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GENERAL PROVISIONS

I. COPA AMERICA CENTENARIO

1. The Copa America Centenario™ (hereinafter: the Competition) is an official CONMEBOL/CONCACAF competition approved by FIFA.
2. The Competition is played as a one-off event and shall take place when and where the Copa America Centenario Organizing Committee (hereinafter: the Organizing Committee) determines.
3. The Competition is free of charge for Participating Member Associations. Ten (10) CONMEBOL affiliated Member Associations and six (6) qualified CONCACAF affiliated Member Associations will participate. The Member Associations are required to participate with their strongest "A" representative (national) teams, at a minimum with the same players that are currently participating in FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.
4. The qualification of four (4) of the six (6) CONCACAF teams will include a Play-In Phase.
5. The Organizing Committee shall decide on the format, teams, venues, dates and kick-off times for the Play-In Phase as well as the Competition.
6. Any rights that are not ceded by these Regulations to the Hosting Association or any Participating Member Association or any other party shall exclusively belong to the Confederations.
7. These Competition Regulations (hereinafter: the Regulations) regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all taking part in the Competition. The Regulations, the FIFA Statutes and all other FIFA regulations, rules, codes, circulars, protocols, directives and decisions in force shall apply and are binding on all Participating Member Associations, players and officials and on all persons involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the Competition.

II. THE COPA AMERICA CENTENARIO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. The Organizing Committee which has been created by the Executive Committees of CONMEBOL and CONCACAF, is responsible for the organization of the Competition. The Organizing Committee is vested with the right for all final decisions (except on disciplinary matters). The Organising Committee is

composed by two (2) representatives from CONMEBOL, two (2) representatives from CONCACAF, and one (1) representative from the Hosting Association.

2. The Organizing Committee shall, amongst other matters, be responsible for:
 - a. Supervising general preparations while taking other tournaments, as well as all sporting, geographic and economic factors into consideration;
 - b. Approving the match schedule and kick-off times for the Competition;
 - c. Approving the appointments of the match coordinators, technical study groups, referee assessors, disciplinary committee members and other delegates as applicable and necessary;
 - d. Acknowledging which matches will be subject to doping tests and which laboratories will carry out the doping analyses as approved by the Medical Committee;
 - e. Informing the Copa America Centenario Disciplinary Committee of any breaches of the applicable doping regulations;
 - f. Replacing Member Associations that have withdrawn from the Competition;
 - g. Settling cases of force majeure;
 - h. Dealing with any aspects of the Competition that are not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations or other guiding documents.

III. HOSTING ASSOCIATION

1. The Organizing Committee has appointed the U.S. Soccer Federation (Hereinafter: the Hosting Association) as the host of the Competition.
2. The Hosting Association is responsible for hosting the Competition. It may establish relations and conclude contracts with various entities in order to deliver the Competition. The Hosting Association remains fully responsible for the delivery of the Competition, notwithstanding any such established relations and/or concluded contracts.
3. The Hosting Association and any and all established relations and/or concluded contracts shall be subject to the control of the Organizing Committee in terms

of the delivery of the Competition. All decisions of the Organizing Committee are final.

4. The Hosting Association shall discharge the Organizing Committee, CONMEBOL and CONCACAF, from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against CONMEBOL, CONCACAF and their officials, for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organization and course of the Competition caused by the action of the Hosting Association.
5. The Hosting Association shall ensure that any decision taken by the Organizing Committee relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

IV. PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

1. Throughout the Competition, each Participating Member Association shall be responsible for:
 - a. The conduct of the members of its delegation (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition.
 - b. Health, travel and accident insurance coverage for all the members of its delegation.
 - c. Incidental expenses incurred by all its delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country.
 - d. Paying for any costs which relate to the extension of stay of any member of its delegation, unless otherwise approved by the Organizing Committee.
 - e. Providing the Organizing Committee with all the information and/or documentation requested within the stipulated deadlines. Member Associations that fail to provide the Organizing Committee with all requested information and/or documentation within the stipulated deadlines shall be imposed a fine of USD 10,000, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined solely by the Organizing Committee. The fine shall be increased by 50% for each repeated offence.
 - f. Applying for and obtaining visas in good time from the diplomatic mission of the host country, as necessary.

- g. Attending press conferences and other official media activities organized by the Organizing Committee and in accordance with its instructions.
 - h. Allowing the Organizing Committee to use its Association's Marks for the promotion of the Competition, and allow the event sponsors and the hosting association to use the marks in a collective form only, for the sole purpose of promoting the Competition.
 - i. Allowing the Organizing Committee to use individual player images for the sole purpose of promoting the tournament and without any commercial affiliation.
2. Member Associations and their players and officials participating in the Competition shall:

Agree to fully respect and comply with:

- a. The Laws of the Game and the principles of Fair Play;
 - b. These Regulations;
 - c. The FIFA Statutes and all other FIFA regulations, rules codes, circulars, protocols, directives and decisions in force. Including but not limited to:
 - The FIFA Disciplinary Code;
 - The FIFA Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct;
 - The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations;
 - All FIFA protocols during matches;
 - All FIFA anti-match manipulation and anti-racism stipulations.
 - d. All decisions and directives of the Organizing Committee;
 - e. All marketing and media requirements issued by the Organizing Committee, including but not limited to: the Team Media Day in which individual and group photos and video will be taken of each team upon its arrival at the venue of its first match.
- 2.1 Participating Member Associations shall take all necessary actions for their players and officials to be bound by and comply with all the aforementioned

statutes, regulations, rules, codes, circulars, protocols, directives, decisions, stipulations and requirements.

- 2.2 Participating Member Associations shall refrain from any illegal, immoral or unethical behavior that damages, or could damage, the integrity and reputation of football and must cooperate fully with the Organizing Committee at all times in its efforts to prevent, investigate and sanction such behavior.
- 2.3 Participating Member Associations will sign and comply with the Sports Integrity requirements as communicated by the corresponding circular.
- 2.4 Participating Member Associations must comply with the security plan developed by the Hosting Association in conjunction with the Organizing Committee. Failure to comply means the individual and/or group that fails to comply assumes all risks associated with such failure.

V. ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

"A" representative (national) teams of CONMEBOL and CONCACAF Member Associations will participate in the Competition.

VI. WITHDRAWALS, UNPLAYED MATCHES AND ABANDONED MATCHES

1. All Participating Member Associations undertake to play all of their matches until they are eliminated from the Competition.
2. Any Member Association that withdraws from the Competition can be replaced by another Member Association. The Organizing Committee, at its sole discretion, shall make the relevant decision.
3. Such withdrawal will be subject to the following sanctions, after consideration of the relevant facts, including force majeure, if the withdrawal takes place:
 - a. More than thirty (30) days before the start of the Competition a fine of USD 1,000,000.
 - b. Less than thirty (30) days or anytime during the Competition a fine of USD 5,000,000.
 - c. Depending on the circumstances and the decision of the Organizing Committee, any Participating Member Association that withdraws at

any stage of the Competition may additionally be ordered to reimburse CONMEBOL, CONCACAF and/or the Hosting Association for any expenses already incurred as a result of its proposed involvement or non-involvement in the Competition and also pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.

4. If a team does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the pitch before the end of a match, the team shall be considered as having lost, and as a general rule, shall be excluded from further participation in the Competition, so that none of its matches will be deemed valid.
5. In addition to the above, the Member Association in question shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by CONMEBOL, CONCACAF, the Hosting Association and/or the other Participating Member Association(s), and shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from CONMEBOL and/or CONCACAF. Further measures may be taken by the Organizing Committee.
6. The Organizing Committee shall determine the amount of suffered damages or financial loss upon consideration of the circumstances of each particular case and available evidence.
7. If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the Organizing Committee may refer the matter to the Copa America Centenario Disciplinary Committee for further appropriate actions.
8. Furthermore, the Member Association in question may be disqualified from taking part in the next two editions of the Copa America or Gold Cup Competition. Further measures may be taken as applicable, by the respective CONMEBOL or CONCACAF Executive Committee, including the suspension of the Member Association concerned from any other CONMEBOL, CONCACAF or FIFA competitions.
9. The aforementioned decisions are not subject to appeal.
10. If a Participating Member Association withdraws or a match cannot be played or is abandoned as a result of force majeure, the Organizing Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.
11. Further to the above provision, in the case of a match being abandoned as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles will apply:

- a. the match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same score line;
- b. the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;
- c. no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
- d. the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
- e. players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
- f. any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- g. the kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the Organizing Committee.

VII. LAWS OF THE GAME

1. All matches shall be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and published by FIFA.
2. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.

VIII. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

1. Unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations, the Copa America Centenario Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter: the Disciplinary Committee) will be responsible for dealing with any breaches of all applicable regulations. In particular, the Disciplinary Committee shall apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code. The Disciplinary Committee may apply the sanctions described in these Regulations, the FIFA Statutes as well as the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
2. In cases of infringement of these and all applicable regulations or unsporting behavior on the part of the Participating Teams, their players and/or officials, or in any kind of incident, the Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:

- a. Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend and/or disqualify the teams, their players and/or officials.
 - b. Take action against any team, person or Member Association which may violate these Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play.
 - c. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of CONMEBOL or CONCACAF-organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.
3. The Disciplinary Committee may refer to the Organizing Committee any matter relating to an infringement of these Regulations as it sees fit whether for further sanction or any other reason.
4. The Disciplinary Committee decisions may be based upon written record or by conducting a hearing.
 - a. When making a decision, the Disciplinary Committee may refer to video records and/or the reports made by the referee, assistant referees, fourth official, referee assessor, match coordinator, venue manager, technical delegate, security officer, diversity officer and/or any other Organizing Committee, CONMEBOL and/or CONCACAF staff or official present at a match. Such reports may be used as evidence but only in so far as the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and shall not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.
 - b. At its discretion, the Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide any procedures to be followed. Decisions of such hearings shall only be valid if at least three members of the Disciplinary Committee are present.

The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be subject to appeal:

- a. Cautions and censures imposed on Participating Member Associations, players, officials and other persons.
- b. Suspensions of up to two matches, or of up to two months, imposed on players, officials or any other persons.
- c. Fines imposed on Participating Member Associations not exceeding USD 15,000 or on players, officials or any other persons not exceeding USD 7,500.

5. All imposed economic sanctions must be paid no later than 60 days after the notification of the relevant decision.
6. Cautions and suspensions:
 - a. Cautions received during any other competition are not carried over to the Competition.
 - b. Cautions received in the Play-In matches are not carried over to the Competition.
 - c. A single caution received in the Group Stage or the Quarter Finals of the Competition shall not be carried over to the Semi Finals or the Final.
 - d. Two (2) cautions received in different games in the Group Stage and the Quarter Finals shall result in automatic suspension from the next game in the Competition.
 - e. Suspensions from the Play-In matches not served, shall be carried over to the Competition, or in the case of the teams not making it to the Competition, to the next official match of the player's National Team per the FIFA Disciplinary Code..
 - f. Red card (direct or indirect) suspensions shall be served regardless of the stage of the Competition.
 - g. Unserved suspensions outstanding at the end of a team's participation in the Competition will be carried over to the next official match of the player's National Team per the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

IX. APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. The Copa America Centenario Appeals Committee (hereinafter: the Appeals Committee) shall hear appeals eligible to be lodged against decisions taken by the Disciplinary Committee.
2. The Appeals Committee shall apply the FIFA Disciplinary Code. In particular, the Appeals Committee may conduct any appeals procedures in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
3. The Appeals Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents, interviews and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. The Appeals Committee may additionally, at its sole

discretion, also consider additional evidence, including television and video recordings, which it may consider relevant.

4. Decisions pronounced by the Appeals Committee are final and binding.

X. MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL

1. In order to protect players' health as well as to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches at the Competition, each Participating Member Association shall ensure and confirm to the Organizing Committee that its players and officials underwent a pre-competition medical assessment (PCMA) prior to the start of the Competition. The PCMA will include a full medical assessment as well as an echocardiogram and EKG to identify any cardiac abnormality. The medical assessment must be carried out between 270 days and 35 days prior to the start of the Competition. The Organizing Committee will provide the PCMA form to all Participating Member Associations.
2. The duly licensed medical representative of each Participating Member Association (i.e., national team doctor) will be required to sign the PCMA form certifying the accuracy of the results and confirming that the players and officials have passed the pre-competition medical assessment. The medical assessment form shall also include the signatures of the President and General Secretary of the Participating Member Association and shall be received by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat at the latest seven (7) business days prior to the start of the competition.
3. Further to the above, each Participating Member Association is required to have a duly licensed medical professional (i.e., a doctor) as part of their official delegation. Such doctor must be fully integrated and familiar with all medical aspects of the delegation and must remain with the delegation throughout the entire official period of the Competition. The Match Officials (the Referees) will refer to such team doctor in all cases as required and necessary.
4. The Organizing Committee, the Host Association, CONMEBOL and CONCACAF shall not be held liable for any injury sustained by any participating player or official. Equally, the Organizing Committee, the Host Association, CONMEBOL and CONCACAF shall not be held liable for any incident (including death) linked to any injury or health problem(s) of any participating player or official.
5. As stated in these Regulations, each Participating Member Association shall be responsible throughout the Competition for providing medical, travel and accident insurance coverage for all the members of its delegation throughout

the Competition. Proof of insurance must be provided to the Organizing Committee no later than 14 days before the start of the Competition. In addition, and in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, the club with which any participating player is registered shall be responsible for player's insurance coverage against illness and accident during the entire period of the player's release.

6. Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee.
7. In regards to non-traumatic loss of consciousness during a game, the referee will assume sudden cardiac failure until proven otherwise. In such instances, the referee will signal (hand to the chest) to the team doctor and the medical emergency team (stretcher team) to immediately institute comprehensive resuscitation that includes the use of a defibrillator (AED) and CPR. It is the responsibility of the Hosting Association to ensure that there is a properly functioning AED immediately at hand and that there is an ambulance with an access and egress plan.
8. During the match if there is a traumatic head injury and concussion to a player, and the player remains on the field of play, the referee shall stop play. In these instances, the referee will signal (hand to the top of the head) to the team doctor to enter the field to assess and manage the player. Up to three minutes should be sufficient time to make this assessment. Once the player has left the field of play, he must be given a Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) or similar test. It is the responsibility of the team doctor to determine the player's ability to return to play.
9. Further to the above, in regards to traumatic head injury and concussion, full return to play after a previous concussion must include no signs or symptoms of the previous head injury as well as an acceptable Sideline Concussion Assessment Test (SCAT) assessment.
10. Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental performance of a player, with a view to improving athletic and/or mental performance. If there is medical need as defined by the player's doctor then a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application must be filed 21 days prior to competition for chronic conditions and as soon as possible for acute situations. The TUE approval system includes a designated administrative and functional committee that will review applications and certify the exemption as the committee defines.

11. Doping is strictly prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and all other relevant FIFA Regulations, circulars and directives shall apply to the Competition.
12. Every player may be subject to in-competition testing at the matches in which he competes and to out-of-competition testing at any time and place. Furthermore, reference is made to the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and the list of prohibited substances and methods per the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
13. If, in accordance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, a player tests positive for the use of banned substances, the player shall be immediately declared ineligible from further participation in the Competition and shall be subject to further sanctions from the Disciplinary Committee.

XI. PROTESTS

1. Protests, subject to the following provisions, are objections of any kind connected with matches of the Competition.
2. Protests against the eligibility of players chosen to take part in the Competition shall be submitted in writing to the Organizing Committee General Secretariat by scan and e-mail or fax (such contact information to be provided in due course) no later than 48 hours before the start of the Competition. Such protests must be accompanied by a check in the amount of USD 1,000 payable to the Organizing Committee.
3. All other protests shall be submitted in writing to the Match Coordinator at the match not later than two hours after the game and followed up immediately with a written report, including the original protest, to be sent to the Organizing Committee General Secretariat by scan and e-mail or fax (such contact information to be provided in due course).
4. Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Coordinator at the match not later than two hours after the match in question (such contact information to be provided in due course).
5. Protests against the state of the pitch, the markings, the accessory equipment (goals, etc.) or the football shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match. If the pitch becomes unplayable during the match, the

captain of the team concerned shall immediately inform the referee in the presence of the opposing team's captain.

6. No protests may be lodged against the referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
7. Member Associations may not bring disputes with the Organizing Committee, the Hosting Association, CONMEBOL or CONCACAF before a Court of Law. They shall undertake to submit any such disputes without reservation to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of CONMEBOL, CONCACAF and/or FIFA.
8. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, a fine may be imposed.
9. The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by the Organizing Committee, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.
10. Once the winning team of the Competition has been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during the Competition shall be disregarded.

XII. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

1. Marketing, radio, television promotion and advertising rights for the Competition are fully vested with the Organizing Committee.
2. Concessions for souvenir sales, official programs and others of a similar nature for the Competition are fully vested with the Organizing Committee.
3. Rights for the merchandising of the event, both on and off site, for the Competition, are exclusively with the Organizing Committee.
4. Permission to make technical films/tapes, exclusively reserved for the use of a Participating Member Association concerned, must be obtained from the Organizing Committee General Secretariat.
5. Any use of the event trademarks and logos by the Participating Member Associations must first receive the approval of the Organizing Committee.
6. The Organizing Committee shall be granted the right by each Member Association to use its marks, logos, player images and emblems for the sole purpose of promoting the Competition and without any direct commercial affiliation.

7. The Participating Member Associations shall agree, as a condition of their participation in the Competition that:
 - a. The terms the "COPA America Centenario", "CA2016", or "Copa America" and their equivalent, abbreviated or as translated into other languages, may only be used by such teams in a sporting context with no commercial implications. The Organizing Committee owns the copyright for all these terms.
 - b. They shall agree to abide by any commercial provisions issued by the Organizing Committee.
 - c. They shall abide by the Commercial Regulations as issued by the Organizing Committee separately.
8. In addition to the above, each participant in the Competition, including players, coaches, team officials, referees and officials, agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified and otherwise recorded during the Competition under conditions and for the purposes now or hereinafter authorized by the Organizing Committee in relation to the promotion of the Competition, and the sport of football.

TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

XIII. TEAMS

1. The Organizing Committee determines the number of teams to take part in the Competition. The number of teams taking part in the Competition has been fixed at 16, to be allocated as follows:

CONMEBOL	10 teams
CONCACAF	6 teams

- a. Each team taking part in the Competition must arrive and officially present itself by 18:00 (local time) three days before its first match.
- b. Each team must attend a Team Arrival Meeting (TAM) upon arrival at the Competition. The schedule and agenda for such Team Arrival Meeting will be communicated in due course. This Team Arrival Meeting will include a mandatory photo and video session for headshots of all participating players and technical staff.
- c. Each team must attend a Match Coordination Meeting (MCM) on the day before each match. Such meetings are mandatory and must be attended by both teams' representatives. The schedule and agenda for each Match Coordination Meeting will be communicated in due course.

XIV. TEAM ENTRY

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS AND TEAM REGISTRATION

- a. Each Participating Member Association shall select its representative team from the best players who are nationals of its country and under its jurisdiction, and are eligible for selection in accordance with the provisions of the applicable FIFA Regulations.
- b. A Member Association which has entered the Competition shall not refer (directly or indirectly) to its selection as an inferior selection publicly or in the print and/or electronic media. A Member Association, which fails to comply with this stipulation, shall (at a minimum) automatically forfeit part or all of its prize money as determined by the Organizing Committee.
- c. A Participating Member Association shall ensure, as a condition of its participation, that every member of its official delegation (officials and

players) be included in the team's Official Delegation List and complete an entry form to be specified by the Organizing Committee.

- d. Each player must be in possession of a legal individual passport containing an up-to-date photograph and giving full particulars on the date and place of birth of the player. If a player is not in possession of a legal individual passport, he shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition.
- e. Upon arrival at the first venue of the Competition each Participating Member Association's head of delegation or team administrator shall immediately submit the individual passports of its players for verification to the designated representative of the Organizing Committee.
- f. The Participating Member Associations shall be responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the applicable regulations.

PROVISIONAL LIST OF PLAYERS

Participating Member Associations must provide (on the official Tournament form) their "List of Players" to the office of the Organizing Committee General Secretariat, no later than 35 days prior to the kick-off of the opening match of the Competition. This list is binding and shall contain the names of 40 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers). The list of players shall at the minimum contain the following for each player:

- the full last name
- all first names
- popular name
- place and date of birth
- passport number and its expiration date
- name and country of club
- height and weight
- the number of international caps ("A" matches)
- and the number of international goals scored ("A" matches)

The list of players will be published and made public by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat. Participating Member Associations must follow the Organizing Committee's instructions to make the list public, which will be communicated ahead of the deadline.

TEAM DELEGATIONS AND FINAL ROSTER

Each Participating Member Association shall submit to the Organizing Committee General Secretariat its Final Delegation list of up to 40 persons, which must include the Final List of 23 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers), no later than 14 days (10 business days) prior to the opening match of the Competition. The Final List of Players must come from the Provisional List of Players. The Final list of Players shall be published by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat and will be made public.

Further to the above, each Participating Member Association is required to have a duly licensed medical professional (i.e., a doctor) and a media officer as part of their official delegation.

The Final List of 23 will also be published and made public by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat. The Participating Member Associations must follow the Organizing Committee's instructions to make the list public, which will be communicated ahead of the deadline.

INJURED PLAYERS

A listed player may only be replaced in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before his team's first match, after the Organizing Committee General Secretariat has received a detailed medical assessment in English and only after acceptance by the tournament Medical Committee that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the Competition. The Member Association shall then immediately nominate the substitute and inform the Organizing Committee General Secretariat accordingly. The substitute shall be selected from the provisional list of 40 players.

PENALTIES FOR LATE SUBMISSION OF ROSTER

In accordance with the deadlines set out above, any team that fails to meet the stipulated deadlines will be subject to a fine of USD 10,000 and which shall be payable before the opening match of the Competition.

XV. REFEREEING

1. The referees, assistant referees, fourth officials and reserve assistant referees (hereinafter referred to collectively as match officials) shall be appointed for each match by the Copa Centenario Referees Committee (hereinafter the Referees Committee). They shall be selected from the FIFA International Refereeing list in force and shall be neutral. None of the referees can have the nationality of either of the teams who are participating in the match. The decisions of the Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

2. If the referee is prevented from carrying out his duties, such referee shall be replaced by the fourth official. If one of the assistant referees is prevented from carrying out his duties, such assistant referee shall be replaced by the reserve assistant referee.
3. The match officials shall receive the official refereeing kit and equipment from the Organizing Committee General Secretariat. They shall wear and use only this kit on match days.
4. The match officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
5. After each match the referee shall complete the official tournament report forms and hand it over immediately after the match to the Match Coordinator at the venue as directed.
6. On the report form, the referee shall note, along with all the match results, all incidents before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible, such as:
 - a. Misconduct of players and team officials, leading to caution or expulsion.
 - b. Unsporting behavior of officials and/or any person acting on behalf of the Member Association at a match.
 - c. Unsporting behavior of any supporters.
 - d. Any other incidents.

XVI. DURATION, EXTRA TIME, PENALTY KICKS

1. Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes with an interval of 15 minutes in between.
2. In the group stage, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the result will stand as a tie.
3. In the knockout stages, except for the Final match, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, no extra time shall be played. Kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken immediately following the end of regulation time to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and published by FIFA.

4. In the Final match, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, extra time will be played. Such extra time will consist of two periods of 15 minutes each, with an interval of 5 minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
5. Should one team score more goals than the other in the extra time, it shall be declared the winner.
6. If the teams are still tied at the end of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and published by FIFA.
7. Clocks in the stadium showing the amount of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e., after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply in the event of extra time being played (i.e., 15 minutes of each half).
8. At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, orally or by gesturing with his hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This applies also to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time. Each allowance for lost time shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official and announced by the public address announcer to those in attendance.

XVII. FIELD OF PLAY, STADIUMS, TRAINING SITES

1. The Organizing Committee shall guarantee that the fields of play chosen for the Competition comply with standards of safety and security required by FIFA for international matches.
2. The fields of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match of the Competition shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game and all other relevant regulations.
3. Unless otherwise approved by the Organizing Committee, the pitch shall have the following dimensions: length 105m (approximately 114yd 2.5ft), width 68m (approximately 74yd 1ft). In addition, the total surface area shall have sufficient space for warm-up and pitch-side photographer positions.
4. Matches played at night may be played only at venues with floodlighting installations that ensure that the whole pitch is evenly lit according to the Organizing Committee's specifications.

5. Weather and pitch conditions permitting, for every stadium that a team has not played in previously, teams are entitled to one 60-minute training session on the day before the match. The times for such sessions will be officially communicated and teams have to respect such times accordingly.
6. If the pitch is not in good condition or the training session would negatively affect the state of the pitch, they may be shortened or cancelled and the teams will be directed to inspect the pitch wearing training shoes.
7. The teams will be entitled to warm up on the field of play before the match for a maximum of 30 minutes, weather permitting and other conditions permitting.
8. Each stadium shall have sufficient space behind the goals to allow the players to warm up during the matches. A maximum of six (6) players shall warm up at the same time (with a maximum of one (1) official, no balls are permitted). If there is not sufficient space behind the goals, both teams shall warm up in the designated area beside the substitute bench of Team B, behind assistant referee no. 1. In this case, only a maximum of three (3) players per team may warm up at the same time, no officials and no balls are permitted.
9. In principle, each team will be provided with a training site for their use in each venue according to the match schedule. The training sites shall be made available in each venue for the use of the teams at least three days before each match and until one day after each match in the respective venue, according to the match schedule. Exceptions to the above provision may occur if a team is required to be in a venue earlier than three days.
10. When possible, training sites allocated to the participating teams will be located in close proximity to their hotels.
11. Unless otherwise approved by the Organizing Committee, all training site pitches shall have the following dimensions: length 105m (approximately 114yd 2.5ft), width 68m (approximately 74yd 1ft). The training sites shall be in the best condition possible and be freshly mowed and fully marked in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
12. Each training site shall have corresponding support personnel and suitable training site equipment, including but not limited to movable goals. Each training site shall be equipped with at least one dressing room with lockers, showers and toilets.

13. In principle, all training sessions will be open to the media. Teams may request closed sessions, however even those sessions must be open for the first 15 minutes. At which point the media will be asked to leave.
14. As from three days prior to each match of the Competition and up to their elimination, the Participating Member Associations shall use only those training sites which have been officially designated for training by the Organizing Committee.

XVIII. ACCREDITATION

1. The Organizing Committee shall issue each official Team Delegation Member with an official accreditation bearing an official photograph.
2. Only those players and team delegates who are in possession of such an accreditation are entitled to play or participate in the matches. The accreditation shall always be available. In accordance with applicable provisions in these Regulations, accreditation for replaced players shall be returned to the Organizing Committee.
3. The Participating Member Associations shall ensure that all accreditation data required by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat is submitted by the deadline stipulated by the Organizing Committee. Further details shall be outlined in the corresponding tournament circular.

XIX. START LIST

1. All 23 players shall be named on the start list for each match (11 selected players and 12 substitutes). Up to a maximum of three of the substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match.
2. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond to the numbers indicated on the start list. The start list shall be signed by the head coach.
3. Each team is responsible for arriving at the stadium at the latest 90 minutes before the kick-off of the respective match and for providing the completed start list to the Match Coordinator upon such arrival.
4. Each team is responsible for ensuring that the start list is completed properly and submitted on time, and that only the selected players start the match. In the case of any discrepancies, the matter will be submitted to the Disciplinary Committee.

5. If any of the 11 players included on the start list are not able to begin the match due to sudden injury or illness, they may be replaced by any of the eligible substitutes as long as the Match Coordinator is officially informed prior to kick-off. Within 24 hours, the team concerned must also provide the Organizing Committee General Secretariat with a medical report issued by the team doctor responsible (in either English, French, Portuguese or Spanish).
6. Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the start list will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be selected as a substitute player at any time during the game. Such a change to the start list will not reduce the number of official substitutions that may be made by a team during the match. In accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game, up to a maximum of three substitutions may still be made.
7. Although no longer eligible to play as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the start list may be seated on the substitutes' bench, and if so, would then also be eligible for doping control selection.
8. Only the players who were included in the official start list submitted to the Match Coordinator, or were confirmed as a warm-up injury/illness replacement player, may start the match. In the case of any discrepancies of players on the pitch at the beginning of a match, the matter will be submitted to the Disciplinary Committee for a decision.

SUBSTITUTES' BENCH

9. No more than 21 people (9 officials and 12 substitutes) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of these officials must be indicated on the "Officials on the Substitutes' Bench" form to be provided to the Match Coordinator. A suspended player or official will not be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench.

XX. EQUIPMENT

COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

1. The Organising Committee will determine the Official Supplier(s) of equipment and products for the Competition.
2. The Organizing Committee will provide the Participating Member Associations with specially branded equipment for use during the Competition. Such equipment will bear the Competition and Official Supplier logos and must be

used by the teams throughout the Competition in all venues/stadiums/fields. However, and in case of a commercial conflict of interest in view of the bearing of the Official Supplier logo in the provided equipment, Participating Member Associations may decide to cover such logo, but shall continue to display the Competition logo.

TEAM EQUIPMENT

3. The Participating Member Associations shall comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force. The display of political, religious or personal messages or slogans in any language or form by players and officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags, etc.) or body is prohibited. The similar display of commercial messages and slogans in any language or form by players and officials is not allowed at any official activity organized by the Organizing Committee (including in the stadiums for official matches and training sessions, as well as during official media conferences and mixed-zone activities). Any violations shall be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

TEAM COLORS

4. Each team shall inform the Organizing Committee General Secretariat of two different and contrasting colors (one predominately dark and one predominately light) for its official and reserve team kits (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select three contrasting colors for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the official and reserve team kits. This information shall be sent to the Organizing Committee General Secretariat on the team color form by the stipulated deadline.
5. The Organizing Committee General Secretariat will inform the teams of the colors that they shall wear for each match by means of a circular letter and/or at the match coordination meetings.

TEAM KIT APPROVAL PROCEDURES

6. Each Participating Member Association shall provide the Organizing Committee General Secretariat with exact samples, including names and numbers, of the following equipment:
 - i. official and reserve kits (two sets of shirts, shorts, socks);
 - ii. three sets of the goalkeeper's kit (shirts, shorts, socks);
 - iii. goalkeeper's gloves and caps;

- iv. All equipment that will be worn by the substitute players and the technical staff sitting on the bench during the matches.
7. The approval procedure for all such kits and the applicable deadlines will be communicated via a circular letter. Once approved, only these colors may be worn at the matches.
8. During the Competition, all equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment, etc.) that could be on display in the stadiums, the training sites, the hotels or during transfers to, from or within the host country must be approved by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat.
9. The Organizing Committee General Secretariat shall organize a kit day session, at a date to be communicated in due course, which all Participating Member Associations are obliged to attend. All equipment (kits, gloves, bags, medical equipment etc.) that could be on display within the stadium, the training grounds, and the hotels or during transfers to and from the stadiums, must be approved by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat. The Organizing Committee General Secretariat shall issue a written decision soon after the kit day regarding the approval of all submitted articles. Should any articles of the team kit and any part thereof not be in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the Participating Member Association will be obliged to change it accordingly and resubmit the corrected items within 30 days of the first written decision. These decisions are not subject to appeal.
10. The Organizing Committee General Secretariat will inform the teams of the colors they shall wear for each match. As much as possible, each team shall wear its official colors as declared on the official team color form. However this may not always be possible. In such cases, the main principle will be to have one team in predominantly dark colors and the other team in predominantly light colors. In extreme cases, both teams may have to wear a combination of their official and reserve kits. The Organizing Committee General Secretariat will endeavor to ensure each team wears its official kit whenever possible.

PLAYERS' NAMES AND NUMBERS

11. Throughout the Competition, each player shall wear the number assigned to him on the final list. Only the numbers 1 to 23 may be allocated to these players, with number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. Such number shall be displayed on the front and back of each shirt and shorts in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The colors of the numbers must contrast clearly with the main color of the shirts and shorts (light or dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

12. The player's last name or popular name (or abbreviation) shall be affixed above the number on the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations.

SHIRTS WITHOUT NAME AND NUMBER

13. In addition to all of the above, each team shall supply a set of goalkeeper shirts without names or numbers. These shirts will only be used in those special circumstances in which an outfield player must take the position of goalkeeper during a match. This extra set of goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same three colors as the regular goalkeeper shirts.
14. Similar to the above provision, each team should have for every match one or more field jerseys without numbers. Such jerseys can be used in cases in which the normal jerseys are stained with blood and/or are otherwise no longer usable.

TEAM KIT ON MATCH DAYS

15. The official and reserve team kits and all goalkeeper kits (including the goalkeeper shirts and field jerseys without names and numbers) shall be taken to every match.

PLAYERS' SLEEVE BADGES

16. The Organizing Committee General Secretariat shall supply a sufficient number of players' sleeve badges with the official competition logo which shall be affixed on the right-hand sleeve of each shirt. A different competition campaign logo may be affixed on the left-hand sleeve. The Organizing Committee General Secretariat will issue a circular letter to the Participating Member Associations outlining the instructions for use of the players' sleeve badges.

FOOTBALLS

17. The footballs used in the Competition shall be selected and exclusively supplied by the Organizing Committee. The footballs shall conform to the provisions of the Laws of the Game and the FIFA Equipment Regulations. They shall bear one of the following three designations: the official "FIFA APPROVED" logo, the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo or the "INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALL STANDARD" reference.
18. Each team will receive forty (40) training balls from the Organizing Committee General Secretariat. Twenty of which will be provided soon after the Official

Draw and the remaining 20 upon arrival in their first venue. Only these balls delivered by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat may be used for training and warm-up sessions in the official stadiums and at the official training sites.

WARM-UP BIBS

19. Only warm-up bibs provided by the Organizing Committee General Secretariat may be used during official training sessions held at the stadium and for the warm-up of players during the match.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

20. The use of any communication equipment and/or systems between and/or amongst players and/or technical staff is not permitted. The Organizing Committee General Secretariat will provide more information by means of a circular letter.
21. Smoking is not permitted in the competition areas such as the dressing rooms, the tunnel areas, the technical areas, and the pitch perimeter areas.

XXI. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

1. During the Competition, the FIFA, CONMEBOL and CONCACAF flags, the flag of the host country, and the flags of the competing associations shall be flown inside the stadium at every match providing sufficient flag poles are available.
2. The national anthems of the two teams shall be played before every match as part of the pre-match ceremonies.

XXII. PROTOCOL

For each match, in the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship, two officials from each Participating Member Association will join the CONMEBOL and CONCACAF Presidents (or their representatives) in the VIP tribune.

The Organizing Committee may issue further protocol guidelines for the Competition in due course.

XXIII. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. The Organizing Committee shall divide the 16 teams of the Competition into four groups of four teams each (or such groups as they consider necessary for the efficient conduct of the Competition and set the schedule thereof) as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

The matches in the groups shall be played according to the league system, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

2. The top two teams from each of the four groups shall qualify for the Quarterfinals.
3. The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:
 - a. Greatest number of points obtained in all group matches
 - b. Goal difference in all group matches
 - c. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- d. Greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned
 - e. Goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned
 - f. Greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned
 - g. drawing of lots
4. The eight teams that qualify from the group stage will contest the quarterfinals (QF) as follows:

Winner A vs. Runner-up B = Winner 1
Winner B vs. Runner-up A = Winner 2

Winner D vs. Runner-up C = Winner 3
Winner C vs. Runner-up D = Winner 4

5. The four teams that qualify from the Quarterfinals will contest the Semifinals (SF) as follows:

Winner 1 vs. Winner 3 = SF1
Winner 2 vs. Winner 4 = SF2

6. The loser of SF1 will play against the loser of SF2 for third place.
7. The winner of SF1 will play against the winner of SF2 for the Final.

XXIV. FRIENDLY (INTERNATIONAL) MATCHES

1. Matches between two qualified teams within a period of 3 months prior to the Competition are subject to authorization by the Organizing Committee. A request for permission must be submitted to the Organizing Committee General Secretariat in advance by the Member Associations concerned with an indication of the venue and date of the planned match. If the match is played in the United States, additional information regarding the financial arrangements may be requested for the review of the match request. In those cases where such special permission is granted, financial conditions and provisions (as per FIFA, CONMEBOL and CONCACAF) with respect to international matches will apply.
2. Unless the Organizing Committee gives special permission, the teams participating in the Competition shall not have the right to play friendly and/or official matches in the venues and/or markets of the Competition in the period commencing 30 days before the start of the Competition. A Competition venue or market is defined as the host stadium of the tournament and the surrounding 100 mile radius. If approved, such matches must be played behind closed doors with no tickets sold and no TV production.
3. All matches played in the United States by the Participating Member Associations outside of the 30 day window or outside of the 100 mile radius must be approved by the Organizing Committee.
4. Once the groupings for the Competition have been announced, teams in the same group may not play a match in any of the venues or markets of the Competition. A Competition venue or market is defined as the host stadium of the tournament and the surrounding 100 mile radius.

5. In every case, in addition to the Organizing Committee's approval, all other applicable regulations and processes regarding international matches should be respected and the Member Associations concerned shall be responsible for all consequences which may result from failure to observe the regulations mentioned above.

XXV. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

1. The Participating Member Association shall be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:
 - a. Adequate insurance to cover their players and officials and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf against all risk, including but not limited to injury, accident, disease, and travel in consideration of the applicable FIFA rules or regulations on the release of players to association teams. Proof of insurance must be submitted to the Organizing Committee General Secretariat 15 days before the first match of the Competition.
 - a. Board and lodging of the Competition in excess of the amounts paid by the Organizing Committee, including rental of meeting rooms and audio/visual technical equipment.
 - b. Cost associated with additional members of its delegation (in excess of 40 people).
2. The Organizing Committee shall bear the costs of the following:
 - a. Participation fee which shall be paid on a to be determined schedule. These funds shall be used by the Participating Member Associations for their international travel to and from the Competition (in accordance with the arrival and departure protocol – i.e., three days before the teams' first match and one night after the teams' last match) and any other expenses that may be needed to prepare for the Competition.
 - b. All domestic air and ground transportation for official Competition functions, including to and from the airport, for matches, training sessions, and match coordination meetings;
 - c. Board and lodging for 40 persons from each Participating Member Association. Only the officially designated hotels may be used by the team delegations during the Competition;
 - d. Prize money for the Participating Member Associations, the amounts of which shall be determined by the Organizing Committee;

- e. Economy air travel, first class hotel and board, and approved per diems for the match officials;
 - f. Approved travel and daily expenses of the Organizing Committee and designated members of other committees and technical or other staff (as determined by the Organizing Committee).
3. The following number of match tickets shall automatically be reserved for each official delegation:
- a. For the matches played by the participating teams, both in group play and for those teams advancing to each of the knockout stages: 100 Category 1 tickets and 20 Tribune/VIP tickets per team per match.
 - b. The Hosting Association will additionally reserve 500 tickets for purchase for each of the associations participating in group play. Such tickets may not be resold for above face value (up to 10% handling charge is permitted to cover administrative costs) and may not be used for promotional purposes. The Hosting Association will grant the associations the right to purchase these additional tickets for a period of twenty one (21) days after the Official Draw.
 - c. The Hosting Association will additionally reserve 500 general admission tickets for purchase for each of the associations whose representative team reach the Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals, Third Place Match and Final. Such tickets may not be resold for above face value (up to 10% handling charge is permitted to cover administrative costs) and may not be used for promotional purposes. Participating Member Associations have twenty four (24) hours to advise the Hosting Association of their ticketing needs for their respective quarterfinal, semifinal, third place match or final.

XXVI. TROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS

1. A Certificate of Participation will be provided to all players and officials participating in the Competition.
2. The Organizing Committee will present the winning team with the Copa America Centenario Cup.
3. The champion shall receive 40 gold medals, the runner up 40 silver medals and the third place team 40 bronze medals.

4. Special awards will be presented to:
 - a. The Most Valuable Player (Golden Ball)
The Golden Ball will be awarded to the best player in the Competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by the Technical Study Group.
 - b. The Top Scorer (Golden Boot)
The Golden Boot will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the Competition. If two or more players score the same number of goals, the number of assists (as determined by members of the Technical Study Group) will be decisive.

If two or more players are still equal after taking into account the number of assists, the total minutes played in the Competition will be taken into account, with the player playing fewer minutes ranked first.
 - c. The Best Goalkeeper (Golden Glove)
The Golden Glove will be awarded to the best goalkeeper in the Competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by the Technical Study Group.
 - d. The team with the best Fair Play performance (Fair Play Award). The Fair Play Award shall be awarded to the team which has shown the best sporting spirit and fair play during the tournament.
5. There will be no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the Organizing Committee.
6. The players who take part in the Competition cannot under any circumstances receive prizes and/or awards other than those listed above without the expressed authorization of the Organizing Committee, except from those originating from their respective Member Associations.

FINAL PROVISIONS

XXVII. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Organizing Committee shall, in conjunction with the Hosting Association, issue any provision or instructions merited by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These provisions and/or instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

XXVIII. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matters not provided for in these Regulations and any cases of force majeure shall be decided by the Organizing Committee. All decisions shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

XXIX. LANGUAGES

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French, Portuguese or Spanish texts of these Regulations, the English text shall be authoritative.

XXX. COPYRIGHT

The copyright of the match schedule drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is the property of the Organizing Committee.

XXXI. NO WAIVER

Any waiver by the Organizing Committee of any breach of these Regulations (including of any document referred to in these Regulations) will not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any breach of any other provision or a waiver of any right arising out of these Regulations or any other document. Any such waiver shall only be valid if given in writing. Failure by the Organizing Committee to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations, on one or more occasions will not be considered to be a waiver of, or deprive the Organizing Committee of the right to subsequently insist upon strict adherence to that provision or any other provision of these Regulations, or any document referred to in these Regulations.

XXXII. ENFORCEMENT

These Regulations were approved on _____, 2016
and came into force immediately thereafter.

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