



# FOOTBALL HANDBOOK

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CIC	INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
CISCA	INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND ARBITRATION COMMITTEE
CM	COMPETITION MANAGER
CMI	INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE
CUSF	CONTINENTAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION
FOP	FIELD OF PLAY
GTM	GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING
HOD	HEAD OF DELEGATION
ISF	INTERNATIONAL SPORT FEDERATION
ITC	INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ITO	INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL
LFA	LOCAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
NFF	NATIONAL FOOTBALL FEDERATION
NSF	NATIONAL SPORT FEDERATION
NTO	NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL
NUSF	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATIONS
OAS	FISU ONLINE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM
OC	ORGANISING COMMITTEE
ORSF	ORGANISING RIGHTS AND SERVICES FEE
QT(S)	QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT(S)
TBD	TO BE DETERMINED
TCC	TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR
UWC	UNIVERSITY WORLD CUP
WADA	WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

# 1. THE HISTORY OF FOOTBALL IN FISU

The origin of football can be found in every corner of geography and history. Long before our era, many cultures played a certain kind of ball game. Contemporary football as we know it today traces back to England in the 1900s, when rugby football and association football branched off on their different courses. From there on, football experienced an increasing professionalisation and popularity first in Europe and later all over the world. However, it was not until 1966 in Galicia that football was included into the programme of FISU.

The first tournament was held in the structure of a European University Championship and eight European teams battled for the first gold medal in university football. During the following years, FISU successfully staged many World University Football Championships, steadily growing in participation figures.

At the Summer Universiade in 1979 in Mexico City, football was included as an optional sport and twenty-four teams competed in the tournament. Three years later, FISU staged the final edition of the FISU World University Football Championships, to have football then included as a compulsory sport at the Summer Universiade in 1985 in Kobe (JPN). The greatest surprise at this tournament came from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who took the final against Uruguay.

In 1993, university football was opened for women and Buffalo hosted the first edition of the FISU women's football tournament where China beat the United States in their home match. In the following years the success of women's football progressed further. By the time of the Universiade in Beijing in 2001, it was so well-accepted that the Executive Committee of FISU decided to increase the number of women's teams from 8 to 16, equalling the number of men's teams.

In Shenzhen in 2011, China beat Japan in a technically fantastic and breath-taking final, delivering a match on the level of a women's world cup game.

The last edition of football in the Universiade Compulsory Programme was in Napoli 2019. Japan completed an outstanding performance winning both Gold medals.

The same year, the very first edition of the FISU University World Cup Football took place in China, gathering 24 university teams representing 5 continents. University of the Republic from Uruguay and University of Ottawa from Canada got the Word University champions title in the men and women competition.

The 2021 edition had to be cancelled due to the pandemic outbreak.

The second edition was also held in Jinjiang, China, with the participation of 20 teams. In the women's tournament, after an amazing campaign in the group stage, the host team ended up beating the Brazilians in the penalty shootout. And in the men's tournament, after a tough game between Ukraine and Brazil, the decision also went to the penalty shootout, but this time the Brazilian team was on the winning side.

The event came to its closing moment with the passage of the flag to the new host. The city of Dalian, in China, will receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition in 2025.



## 2. STATISTICS / KEY FACTS

YEAR	EVENT	CITY
2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> University World Cup	Jinjiang (CHN)
2019	1 <sup>st</sup> University World Cup	Jinjiang (CHN)
2019	30 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Napoli (ITA)
2017	29 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Taipei City (TPE)
2015	28 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Gwangju (KOR)
2013	27 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Kazan (RUS)
2011	26 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Shenzhen (CHN)
2009	25 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Belgrade (SRB)
2007	24 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Bangkok (THA)
2005	23 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Universiade	Izmir (TUR)
2003	22 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Universiade	Daegu (KOR)
2001	21 <sup>st</sup> Summer Universiade	Beijing (CHN)
1999	20 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Palma de Mallorca (ESP)
1997	19 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Sicily (ITA)
1995	18 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Fukuoka (JPN)
1993	17 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Buffalo (USA)
1991	16 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Sheffield (GBR)
1987	14 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Zagreb (YUG)
1985	13 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Kobe (JPN)
1982	6 <sup>th</sup> WUC Football	Mexico (MEX)
1981	11 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Bucharest (ROU)
1979	10 <sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade	Mexico City (MEX)
1976	5 <sup>th</sup> WUC Football	Uruguay (URU)
1974	4 <sup>th</sup> WUC Football	Grenoble (FRA)
1972	3 <sup>rd</sup> WUC Football	Bucharest (ROU)
1970	2 <sup>nd</sup> WUC Football	Skopje (YUG)
1966	1 <sup>st</sup> EUC Football	Galicia (ESP)

## 3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING	OPENING CEREMONY COMPETITION: GROUP STAGES	DAY OFF	KNOCK-OUT STAGES	DEPARTURES
Days -3 & -2	Day -1	Days 1 to 6	Day 7	Days 8 to 12	Day 13

## 4. SPORT REGULATIONS

### 4.1. GENERAL TERMS

The football tournament will be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the “Fédération Internationale de Football Association” (FIFA). The programme and duration of the competitions will be fixed by the Executive Committee in agreement with the Organising Committee and the ITC.

The competitions will last 12 days and will include:

- one (1) men’s tournament: 12 teams.
- one (1) women’s tournament: 8 teams.

Each team is authorised to enter a maximum of 23 persons:

- a maximum of 18 and a minimum of 16 players (2 of these players must be goalkeepers).
- a maximum of 5 officials per tournament, including a Head Coach, a Head of Delegation (can be the same person as the Head Coach), and other technical staff. All teams must bring one medical staff (doctor, nurse, physiotherapist or trained personnel).

At the General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the final registration list accredited by the CIC.

### 4.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

#### 4.2.1. Qualification

The participation in the World Cup will be gained by qualification through the tournaments organised by each CUSF:

- AUSF - Asia
- EUSA - Europe
- FASU - Africa
- FISU America - America
- FISU Oceania - Oceania

The CUSF Football Tournaments of the previous year to the FISU World Cup Football will be considered for the team selection and these events must comply with the latest Qualifying Tournaments Regulations published by FISU.

## 4.2.2. Team selection - Qualification quotas

### MEN'S TOURNAMENT<sup>4</sup>

GENERAL CRITERIA			ALLOCATION IN CASE OF QT CANCELLATION/ NOT TAKING PLACE		
CRITERIA	QUOTA	OBSERVATIONS	CRITERIA	ADAPTATED QUOTA	OBSERVATIONS
Current winner	1 slot <sup>1</sup>		Current winner	1 slot	
Host team	1 slot <sup>2</sup>		Host team	1 slot	
CUSFs Qualifying Tournament Winners	5 slots <sup>3</sup>		CUSFs Qualifying Tournament Winners	5 slots <sup>3</sup>	If one CUSF QT doesn't take place, the team selection will be done considering the best ranked team from that continent taking part in the previous World Cup. If that team can't accept this invitation, the slot will directly become a FISU Wildcard.
D'Hondt Method	4 slots	Applied to CUSFs QTs final standing according to FISU ranking	CUSF Wildcards	1 slot <sup>3</sup>	
FISU Wildcards	1 slot <sup>5</sup>		FISU Wildcards	4 slots <sup>5</sup>	
<b>Total</b>	12 slots		<b>Total</b>	12 slots	

### WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT<sup>4</sup>

GENERAL CRITERIA			ALLOCATION IN CASE OF QT CANCELLATION/ NOT TAKING PLACE		
CRITERIA	QUOTA	OBSERVATIONS	CRITERIA	ADAPTATED QUOTA	OBSERVATIONS
Current winner	1 slot <sup>1</sup>		Current winner	1 slot	
Host team	1 slot <sup>2</sup>		Host team	1 slot	
CUSFs Qualifying Tournament Winners	5 slots <sup>3</sup>		CUSFs Qualifying Tournament Winners / CUSF Wildcards	5 slots <sup>3</sup>	If a QT takes place, the CUSF will be directly allocated with a slot for the winner. The remaining slots directly become FISU Wildcards.
D'Hondt Method	0 slot	Applied to CUSFs QTs final standing according to FISU ranking			
FISU Wildcards	1 slot <sup>5</sup>		FISU Wildcards	1 slot <sup>5</sup>	
<b>Total</b>	8 slots		<b>Total</b>	8 slots	

<sup>1</sup> Current winners will secure their slot only by participating in the next corresponding CUSF QT, provided they are successfully organised.

<sup>2</sup> If the Host Country has already secured a slot through other qualification criteria, the Host team slot will be forfeited and reallocated as a Wildcard.

<sup>3</sup> Should a CUSF Tournament fails to meet the necessary requirements to be considered as a FISU QT, the corresponding slot will be added to the next available allocation criteria, following the D'Hondt Method or FISU Wildcard process.

<sup>4</sup> Only 1 team per country will be eligible to participate in a given tournament. The sole exception to this rule is if both the previous World Cup winner and the CUSF QT winner are from the same country. In this specific scenario, both teams will be permitted to compete and any further slot allocations for that country from other criteria (Host, D'Hondt Method, or Wildcard) will be disregarded.

<sup>5</sup> FISU will prioritize the allocation of Wildcard slots to teams from countries without representation under the other selection criteria outlined above.

### 4.2.3. Selection and registration timeline

ACTIONS	
9 months prior to the event	General entry – FISU sends the Invitation Letter together with the Participation Agreement and the Deposit Fee Invoice
6 months prior to the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Confirmation of participation: Reception of the Agreements and Deposit Fee</li> <li>– FISU sends: General Information and Travel form (to be returned by teams ASAP)</li> </ul>
5 months prior to the event	Travel Allowances confirmation (teams to return it signed within 10 days after reception)
3 months prior to the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Accreditation System opening - Individual entry directly</li> <li>– Sizing list – teams' rosters for the clothing production</li> </ul>
1 month prior to the event	Individual entry deadline
Upon arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Balance payment of the participation fee for the extra officials</li> <li>– Verification of the eligibility of the students (CIC)</li> <li>– FISU fee receipt/payment</li> <li>– Accreditation</li> </ul>
General Technical Meeting	Final confirmation of team list



## 5. FACILITIES, STAFF AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The OC must:

- Ensure that the key stakeholders are fully informed and committed to the event. The key stakeholders are:
  - o National University Sports Federation (NUSF)
  - o The National Football Federation (NFF)
  - o The Local Football Association (LFA)
- Ensure that all technical staffing appointments are in place by confirming the members of the Organising Committee and Heads of all the Functional Areas.
- Provide name and status of the OC representative on the Technical Committee (TC) – info about this Committee composition and duties can be found in the General Handbook.
- Confirm that the competition venues are homologated by the NFF according to the IF standard.

### 5.1. VENUES/FACILITIES

The Organising Committee must provide full support facilities, for exclusive use, as approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chairs (TCCs). The FIFA Regulations and FISU Minimum Requirements must be followed.

#### COMPETITION VENUES REQUIREMENTS

- According to FISU Football Minimum requirements.
- Ambulances/medical staff present since the start of the warm-up until teams leave the venue.

#### TRAINING VENUES REQUIREMENTS

- According to FISU Football Minimum requirements.
- Maximum two/three training sessions per day in each venue to safeguard the grass quality across the tournament.
- Ambulances/medical staff present since the start of the warm-up until teams leave the venue.
- ITOs & NTOs must have access to training facilities/gym during the whole tournament.

## 5.2. TECHNICAL STAFF – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SUMMARY TABLE			
POSITION	APPOINTMENT	NUMBER	CONDITION / KEY OBSERVATIONS
<b>Leading technical roles</b>			
FISU TCC	FISU-FIFA	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation and full board</li> <li>Private transportation</li> <li>Assistant/attaché for each</li> </ul>
OC Competition Manager	OC-NFF	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English speaker (mandatory)</li> <li>Expert in the sport</li> <li>Experience organising other events</li> </ul>
<b>Referee team</b>			
Head of referees	FISU-FIFA	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation and full board</li> <li>Private transportation</li> <li>Attaché</li> </ul>
Referee supervisors	OC-NFF	6 (including the FISU TCCs and the FISU Sport staff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation and full board</li> <li>Private transportation</li> <li>FISU staff and TCCs in the event will carry out supervision tasks besides the other ones they usually hold</li> </ul>
Coordinator of National Referees	OC-NFF	1	
Match commissioners	OC-NFF	1 per venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English speaker (mandatory)</li> <li>Qualified/registered with the LFA</li> <li>Recommended not more than 2 games in a day for each</li> </ul>
OC Referee Liaison Officer	OC-NFF	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English speaker</li> <li>Preferentially, a former ITO</li> </ul>
ITOs	FISU-FIFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Main Referees (8 men and 4 women)</li> <li>12 Assistant Referees (8 men and 4 women)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation and full board</li> <li>Dedicated transportation</li> <li>Daily allowance: 50EUR</li> <li>Must be able to communicate in English</li> </ul>
NTOs	OC-NFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 Main Referees (9 men and 5 women)</li> <li>16 Assistant Referees (10 men and 6 women)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation and full board</li> <li>Dedicated transportation</li> <li>Daily allowance: Upon agreement between OC-NF</li> <li>Must be able to communicate in English</li> </ul>
<b>OC Technical office</b>			
OC Technical office staff	OC-NFF/LFA	2-3 minimum	
Head of Pitch Maintenance	OC-NFF/LFA	1	
Venue managers	OC-LFA	1 per venue minimum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English speaker</li> </ul>
Support staff	OC-LFA	Depending on the task	
Sport volunteers	OC-LFA	Depending on the task	

### 5.2.1. Leading Technical Roles

#### FISU TCCS

- These 2 people are appointed by FISU in cooperation with FIFA;
- Both cooperate to deliver the whole event, but playing different roles:

#### SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

- Overview the whole competition (Competition system, draw, results, statistics, bulletins...).
- Amend and approve the competition and training schedules proposed by the OC Head of Competition.
- Give advice and have last word on all competition-related decisions.
- Liaise with the Head of Referees and carry out functions as referee assessors.

#### SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

##### Competition TCC

- Supervises the pitch preparation (grass, equipment, changing rooms...)
- Oversees the competition countdown and matches preparation.
- Handles the team uniform colours allocation.
- Teams' complaint management.

##### Refereeing TCC

- Liaises with the referee assessors.
- Supervises the referee appointment.
- Handles the Disciplinary Reports through the Disciplinary Committee, which is composed by the TCCs, the OC Competition manager and the FISU staff (who acts as secretary), by:
  - Extracting disciplinary records from the Referee Match Reports.
  - Collating all match disciplinary matters.
  - Presenting the discipline record and disciplinary recommendations to the ITC on each match day.
  - Maintaining an accumulated list of disciplinary cautions.
  - Maintaining a disciplinary record for each competing team.
  - Preparing notification letters of disciplinary action, suspensions etc.
- Give advice and have last word on all referee-related decisions.

Each TCC needs the support of an attaché during the whole event in order to ease the communication with the OC staff as well as to assist in the delivery of some basic tasks.

TCCs needs as well as immediate access to private transportation to go to any of the event locations, particularly during the competition days.

#### OC COMPETITION MANAGER

- Appointed by the OC in cooperation with the NFF.
- Maximum authority in the OC structure for technical matters. Coordinates the work of all the technical staff in the OC.
- Plans and delivers the full competition in compliance with the FISU and FIFA regulations and following the indications of the FISU TCC.
- Prepares and delivers all the technical information and is in contact with the T&S company to produce, correct and send the daily bulletins.

## 5.2.2. Referee team

### HEAD OF REFEREES

- One person, appointed by FIFA.
- Supervises all the referee work and agrees the daily match officials appointments with the TCC Refereeing.
- Reports to the Refereeing TCC.

### REFEREE SUPERVISORS

- One-two persons (depending in the number of venues and teams) appointed by FIFA.
- Supervises the referee performance and give advice on the appointments of the ITOs to the Head of Referees.
- FISU TCCs and staff can hold this position in addition to their other duties.

### COORDINATOR OF NATIONAL REFEREES

- One NTO, appointed by the NFF in cooperation with the OC (could be one for each gender).
- English speaker.
- Give support to the Head of Referees, specifically in the appointment of the NTOs.

### MATCH COMMISSIONERS

- Appointed by the NFF in cooperation with the OC. Minimum one person per Competition Venue.
- English speaker.
- Responsibility for liaising with Venue Manager regarding any facilities issues.
- Overseeing the running of the game and everything happening outside the field of play and making sure that the pre-match rundown is taking place on time:
  - o Reporting at the venue 2 hours before the kick-off (KO) of the match
  - o Receiving teams and match officials pre match – 1.5 hours before KO
  - o Securing teams access to the changing rooms and to the warmup area in due time
  - o Receiving team lists – 1 hour before KO
  - o Checking the players accreditations – see Timeline
  - o Calling teams attention to be ready to enter the field of play and to start the game in due time
- Being responsible for all the game documentation completion and delivery:
  - o Completing a Match Commissioners Report Form for each game
  - o Ensuring that the Match Summary Sheet is completed and signed by the referee team and both teams' coaches.
  - o Ensuring that the Match Technical Forms are delivered to the OC Technical Office within 1 hour of completion of the game.
- Reporting any protests or complaints to the OC Technical Office and ultimately to the OC Competition Manager.

### OC REFEREE LIAISON OFFICER

- One person, appointed by the NFF in cooperation with the OC. Normally a former international referee.
- English speaker.
- To be responsible for the welfare of the referees, both the ITOs and NTOs. In charge of all their services and logistics management (transfer, transportation, laundry, meals, etc.).
- Securing that the Head of Referees has quick access to the video recording of the games.

## INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (ITOS)

- Appointed by FIFA in cooperation with FISU:
  - 12 Main Referees – 8 men and 4 women – also acting as fourth officials.
  - 12 Assistant Referees – 8 men and 4 women – acting as linesmen/lineswomen

The OC will be responsible to manage ITOs trips to the place of the event, including the VISA arrangements and reimbursements.

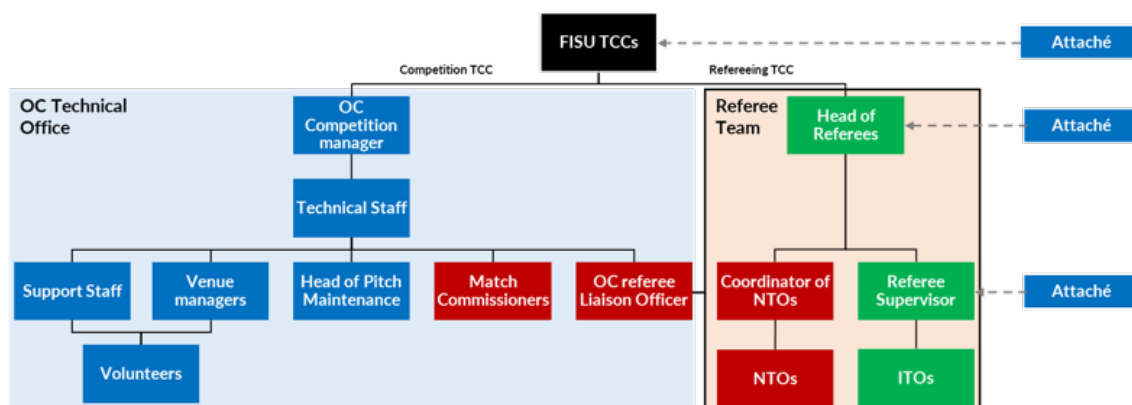
The ITOs must receive a 50EUR daily allowance since departure from home until return. This is to be paid in cash by the OC before the first competition day.

All ITOs must be able to speak and write in English.

## NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (NTOS)

- Appointed by NFF in cooperation with the OC:
  - 14 Main Referees – 9 men and 5 women (one of each gender remains as substitute in case of injuries during the event) – also acting as fourth officials
  - 16 Assistant Referees – 10 men and 6 women (one pair of each gender remains as substitutes in case of injuries during the event) – acting as linesmen/lineswomen
- All NTOs must be able to speak and write in English.

All NTOs cost, including fees or allowances negotiated between the NFF and the OC are to be borne by the OC.



	FISU Staff
	FIFA Staff (appointed in cooperation with FISU)
	OC Staff (some of them can also be NFF/LFA staff)
	NFF Staff (appointed in cooperation with the OC)

### 5.2.3. OC Technical Office

All the OC technical staff (the FIFA and FISU staff excluded), will be integrated in the OC Technical Office and working under the leadership of the OC Competition Manager. On the other hand, the International Technical Committee (ITC) will supervise the competition in the terms described in the FISU University World Cups General Regulations.

The OC Technical Office will operationally prepare and deliver the competition, being in charge of:

- Proposing the Competition Programme/Schedule, the technical documents and forms for the approval of the ITC.
- Coordinating the logistics of the competition (technical staff, equipment, etc.).
- Preparing official team lists of players and staff from the FISU OAS, once the FISU CIC has approved the registrations.
- Administration and recording of all the technical information.
- Liaison and co-operation with the official Result Management service.
- Secretary duties for the ITC Meetings.
- Preparing and distributing the daily technical information to the teams and named recipients and helping/providing the updated information for the production of the daily bulletins to the relevant people within the OC.
- Dealing with participants technical enquiries and transmitting them to the ITC when necessary.
- Providing to the teams access to the video recordings.
- Making sure that the production/host broadcaster has updated information about the competition.

#### HEAD OF PITCH MAINTENANCE

- The OC must count on the support of expert in the maintenance and preparation of the football pitch grass.
- The basic recommendations for this role are:
  - o The Head of Pitch Maintenance must be an experienced and certified professional.
  - o This person is responsible to check, plan and supervise the preparation of all the competition and training venues before and during the event.
  - o This person must control the work of all the venue managers in relation with the grass/pitch preparation work.
  - o All the work in the pitch must be done with proper and professional equipment designed for that purpose.
  - o The preparation work should start at least 3 month before the event.
  - o 10 days before the event, the access to the pitches must be restricted and avoid any misuse, like rehearsals of ceremonies or activities/trainings, in order to preserve the best conditions for the World Cup.



## VENUES' MANAGER

- A dedicated person at each venue, including all the training venues, must be responsible for ensuring that the place meets all the requirements of the competition. This person is in charge of all the venues' support staff, meaning that he/she will oversee that everything is ready for a match or training in terms of:
  - o Conditions, cleanliness and readiness of the changing rooms.
  - o Look of the venue, including protocol flags and branding.
  - o Security staff, restricted areas and access control.
  - o Reserved seats, press and VIP areas.

## SUPPORT STAFF

- Assist the respective Venue Manager in delivering the training/game. Normally, they will be allocated to different functional areas and will have the support of volunteers. The usual minimum staff will be:
  - o Press/Media liaison
  - o Security staff
  - o Medical staff
  - o Interpreters to assist teams, referees, technical staff, media, etc.
  - o Match Ball boys/girls.
    - ▶ Recommend 6-8 per match depending on the venue dimensions.
    - ▶ To be provided with three sets of different coloured bibs.
    - ▶ To be situated outside the playing zone.

## 5.3. EQUIPMENT

### 5.3.1. Match ball

The OC is responsible for providing the competition balls. The preferred Match Ball must be recommended to the FISU TCC at least four months before the competition. The name, model, manufacturer and code number must be given. This ball will be used for competition and training.

The ball must bear one of the following FIFA designations:

- FIFA Quality Pro.
- FIFA Quality.
- The reference FIFA Basic (previously known as International Match Standard [IMS]).

### 5.3.2. Training equipment

- 20 training balls minimum in each venue – match quality – correctly inflated according to the FIFA rules.
- Two full size portable goals with nets.
- Physiotherapist table in each changing room.
- Two sets of bibs (x 10 each set) in different colours.
- One set of cones.
- Water and ice.

## 6. COMPETITION

### 6.1. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

DAY	ACTIVITY
-2	Arrivals
-1	Arrivals
0	Arrivals General Technical meeting
1	Men's Group stage Opening Ceremony
2	Women's Group stage
3	Men's Group Stage
4	Women's Group stage
5	Men's Group Stage
6	Women's Group stage
7	Day off
8	Men's Quarterfinals Men's 9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Ranking Semi-finals
9	Women's Semi-Finals Women's 5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Ranking Semi-finals
10	Men's Semi-Finals Men's 9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Ranking Finals Men's 5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Ranking Semi-Finals
11	Women's Final - University World Cup Match Women's 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> Ranking Finals Women's awarding ceremony
12	Men's Final – University World Cup Match Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Ranking Finals Men's Awarding Ceremony Closing Ceremony
13	Departures

## 6.2. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

### 6.2.1. Competition Format

The FISU World Cup Football is a full ranking event played in two stages:

- The first stage will be played in a league system, with 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.
- The second stage or knockout stage is played in an elimination format.

#### CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:

- Higher number of points obtained in all group matches.
- Goal difference in all group matches.
- Higher 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:

- Higher number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned.
- Goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned.
- Higher number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned.
- Drawing of lots by the local Organising Committee, in the presence of the team captains.

#### MEN'S COMPETITION

##### GROUP STAGE:

- Four (4) groups of three (3) teams – Competition days 1, 3 and 5

##### KNOCKOUT PHASE:

- The teams in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, after the group games, progress to the second phase to play off for 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> places.
- Group A teams will cross Group D teams and Group C teams will cross Group B teams.

This stage will consist of:

- Quarter Finals – Competition Day 8
- Semi-Finals – Competition Day 10
- Final – World Cup Match – Competition Day 12

##### FINAL RANKING MATCHES:

Teams eliminated in the knock-out stage will still fight for positions 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>:

- Semi-finals – 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> position – Competition Day 10
- Final – 7<sup>th</sup> position – Competition Day 12
- Final – 5<sup>th</sup> position – Competition Day 12
- Final – 3<sup>rd</sup> position – Competition Day 12

For the final standings, the teams finishing third in each group will fight for positions 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>:

- Semi-finals 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> position – Competition Day 8
- Final – 11<sup>th</sup> position – Competition Day 10
- Final – 9<sup>th</sup> position – Competition Day 10

## WOMEN'S COMPETITION

### GROUP STAGE:

Two (2) groups of four (4) teams – Competition days 2, 4 and 6

### KNOCKOUT PHASE:

The teams in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place after the group games will progress to the second phase to play for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> places.

This stage will consist of:

- Semi-Finals – Competition day 9
- Final – World Cup Match - Competition day 11

### FINAL RANKING MATCHES:

Teams eliminated in the knock-out stage will still fight for positions 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>:

- Final - 3<sup>rd</sup> position – Competition Day 11

For the final standings, the teams finishing third in each group will fight for positions 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and those finishing fourth will play for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> places:

- Final 7<sup>th</sup> position – Competition day 9
- Final 5<sup>th</sup> position – Competition day 9

### 6.2.2. Special rules for Knockout Phase

If after the end of the normal playing time the result is a draw, teams will directly go to penalty shootout according to FIFA rules.

Extra time shall be played (two periods of fifteen minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by penalty shootout only in the Final - World Cup Match.

### 6.2.3. Match Start List

Following the production of the Match Start List but prior to the commencement of the Match:

- If any of the 11 Participating Players selected to start the Match are unable to start for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Start List.
- The Team Manager of the Participating Team shall immediately submit an updated Player Selection List to the Match Commissioner, who shall produce an updated Match Start List.
- There is no limit to the number of replacements.
- The replaced Participating Player(s) shall no longer be eligible to participate in the Match. The Participating Team may still utilise the maximum number of substitutions during the Match as specified in the relevant Competition regulations. The Participating Team shall not be entitled to add any further substitutes, and the number of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly.
- The replaced Participating Player(s) may still sit on the team bench during the Match. If so, they may be subject to doping control.

### 6.2.4. Team Bench and Technical Area

Only registered players and a maximum of 5 registered officials can be seated on the bench and at the technical area.

### 6.2.5. Number of Substitutions

The number of substitutes, up to a maximum of five:

- Has a maximum of three substitution opportunities.
- May additionally make substitutions at half-time.

Where both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as a used substitution opportunity for both teams. Multiple substitutions (and requests) by a team during the same stoppage in play count as one used substitution opportunity.

### 6.2.6. Disciplinary Sanction

In general, the following will apply:

- A red card will receive a minimum of one game suspension.
- An accumulation of two yellow cards will receive a one game suspension.
- Single yellow cards will be cancelled after the first phase of games and will not be carried forward into the second phase. Although, if a player receives the 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow card on the game prior to the Knockout Phase, this player is suspended from the next game.
- Individuals serving a Match suspension are not permitted, before and during the game, in their teams dressing room, to enter the field of play, and/or to sit in the team bench. They may sit at the designated area in the stand for Team Official Delegations.

A Disciplinary Committee and an Appeal Committee will be formed, consisting of different persons.

### 6.2.7. Protests and Appeals

#### PROTEST

Any protest of a sport or disciplinary nature must reach the ITC only through the match commissioner within one hour after the completion of the game. Such protest must follow the procedure of the FISU World Cup General Regulations (section 3.2.10.).

#### APPEALS

A Head of Delegation or his/her deputy may file a protest against the decision of the ITC. This protest must be submitted in writing in accordance with the FISU General Regulations. Such protest must be accompanied by a deposit of 50 Euros, which will be returned only if the protest is considered to be justified. All decisions of the Jury of Appeal are considered final and will be reported immediately to the Head of Delegation of the team(s) concerned.

## 6.3. TRAINING

### 6.3.1. Training schedule

- The training sessions schedule should be drawn up by the Organising Committee Technical Delegate and presented to the FISU Technical Committee Chair for approval.
- The Training Venues need to be available five days before the start of the competition.
- All teams to be scheduled a minimum of one session on the day before games.
- A session to be of 1.5 hours duration.
- The schedule will be included in the Event guide and bulletins and provided to the participating teams as early as possible to make the planning as smooth as possible.

## 7. MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

TESTING DAYS	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
2	12	0	0



## 8. GENERAL TIMELINE

DATES	MILESTONE
Event -9 months	- OC Progress Report (-9 months)
Event -9 months	- Team Selection - Invitation of teams
Event -6 months	- OC Progress Report (-6 months)
Event -6 months	- Teams' confirmation - General Information and Travel form
Event -6 months	- Inspection visit - Meetings with the OC FAs
Event -5 months	- Travel allowances confirmation - Allowances agreement
	- International Officials (referees) appointment
Event -3 months	- OC Progress Report (-3 months)
Event -3 months	- Opening of OAS: Individual Entries
Event -1.5 months	- Inspection Visit & Draw - Draw ceremony - Meetings with the OC FAs - Stadiums inspections
Event -1 month	- OC Progress Report (-1 month)
Event -1 month	- Closing of OAS: Individual Entries
Event -1 day	- General Technical Meeting
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Event +3 months	- OC Final Report
Event +4 months	- FISU Final Report

## 9. ANNEX

### 9.1. MATCH PROTOCOL AND TIMELINE

TIMELINE	
TIME	ACTIVITY
-2h	Latest Match Commissioner arrival
-1h 30'	Latest Teams arrival Submission of players selection list
-1h 20'	Match Start List produced and distributed to Teams, Media, Broadcaster, Announcer, Match Officials and VIP
-1h 15'	Team A - AD Card and Equipment check by MC and Match Official
-1h 10'	Team B - AD Card and Equipment check by MC and Match Official
-50'	Warm-up of Goalkeepers and Outfield Players
-30'	Announcement of Team list & Match Officials by Announcer
-20'	Warm-up sessions ends. Teams return to respective dressing room All flagbearers and flags are ready in the tunnel
-15'	Media Officer and Photo Marshal to secure photographers at the Technical Area
-10'	Substitute Players and Officials to be on the Bench All Starting Players and Match Officials to be in the tunnel
-9'	Referees check on starting players list and player's equipment in the tunnel
-8'	Flagbearers enter with the Match Officials and teams
-7'	Start of ceremony including teams' line up in front of VIP Tribune, FISU anthem, VIP handshake (if applicable), teams' handshake, teams' photo, coin toss and pennants exchange
0'	Kick-off
HALF-TIME	
HT	Teams exit pitch
HT + 14'	Teams and referees re-enter pitch
HT + 15'	Second Half Kick-Off
Second half	
FULL TIME	
FT	Teams and referees gather in centre circle, shake hands, wave to spectators and leave pitch together.
If there is any VIP handshake, 2 minutes to be added to the above countdown.	

Note: The above countdown is a standard template. The official countdown for each Match shall be produced by the Match Commissioner depending on the venue.

## VENUE INSPECTION

Upon arrival at the venue, the Match Commissioner shall inspect it, at least 2 hours before kick-off. The following aspects shall be carefully assessed and looked after:

- Condition of the pitch;
- Completion of pitch (balls, markings, goals, benches, scoreboard and timing system, advertising boards, camera/media positions around the pitch area);
- Dressing rooms for the teams, the referees and assistant referees;
- First-aid medical services and ambulance;
- Circulation flow for the various groups (teams, referees, media, VIPs, general public).

## PLAYER ID CHECKS

- The Match Commissioner must receive the Teams list signed by the coach 1h 30 minutes before the start of the match.
- The process of checking the players accreditation cards and equipment starts 1h 15' before kick-off time.
- The Match Commissioner and the Referees check the player ID cards, remove them and the Match Commissioner retains them until after the game.
- They cards are normally kept on the Timekeepers table.

## PRE-MATCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FAIR PLAY

- The teams are led on to the pitch and stand in front of the VIP Tribune.
- VIPs handshake (if applicable).
- The FISU anthem is played.
- Players align for the team photo.
- The players then shake hands as per FIFA procedures (Away team walk towards the referees and the home team)
- The referee calls the captains and the toss the coin determines KO and direction of play.

## POST-MATCH PROCEDURES

- Players and officials shake hands after the game.
- Match Commissioner completes the Match Commissioner Report and signs it. He then obtains the Match Summary report and gets the agreement signatures of the two team coaches and the main referee.
- The Match Commissioner delivers the Match Forms (Match Commissioners Report, teams list and Match Summary Report) to the OC Technical Office.
- A copy of the Match Summary Report is given to the Team Coaches. No other Forms must be copied as they are confidential to the TC.
- If the Match Forms cannot be delivered to the OC Technical Office within one hour after the game, the forms must be sent by email and the originals delivered as soon as possible.

## 9.2. MATCH COMMISSIONER REPORTING

### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The Match Commissioner shall be aware of incidents occurring off the pitch, such as:
  - o Racist or otherwise discriminatory and objectionable banners,
  - o Chants as well as symbols and codes on clothes in the crowd,
  - o Offences committed by players behind the referee's back,
  - o Disorderly situations such as disturbances and discriminatory behaviour.
- The report shall contain an objective description of facts and not personal opinions such as e.g. "acted in bad faith".
- Equally, the report shall primarily contain the personal observations of the match official in question. In cases in which an incident was witnessed by an assistant referee or the 3rd official, this situation shall be indicated in the report.
- Every incident shall be described in an accurate and complete manner. For example, the following information would be of particular relevance in the following cases:
  - o For incidents related to a red card shown to a player: if there was an injury; if the ball was in play; if the player immediately respected the order to leave the field of play;
  - o For incidents related to offensive, insulting or abusive language and/ or gestures: the exact words that were said and/or the exact gestures displayed as well as the addressee(s) of such;
  - o Spitting: against whom; indication of whether there was provocation beforehand;
  - o Political or racist banners, flags and other objects: the exact words/signs, etc. used on the banner; the time and duration during which the banners were shown; the place, size and visibility of the banners;
  - o Fireworks or missiles: number of objects; frequency; where the objects landed; from which sector they were thrown;
  - o Incidents caused by spectators: indication of followers of which team(s) involved; number of persons involved (from which sector).
- Furthermore, the information provided in the report shall, if possible, be substantiated by evidence such as photos of the incidents, banners, etc.
- After the match, the Match Commissioner shall remain seated until the referees, assistant referees and players have returned to their dressing rooms. Depending upon the atmosphere in the stadium, it may be advisable for him to watch the spectators leave the stadium for a while in order to be a witness to any disturbances.
- The match commissioner shall then go to the teams' dressing rooms to ascertain whether any protests have been made.
- The match commissioner shall subsequently go to the referees' dressing room to thank the referees and assistant referees.
- The match commissioner shall discuss any incidents that have occurred before, during or after the match with the referee and also check the details of players who were cautioned or sent off. He shall ensure that the referee has filled in his report correctly and objectively (without omitting any incidents). Any points that may seem unclear or irrelevant shall be clarified.
- If serious disturbances occur, the Match Commissioner must inform the head or Referees and the OC Event manager by telephone and then in a written report to be sent immediately by e-mail.
- After ensuring that all post-match reports have been duly sent to the OC Technical Office by e-mail, the Match Commissioner have to make sure that the originals match reports are delivered on time.
- The match commissioner shall keep a copy of all post-match reports to safeguard against loss or failed transmission.

## REPORT CONTENT EXAMPLE

### MATCH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

MATCH INFORMATION	
COMPETITION	
DATE	
VENUE	
GAME	
HOME TEAM	
AWAY TEAM	
KICK-OFF TIME	
MATCH COMMISSIONER NAME	
SPECTATORS	

RESULT-SCORE	
HALF TIME SCORE	
FULL TIME SCORE	
PENALTIES ROUND	

### INCIDENTS REPORTING

Area	Examples/Considerations	Description of the incident
VENUE INFRASTRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access issues/mixed circulation of client groups?</li> <li>• Changing rooms readiness/size/cleanliness?</li> <li>• Maintenance/hazards?</li> </ul>	
PITCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dimensions/marketing/limits/obstacles</li> <li>• Visibility/illumination</li> <li>• Flooring conditions/installation/performance</li> <li>• Benches/area/deistance and security</li> </ul>	
EQUIPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problems with goals, balls?</li> <li>• Insufficient equipment, not homologated?</li> <li>• Scoreboard</li> <li>• Timing system</li> </ul>	
KITS/UNIFORMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues with colour/design/other</li> </ul>	
SPECTATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflicts/ Dangerous attitudes</li> <li>• Dangerous situations/lack of security coverage</li> <li>• Display of inappropriate banners/chants/symbols/flags</li> <li>• Missiles/Fireworks</li> </ul>	
TEAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abusive language/gestures</li> <li>• Provocation/Unsportsmanlike attitude</li> <li>• Incidents out of the field of play/ before and/or after the match</li> </ul>	
REFEREES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misconduct</li> <li>• Missing occurrences linked to an important decision</li> </ul>	
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other relevant incidents not related to the other areas</li> </ul>	

Please, provide pictures and or footage if possible

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