



CONFEDERATION AFRICAINE DE FOOTBALL

Regulations of the African U-23 Championship,
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Chapter 1

Organisation of the African U-23 Championship

Article 1

- 1.1. The African Football Confederation - CAF- shall organise the final African tournament called the African U-23 Championship to qualify the African representatives at the Olympic Games -London 2012.
- 1.2. CAF reserves the right to add the name of a sponsor partner to the denomination.

Article 2

The African U-23 Championship includes eight African teams qualified for the finals.

Article 3

The African U-23 Championship is organised in only one final tournament.

Chapter 2

Organising Committee

Article 4

An Organising Committee of the African U-23 Championship is entrusted with the implementation of the rules governing the competition and the organisation of the competition.

It is competent for:

- 4.1. Carrying out the drawing of lots,
 - 4.1.1. Elaborating the fixtures of the final 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 referees or the names of the designated referees,
 - The name of the match commissioner,

- 4.2. Taking decisions regarding the financial conditions if the concerned associations fail to come to an agreement in conformity with the present rules.
- 4.3. Ensuring, in collaboration with the organising association, all the preparatory work of the final tournament.
- 4.4. Fixing, after consultation with the organising association, the dates, the venue and the time of kick-off of the matches.
- 4.5. Taking all the necessary decisions for the smooth running of the competition in conformity with the dispositions of the present regulations.
- 4.6. In case of emergency, the organising committee may take decisions on site.

Chapter 3

Trophy and Medals

Article 5

- 5.1. A trophy belonging to CAF, shall be given to the winner of this edition.
- 5.2. The trophy shall be returned to the General Secretariat of CAF two months before the opening date of the following edition.
- 5.3. A replica of this trophy shall be given to the association that wins the trophy three times.
- 5.4. A replica of this trophy shall be offered to the winner of each edition.
- 5.5. 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 6

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

Article 7

CAF shall offer thirty (30) bronze medals to the team classified third in the final phase.

A medal shall be given to each referee, assistant referee and fourth official who will conduct the matches for the third place and the final.

Chapter 4

Fair-play

Article 8

A fair-play trophy shall reward the team which will have shown the best sporting spirit and fair-play during the final tournament of the African U-23 Championship.

Chapter 5

Other Prizes and Rewards

Article 9

Granting other trophies, prizes and rewards requires the agreement of CAF Executive Committee. Any person, physical or moral, who wishes to present a prize or an award to one or several players and /or teams, on the occasion of the African U-23 Championship, must formulate a request to CAF General Secretariat, at least 45 days before the start of the competition.

Chapter 6

Entrees

Article 10

- 10.1 Qualified national associations must confirm their participation in the African U-23 Championship to the General Secretariat of CAF before the 20th October 2011.
- 10.2 The association organising the final tournament is automatically admitted among the eight teams qualified for the final phase.
- 10.3 CAF confirms that the players' age limit is fixed to 1.1.1989 or any birth after this date.

Chapter 7

Organisation of Matches

Article 11

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2 The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight.
- 11.3. The matches must be played on natural turf or on artificial turf. When artificial pitches are used in the competition matches between teams representing associations members of FIFA or in the international competitions matches of clubs, the pitches must correspond to the Concept of quality requirements of FIFA for the artificial turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard except in case of a special exception granted by FIFA.
- 11.4 The playing ground with natural turf on which the match is to be played shall be put at the disposal of the visiting team for a minimum of one training session and this at the time fixed for kick-off at the eve of the game or two days before the game.
- 11.5 The host team shall put a training field at the disposal of the visiting team during its entire sojourn and at its convenience.
- 11.6 The matches shall be played in accordance with the laws decided by the International Football Association Board and promulgated by FIFA.
- 11.7 Commissioners and referees should see to it that these instructions are carried out by the organising country.
- 11.8 The matches cannot start before 14 hours and not after 22 hours.
- 11.9 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 host association will be considered loser and will be eliminated from the competition.
- 11.10 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.

- 11.11 If the referee is forced to stop the match because of invasion of the field or aggression against one of the playing teams, the organising committee shall take the appropriate decisions on site, without prejudice to the sanctions existing in CAF Statutes and regulations,
- 11.12. If the match is stopped before the end of the regular time for reasons of force majeure and notably for poor ground conditions and / or bad weather conditions to be decided upon by the referee, the match is to be replayed 24 hours later at the same venue and with the same referees. All disciplinary measures (cautions or expulsions) pronounced during a match stopped will be applied in conformity with CAF disciplinary code.
- 11.13. 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.

Chapter 8

Referees' Inspector

Article 12

CAF can 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 9

Security Official

Article 13

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 10

The Coordinator

Article 14

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:

- attending to the respect of the reception and sojourn rules of the official teams,
- attending to the respect of CAF's commitments in the matter of marketing, advertisement and audio-visual broadcastings,
- attending to the respect of the fixed schedules and the protocol of the match.

Chapter 11

Sojourn Facilities for Teams and Officials

Article 15

Reception Condition

The following minimum conditions of reception must be strictly observed:

- 15.1. **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.
- 15.2. **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.
- 15.3. **Accommodation:** Accommodation will be provided in first class hotels for the visiting delegation, one air-conditioned room with two beds and a bath for every two players and one single air-conditioned room with bath for each official. In countries where air conditioners are not used, the visiting delegation shall not require rooms with air conditioners. Officials and players are to be accommodated at the same hotel. The host association shall be responsible for rooms and regular meals (sportsmen diet). No host association is obliged to host more than twenty-eight (28) persons.
- 15.4. **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.

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

Article 16

Accommodation of the match officials:

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

Chapter 12

Financial Matters

Article 17

Any dispute about financial matters or reception conditions will be submitted to the organizing committee of CAF, whose decision is final.

Chapter 13

The Match Commissioner

Article 18

- 18.1. The Organising committee designates a 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;
- 18.2. 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 in time to allow the secretariat to provide a replacement. The designated commissioner cannot be replaced except by decision of CAF.
- 18.3. If a presentation of the teams to the authorities is planned, 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.
- 18.4. 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 designated 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.

- 18.5. In the absence of the match commissioner, the director referee designated to officiate the match, will preside the technical meeting stipulated for in the above para (19.4).
- 18.6. The general coordinator of the match will attend the pre-match formalities in the dressing rooms. And the commissioner will go to the dressing rooms at the end of the match to ensure that the teams have no reservations.
- 18.7. 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.
- 18.8. The referee and the assistant referees are the only persons to control all procedures concerning the substitution of players during the match.
- 18.9. 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 Law 5 of the laws of the game.
- 18.10. 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 all cases, the match will be played in accordance with the provisions of the rules according to the interpretation given by the match commissioner.
- 18.11. The match commissioner, in coordination with the general coordinator, will observe the match in all its aspects and especially the referees' performance, 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 to CAF Secretariat the result of the match immediately after the end of the match and the preliminary report indicating any eventual protest lodged by a team. He will send after the end of the match a detailed report on the specific form provided by CAF to the General Secretariat of CAF.

18.12. The absence of the match commissioner cannot be a hindrance to the course of the match at the scheduled date and hour. In such a case, only the report of the referee shall prevail.

Chapter 14

Qualification of players

Article 19

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 15 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 photo.

Players qualified for this tournament must be born on 1.1.1989 or after this date.

Article 20

Before their first game, the players shall present their valid passport with photo to the general coordinator.

Article 21

Substitutions up to a maximum of three players per team are permitted at any time during a match. A substituted player can no longer take part in the match. Before the start of the game, the names of seven substitute players must be registered on the match form.

Chapter 15

Sanctions of Players

Article 22

22.1. 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.

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

- 22.3. 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 him subsequently.
- 22.4. 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 him subsequently.
- 22.5. The suspensions for more than one match shall be applicable to the matches of the U-23 African Championship and for the Olympic Games of London 2012.
- 22.6. 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.
- 22.7. 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.
- 22.8. The tallying of sanctions remains the responsibility of the national associations and they will assume all responsibilities.
- 22.9. 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, even in the absence of protests.
- 22.10. For any deliberate intention to foul by falsifying official documents, the defaulting association shall be suspended for two years from all CAF competitions.

Chapter 16

Protests - Appeals -Rights

Article 23 - Protests

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

- 23.1. It must be preceded by a nominal and motivated protest formulated on the match form, before the game, by the captain of the protesting team and communicated to the captain of the opposing team who will countersign it.
- 23.2. It must be accompanied by the protest fees fixed at 2000 \$ (two thousand US Dollars) which will be returned to the protesting team if the protest is upheld.
- 23.3. For the final tournament, any other protest must be communicated to the secretariat of CAF within the three hours which follow the match by letter, fax or e-mail.
- 23.6. A deposit of \$ 2000 (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.
- 23.7. 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 24

- 24.1. An appeal can be addressed to the Appeals Committee against the decisions taken by the organising committee or by the disciplinary board but not against those stipulated as final.
- 24.2. 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.
- 24.3. The appeal must reach CAF Secretariat by fax or email within the three hours following the decision of the organising committee or by the disciplinary board.

24.4. The appeal shall have no delaying effect except in financial matters and for fines.

24.5. During the final phase all the decisions taken by the Organising Committee and/or by the disciplinary Board, except those relating to the application of disciplinary measures imposed on the basis of reports from match officials are final and without appeal.

Chapter 18

Fraud

Article 25

If in the three months following every match played within the African U-23 Championship, CAF is informed no matter what the source may be, that a fraud infringing the sporting morality was committed by one of the teams, an enquiry will be conducted immediately. In case the fraud is proved, the National Association of the guilty team will be suspended for three years from all the age category competitions organised by CAF, at the level of national teams.

Article 26

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

For any administrative error in the matter of registration or indication of birth dates without deliberate intention to foul, the concerned association shall be suspended for two years from all age category competitions of CAF.

Article 27

27.1 Each player must possess a passport containing his photograph 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 Championship.

27.2 When a player declared U-23 is participating or has participated in CAF inter-clubs competitions:

a. He is not qualified to play in the U-23 Championship if the date of his birth on his licence is different than the one written on his passport.

b. He is not qualified to play in the U-23 Championship if the complete date of his

birth (day, month and year) does not appear in his licence presented to CAF.

Article 28

Any team that has committed fraud on the identity of a player and/or that will field a suspended player, shall lose the match and will be permanently eliminated from the competition by decision of the organising committee that will rule as soon as the alleged facts have been clearly established.

Article 29

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 Championship, even in the absence of protests from the opponent team.

Chapter 19

Doping

Article 30

- 30.1. 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.
- 30.2. Doping is strictly forbidden by CAF.
- 30.3. The use of doping substances shall be severely punished.
- 30.4. The organising committee has the right to carry out anti-doping control at any time on the players during the matches of the African U-23 Championship.
- 30.5. The organising committee shall designate an authorised laboratory for the analysis of the samples.
- 30.6 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 African U-23 Championship.
- 30.7. 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...).

Chapter 20

Fixtures of the final Tournament

Article 31

- 31.1. 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.
- 31.2. The opening of the final tournament of the African U-23 Championship shall take place on the 26th of November 2011 and the final shall take place on the 10th of December 2011.
- 31.3. 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, allowing each team to have a minimum break of forty-eight (48) hours between each two matches.
- 31.4. 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 at least before kick-off time.

Chapter 21

Colours of Shirts and Shorts - Numbering

Article 32

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 21 on the shirts and shorts as well as the players' names on the shirts must be in conformity with the FIFA regulations. The numbers (1 and 21) shall be exclusively reserved for the goalkeepers.

The names and numbers at the back of the shirts must correspond to those indicated on the final list of the team's players.

In case of a pseudonym, it must be indicated on the official list and the match sheets.

Article 33

Advertisement on the equipments of national teams players is prohibited. The match commissioner and referees shall ensure the strict compliance with this provision and, where appropriate, prohibit the carrying out of the match. The faulty association shall be sanctioned in accordance with the regulations.

Chapter 22

List of Players for the Final Tournament

Article 34

- 34.1. a) Ten (10) days before the first match of the final tournament, a list of twenty one (21) players at the maximum (three of them should be goalkeepers), must reach the secretariat of CAF and the concerned teams. Any association that does not comply with this provision shall pay to CAF a fine of three thousand (3000) dollars US. No modification in the list of twenty one (21) players shall be accepted, except in cases de force majeure, recognised as such by the organising committee.
- 34.2. 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. His 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 African U-23 Championship 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 twenty one (21) players shall be published by the general secretariat of CAF.
- 34.3. The names of the twenty one (21) players must be listed for each match (11 players and 10 substitutes). Only 17 people (7 officials and ten substitutes) will be allowed to sit on the substitution bench.

Chapter 23

First Round of the Final Tournament

Article 35

35.1. 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.

35.2. 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.

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

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

35.5. The ranking of the groups shall be established as follows:

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

35.6. 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:

- Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the concerned teams;
- Goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- Greater number of goals scored in all the group matches between the teams concerned;
- Goal difference in all group matches;
- Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
- Fair Play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards are evaluated;
- Drawing of lots by CAF Organising Committee.

Chapter 24

Second Round of the Final Tournament

Article 36

36.1. 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**

36.2. The semi-final matches shall be played by the system of direct elimination of the loser. An extra time of 2 x 15 minutes shall be played in case of a draw after the regular time of the match. If after extra time the result is still not decisive, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

36.3. 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.

36.4 The final shall be played between the winners of the semi-finals. In case of a draw match after the regular time, an extra-time of 2 x15 minutes shall be played. If after the extra time the result is still a draw, kicks will be taken from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

Article 37

The matches are played in daylight or under floodlight

Chapter 25

Organising Committee of the Final Tournament

Article 38

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.

- 38.1. The committee shall designate one of its members to officiate as commissioner for each of the matches it conducts.
- 38.2. The committee shall organise a technical meeting at the eve or on the day of the match.
- 38.3. After each match, a communiqué published by the committee will be distributed to all teams.

Chapter 29

Withdrawals, Penalty for Refusal to play and Replacements

Article 39

A withdrawal declared forty-five (45) days or more before the start of the final competition, for which an association was qualified shall entail a fine of two thousand dollars (2000 USD).

Article 40

A withdrawal declared less than forty-five (45) days before the start of the final competition, for which an association was qualified shall entail a fine of five thousand dollars (5000 USD). In addition, it shall entail, according to circumstances and the decision of the Organising Committee, the obligation of the association that withdraws to pay the costs already incurred for the participation of its team in the final competition and repair all eventual damages.

Article 41

A withdrawal declared during the final competition shall entail a fine of ten thousand dollars (10 000 USD). On the other hand, the Organising Committee could require from the concerned national association to repair all eventual damages.

Article 42

For any team qualified for the final tournament, the concerned national association shall engage its best representative team. If an association declares through its officials including coaches that it will align another team than its best representative team, the Organising Committee shall take any sanctions it deems necessary.

Chapter 30

Withdrawals

Article 43

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 that were declared disqualified by decision of CAF.

Article 44

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 45

The guilty team under the terms of articles 44 and 45 shall be eliminated for good from the competition. This team will lose its matches by 3 to 0. If the opponent team 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 taken by the organising committee.

Article 46

The guilty team will be excluded from the tournament with the consequence that none of its matches will be taken into account, unless the incidents mentioned in article 44 occurred with the last group match. Further measures may be taken by the organising committee.

Article 47

If a team withdraws before the start of the final tournament after having obtained its qualification, it shall be replaced by the last team which it will have eliminated. If not, the group to which belongs the team having declared its withdrawal will be composed of three teams.

Article 48

If a team withdraws after the start of the final tournament without playing all the matches of its group, it shall be considered as loser of the remaining matches to be played on the score of three to zero.

Article 49

If a team withdraws after having obtained its qualification for the semi-final, it shall be replaced by the team that follows it in the classification of its group.

Article 50

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

Article 51

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

Article 52

If a country that had obtained the organisation of the final tournament of the African U-23 Championship withdraws, it will be imposed, in addition to disciplinary sanctions, a fine at the following rates:

52.1. Withdrawal notified less than three months before the date of the final tournament: a fine of ten thousand (10.000) USD

52.2 The country shall also pay for the repair of all moral and financial damages caused to CAF and the participants.

Chapter 31

National Anthems - National Colours- Prohibited Manifestations

Article 53

53.1. 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.

- 53.2. During the final tournament of the African U-23 Championship, one week before and two days after the final, no meetings and no religious or political demonstrations can be held in the stadia reserved for the competition, the training fields nor the places reserved for the accommodation of the officials, referees and competitors.
- 53.3. 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 32

Refereeing

Article 54

- 54.1. Referees and assistant referees are designated namely by the Referees' committee. They will be chosen among the referees on the FIFA list of international referees and assistant referees of the current year grouped in the organiser country/countries.
- 54.2. Associations whose referees are selected for the final tournament must confirm to the au 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 55

- 55.1. After every match, the referee must fill a report in the official form of CAF and hand it over immediately, before leaving the stadium at the end of the match to the appointed commissioner
- 55.2. 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.....)

Chapter 33

Receipts from the Gates, the Publicity and the Transmission Rights

Article 56

- 56.1. The receipts shall consist of the gate receipts of all the official matches and of the income fees of the television, radio broadcasting and publicity rights inside as well as outside the stadia and this, for the whole period of the tournament.
- 56.2. The television and broadcasting rights on one hand, and the revenues from publicity inside and outside the stadium, as well as the exploitation of the symbol, on the other hand, shall be subject to a separate contract and freely negotiated between CAF and the various specialised agencies for one or more successive editions.
- 56.3. The television, broadcasting and publicity rights of the draw ceremony of the final tournament belong to CAF. They shall be subject to a separate contract and freely negotiated between CAF and the various specialised agencies.
- 56.4. CAF reserves the right to concede gratis the rights mentioned here-above (56.2 and 56.3 to the organising country in order to cover part of the expenses for the organisation of the tournament.
- 56.5. The organising associations shall see to it that the commitments taken by CAF in the contracts signed with the specialized agencies are fully observed on its territory. The organising association must present its consent and the prior approval of its Government in this respect. The organising association is bound to facilitate the task of the specialized agencies all through the Tournament.
- 56.6. The television and broadcasting rights, as well as the revenues from publicity belong exclusively to CAF and shall be distributed as follows:
- 30% for the eight finalist countries,
 - 30% for the organising country,
 - 20% for CAF,
 - 20% for the technical development fund
- 56.7. The merchandising and symbol exploitation rights which belong exclusively to CAF shall be ceded to the organizing country.

Article 57

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

57.1. 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.

57.2. 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 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 58

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 59

The symbol and the mascot of the final tournament shall be proposed by the holder of the publicity rights. They shall not be given a final recognition until CAF, in consultation with the organising country, has approved them.

Article 60

The association organising the final tournament shall submit to CAF Finance Committee, six (6) 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 61

The following expenses are to be deducted from the receipts:

61.1. State taxes, provincial or municipal if actually paid, and with a maximum of thirty percent (30%) of the gross receipts.

61.2. Percentages due to FIFA after deduction of taxes mentioned in the above para 61-1.

61.3. The expenses of sojourn of the participating associations for a maximum

of twenty-eight (28) persons per team, starting from three days before the first match of every team up till two days after the last match of the team, exception being made for in case of lack of regular travel service.

61.4. The expenses of travel in economy class, the sojourn expenses and the daily indemnity of forty-five dollars US (45 USD) for referees and assistant referees for a maximum of twenty (20) days.

61.5. The sojourn expenses and the daily indemnity of forty-five dollars US (45 USD)) and a first class travel ticket for the President, the honorary President or Presidents, the Executive Committee members and the Secretary General of CAF.

61.6. The expenses of travel in economy class, the sojourn expenses and the daily indemnity of forty-five dollars US (45 USD) for:

- The members of the Organising Committee
- The assistant Secretary General of CAF
- A representative of the Referees' Committee
- The general coordinators

61.7. The endorsable passage tickets of the officials must be issued by the organising association which will send an invitation to the concerned people and shall see to it that their tickets are handed over at least fifteen (15) days before the start of the final tournament.

61.8. The daily indemnity is paid for a maximum of twenty (20) days.

61.9. Five percent (5%) of the gross returns after deduction of the taxes mentioned in the above para 61-1 to the account of CAF treasury.

61.10. Five percent (5%) of the gross returns after deduction of the taxes mentioned in the above para 61-1 to the organising association for the organisation expenses (control, police, entrance tickets, publicity, personnel, etc..).

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

Article 62

After deduction of all the expenditures specified in the above article 92, any possible surplus of returns is to be shared as follows:

- 15% to the African Football Confederation,
- 50% to the organising association,
- 35% to the associations participating in the final tournament, excepting the organising association.

Article 63

In case the returns referred to in article 62 of these regulations do not suffice to cover the expenses specified in article 61, the deficit shall be paid by the organising association.

Article 64

The organising association shall send to the finalist associations of the tournament and to the general secretariat of CAF, an extract of the statement of account within two months at the latest as from the date of the final match.

Article 65

The payment provided for in these rules must be made at the official rates of exchange on the day in which they are made, without restrictions or special taxes.

Article 66

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

Chapter 34

Engagements of Government for the organisation Of the African U-23 Championship

Article 67

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

- 67.1. 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.
- 67.2. That all the statutes and regulations of CAF shall be strictly observed and particularly the financial regulations.

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

Chapter 35

Engagement of the Participant Associations

Article 68

68.1. National Associations taking part in the African U-23 Championship (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.

68.2. In case of contradiction between the Regulations of the African U-23 Championship and the IOC for the final competitions, the IOC Regulations prevail.

Article 69

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 Olympic Games for which their team is qualified;
- Accepting the regulations set by the organising association of the final competition, in common agreement with CAF;

Chapter 36

Responsibilities of the Organising Association

Article 70

The obligations and responsibilities of the organising association relative to the final competition are stipulated in the organisational needs as well as the financial provisions of CAF. 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.

Article 71

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 African U-23 Championship.

Article 72

72-1. 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 equipments are specified in the terms of reference.

72-2. 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.

Chapter 37

Copyright

Article 73

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.

Chapter 38

Matters not Provided for

Article 74

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

Chapter 39

Approval and Entry into Force of Regulations

Article 75

The present regulations have been adopted by CAF Executive Committee and come into force on 28th September 2011.

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