

91.6.2 The Deputy Secretary General of CAF

91.6.3 The general coordinators and their assistants

91.6.4 Honorary members

91.6.5 The members of the Disciplinary and Appeal Boards

91.6.6 The members of the Referees' Committee

91.6.7 The members of the Medical Committee

91.6.8 The protocol and event management officials

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. A daily amount shall be allocated by the Host association to the members of CAF for food expenses.

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91.7. 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 50% 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.

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

The participating team assumes the travel expenses of its delegation from its country to the capital of the organizing country.

Article 92

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 93

93.1 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.

93.2 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 94

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

TITLE IV

Chapter 43

Engagements of Government for the organisation Of the Beach Soccer AFCON

Article 95

The national association organising the competition must provide a written engagement of its government ensuring:

95.1. That all the members of CAF and the member national associations shall obtain the necessary entry visas and sojourn for the whole duration of the competition

95.2. That all the statutes and regulations of CAF shall be strictly observed and particularly the financial regulations.

95.3. That the engagements which were formally taken by the national association concerned shall be considered as approved and accepted by its government.

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Chapter 44

Engagement of the Participant Associations

Article 96:

National Associations taking part in the Beach Soccer AFCON (preliminary and final tournaments) undertake formally to fully observe the regulations and the decisions of CAF Organising and Disciplinary Committee, Referees Committee, Appeal Committee and Executive Committee and to comply with them unreservedly.

Article 97:

1. Each participant member association is responsible:

For the behaviour of its delegation's members (officials and players) for the whole duration of the competition,

- for the obligatory health, accidents and travel insurance for all the members of its delegation;
- for the payment of all the supplementary expenses made by the members of its delegation during their sojourn in the final tournament;
- for the constitution in proper time of requests for the necessary visas to the diplomatic mission of the organising country;
- for its obligation of attending press conferences as well as all other official media activity organised by CAF.
- Participating in all the matches of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup for which their team is qualified;
- Accepting the regulations set by the organising association of the final competition, in common agreement with CAF;

Chapter 45

Responsibilities of the Organising Association

Article 98:

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

- For maintaining order and security, especially inside and outside the stadia, as well as the smooth running of the matches;
- For maintaining order and security around the hotels and the training fields of the participating teams;
- Taking out, with the agreement of CAF, of an insurance policy covering all the risks relative to the organisation and the running of the final phase, in particular an adequate civil responsibility insurance for the stadia and the spectators, the local organisation, its members and those of the local organising committee, the employees, the volunteers or any person taking part in the organisation of the final phase;
- Offering to the finalist teams, free access tickets in the stadia in conformity with the quotas fixed by the organising committee.

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Article 99:

The organising association releases CAF from all responsibility and renounces to any complaint against the latter and the members of its delegation for any damage resulting from any action or omission in relation with the organisation and the smooth running of the Beach Soccer AFCON.

Article 100:

100.1. The organising association shall be responsible for putting at the disposal of the local and foreign press representatives (press, radio, television and internet) an adequate number of places and the necessary installations. The conditions which must be met by the organising association concerning the installations for the media and the technical equipment are specified in the terms of reference.

100.2. The organising association shall be responsible for making sure that journalists, photographers, television and radio commentators and their teams' members accredited do not enter the field at any moment, neither before, nor during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and television personnel in charge of ensuring the technical part of the transmission and all having a special accreditation for the event, may be admitted in the zone situated between the limits of the pitch and the spectators.

TITLE V

MISCELLANEOUS

Chapter 46

Copyright

Article 101

The fixtures of the competition as well as the matches organised by the organising committee and all the data related to them are subject to a "copyright" reserved to CAF.

TITLE VI

Chapter 47

Matters not provided for

Article 102

Matters not provided for in the present regulations shall be decided by the organising committee,

Chapter 48

Language

Article 103

In case of disagreement relative to the interpretations of translations, the French text shall be deemed authentic.

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Chapter 49

Adoption and Implementation of the Rules

Article 104

The present regulations have been adopted by CAF Executive Committee and come into force in September 2014

The President

Issa HAYATOU

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