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Lawyers & Notaries **NATIONS CUP** by MUNDIAVOCAT

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ARTICLE I. NATIONS CUP 2023 BY MUNDIAVOCAT

- 1.01** The Nations Cup 2023 is an International Football Tournament for Lawyers, Notaries and Magistrates.
- 1.02** The competition is held for the first time.
- 1.03** The 1st Nations Cup will be held from June 6 to 11, 2023 in the Gulf of Saint Tropez's, France.
- 1.04** Six tournaments will take place simultaneously: Classic, Master, Legend, Super-Legend, Five Men and Five Women.
- 1.05** Corporate Sport Organisation is the owner of the Nations Cup event. Corporate Sport Organisation will set up an Organisation Committee to handle the organisation of the entire competition, taking the statutes and rules of FIFA as its model.
- 1.06** The Organisation Committee is in particular required:
- a. to supervise the general preparation, to fix the format of the competition and to handle the draw and the formation of the groups and sub-groups;
 - b. to determine the venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches of the competition;
 - c. to select the stadiums of the competition;
 - d. to appoint the matches delegates;
 - e. to rule on infringements relating to the eligibility of players for the competition (under article III of these regulations);
 - f. to choose the official balls of the competition;
 - g. to resolve complaints and to take the necessary measures to check their admissibility
 - h. to resolve cases of force majeure;
 - i. in general, to handle all issues in relation to the competition.

ARTICLE II. ENTRIES OF THE TEAMS

- 2.01** The existence of the competition is made known to the entire legal profession throughout the world. The tournament is intended exclusively for teams composed of lawyers from bar associations, groups of bar associations and law firms, notaries and magistrates.
The teams will be invited to register in the name of their choice.
- 2.02** Each team must comprise a minimum number of 13 players and a maximum number of 26 players for 11-a-side football. For five-a-side football a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 13 players.
- 2.03** Teams wishing to be registered for the competition must submit to the Organisation Committee, the registration application duly filled in, accompanied, for each player, by all the documents specified in article IV of these regulations. In general, teams must observe the entry conditions and procedures (in particular concerning the settlement of the registration fees), which will be specified in an additional document attached to these regulations.
- 2.04** Each participating team must appoint a representative authorised to maintain contact with the Organisation Committee before the tournament, resolve all questions about the entry and the participation of the team and, during the tournament, receive all the recommendations of the Organisation Committee. This representative will be required to provide the Organisation Committee with details (and in particular a mobile phone number) allowing them to be reachable before the competition, as well as throughout the tournament.
- 2.05** Each team wishing to take part in the competition, and in particular its representative, must:
- a. guarantee the good behaviour of the members of its delegation (players and accompanying personnel) during the competition and throughout the stay at the host location;
 - b. subscribe to the repatriation insurance for all members of the delegation, in particular covering accidents and illness;
 - c. handle the payment of the additional expenditure of the members of its delegation;
 - d. submit in good time, if necessary, applications for visas for the host country of the competition;
 - e. make sure that each member of its delegation meets the requirements for registration.
- 2.06** Any team taking part in the competition, and the players who compose it, automatically undertake:
- a. to conform to the present regulation, Rules of Play and Code of Ethics of FIFA of which the general provisions are applicable subject to the particular conditions stated in these regulations, the directives and decisions of Corporate Sport Organisation, the Organisation Committee and/or their representatives and national and international laws;
 - b. to accept that any administrative, disciplinary and refereeing issue concerning the competition is regulated by Corporate Sport Organisation, the Organisation Committee and/or their representatives, in accordance with these regulations;
 - c. to take part in all matches of the competition for which the team is scheduled;
 - d. to accept all measures taken by Corporate Sport Organisation, the Organisation Committee and/or their representatives;
 - e. to accept the use, registration and distribution of images, names and details of the players and members of the delegation within the framework of the competition;

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- f. to respecter the principles of fair play
- 2.07** The Organisation Committee is entitled to draw up the final list of participating teams. It will consider in particular as selection criteria, in this order:
- a. the previous history of participations in the Mundiavocat's competitions.
 - b. the international representativeness of the tournament.
 - c. the order of arrival of the confirmations of entry.

ARTICLE III. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

3.1 INSCRIPTION OF THE TEAM

- 3.1.1** The tournament is intended exclusively for teams composed of lawyers from bar associations, groups of bar associations and law firms, notaries and magistrates
- 3.1.2** Each team must include:
- 11-a-side football: 13-26 players
 - 5-a-side football: 6-13 players

3.2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

3.2.1 All teams must be formed taking the following provisions into account:

With the exception of cases of exemption referred to in section 3.2.2 below, all players must be:

- lawyers enrolled (or previously registered) at a bar of the country of the registered team;
- law student or trainee lawyers, over 22 years of age (born before 31/12/2001), within the limit of 2 per team.

3.2.2 Cases of exemption

Exemptions may apply to the holders of a diploma of higher legal or judicial studies, and more generally permanent employees of law firms, insofar as they do not exceed 3 players per team for the eleven-a-side tournaments and 2 players for the five-a-side tournaments. In this case, a list including lawyers and non-lawyers, as well as a statement from the law firm certifying that the non-lawyers are permanent employees of the company, must be provided.

These employees must be over 22 years of age (born before 31/12/2001) for the Five Women, over 30 (born before 31/12/1993) in the Classic & Five Men tournament, over 35 in the Master tournament (born before 31/12/1988), over 45 in the Legend tournament (born before 31/12/1978) and over 55 in the Super Legend tournament (born before 31/12/1968)

3.2.3 Validation of exemptions

No exemption requests will be accepted for non-lawyers playing or having played football for a professional club, a semi-professional club, or any other club for payment. To be admissible, exemption requests should be sent to Mr Vincent Pinatel, founding lawyer of Mundiavocat, no later than 45 days prior to the start of the tournament.

All conditions set out above relating to exemptions are mandatory, but are not in themselves sufficient to guarantee an exemption.

The final decision rests with the exemption commission, composed of Mr Pinatel and Mr Pagnier (tournament director).

3.3 TEAM COMPOSITION

Classic tournament

- Lawyers with no age limit and in the cases mentioned above

Master tournament

- Lawyers over 35 years old (*born before 31/12/1988*) and in the cases mentioned above
- Optional 5 lawyer players over 30 years old (*born before 31/12/1993*)

Legend tournament

- Lawyers over 45 years old (*born before 31/12/1978*) and in the cases mentioned above
- Optional 5 lawyer players over 40 years old (born before 31/12/1983)

Super Legend tournament

- Lawyers over 55 years old (*born before 31/12/1968*) and in the cases mentioned above
- Optional 3 lawyer players over 50 years old (born before 31/12/1973)

Five men and Women tournament

- Lawyers with no age limit and in the cases mentioned above

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ARTICLE IV. LICENSES

- 4.01** The Organisation Committee will issue official licenses with photographs to each member of the delegation (players and registered accompanying persons).
- 4.02** To be registered and to be granted a licence, which is obligatory for being included on the match sheets, each player will be required to provide the following documents:
- a. A professional certificate :
 - a(i) For lawyers (and other authorized professions): a photocopy of the registration card as well as an individual certificate of membership of those professions.
 - a(ii) For non-lawyers with an exemption: an individual certificate of membership of the profession justifying their activity, supplemented by a sworn declaration signed by the captain of the team certifying that the player asking for an exemption is not and has never been a professional or semi-professional footballer;
 - b. A doctor's certificate of less than one year authorizing the playing of competitive football under the conditions of Nations Cup
 - c. A photocopy their passport
 - d. One passport photograph
- 4.03** The licences will be issued for each team at the latest before the beginning of the tournament.
- 4.04** No pass will be delivered to teams that have not settled in full their registration fee and costs for accomodation.
- 4.05** Only players in possession of their pass will be authorized to compete the matches of the competition. The pass will be required to always be available for checking before the beginning of the match.

ARTICLE V. FORFEIT CASES AND SANCTIONS FOR REFUSAL TO PLAY

- 5.01** The participating teams are required to compete all their matches until the end of the competition.
- 5.02** Any team declaring forfeit before the beginning of the competition, or excluded from it, can be replaced by another team. Corporate Sport Organisation is exclusively entitled to take the decision on this subject. Its decisions are not subject to appeal.
- 5.03** According to the circumstances and on the decision of Corporate Sport Organisation, any team that declares forfeit can be forced to refund to Corporate Sport Organisation all the expenses already incurred by it for its participation in the competition.
- 5.04** If a team does not present itself for a match - except in the event of force majeure recognized by Corporate Sport Organisation - or refuses to continue to play or leaves the field before the end of the match, the team will have lost the match. The victory and the three points are allotted to the opposing team with a result of 3-0 or more if, in the case of a match involving abandonment, the winning team has already obtained a higher result at the moment when the team at fault leaves the field or refuses to go back to it. An exceptional 30 mn delay can be accepted after the planned kick-off time if the organisation is informed and agrees.
- 5.05** If the circumstances of the withdrawal are sufficiently serious or cannot be decently accepted in regards to fair play, the Disciplinary Commission also reserves the right to impose additional sanctions. Ex: a team deciding not to play a game will be sanctioned by -1 point in the group phase, in addition to the loss 3-0.
- 5.06** These decisions are not subject to appeal.
- 5.07** Corporate Sport Organisation will take the necessary measures in the event of force majeure.
- 5.08** **Exceptional cases :**

Partial or total absence of a team

If the absent team is in a group of 4:

If a team, in case of force majeure, cannot play the first game, this game will be counted as defeat by 3-0 for the missing team. No point withdrawal will be applied in this case.

If a team could not be present for the first 2 games of the tournament: in this specific case and in order not to favor teams of the group in question, this group initially made up of 4 teams will finally be considered as a 3-teams group and the FIFA rule will apply to qualify the teams for the final phase.

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The missing team will be removed from this group and will be ranked at the last place of the group phase. Then the team, if present for the end of the competition, will play the classification phase for the last spots of the tournament.

If the absent team is in a group of 3 :

If a team, in case of force majeure, cannot play the first game, this game and the second game will be counted as defeat by 3-0 for the missing team. No point withdrawal will be applied in this case.

Then the team, if present for the end of the competition, will play the classification phase for the last spots of the tournament.

Team leaving the tournament:

If a team decides to leave the tournament prematurely, for reasons that are not endorsed by the organization, their future opponents will win the games 3-0 in order for the tournament to continue and obtain in the end a integral ranking. Once the ranking made, this team will be deleted from the prize list.

In addition, this team and its members, will only be able to register to a tournament organized by CSO after a close examination of their case. CSO can refuse the registration of a team.

Situation of a ceased game:

In case of bad weather or force majeure, excluding disciplinary reasons, that involved the suspension of a game by the referee:

- After the end of the first half-time, the result will be validated.
- Before the end of the first-half, whatever the timing is: in the case of a 2 or more goal difference, the score will be validated and officialized. In the opposite situation, a 5 penalty-kicks session will be organized as soon as possible to decide of the end of the game. As it is possible that when the game was stopped, one of the team as +1 goal, this handicap will be kept at the beginning of the session. If this game was a group game, the session will be over after each team has kicked the 5 shots each, a draw is possible in this case.
- During a penalty session: the end of this session will be organized as soon as possible, starting from where it has been stopped.

Only the players present on the pitch when the game has been stopped by the referee will be allowed to participate to the penalty-kicks session. No substitution is allowed during the session except for the goalkeeper, in case of injury. The day and time of this session will be communicated by the organization, teams will have to stay available for this session.

ARTICLE VI. LIST OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- 6.01** The list of the players of each team must be communicated to the Organisation Committee before the beginning of the tournament.
- 6.02** **Substitution:**
Classic: each team can make 6 substitutions in a match; a substituted player who has left the field can't rejoin the match.
Master: each team can make 8 substitutions in a match; a substituted player who has left the field can't rejoin the match.
Legend and Super Legend: Unlimited. A substituted player who left the field can rejoin the match.
Five Men and Women: Unlimited. A substituted player who left the field can rejoin the match.
 When the number of substitutions is unlimited, these take place without stopping the match, at the midline and will be under the responsibility of the delegate. If there are twelve players (six in the five-a-side tournament) or more on the field, a penalty will be applied to the player concerned.
- For tournaments with a limited number of changes, an additional change may be made if a player is declared unfit to resume play by medical assistance due to concussion.***
- 6.03** Some player can be allowed to register in two teams ONLY if these two teams are not playing in the same tournament and ONLY if both have enough players to play all games independently of these players (10 players for the FIVE, 17 players for the 11-a-side tournaments). This particular case has to be submitted to the organization committee that can decide to validate or refuse this request.

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ARTICLE VII. RULES OF PLAY

- 7.01** All the matches will be played in accordance with the Rules of Play of FIFA in force at the time of the tournament, other than the Rules of Play specific to Nations Cup specified in these regulations.
- 7.02** For the Classic tournament: Each match will last 80 minutes, that is to say two 40-minute periods with a 10- minute pause.
For the Master tournament: Each match will last 70 minutes, that is to say two 35-minute periods with a 10- minute pause.
For the Legend, Super Legend tournament: Each match will last 60 minutes, that is to say two 30-minute periods with a 10-minute pause.
For the Five Men and Women tournament: Each match will last 40 minutes, that is to say two 20-minute periods with a 5-minute pause.
- 7.03** In the classification phase, if the score is equal on the conclusion of the prescribed time, the winner will be designated by penalty shootout (a serie of five). If the score is still equal on the conclusion of the penalty shootout, the principle of “sudden death” will be applied: the two teams in turn take a penalty kick. The first to gain the advantage, with the same number of turns, wins the match.
- 7.04** For the 5-a-side tournament the following rules will be applied:
- No tackling allowed
 - In the event of a foul outside the penalty area: indirect free kick is awarded
 - In case of a foul inside the penalty area, a penalty will be awarded.
 - The “offside position” is not penalized.
 - Throw-ins will be played with foot. A goal scored on a throw-in without any player (including the goalkeeper) touching the ball will not be counted.
 - Normal corner rule is applied
 - The goalkeeper can pick-up the ball with his hands if he is in his penalty area.
 - The goalkeeper can't pick-up with his hands a pass from a co-player

ARTICLE VIII. REFEREEING

- 8.01** Each match will be placed under the control of a central referee and two linesmen for 11-a-side football and one central referee for 5-a-side football. A match delegate, appointed by the organisation, will accompany each refereeing trio.
- 8.02** The referees and linesmen will be appointed for each match by the Organisation Committee. They will come mainly from the French Football Federation
- 8.03** With the assistance of the match delegate, the referee is required to check the passes of the players, and their conformity with the match sheet, before the beginning of each contest.
- 8.04** The match delegate is required to entrust the match sheet to the referee. After each match, the referee will fill in and sign the match sheet, before giving it to the match delegate. The match delegate is then required to submit it to the Organisation Committee before the end of the day.
- 8.05** In their report, the referee will include the greatest possible number of precise details of the incidents that have taken place before, during and after the match, as well as any significant event such as bad behaviour of the players involving a caution or sending off, and unsporting behaviour of any person acting in the name of a delegation. The referee will also legibly indicate the final score, and the name and number of the scorers.
- 8.06** The match delegate will provide with the match ball for each game.

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ARTICLE IX. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

- 9.01** Disciplinary measures and penalties are treated in accordance with the spirit of the Disciplinary Code of FIFA; the participating teams undertake to comply with it.
- 9.02** The players undertake in particular:
- a. to respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence;
 - b. to behave in a suitable manner.
- 9.03** According to the facts described in the referee report, a disciplinary commission will decide on any sanctions with immediate effect (suspension match, permanent exclusion from the tournament, etc.).
- 9.04** The disciplinary commission composition will be announced before the beginning of the tournament. The disciplinary commission will be meeting twice a day to study each reported case.
- 9.05** The scale below is in particular applicable:

For eleven-a-side games

- 1 yellow card during a game = warning
 - 2 yellow cards during a game = 1 red card = 1 match suspension.
 - 1 direct red card = 1-match suspension, fixed as a minimum;
 - 3 yellow cards during the tournament = 1 match suspension, fixed as a minimum;
- Yellow cards reset to zero before the semi-finals.**

For five-a-side games

- 1 yellow card during a game = warning
 - 2 yellow cards during a game = exclusion of the player for the rest of the match, the excluded player can be replaced after 5 minutes.
 - 1 direct red card = exclusion for the rest of the match (the excluded player cannot be replaced) and 1-match suspension, fixed as a minimum;
- Yellow cards reset to zero after each game**

The disciplinary commission reserves the right however to increase all the sanctions specified above according to the gravity of the facts described in the referee's report.

- 9.06** The disciplinary commission is sovereign and its decisions are final and not open to appeal.
- 9.07** Before the semi-finals, the calculation of the cards shown to the players will be reset to zero for 11 a side. However, each player suspended before the semi-finals will be required to serve their suspension for both eleven a side and five a side.

ARTICLE X. COMPLAINTS

- 10.01** For the interpretation of these regulations, complaints are objections of any kind in relation to events having a direct effect on the matches of the competition, such as for example the qualification of the players, the state of the ground, the balls, etc.
- 10.02** Subject to a provision to the contrary in this article, complaints must be submitted in writing to the Organisation Committee within two hours following the match. Otherwise, the complaint can be considered as not valid.
- 10.03** Complaints relating to the qualification of the players selected for the matches of the competition must be submitted in writing to the Organisation Committee at the latest two hours before the match in question.
- 10.04** Complaints relating to the state of the ground, its marking or the accessories (such as the goals, the posts or the balls) must be submitted in writing to the referee before the beginning of the match by the representative of the team. If the surface of the playing field becomes unusable during the match, the captain of the team wishing to make a complaint will be required to do so immediately to the referee, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team.
- 10.05** Complaints formulated following incidents that have occurred during a match must be announced orally to the referee by the captain of the team immediately after the incident and before the resumption of play, and in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. They must be confirmed in writing to the Organisation Committee within two hours after the end of the match.
- 10.06** No complaint can be formulated against the decisions of the referee on facts relating to the match. Their decisions are final.
- 10.07** At the end of the final of the competition, no complaint as stipulated in this article will be considered.
- 10.08** The Organisation Committee will come to a conclusion about all complaints submitted.

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ARTICLE XI. DRAW

- 11.01** The draw for the six tournaments, will take place two days before the beginning of the competition, on Monday 5th June, 2023, in Saint Tropez, France. It will be a full draw and the composition of the hats will allow, as far as possible, for geographical factors making it possible to ensure diversity within each group.
- 11.02** The programme and schedule of the games will be published on Monday 5th June.
- 11.03** The decisions of the Organisation Committee relating to the formation of the groups and the duration of the competition are not subject to appeal. In the event of forfeit of a team, the Committee will be able to change the groups.

ARTICLE XII. VENUES, KICK-OFF TIMES OF THE MATCHES, ARRIVAL AT THE STADIUM

- 12.01** The Organisation Committee determines the dates, times and venues of the matches of the competition. The times and venues of each match will be communicated to the participating teams as soon as possible on the day before.
- 12.02** The matches will begin on Wednesday 7th June 2023, and the competition will finish on Sunday 11th June 2023 with the finals of each tournament, excepts for the women's tournament. The final will take place on Saturday 10th June 2023.
- 12.03** The matches will be played by daylight or artificial light.
- 12.04** On match days, if the weather conditions and time constraints allow it, the teams will have the right to warm up on the ground before the match. However, the Organisation Committee reserves the right to shorten or cancel these sessions for whatever reason.

ARTICLE XIII. STADIUM AND PLAYING FIELDS

- 13.01** The grounds, the secondary equipment and the installations for each match of the competition will be required to be in a good state.
- 13.02** The matches could be played on natural or artificial surfaces.
- 13.03** It is not permitted to smoke in the technical area during the matches
- 13.04** Only the following persons are allowed to enter the enclosure of the pitch:
- Players selected on the match report, exception made of suspended players. Any suspended players will have to come and give his badge to the match delegate before the match start to be identified.
 - The officials, having a license « Technical Staff »
Are not allowed in the enclosure of the pitch that people with a « team fan » license and the suspended players. Those can watch the game from the stand or behind the fence around the pitch.

ARTICLE XIV. BALLS

- 14.01** The balls of the matches of the competition are chosen and made available by the Organisation Committee. It is the match delegate who is responsible for them.
- 14.02** Each participating team also receives from the Organisation Committee one training ball at the time of its arrival on the host location, when the passes are collected.
- 14.03** For 11-a-side : size 5 balls will be used / For 5-a-side : size 4 – Futsal ball will be used

ARTICLE XV. EQUIPMENT

- 15.01** Each team must have two sets of numbered shirts, of different colours, available for each game.
- 15.02** Each team must inform the Organisation Committee, before the beginning of the competition, of the colour of its two equipments.
- 15.03** If the colours of the two teams are likely to be confused, an agreement will be required between the teams. If the teams cannot reach agreement, it is the match referee who will take the decision.
- 15.04** The two sets of shirts will be required to be brought to each match. In the same way, the two sets of boots, adapted to natural pitches and synthetic pitches, will be required to be brought to each match.

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ARTICLE XVI. MEDICAL SUPERVISION

- 16.01** A medical certificate less than one year old authorising the playing of football under the conditions of Nations Cup is essential for each registered player.
- 16.02** Medical assistance is provided on each football field of the competition by the Organisation Committee.

ARTICLE XVII. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

- 17.01** The competition of the six tournaments, will proceed according to two phases: a preliminary phase and a classification phase or championship depending of the final number of teams registered.
- 17.02** The precise conditions of each tournament (number of groups in the preliminary phase, number of teams per group, precise terms of qualification for the classification matches, tables of the classification phase) will be determined according to the full number of teams registered for each tournament. They will be the subject of subsequent guidelines that will supplement these regulations.

ARTICLE XVIII. PRELIMINARY PHASE

- 18.01** The teams taking part in the competition will be divided into groups of four or 3 teams each. The number of groups for each tournament will be determined according to the full number of teams registered for the competition. Certain groups could be made up of three teams only depending on the total number of teams registered for the competition.
- 18.02** The formation of the groups will take place during the draw.
- 18.03** The format, for each group, will be the league format, each team playing a match against all the other teams of the same group. A match won will be rewarded by three points, a draw by one point and a match lost by zero points.
- 18.04** At the end of the first round, in each tournament, a classification within each group will be established according to the number of points. In the event of equality of points at the end of this round, the following factors will be taken into account in this order:
- a. the best particular goal difference between teams with same number of points;
 - b. the best general goal difference;
 - c. the greatest number of goals scored;
 - d. the full number of the disciplinary points (yellow + red cards) received by each team at the time of the group matches: the team having the smallest number of points will then be qualified. A red card is equivalent to two yellow cards.
 - e. After examination of all these criteria, if the points are still equal, a session of penalties will be organised to decide between the teams on an equitable basis.

ARTICLE XIX. CLASSIFICATION PHASE

- 19.01** At the end of the preliminary phase, and in order to determine the draw of the classification phase, an inter-group classification of the teams will be carried out, allowing to determine the quarter finals and the others ranking phases, and the constitution of the tables for the other classification matches. To define the "first best", "second best", "third best" and "fourth best", the classification criteria used will be, in this order:
- a. the greatest number of points recorded;
 - b. the best goal difference ;
 - c. the greatest number of goals scored;
 - d. the smallest number of disciplinary points received;
 - e. after examination of all these criteria, if the points are still equal, a session of penalties will be organised to decide between the teams on an equitable basis.
- 19.02** If the format of the tournament requires that certain groups comprise only three teams, only the matches played between the three first of each group will be taken into account to classify the "first best", "second best" and "third best" between them, without in any way undermining the internal classification of the group. This procedure is that used by FIFA and the UEFA.

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- 19.03** In the classification phase, in each tournament, all the teams except exception play the same number of matches. A classification resulting from all these matches, carried out with the criteria specific to each tournament that will be specified in a later guideline, will determine the full final classification.

ARTICLE XX. TROPHIES, CUPS AND MEDALS

- 21.01** The victorious team from each of the six tournaments, will receive a cup, as well as gold medals for all the players.
- 21.02** The vice-champion team from each of the six tournaments, will receive a cup, as well as silver medals for all the players.
- 21.03** The team in third place from each of the six tournaments, will receive a cup, as well as bronze medals for all the players.
- 21.04** Trophies will also be given, in each of the six tournaments, for the following distinctions: best striker of each tournament, best player of each tournament, best goalkeeper of each tournament, team with the best fair-play record in each tournament, the best manager in each tournament.

ARTICLE XXI. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Organisation Committee will issue all the instructions made necessary by special circumstances that may arise at the host location. These instructions will form an integral part of these regulations.

ARTICLE XXII. CASES NOT ENVISAGED

The Organisation Committee will take decisions about all the questions not envisaged in these regulations as also in the event of force majeure. Its decisions will be final.

ARTICLE XXIII. LANGUAGES

In the event of a dispute relating to the interpretation of the translations of these regulations, the English text will have priority.

ARTICLE XXIV. NOTICE OF WAIVER

The waiver by Corporate Sport Organisation of the right to penalise an infringement of these regulations (including any document to which reference is made) should not be regarded as a waiver of the right to penalise another infringement of the provision in question or an infringement of another provision, nor as a waiver of a right deriving from these regulations or some other document. Only a written notice of waiver will be regarded as such. The failure of Corporate Sport Organisation to require strict compliance with any provision of these regulations or any document to which reference is made in them constitutes neither the waiver nor the loss of the right of Corporate Sport Organisation later to require strict compliance with this provision or any other provision of these regulations or other document to which reference is made in it.

ARTICLE XXV. ACCEPTANCE

Participation in the 1st Nations Cup implies total acceptance of these regulations.

REGULATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY CODE NATIONS CUP 2023

Disciplinary code and scale of the main sanctions for unsportsmanlike behaviour

The Nations Cup 2023 Organising Committee has established this disciplinary code by referring to the FIFA Disciplinary Code and the General Rules of the French Football Federation.

PURPOSE

This code describes infringements of the rules contained in the FIFA regulations, determines the penalties entailed, governs the organization and the operation of the disciplinary committee responsible for dealing with them, as well as the procedures to be followed before this disciplinary authority.

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This code applies to all matches organized by CSO within the framework of NATIONS CUP 2023. Outside this framework, it applies when an attack is perpetrated against a match official and, more generally, when serious violations are wrought against the statutory goals of NATIONS CUP, in particular in the event of the forgery of titles, corruption and doping.

The Disciplinary Committee decisions are not subject to appeal in the general interest of the proper running of this sporting tournament, and the participants knowingly accept the principle while renouncing any grounds for appeal, and this in as much as they have been able to be heard, directly or by their defender, for the purpose of ensuring their defence in cases of particularly serious disciplinary offences.

PERSONAL FIELD OF APPLICATION TO LEGAL AND PHYSICAL PERSONS

Subject to this code are:

- a) bars
- b) the members of these bars
- c) law firms or societies
- d) members of law firms or societies
- e) officials
- f) players

CHAPTER I: TERMS OF PUNISHMENT

CULPABILITY

1. Unless otherwise provided, the offences are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or as a result of excessive zeal or negligence.
2. The word of the referees and officials shall be given credence, in the absence of proof to the contrary.

ATTEMPTED OFFENCE

1. An attempt is also punishable.
2. In the case of an attempted offence, the authority can mitigate the punishment prescribed for the offence committed. The authority is free to determine the extent of mitigation.

PARTICIPATION

1. Anyone who intentionally participates as an instigator or accomplice to an offence shall also be liable to punishment.
2. The Disciplinary Committee evaluates the responsibility of the player, coach, manager and any other person duly identified as belonging to the team of a bar participating in Nations Cup and decides the quantum of punishment for the person involved, taking into account any extenuating and aggravating circumstances relating to the alleged infractions.

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CHAPTER II: DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES

SECTION 1: Violations of the laws of the game

- **Simple offences: A player is cautioned in accordance with law 12 of the laws of the game when he:**
 - a) is guilty of misconduct;
 - b) manifests his disapproval in words or deed;
 - c) persists in violating the laws of the game;
 - d) delays resuming play;
 - e) does not respect the required distance during a corner kick, free kick or throw-in;
 - f) enters or comes back into field of play without the prior consent of the referee;
 - g) deliberately leaves the field without the prior consent of the referee

- **Serious offences: A player is sent off in accordance with law 12 of the laws of the game when he:**
 - h) commits a serious fault;
 - i) adopts a violent attitude;
 - j) spits on an opponent or any other person;
 - k) prevents the opposing team from scoring a goal, or denies an evident goal opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper in his own penalty area)
 - l) denies a clear goal opportunity of an opponent moving towards his goal by committing a foul punishable by a free kick or penalty kick;
 - m) makes offensive gestures or remarks;
 - n) receives a second warning during the same match (art. 17, AI 2).

SECTION 2: Incorrect behaviour during matches and competitions

A - Incorrect or discriminatory behaviour towards opponents or any person other than the match officials

Including automatic suspension, any excluded person is suspended as follows:

- a) for one match if an evident goal chance of the opposing team has been denied by the commission of a fault sanctioned by the laws of the game
- b) for at least two games for a serious foul (including excessive aggression - physically endangering the opponent);
- c) for at least a match for unsportsmanlike conduct towards an opponent or any person other than a match official;
- d) for at least two matches in the case of fouls or assault (elbow, punch, kick, etc.) against an opponent or any person other than a match official. This sanction can be increased to at least three matches if the offence is committed outside any period of play;
- e) for at least four matches for spitting at an opponent or any person other than a match official.
- f) taking part in a fight is punishable by suspension for at least six games. It is not punishable to merely repel an attack, defend others or to separate combatants, without using violence.
- g) Every person who will have discriminatory and/or inhuman words or behavior and if the facts were noticed and brought back by an official, will be definitively excluded from Nations Cup. Besides, if the behavior and/or the discriminatory words are the fact of several players, either guides or spectators of a perfectly identified bar, who will have been found by an official, the team of the questioned bar will definitively be excluded, without consequence of the additional disciplinary measures which will be pronounced.

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B - Incorrect or discriminatory behaviour towards match officials

Including automatic suspension, any person who has been sent off is suspended as follows:

- a) for at least three matches for unsporting behaviour towards a match official, including insulting or abusive remarks, obscene gestures or behaviour, the sanction may be extended to at least four matches for offences committed after the final whistle.
- b) is permanently suspended from Nations Cup for all matches regardless of the stage of the competition at the time of the disciplinary events, with the possibility of suspension for future Nations Cup tournaments, and up to exclusion for life from any competition organized by CSO, in cases of brutality, spitting or assault (scuffle, elbowing, punching, kicking, etc) or discriminatory words towards a referee or match official.
- c) if it is established that, at the time when the serious offences mentioned within the subparagraphs of B were committed, the teammates of the accused players did not support the officials or did not try to stop the violence, a sanction of the withdrawal of points from the classification can be added as a complementary punishment to the individual sanction of the accused individual(s).
- d) unidentified perpetrators: when, in the case of assault, it is not possible to identify and prosecute the perpetrator(s) of the offences, the commission will sanction the bar responsible for the team.
- e) improper team conduct: disciplinary action may be taken against a bar when its team behaves incorrectly, during a match in which it is taking part, or in the immediate vicinity or environs of the match location, especially towards officials or members of the organization.

In particular:

1. a withdrawal of at least a point from the Nations Cup classification can be imposed if the referee sanctions four or more members of the same team.
2. a withdrawal of at least three points from the Nations Cup classification may be imposed when several players or officials from the same team intimidate, threaten or harass match officials or others. Considered as threatening are verbal intimidation or words or gestures indicating an intention to physically harm a person or which inspire fear for their safety.
3. in the case of serious offences, such as incitement to hatred or violence or discrimination by a player, or a team manager who publicly incites to hatred or violence, is punishable by expulsion from Nations CUp for a period of at least five years, or definitive expulsion for behaviours and discriminations racist.
4. if a match cannot be played or is only partially played for reasons other than force majeure but because of the behaviour of one or both teams, the match will either be considered as a lost game with zero points to one or both teams, or either one or both teams will be excluded definitively from Nations Cup, in view of the particularly serious circumstances, without affecting any additional disciplinary actions that may be imposed on the offenders.

SECTION 3: Cheating or attempts to avoid or ignore Nations Cup rules and in particular those concerning qualifying conditions for the players.

The team of the law society who have played or attempted to use a non-qualified player by providing false evidence regarding the identity or sporting level of the person in question, in order to attempt to deceive CSO and the other teams involved, will face severe disciplinary measures.

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