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**REGULATIONS
OF THE U-17 AFRICA
CUP OF NATIONS**

Chapter 1 - Organisation of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations

Article 1

1.1. The African Football Confederation – CAF- shall organise every year a competition called the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations.

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

Article 2

The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations is open to the national representative teams of the associations affiliated to CAF, each Association being entitled to include one team.

Article 3

The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations is a qualifying tournament for the final phase of the FIFA U-17 World Cup.

Article 4

The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations 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 U-17 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 responsible for:

5.1. Qualifying and final phases:

- Ensuring that sanctions imposed by any CAF body are applied;
- Replacing, in conformity with the present regulations, the associations declaring their withdrawal;
- Taking decisions on all claims. These decisions shall be based on written reports of the referee, the assistant referees and/or the commissioner, and any other official appointed by CAF;
- Identifying cases of force majeure;
- Appointing commissioners;
- Homologating the match's results. In the absence of protests or claims, matches are

automatically homologated 10 days after the match in the qualification phase and 48 hours after the match in the final phase. All homologation decisions are binding and final;

- In emergency cases, the Organising Committee may take decisions by mail or by fax or email.

- The Organizing committee can delegate some of its prerogatives to the zonal unions as recognized in CAF statutes for the management of the qualifying phase.

5.2. Final Phase:

- Ensuring, with the collaboration of the organising association, the preparatory work of the Final Tournament.
- Proceeding to the drawing of lots,
- Setting, after consulting the organising associations, of the dates, the venues and the time of the kick-off of matches.
- Taking all necessary decisions for the smooth running of the competition in accordance with provisions of the present regulations.
- Appointing Sub-Committees having the rights and prerogatives of the Organising Committee.

Chapter 3 - Trophy and Medals

Article 6

The winner of each edition will receive a replica with the same dimensions of the original trophy

6.1. A trophy called The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, property of 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 of the final phase of the following edition.

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 the original trophy ones

6.5 The winning team is engaged to take, on its own responsibility all the appropriate measures to ensure the security of the trophy throughout all the time it is in their possession.

Article 7

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

CAF shall grant thirty (30) bronze medals to the team ranked third and thirty (30) diplomas to the team ranked fourth in the Final Tournament.

Article 8

A medal will be granted to each referee, referee assistant, fourth official, VAR referees, commissioner and coordinator appointed for the third place matches as well as the final match.

Chapter 4 - Fair-play

Article 9

A Fair-Play trophy shall be awarded to the team that will have shown the best fair-play spirit during the final phase of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, in conformity with the CAF Fair-play regulations.

Chapter 5 - Other Prizes and Rewards

Article 10

The granting of any other trophies, prizes and/or awards requires the agreement of CAF Executive Committee. Any physical or moral person who wishes to present a prize or an award to one or several players and /or to teams, on the occasion of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations must formulate a request to the General Secretariat of CAF, at the latest three months before the competition.

Chapter 6 - Engagements

Article 11

11.1 The national association wishing to engage in the U17 Africa Cup of Nations should formulate their request to its Zonal Union to which it belongs in accordance to the zones allocation mentioned in CAF statutes. Each Zonal Union informs CAF of the engaged teams in their zone.

11.2 CAF will provide the zonal unions with the specific forms of engagements and will fix the engagement deadline. The registration of players should be done on CAF online system.

11.3 The national association who submit their engagement request to the U17 Africa Cup of Nations to their Zonal Union undertake formally to fully observe the regulations of the competition, CAF marketing and media regulations, the decisions of the Organising and Disciplinary committees, the referees committee, the appeal committee and the executive committee of CAF and comply with them unreservedly.

11.4 The national association organising the U17 Africa Cup of Nations is automatically admitted to the final tournament of the competition.

11.5 CAF defines the age criteria of each competition.

Chapter 7 - Qualifying Phase

Article 12

The qualifying phase is organised in the six zones recognized in CAF statutes.

The qualification of the teams per zone will be as follows:

- CECAFA 3 teams
- COSAFA 3 teams
- UNAF 2 teams
- UNIFFAC 2 teams
- WAFU A 2 teams
- WAFU B 2 teams
- Zone of Host Country 1 team (host country)
- Zone of previous Edition Champion: 1 team

Article 13

13.1 Each Zonal Union determine the format of its qualifying tournament taking into consideration the sportive, economical and geographical specific factors. The format must be approved by CAF.

13.2 In case of qualifier matches organised by direct knockout system, played home and

away the qualified team is determined as follows: a) The team which shall have a higher aggregate number of goals in the two matches shall be qualified for the next round of the competition.

b) If at 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.

c) If the number of away goals is the same or if the results of the two matches are nil, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark carried out by each team according to the recommendations of the International Football Association Board. The team which will score the greatest number of goals shall be qualified for the next round of the competition.

No extra time is played in the U-17 matches

13.3 In case of qualifying tournament, the classification of the groups shall be as follows:

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

b) In case of points equality between two teams at the end of the group matches, the teams will be ranked according to the following criteria in the order listed below:

- 1- The highest number of points obtained in the match between the two concerned teams;
- 2- The goal difference in all group matches;
- 3- The highest number of goals scored in the whole group matches;
- 4- A drawing of lots conducted by the Organising Committee of the zone.

c) In case of equality between more than two teams at the end of the group matches, the teams will be ranked according to the following criteria in the order listed below:

- 1- The greatest number of points obtained in the matches between the concerned teams;
- 2- The best goal difference in the matches between the concerned teams;
- 3- The greatest number of goals scored in the matches between the concerned teams;
- 4- If after applying criteria a to c, two teams are still equal, a to c criteria are again applied to matches played between the two teams in question to determine the final ranking of the two teams. If this procedure does not allow classifying them, the criteria listed below are applied in the indicated order;

- The goals difference in all group matches;
- The highest number of goals scored in all group matches;
- A drawing of lots conducted by the Organising Committee

Chapter 8 - Organisation of the matches

Article 14

14.1 The matches of the qualifiers are played in the territory of each zone in conformity to the dates fixed by the zonal unions and approved by CAF.

CAF can, at any moment amend the dates, kick-off times or the venues of the matches.

14.2 Each Zonal union is responsible of the process of choosing the host country which will be validated by CAF.

14.3. The qualifying tournament must be held in the even year preceding the Final tournament.

14.4. Matches are played at daylight or under floodlights.

14.5. The matches must be played on natural turf or artificial turf, in case artificial turf is used for the matches of the competition between representative teams, this artificial turf should be in conformity with the specifications of the FIFA regulations.

14.6. The host team shall put at the disposal of the visiting team a training field all along their sojourn and at their convenience.

14.7. The matches shall be played according to the laws decided by the International Football Association Board and promulgated by FIFA.

14.8. If the match is interrupted due to darkness before the end of the regular time and if one of the 2 teams is behind it, except in cases of force majeure, the latter shall be considered as a loser and shall be eliminated from the competition.

14.9. If the referee is forced to stop the match before the end of the regular time because of pitch invasion or aggression against one team. The team of the spectators who invaded the pitch shall be considered as a loser and shall be eliminated from the competition, without prejudice to the sanctions provided for in the regulations.

14.10. If a match is interrupted after kick off due to force majeure, the following principles are to be applied:

14.10.1 The match should resume starting from the minute at which it was interrupted, instead of being replayed entirely and with the same score;

14.10.2 The match will resume with the same players on the field and with the same substitutes which were available when the match was interrupted;

14.10.3 No additional substitutes will be added to the list of players summoned;

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

14.10.5 Players sent off before the match was interrupted cannot be replaced;

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

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

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

14.11. If a team refuses to take part in the rescheduled game, it will be sanctioned according to the present regulations.

14.12. For nocturnal matches, if the match is interrupted because of darkness following a power cut, the referee shall stop definitively the game after waiting for forty-five (45) minutes and the organizing committee will take the necessary decision.

14.13. The national associations hosting the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations are required to conclude a civil liability insurance, a copy of this policy is to be sent to CAF three months before the start of the competition.

14.14. CAF officials should ensure that these instructions are carried out by the organising country.

Chapter 9 - Balls

Article 15

The host Federation shall provide for each match at least fourteen (14) 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 BALL STANDARD."

Article 16

Any disputes about financial matters shall be dealt with by the Organising Committee.

Chapter 10 - The Match Commissioner

Article 17

17.1. The organising Committee of the zone after approval of CAF appoints a match commissioner for every game. He is the official representative of CAF and he must attend the match. In this capacity, he is entitled to a place in the first row of the official tribune.

17.2. In case the presentation of the teams to the authorities is approved by CAF, the match commissioner will have to accompany the guest of honour and to present him the referees and as well as the captains of the two teams.

17.3. In the absence of the General Coordinator, the match commissioner will go to the dressing rooms to attend the preliminary match formalities for the eligibility of players. He might, if he deems it necessary, go back to the dressing rooms during the half-time or after the match.

17.4. In the absence of referees appointed by CAF, the match commissioner shall have the match played in conformity to the provisions of the present regulations.

17.5. The responsibility of verifying the field's dimensions, of ascertaining the regularity and the practicability of the field as well as ascertaining the adequacy of the electric light for the nocturnal matches is exclusively that of the referee.

17.6. Only the referee and his assistants are in charge of the procedure dealing with the substitution of players during the match.

17.7. The match commissioner may, if he deems it necessary for security of the referees or the visiting team, decide not to have the match started until his 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.

17.8 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 according to the provision of regulations and according to the interpretation given by the match commissioner.

17.9 The match commissioner shall observe the match in all its aspects and especially the referees' performance (in the absence of the referees' assessor), the evaluation of fair play, the behaviour of the teams and the spectators, the eventual incidents, the organisation of security in the stadium and around and the organisation of health services. As soon as the match ends, he shall send his report in the form provided.

17.10. The absence of the commissioner cannot constitute an obstacle to the playing of the match at the scheduled date and time. In such a case, the appointed commissioner cannot be replaced, unless a decision is taken by CAF in this respect and only the referee's report will bear witness.

Chapter 11 - Referees and Assistant Referees of qualifying tournaments

Article 18

The Referees and assistant referees appointed for U-17 Africa Cup of Nations must be on the current annual FIFA list of international referees and assistant referees. CAF referee's committee delegate the procedure of the designation to the zonal ad hoc committee that should have at least one member of CAF referee's committee from the zone.

18.1. The ad hoc Committee appoint for each match one referee, two assistant referees and one reserve referee (all neutral) to officiate the matches

18.2. If the appointed referee is absent or becomes unfit before or during a match, and his replacement is required he shall be replaced by the neutral reserve referee or the neutral reserve assistant referee.

18.3 At the end of the match the referee will send, the detailed report on the specific form provided.

Chapter 12 - Other match officials

Article 19

CAF and or the Zone organising the competition may appoint an inspector on referees for the evaluation 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 appointed referees and attend the match in the official tribune where a seat in the first row shall be reserved for him.

Article 20

CAF and or the Zone organising the competition may appoint a security officer to oversee security in the stadium under the authority of the match commissioner. The National associations should provide him with any needed support and assistance and urge the stadium's officials responsible of security to cooperate with him.

Article 21

CAF and or the Zone organising the competition may appoint a General Coordinator who shall assist the match commissioner for the good organisation and the smooth running of the match. He is particularly in charge of:

- Ensuring the compliance of the reception and sojourn rules of the officials and teams,
- Ensuring the compliance of CAF commitments in the matter of marketing, publicity and audio-visual retransmissions,

- Ensuring the compliance or respect of the set schedules and of the match protocol.

At the end of the match he will send the detailed report on the specific form provided.

Article 22

CAF and or the Zone organising the competition may appoint the Medical Officer, appointed for the anti-doping control of matches in the qualifying phase, he must be assisted by the national associations for the accomplishment of his mission. The national associations must especially:

- Put at his disposal in the stadium a fully equipped control room (Photocopying machine, paper, toilet, desk, chairs, mineral water...).

At the end of the match he will send the detailed report on the specific form provided.

Chapter 13 - Facilities for teams and match officials

Article 23

In the matches played by system of knock-out by home and away matches, the visiting association shall assume the trip expenses of its delegation including its full board accommodation. The host association shall assume the domestic transportation of the visiting team, for three days before the match and two days after, at the most.

In the zonal tournaments, the visiting association shall assume the trip expenses of its delegation. The host association shall assume the domestic transportation of the visiting team, for three days before the start of the competition and two days at the most after the last match of the team in the tournament.

Article 24

Reception requirements

The following slightest requirements for reception should be strictly respected:

24.1. Reception at the airport: A Committee composed of the officials of the host association must be at the airport to meet the visiting delegation and 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.

24.2. Transport Facilities: a coach for the players and a car for the officials will be put at the disposal of the visiting delegation from the time of their arrival (3 days before the match) till the time of their departure (2 days maximum after the match). Any additional vehicles are subject to an agreement between the two associations.

24.3. Security measures: The law enforcement forces (the police) of the host association must ensure the security of all the visiting delegation's members as well as the referees and the commissioner appointed to officiate the match. The law enforcement forces (the police) must prevent any pitch invasion and any attack against players or officials, inside and outside the stadium.

24.4. Accompanying the visiting team off: Officials of the host association shall see the visiting delegation off at the airport and shall facilitate all departure formalities.

Chapter 14 - Qualification of Players

Article 25

25.1 Each Association shall select its national representative team from players enjoying the citizenship of its country, qualified to participate in its national championship, subject to its jurisdiction and qualified for selection in conformity with the provisions of the regulations governing the application of the FIFA statutes. All players must present upon request, to the Secretariat of CAF or to the match commissioner, their valid passports with picture.

Article 26

26.1. For each match, all players of the host and visiting teams must present their valid passport or an accreditation validated by CAF.

26.2. If a team loses passports or accreditation of one or many of its players, the team is authorized to allow fielding the concerned player or players provided that each one of them is taken in picture 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.

26.3. All associations are held responsible of the integrity of the information written in the Passports of the players namely the name and surname, nationality and the date of birth.

Article 27

27.1 For the qualifying phase, an age eligibility test will be compulsory performed for all the participating teams before the start of the matches.

27.2 The test will be performed according to the protocol of the F-Marc in a health facility duly accredited center-where there is an MRI apparatus (Magnetic Resonance Imaging).

27.3 CAF reserves the right to make the age eligibility test (MRI) as well during the final phase for the sixteen teams qualified to the tournament. The cost of the MRI test will be covered by CAF.

27.4 If after performing the age eligibility test (MRI) for a participating team and four (4) or more players were found ineligible, the participating team will be disqualified. If after performing an MRI test for a participating team and one (1), two (2) or three (3) of its players are found ineligible, the said player(s) will not be allowed to participate in the competition. The concerned team will be allowed to participate in the competition but is not authorized to replace the ineligible player(s).

Article 28

Substitutions up to a maximum of five 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 15 - Sanctions of Players

Article 29

29.1. For the qualifying tournament and the 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 concerned Associations.

29.2. The cautions received during matches of the qualifying phase shall not be taken into account for the matches of the Final phase.

At the end of the first phase of the qualifying and 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.

29.3. 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.

29.4. A player expelled from the field by the referee in two matches of the qualifying phase is automatically suspended for the remaining phase of qualification, without prejudice to other sanctions that might be imposed upon him subsequently.

29.5. If a referee reports a player whose behaviour has caused the interruption 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 the following match of the same competition, without prejudice to the sanctions which might be imposed upon him subsequently.

29.6. Suspensions for more than one match shall be applicable to the matches of this competition – the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations – and/or the matches of any other competition organised by CAF and involving the representative national teams.

29.7. In case of serious violations, the faulty player might be suspended not only from the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations but also from all the competitions of CAF.

29.8. The Zonal union Disciplinary Board after the approval of CAF disciplinary Board is empowered to apply disciplinary measures to 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.

29.9. Before every match, the Secretariat of the Zonal Union shall communicate to the appointed match commissioners and referees the name(s) of the suspended player(s) for each match. the suspended player(s) shall be prohibited from taking part in the match by the match officials. Defaulting officials shall be sanctioned by CAF.

29.10. The tallying of these sanctions remains the responsibility of the national association that shall assume any breach to the regulations.

29.11. 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.

29.12. 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.

29.13. For any deliberate intention to defraud by falsifying official documents, the concerned association shall be suspended in accordance with the present regulations and CAF disciplinary code.

Chapter 16 - Protests–Rights

Article 30

A protest against the qualification of players who take part in competition matches must be made as follows:

30.1. 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.

30.2 It must be confirmed by a registered letter, by fax or email, sent to the Zonal Union in the qualifying tournaments and to CAF Secretariat in the final tournament 48 hours after the match at the latest.

30.3 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.

30.4. If a national association requests, for players whose qualification is contested to be confronted, this association will have to cover the whole expenses incurred for the transport and the sojourn of players and officials accompanying them. If its claim is accepted the expenses will be borne by the association guilty of fraud.

30.5 Other protests are to be communicated to the Zonal Union in the qualifying tournaments and to CAF Secretariat in the final tournament within the 48 hours following the match by fax or email, registered mail or express courier. 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.

30.6 The right of protest fixed to 2000 US\$ (two thousand US dollars) shall be paid to the Zonal Union in the qualifying tournaments and to CAF Secretariat in the final tournament before the protest can be examined. This amount will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

30.7 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 17 - Appeals

Article 31

31.1 An appeal can be addressed to the Appeals Committee of the Zonal Union in the qualifying tournaments and to CAF Secretariat in the final tournament against the decisions taken by the Organising Committee and by the disciplinary board but not against those stipulated as final.

31.2. 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.

31.3. The appeal must reach the Zonal Union in the qualifying tournaments and CAF Secretariat in the final tournament by fax or email within the three days following the dispatch by fax, email, registered mail or express courier of the decision of the Organising Committee or disciplinary board.

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

31.5. During the Final Tournament of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations all decisions taken by the organising Committee and or by the disciplinary board, with the exception of those reporting the application of disciplinary measures pronounced on basis of reports of match officials are final and without appeal.

31.6. 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 appointed by the Executive Committee to detain this faculty.

31.7. When the appeal comes from the Executive Committee, the defendant is informed as well as the deadline up to which he can submit his comments.

31.8. In case of a main appeal interjected by the plaintiff or his National Association (with the written agreement of the concerned person, the person (s) appointed 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.

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

Chapter 18 - Fraud- Forgery- Administrative error

Article 32

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 launched.

Article 33

In case the alleged facts are true, the convicted national association will be suspended from participation in the following two editions of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations and its team will be eliminated from the competition if it is still ongoing.

Article 34

For any administrative error in the registration of players, the involved national association will be suspended from participation in the next edition of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, and its team will be eliminated from the competition if it is still ongoing.

Article 35

Each player must possess a passport containing his photo and giving the full particulars on the player's age (day, month and year of birth) a player who does not have a passport issued by the competent authorities, shall not be authorised to participate in the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations.

In the case of junior player participating in CAF Inter- Clubs competitions:

- a- He will not be qualified to participate in the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations if the date of birth indicated in his licence is different from the one indicated on his passport.
- b- He will not be qualified to participate in the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations if the full date of birth (Day, month, and year) is not indicated on his licence.

Chapter 19 - List of players for qualifying tournaments

Article 36

36.1 Ten (10) days before the first match of the qualifying Tournament, a list of a maximum of twenty (20) players must be submitted to CAF and Zonal Union secretariat. If the list of 20 players is not received 7 days prior to the kick-off day of the Final Tournament, the concerned team will be only allowed to register 18 players.

36.2 A player on the final list cannot be replaced unless seriously injured at the latest twenty-four hours (24) before the beginning of the first match of his team. The Zonal medical Committee must approve his substitution by writing, after reception and approval of a detailed medical certificate. The medical Committee shall write a certificate attesting that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from participating.

Once the certificate is approved, the association should then immediately appoint a substitute and inform the Secretariat accordingly.

36.3 The name of the twenty players must be written on the list of each match (11 players and 9 substitutes). Only 14 persons (5 officials and 9 substitutes) shall be authorised to seat on the substitution bench.

Chapter 20 - Colours of jerseys and shorts – Numbering

Article 37

Each team shall wear the colours of its country. If 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 two spare outfit available, other than its official colours.

Article 38

The jerseys and shorts of the players must comply with CAF equipment regulations.

Article 39

Publicity on the equipment of the national teams' players is not permitted. The match commissioner and referees must ensure strict compliance with this provision and where appropriate, prohibit the playing or conduct of the match. The faulty association shall be sanctioned according to CAF Equipment regulations.

Chapter 21 - National Anthems and Colours

Article 40

Every travelling team must carry with it a good quality recording (K7, CD and MP3) and a partition of its national anthem as well as the flag of its country.

Chapter 22 - Publicity in the Stadia

Article 41

Publicity for alcohol and tobacco is permitted on the occasion of all matches organised by CAF within the framework of the U-17Africa Cup of Nations, provided that laws of the host country allow such publicity.

Chapter 23 - Transmission and Publicity Rights

Article 42

The transmission and publicity rights of all matches during the preliminary rounds are the

propriety of CAF. However, it may concede them graciously to the zonal union and / or to the associations. In this case, the latter must pay the quote part of CAF as fixed in the present regulations.

Chapter 24 - Doping

Article 43

43.1. Doping is the use of substances that could have the effect of artificially improving the player's physical and/or mental condition and so augmenting artificially his athletic performance.

43.2. Doping is strictly forbidden internationally.

43.3 The use of forbidden substances shall be punished in accordance with the CAF regulations and Disciplinary Code.

43.4 The organising committee has the right to carry out anti-doping control on players at any time during the matches of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations.

43.5 The organising committee is in charge of deciding which authorised laboratory shall proceed to the analysis of samples.

43.6 The regulations of doping control for FIFA and non-FIFA competitions, the disciplinary code of CAF and other related, in force, FIFA directives are applied to the matches of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations.

Chapter 25 - Forfeit, Withdrawal, Refusal to Play, and Replacement

Article 44

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

Article 45

Any national association declaring forfeit after having been registered and before the drawing of lots shall lose its entry fees and is liable to a fine of one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) U.S. dollars. It shall also not be allowed to participate in the next edition of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations.

Article 46

Any national Association declaring forfeit after the drawing of lots and before the start of matches is liable to a fine of two thousand and five hundred (2500) U.S. dollars. It will also not be allowed to participate in the next edition of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations.

Article 47

Any association declaring forfeit after the start of the matches is liable to a fine of five thousand (5000) U.S. dollars. It will also not be allowed to participate in the next edition of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations.

Article 48

If a team withdraws from the qualifying phase, organized at home and away format on knock-out system, the opposing team, which it was scheduled to meet, shall be qualified.

Article 49

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

Article 50

A team that withdraws or refuses to play the return match after having played the first leg on its own territory must refund the association of the visiting team a minimum fixed indemnity of four thousand (4000) U.S. dollars in repair to the damage suffered by the host country.

Article 51

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 field before the regular end of the match without the authorisation of the referee, it shall be considered as a loser and shall be eliminated for good from the current competition.

Article 52

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

Article 53

The faulty under the terms of the above articles will be excluded 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. The Organising Committee may adopt further measures towards it.

Article 54

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 the above articles did not occur in the last group match. The Organising Committee can take further measures.

Article 55

The Organising Committee shall consider cases of force majeure likely to be raised.

Chapter 26 - Organisation of the Final Tournament**Article 56**

Sixteen representative teams shall be qualified for the Final Tournament.

56.1 Only the team of the association organising the Final Tournament is automatically qualified.

56.2 The other fifteen (15) teams are qualified for the final tournament following the qualifying phase played by the zones.

56.3 The matches of the Final Tournament must be played on the territory of the organising association. In case of co-organisation, the matches must be played on the territories of the co-organiser countries.

56.4 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.

56.5 The kick-off time of the matches shall be fixed by the Organising Committee after consulting the organizing federation. The teams must be present in the dressing rooms at least 90 minutes before kick-off. Each team must present the accreditations of the 21 players selected (three of whom must be goalkeepers) and registered on the sheet of the match to take part in the match.

Chapter 27 - Colours of jerseys and shorts - Numbering

Article 57

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 equipment. The numbers from 1 to 23 on the shirts and shorts as well as the players' names on the shirts must comply with the CAF Equipment Regulations. The number 1 will be reserved exclusively to one of the goalkeepers. The selected numbers on the back of the shirts must correspond to those indicated on the players final list of the team.

Chapter 28 - List of players for the Final Tournament

Article 58

58.1. Ten (10) days before the first match of the Final Tournament, a list of a maximum of twenty-one (21) players must be submitted to CAF secretariat and the concerned teams. Any national Association that does not conform to this provision will pay to CAF a fine of five thousand (5000) US dollars. No other modification to the list of twenty-one (21) players will be allowed, unless in cases of force majeure recognized as such by the organizing Committee. If the list of 21 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 19 players.

58.2. A player on the final list cannot be replaced unless seriously injured at the latest twenty-four hours (24) before the beginning of the first match of his team. The CAF medical Committee must approve his substitution by writing, after reception and approval of a detailed medical certificate. CAF medical Committee shall write a certificate attesting that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from participating at the U-17 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 and inform CAF General Secretariat accordingly. CAF General Secretariat shall publish the final list of twenty-one (21) players.

58.3. The name of the twenty-one players must be written on the list of each match (11 players and 10 substitutes). Only 17 persons (7 officials and 10 substitutes) shall be authorised to seat on the substitution bench.

Chapter 29 - First Phase of the Final Tournament

Article 59

59.1 Four groups A, B, C and D each of four teams shall be formed by the Organising Committee of CAF. The organising country shall be the head of group A. Group C shall comprise the holder of the trophy, if qualified, or the team having obtained the best classification in the previous tournament.

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

59.3. The date of the drawing of lots will be fixed by the Organizing Committee.

59.4. The group matches shall be played in accordance with the calendar set by the Organising Committee.

59.5. The classification of the groups shall be as follows:

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

Article 60

60.1 In case of points equality between two teams at the end of the group matches, the teams will be ranked according to the following criteria in the order listed below:

60.1.1 The highest number of points obtained in the match between the two concerned teams;

60.1.2 The goal difference in all group matches;

60.1.3 The highest number of goals scored in the whole group matches;

60.1.4 A drawing of lots conducted by the Organising Committee.

60.2 In case of equality between more than two teams at the end of the group matches, the teams will be ranked according to the following criteria in the order listed below:

60.2.1. The greatest number of points obtained in the matches between the concerned teams;

60.2.2. The best goal difference in the matches between the concerned teams;

60.2.3. The greatest number of goals scored in the matches between the concerned teams;

60.2.4. If after applying criteria 60.2.1 to 60.2.3, two teams are still equal, 60.2.1 to 60.2.3. criteria are again applied to matches played between the two teams in question to determine the final ranking of the two teams. If this procedure does not allow classifying them, the criteria listed from 60.2.5 to 60.2.7 are applied in the indicated order;

60.2.5. The goals difference in all group matches;

60.2.6. The highest number of goals scored in all group matches;

60.2.7. A drawing of lots conducted by the Organising Committee

Chapter 30- Second Phase of the Final Tournament

Article 61

61.1 At the conclusion of both group matches, the first and the second of each group shall be qualified for the quarter-finals.

The quarter final matches shall be played as follows:

QF1. Winner Group A/Second Group B

QF2 Winner Group B/Second Group A

QF3 Winner Group C/Second Group D

QF4. Winner Group D/Second Group C

The 8 quarter finalists teams will qualify to the U17 World Cup. Play off matches will be played among the teams ranked 3rd in the groups to determine the 2 remaining teams that will qualify to the U17 World Cup, as follows:

3rd A vs 3rd C
3rd B vs 3rd D

61.2 The semi-final matches shall be played in accordance with the direct elimination system of the loser. If by the end of the regular time the two teams are at draw, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks.

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

- QF1 vs QF4
- QF2 vs QF3

61.3 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.

61.4. The final shall be played between the winners of the semi-finals. If by the end of the regular time the two teams are at draw, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks.

Article 62

The matches shall be played in daylight or under floodlights.

Chapter 31 - Organising Sub-Committees

Article 63

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

63.1 The sub-committees are invested with the attributions of CAF Organising Committee as defined in the present regulations.

63.2. Each sub-committee shall appoint a commissioner among its members to officiate each group match it controls.

63.3. Each sub-committee shall organise the coordination meeting at the eve or on the day of the match and shall ratify the results the day following the match.

63.4 After each match, a communiqué written by each sub-committee shall be distributed to all teams on the same day of the match.

Chapter 32 - Forfeit, sanctions due to refusal to play and replacements

Article 64

A forfeit declared from the qualification up to the drawing of lots, shall entail further to the loss of entry fees, a fine of twenty-five thousand (25000) US dollars as well as the suspension of the relevant Association for next edition of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, except in cases of force majeure as defined by the Organising Committee of CAF.

Article 65

A forfeit declared from the drawing of lots and up to twenty days before the start of the final competition results, in addition to the loss of entry fees, a fine of fifty thousand (50000) U.S. dollars as well as the suspension of the relevant association for the following two editions of U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, except in cases of force majeure as defined by the Organising Committee of CAF.

Article 66

A forfeit declared less than twenty days before the start of the final competition or during it, shall entail in addition to the loss of the entry fee, the loss of the right of entry, a fine of seventy five thousand (75000) U.S. dollars as well as the suspension of the relevant association for the next two editions of U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, except in cases of force majeure as defined by the Organising Committee of CAF.

Article 67

For any team qualified for the final phase, the concerned national association must introduce 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 33 - Withdrawals**Article 68**

If, for any reason whatsoever, a team withdraws from the competition or does not report for a match, 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 as a loser and shall be eliminated for good from the current competition. The same shall be applied on the teams previously disqualified by CAF decision.

Article 69

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

Article 70

The faulty team under the terms of articles 80 and 81 shall be excluded 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. The Organising Committee may adopt further measures.

Article 71

The guilty team shall be excluded from the tournament. The Organising Committee may adopt further measures.

Article 72

If a team withdraws following its qualification after the beginning of the final tournament it shall be replaced by the team it has eliminated in the last round of qualifications. Otherwise, the group to which the team having withdrawn belong will be composed of three teams.

Article 73

If a team withdraws after the start of the Final Tournament without playing all the matches of its group, it shall be considered as a loser of all the remaining matches it was scheduled to play by the score of three to nil.

If a team withdraws after having reached the quarterfinals, it shall be replaced by the following ranked team in the standings of its group.

Article 74

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

Article 75

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 Semi-Final loser shall be declared third in the competition.

Article 76

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

Article 77

If a country having been entrusted with the organisation of the Final Tournament of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations is desisting or the organisation has been withdrawn from, it shall be subject, in addition to further disciplinary sanctions, to a fine fixed according to the following scale:

77.1. Withdrawal notified two or more years prior to the Final Tournament: a fine of twenty five thousand (25000) U.S. dollars

77.2. Withdrawal notified less than two years before the date of the Final Tournament: a fine of seventy-five thousand (75000) U.S. dollars

77.3. Withdrawal notified within one year before the date of the Final Tournament: a fine of one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) U.S. dollars and a suspension of the following edition of U-17 Africa Cup of Nations of its national team, regardless of the respective edition.

77.4. Withdrawal notified less than six months before the date of the Final Tournament: a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand (250000) U.S. dollars, and this country will cover the expenses of all moral and financial damage suffered by CAF and the participants. Its national team will also be suspended for the following two editions of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, regardless of the respective edition.

Chapter 34 - National anthems- national colours- prohibited manifestations**Article 78**

78.1. For the final competition, national anthems (K7 – CD – MP3 partitions) and the flags of the finalist countries must be sent to the organising country and CAF two months before the start of the Final Tournament. A letter indicating the dispatch of these materials to the organising country must be sent to the secretariat of CAF.

78.2. During the Final Tournament, 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 officials, referees.

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

Chapter 35 - Refereeing of the Final Tournament

Article 79

79.1 Referees and assistant referees are appointed 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.

79.2 Associations whose referees are selected for the Final Tournament must confirm to the Secretariat of CAF, by fax or email, 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 proceed with their replacement.

Article 80

80.1. At the end of each match, the referee shall establish a report on the official document of CAF and transmit it immediately to the General Coordinator or by using the software of competitions management system of CAF (CMS) before leaving the stadium.

80.2. Referees must also hand jointly with the report the list of players and substitutes as it appears on the match sheet, and signal eventual protests or claims formulated by a team. They must record all the incidents that occurred during the match (warnings, expulsions....).

Chapter 36 - Financial provisions

Article 81

In case of direct exploitation of TV rights during the qualification phase, each National Federation shall pay the CAF a fixed license fee of one thousand (1000) U.S. dollars per match.

Article 82

82.1. In the Final Tournament, revenues shall consist of ticket sales of all official matches, fees of television broadcasting rights and publicity inside and outside the stadium during the whole tournament.

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

82.3. The television and radio broadcasting rights on one hand and the revenues from publicity inside and outside the stadia as well as the symbols exploitation on the other hand, shall be subject to separate contracts and freely negotiated between CAF and specialised agencies for one or more successive editions.

82.4. The television, radio broadcasting 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

82.5. The organising Associations must give their consent and present the prior agreement of their governments on the full respect of the whole territory of their country of the commitments taken by CAF within the contracts signed with the specialised agencies and to facilitate the task of those agencies.

82.6. The National Associations are required to ensure compliance with the contractual obligations of CAF in regarding 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.

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

82.8. The national federations of the qualified sixteen national teams will receive prizes based on their ranking in the Final Tournament and in accordance with the CAF Grid.

Article 83

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

83.1. The stadium where the matches shall be played, clear of publicity, eight days before the beginning of the tournament, during the tournament and 48 hours after the last match played within the concerned venue.

83.2. The necessary installations, the international signal and sound towards the satellite as well as technical personnel are indispensable to ensure the live and regularly terrestrial transmission of matches. In return, the Organising countries shall be allowed to transmit live all the matches within their territory and for which they had already provided all the above facilities.

Article 84

The Organising Associations shall ensure that the commitments taken by CAF as indicated in the contracts concluded with the agencies are fully respected on their territory.

Article 85

The symbol and the mascot of the Final Tournament shall be proposed by the holder of the publicity rights at least twelve (12) 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 86

The Association organising the Final Tournament shall submit to CAF Finance Committee -six (6) months before the opening date 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 that must be approved by the Finance

Committee shall include the rates adopted for the various categories of tickets for the Final Tournament matches. The Finance Committee may, if it deems it necessary, recommend the organising association the modification of the matches' tickets prices.

Article 87

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

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

87.2 The sojourn expenses of the participant associations teams for a maximum of 28 persons per team, starting from 5 days before the tournament up to 2 days after its last match, exception made due to the absence of regular flight service.

87.3. The expenses of economy class flight, sojourn and daily indemnity of 150 US\$ (one hundred and fifty US dollars) for referees, assistant referees and VAR referees for a maximum of 20 days.

87.4 The sojourn expenses and a daily indemnity of one hundred US dollars (100US\$) per day and a first-class flight ticket for the President, or the honorary Presidents, the Executive Committee members and the General Secretary of CAF.

87.5 The expenses of travel, sojourn and daily indemnity of one hundred US dollars (100US\$) for:

- 87.5.1 The members of the organizing committee,
- 87.5.2 The Deputy Secretary General of CAF,
- 87.5.3 The general coordinators and their assistants,
- 87.5.4 Honorary members,
- 87.5.5 The members of the Disciplinary and Appeal Boards,
- 87.5.6 The members of the Referees' Committee,
- 87.5.7 The members of the Medical Committee.

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 members of CAF for food expenses.

87.6 The quotas of the tickets are determined for each match as follows:

- 50% capacity of each of the following categories (Presidential box, VVIP, VIP and Premium)
- 200 tickets for the stands (Category 1) next to the presidential box
- 300 ticket for the stands (Category 2) in front of the presidential box

The tickets shall be given to the General Secretary of CAF before the start of the competition and are added to the tickets of the partners and sponsors mentioned in the Marketing and Media circulars, regulations and OAA.

87.7 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 tribune or 50% of its capacity,
- 200 tickets for the stands adjacent 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.

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

Article 88

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 89

89.1 The payment provided for in these regulations must be made according to the official exchange rate. They are made without restrictions or special taxes.

89.2 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 90

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

Chapter 37 - Government Engagements towards the Organisation of the qualifying and final tournaments of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations

Article 91

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

91.1 All members of CAF and the affiliated national associations shall obtain the necessary entry and sojourn visas for the whole duration of the event.

91.2 The Statutes and Regulations of CAF shall be strictly observed, particularly the financial regulations.

91.3 The engagements officially taken by the concerned national association shall be considered as accepted by its Government.

Chapter 38 - Engagement of the Participating Associations

Article 92

The National Associations taking part in the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations (qualifying and final phases) undertake formally to fully observe the Regulations of the competition, the marketing and media 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 93

Each participating member association in the qualifying or final tournament is responsible of:

93.1 The behaviour of members of its delegation (officials and players) throughout the whole duration of the competition;

93.2 The obligatory health insurance, accidents and voyage for all the members of the delegation;

93.3 The payment of all additional expenses caused by the members of its delegation during the sojourn at the Final Tournament;

93.4 Granting the necessary visas in proper time from the diplomatic missions of the organizing country

93.5 Its duty to attend the press conferences as well as any other official media activity organized by CAF

93.6 Accepting the provisions taken by the host association of the final competition, by mutual agreement with CAF.

Chapter 39 - Responsibilities of the organizing Association in the qualifying and final tournament

Article 94

The obligations and responsibilities of the host association relative to the final competition are stipulated in the terms of reference of the competition which should be signed by CAF and the organizing association. The latter is responsible of:

94.1 Maintaining law, order and security, in particular on the way to the stadiums, in the stadiums, and their accesses, as well as the smooth running of matches.

94.2 Maintaining the law, order and security in the surroundings of the hotels and training fields of participating teams;

94.3 The subscription, in agreement with CAF, of an insurance policy covering the whole of 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.

94.4 Granting the finalist teams, free access tickets to the stadium in accordance with the quotas fixed by the organizing Committee.

Article 95

The host associations discharge CAF of any responsibility and renounce to any complaint against the latter and the members of its delegation for any damage resulting from any act or omission in connection with the organization and the running of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations.

Article 96

96.1 The host associations will be responsible for the provision of an adequate number of places and necessary installations for the local and foreign press representatives (press, radio, television and internet). Conditions that are to be fulfilled by the host association

concerning the installations of the media and the technical equipment are specified in the set of specifications.

96.2 The host associations shall be responsible of ensuring that journalists, photographers, TV and radio commentators and 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 broadcasting, and all of them having a special accreditation for the event, could be admitted to the zone situated between the limits of the field and the spectators.

Article 97

The host country of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations is required to suspend all national Competitions during the Final Tournament, failure to do so could lead to CAF sanctions.

Chapter 40 - Copyright

Article 98

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 41- Language

Article 99

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

Chapter 42 - Unexpected Matters

Article 100

Unexpected Matters in the present regulation shall be decided by the Organising Committee.

Chapter 43 - Regulations Approval and entry into force

Article 101

The present Regulations have been approved by the Executive Committee of CAF on 27th January 2025 and came into force immediately.

The image features a dark green background with several abstract, lighter green shapes on the left side, resembling stylized leaves or blades. The shapes are layered and point towards the right. In the center of the image, the letters "CAF" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is positioned to the upper right of the letter "F".

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