

## 6. COMPETITION MATTERS

### 6.1 Team equipment

#### Approval of kit and colours

In accordance with article 30 of the competition regulations, each team must inform FIFA of two different and contrasting colours (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light) for its first-choice and alternative team kits (shirt and shorts). In addition, each team is highly recommended to submit three contrasting colours for the goalkeepers. These three goalkeeper kits must be different and contrasting from each other as well as from the first-choice and alternative team kits. This information must be submitted online via the team colour form by the stipulated deadline. Only these colours, once reviewed and approved by FIFA, may be worn during matches.

As stated in Law 3 of the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game, a player or substitute replacing the goalkeeper and playing as a flying goalkeeper must wear the same goalkeeper shirt, but with the player/substitute's own number and name on the back. These extra goalkeeper shirts must be provided in the same colours as the regular goalkeeper shirts.

As a rule, teams must bring all their equipment to the stadium on matchdays. Teams must pay particular attention to kits for flying goalkeepers, as these must be brought to every match and will be checked by the FIFA Match Director on matchday.

#### Team kit approval procedures

Each participating member association (PMA) must provide FIFA with exact samples of the following equipment, including names and numbers printed on the shirts and shorts in compliance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations:

- First-choice kit (shirt and shorts)
- Alternative kit (shirt and shorts)
- Three different goalkeeper kits (shirt and shorts) – additional colours may be submitted
- Goalkeeper caps, as well as tracksuit trousers (if used) in all available colours
- Equipment that will be worn by the substitute players and the technical staff sitting on the bench during the matches
- Three goalkeeper shirts in different colours with the name and number of an outfield player on the back

- Any other equipment that will be worn at the stadium, at the training sites or at official press conferences, including ankle bindings, wristbands or any other similar items

## **Players' names and numbers**

Only the numbers 1 to 12 may be allocated to the players, with the number 1 being reserved exclusively for one of the goalkeepers. These numbers must be displayed at chest height on the front of the shirts, and on the shorts, and the players' names must be added to the numbers on the back according to the FIFA Equipment Regulations. The numbers must correspond to the numbers indicated on the final list.

In the event of two or more players having the same name on the back of the shirt, as many further letters or initials as required must be added until a clear distinction can be made between the players concerned. In case of doubt, FIFA will make the final decision regarding the name that appears on the shirt.

Please also note that the time frame for the team kit approval procedure was outlined in circular no. 1.

## **6.2 Player lists**

In accordance with article 28 of the competition regulations, the final list of 12 players (two of whom must be goalkeepers) selected to participate in the final competition must be submitted online by the deadline stipulated in the relevant circular letter. A signed copy of this list must also be sent to FIFA by the same deadline. All the following information relating to the players should be duly provided in the online submission, along with a copy of their passport and a photo:

- Surname(s) according to passport
- Given name(s) according to passport
- Popular name
- Name to be used on shirt
- Number to be used on shirt
- Position
- Date of birth
- Country of birth
- Passport number and expiry date
- Height
- Weight
- Current club
- Country of club
- Most recent date of registration with club

The players on the final list must be chosen from the players on the provisional list. Only the 12 players on the final list will be permitted to take part in the final competition.

## 6.3 Replacement of injured or ill players

In accordance with article 28 paragraph 3 of the competition regulations, a player listed on the final list may be replaced by a player from the provisional list only in the event of serious injury or illness up until 24 hours before the kick-off of the team's first match. The replacement must be nominated by the PMA concerned, who must inform FIFA accordingly. Upon receipt and acceptance of a written detailed medical assessment in one of the official FIFA languages, FIFA Medical, represented by the FIFA Tournament Medical Lead, will ascertain whether the injury or illness is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the final competition. The replacement player must be assigned the shirt number of the injured or ill player being replaced. Injured or ill players who are replaced must return their accreditation pass to FIFA.

Accordingly, players who have returned their accreditation pass will no longer be considered members of the PMA's final list.

All requests to replace a player on the final list should be sent to [FBSWCTeamServices@fifa.org](mailto:FBSWCTeamServices@fifa.org) and should include the detailed medical assessment, including copies of any scans (e.g. MRI or X-ray) where relevant.

## 6.4 Team charts

The team charts contain details of all the activities during the competition, many of which are preassigned to certain venues and times. These include the following:

- Competition meetings
  - Team Arrival Meetings
  - Group-phase coordination meetings (for the first three group matches)
  - Match coordination meetings (for the quarterfinals, match for third place and final match)
- Training sessions: Requests to Team Services for the time at which the team wants to train must be made by the team by 18:00 on the day before the session.

In the relevant folder, you will find the team charts for all teams, which will be completed after the draw.

## 6.5 Equal points and qualification for knockout stage

In accordance with article 14 of the competition regulations, if two or more teams in the same group are equal on points after the completion of the group stage, the following criteria, in the order below, will be applied to determine the ranking:

### Step 1:

- a. Greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned
- b. Superior goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned
- c. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned

### Step 2:

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

- d. Superior goal difference in all group matches
- e. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
- f. Highest team conduct score (players and team officials) relating to the number of yellow and red cards obtained:
 

○ yellow card:	minus 1 point
○ indirect red card (as a result of two yellow cards):	minus 3 points
○ direct red card:	minus 4 points
○ yellow card and direct red card:	minus 5 points

Only one of the above deductions will be applied to a player or team official in a single match. The team with the highest number of points will be ranked highest.

- g. Drawing of lots by FIFA

Only goals scored during regular time and extra time will be considered under the above resolution criteria.

## 6.6 Forfeit

- A team sanctioned with a forfeit is considered to have lost the match 10-0.
- If the goal difference at the end of the match in question is greater than ten, the result on the pitch is upheld.